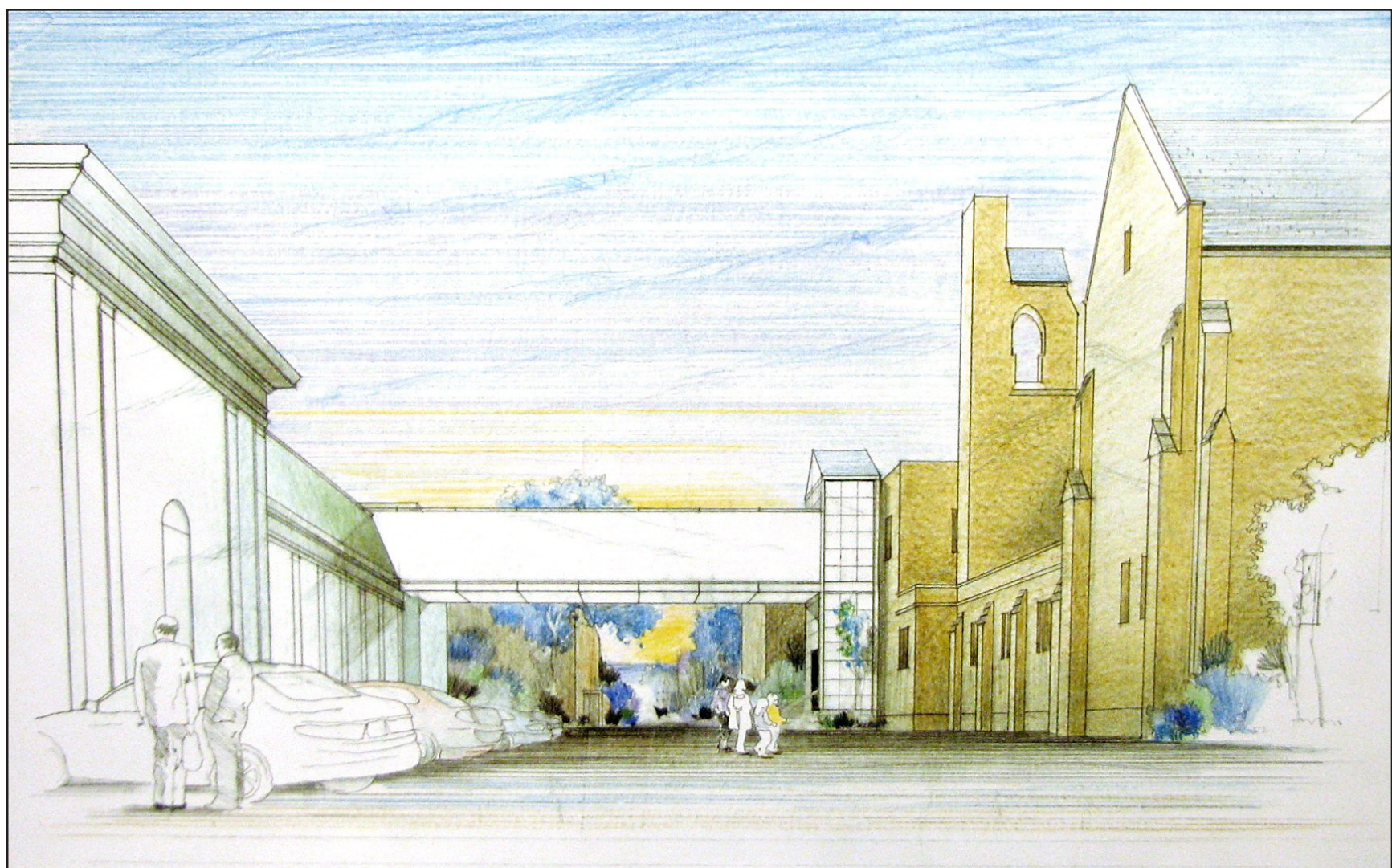


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Artist's rendering of the completed Butler Institute of American Art expansion, showing the bridge that will connect the main building and the north annex. Illustration courtesy of the Butler Institute of American Art.

The Butler expands to neighboring building

Rachel Lundberg
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In January, the Butler Institute of American Art will unveil a new exhibit that will shine by night and open a world of folk art to the community by day.

The museum is expanding into the neighboring facility — Butler North, which it acquired in 2006 — and transforming the second level into a folk art exhibit.

A glass bridge will connect the two facilities and host an exhibit of glass bells donated to the museum over the years.

"We've been talking about it for a number of years, and finally we were able to get enough funds to get start-

ed," said Louis Zona, the museum's executive director and chief curator.

The construction will cost approximately \$1.5 million.

"Lou has just done a great job. I don't know how he does it," said Greg Moring, chair of the Youngstown State University Art Department. "With the downturn in the economy, he still manages to be very creative in fundraising."

Zona said fundraising was a quiet venture, and funding for the bridge came from private donations.

"It's going to be another wonderful venue for the community," Zona said.

The art — including Americana art, such as signage from the 18th and 19th centuries, boat models, carousel horses, weather vanes and more —

has not been displayed in the museum before and will become part of the permanent museum display.

"It's going to be quite an array of objects that talk about the history of art in our country," Zona said. "This is going to open up a whole new world to our visitors."

Butler North's two lower levels are now used for performance and classroom spaces.

The Butler offers community art classes to grade school students, and they are taught in Butler North.

YSU art students also visit the facility to augment coursework. Moring said the new expansion will be great for the art department, the university and the community as a whole.

"I think it's great for the university because it brings outside con-

stituents," Moring said. "People from the region that come down to visit the Butler also hopefully might walk over to the McDonough, and then maybe stroll through campus."

After construction is completed, Zona said he hopes to embellish the bridge with color-changing lights to accent the structure at night.

"I think it's really awesome that they're making an effort to connect the two [buildings], so it's easier to access more art," said Marisa Zamary, a junior professional writing and editing major. "It's always a great idea to be able to educate people and make them more cultured and bring more art into their lives."

Zona said he feels confident that construction will be completed by the projected January date.

College credit in high school gains retention

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Number of College in High Schools per county

Kacy Standohar
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University is making it easier for students to graduate in three years and save money on college tuition with programs such as College in High School.

The program serves 39 area high schools in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Portage and Stark counties, allowing academically qualified juniors and seniors to earn college credit alongside their high school courses.

"Rather than having students come down to campus, we certify the teachers at the high schools in certain courses, so that when they teach the students in the program, students are getting both

high school credit and college credit as well," YSU President Cynthia Anderson said.

From 2007 to the spring of 2012, a total of 865 students graduated from the program, and 196 of those students are currently enrolled at YSU.

CHS was originally funded from a \$40,000 grant under the Ohio Board of Regents House Bill 115 in 2007. Going into its seventh year, CHS can provide significant savings on a prospective student's tuition.

Karla Krodel, director of metro credit at YSU, said the CHS program saved Mahoning Valley students more than \$500,000 in tuition last year.

"It's a huge mission in the Valley," Krodel said. "When a high school student earns college credit early, they are more likely to go to college, stay in

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Students meet to conquer addiction

Kevin Alquist
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

For 11 years, Matt Glover was held hostage by his addiction to alcohol. Now, 32 years old and two and a half years sober, he's helping others fight their own battles.

Glover is a social work student who plans to work as an addiction counselor after he graduates from Youngstown State University.

With the help of Joy Polk-abla-Byers, director of campus recreation and student programming, Glover will get an early start on his prospective career by leading the first 12-step meetings on campus in more than a decade.

"It's my duty to spread the word of recovery," Glover said. "I thought there was a need to bring students in this circumstance together."

The meetings, which are anonymous, will be held through the remainder of the semester every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Bresnahan Room 3.

"The first couple of weeks, we'll be looking at responses as far as group size and what times work best for them," Glover said. "We're open to having

more than one time slot to accommodate their needs as much as we possibly can."

Glover said the meetings might be important to students who live on campus.

"They may feel they have nowhere else to go, and now we can provide this for them," Glover said.

Both Polk-abla-Byers and Glover said they wanted to bring attention to the misconception that 12-step meetings focus on healing through religious beliefs.

"The 12 steps are just a basis for recovery from addiction that has been used [for decades]," Polk-abla-Byers said.

Though part of the 12-step program is spirituality, Glover stressed that it is not required to participate.

"The 12-step method makes you take a look at yourself, your addiction and your surroundings," Glover said. "Some people think you have to believe in God to recover from addiction, and it's not like that."

The meetings have been marketed to Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic in Austintown and Meridian Community Care in Youngstown. Students who are involved in those

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Learning in 3-D

Liam Bouquet
REPORTER

The National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute recently opened its doors to engineering students at Youngstown State University.

The project is being managed by the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining, or NCDMM, and is being housed in a facility controlled by the Youngstown Business Incubator on Boardman Street.

The intention of NAMII is to bring additive manufacturing into the mainstream of manufacturing techniques.

Additive manufacturing falls within the same realm of 3-D printing. It is the process of printing out material to make an object based off a 3-D model on the computer. Unlike the typical 3-D printer, the additive equipment at NAMII will not simply be for show. It will allow users to print in a variety of materials, and the parts printed will be used in

manufacturing anything from airplanes to dental products.

Scott Deutsch, manager of communications and special programs for NCDMM, said the technology is simply far more expensive than typical forms of manufacturing, but it is NAMII's intention to change this.

"We are here to make a difference — put additive on the manufacturing on the map," Deutsch said.

NAMII will not only be felt in the world of manufacturing but also in the Mahoning Valley. Barbara Ewing, the chief operating officer for the YBI, said she believes that as additive hopefully becomes widespread across the globe, Youngstown will not only be ahead of the rest but a hub for innovation as well.

"Because of where it is located, I think it gives us the opportunity to really be one of the first regions to fully implement additive manufacturing," Ewing said.

YSU partnered with 20 other universities, with NCDMM leading the team, to create a proposal for the first institute

that ended up winning against a dozen others.

Because YSU was a principal partner in this team, YSU students and faculty will have extensive access to the facility.

Darrell Wallace, assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, said students will not only be trained with state-of-the-art additive equipment, but they will also be able to network with other institutes, renowned universities and others in the engineering field.

"It provides an opportunity to do research. It provides an opportunity to network, to get internships and co-ops, and, ultimately, jobs," Wallace said.

The government funding to NAMII is scheduled to last three years, but Deutsch said NCDMM plans for the facility to become self-sustaining by that time.

Although the ribbon cutting for the new facility occurred Sept. 27, it is still undergoing minor renovations and will have new equipment coming in shortly.

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rehabilitation facilities may be referred to the on-campus meetings or vice versa.

Alcohol Awareness Week starts Oct. 22. Ryan McNicholas, coordinator of fitness and wellness programs at YSU, said the meetings will be promoted at events throughout the week.



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Youngstown roads to undergo changes

Liam Bouquet
REPORTER

The city of Youngstown has employed MS Consultants — an architecture, engineering and planning firm — to create the Youngstown State University Campus Road Study Project.

The project, paid for by a \$1.9 million grant provided by U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, has two main priorities: to create a safer environment for pedestrians and to make roads more efficient.

Overall, 30 parking spaces are to be removed, some of which are either metered or for 20-minute loading and unloading.

Valerie Croasmun, the project manager for MS Consultants, said the study has been in development for about two

years, but the first draft will be submitted to the city early in the second week of October.

From there, city officials and MS Consultants will discuss the draft and will likely finalize a plan by the end of October. The city will then begin to carry out the plan in several different stages.

Croasmun said Lincoln, Fifth, Wick and Rayen avenues will be affected.

The firm also has recommendations for beautifying sidewalks, removing parking, adding temporary and permanent crosswalks, and changing turning lanes to make traffic flow better.

Croasmun said the plan is "to remove parking on the North Side and, also as part of a Plan B, improving sidewalks and landscaping."

Some students are unconvinced that changes to Lincoln Avenue are necessary.

Lauren Summer, a junior majoring in accounting, said she doesn't think that removing parking will help make the road any safer.

"I've never really had problems," she said. "I've never felt unsafe."

She also said she feels the spaces are useful for students who have to commute.

Although nothing is final, YSU has begun preparing for the changes to Lincoln Avenue. Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said he is also looking at how the changes will affect parking availability and the shuttle system.

"We're gearing up because I believe it is going to happen," he said.



Application Deadline Extended for the B.S. in Dental Hygiene

Applications are still being accepted for the new B.S. in Dental Hygiene program. The deadline has been extended from September 15, 2012 to October 15, 2012.

Interested students may apply for the program in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services Dean's Complex—Cushwa Hall 2064.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 in selected core courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. The core dental hygiene courses must be completed with a "C" or better by the beginning of the 2013 spring semester.

Students react to parking permit prices

Kara Pappas
REPORTER

Tasha Allen-Perry, a sophomore business administration major, commutes to Youngstown State University every day. She bought her first parking permit this semester — and said she wasn't happy about the increase from \$100 to \$120.

"That extra \$20 could have gone into my gas tank," Perry said.

Fellow commuter Ben Avnet said he's purchased parking permits for the past five semesters.

"The worst part is I paid \$120 and have trouble finding a parking spot in the mornings," he said.

Avnet said he arrives on campus at least 20 minutes earlier than he would need to, just to scour the lots on Fifth Avenue for a parking spot.

Stephany McMillen, a junior education major, said she's bought a parking permit for five years.

"\$120 is ridiculous, especially when it's only for a semester and when there aren't

enough spaces, let alone spaces close to my dorm," she said.

Jessica Frank, a junior, bought a parking permit two years ago when she lived in the dorms. She's since quit buying a permit for each semester and commutes with her two siblings. Now, Frank parks near the fraternity houses on Ohio Avenue, which she termed "free land."

"With gas prices as high as they are, I will gladly walk the extra 10 minutes and spend that \$120 on something more important like books or a nice pair of boots for the winter," she said.

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said the price increase was necessary.

"When we decided to save the M-2 parking deck, we took out a \$4.5 million bond. We are using the extra fee to start paying back that bond," O'Connell said. "Also, we are putting a portion of the money in our parking reserves to avoid taking out more bonds in the future to replace decks or lots."

O'Connell added that another reason for the price increase was a decrease in the number of parking permits being purchased due to an enrollment decrease.

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college and graduate."

Krodel said 25 percent of students enrolled in CHS are coming to YSU when they graduate, and CHS holds a 92 percent retention rate.

"They are retained like nobody else," Krodel said. "Many are honors scholars or involved in the STEM leadership academy."

In its inaugural year, the program enrolled 56 students.

Marla Carano, CHS program coordinator, said a mixture of 396 high school juniors and seniors were in the program from 2011 to 2012.

Krodel said she expects that number to grow to 550 this year.

"We started to see really highly qualified students there that meet our admissions criteria," Krodel said. "They became a very natural fit."

Originally, CHS was geared toward students majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, with classes like chemistry and calculus.

"We have increased the number of STEM majors and added a lot of STEM courses in the program, but it's not just for science-oriented people anymore," Krodel said. "We have liberal arts, foreign language and English courses."

The school district provides books, instructors and a classroom. The student pays a flat fee of \$49 per credit hour to YSU.

The fee pays for placement testing, university faculty and planning costs, CHS orientation, meetings and YSU faculty connections with high school teachers.

Steve DiMuzio, a chemistry teacher at LaBrae High School,

teaches Chemistry 2 for CHS and said the program betters the students in the school.

"These are the better students who have survived Chemistry 1," he said. "It gives them opportunity where they might not have done it before. CHS might relieve some of their nerves because these students are more familiar with their high school teachers."

The program also gives students a chance to access their grades and assignments through the campus portal. All credit that high school students receive will transfer to any Ohio public college or university.

"Sometimes students who are very academically advanced get nervous and don't want to hurt their GPA or valedictorian status, but when they realize they can do it, the worries are being dispelled," Krodel said.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, we incorrectly reported in "Rage against the flu" that the Student Health Clinic will administer flu vaccinations on Oct. 20 from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

and from 1 to 3 p.m.

The date of the clinic is incorrect. The Student Health Clinic will administer vaccinations on Friday at the aforementioned times.

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Slimer strikes again

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Library goes after student with unreturned iPad

Maag Library employees contacted YSU Police about a missing iPad. A male student checked out the device on Sept. 24 and has not returned it. The library made several attempts to contact him. A letter was sent to his address, too, but the device has still not been returned.



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Main stage theater opens season

University Theater will present its performance of Anton Chekhov's "Cherry Orchard" from Thursday through Oct. 14. Thursday through Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors, YSU faculty and staff, high school students and college students from other universities, Penguin Club members and YSU alumni; and free for YSU students with valid ID. "Cherry Orchard" will be staged at Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater. For more information, call 330-941-3105.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration event planned for Saturday

The main event of the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration — "Sin Fronteras: Uniendo Nuestra Culturas (Without Boundaries: Connecting Our Cultures)" — will be held Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The event will feature animals from the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, entertainment, children's activities, artistic displays, student awards, a scholarship presentation by Latinas United Networking Association, vendors, information tables and ethnic refreshments. The celebration is free and open to the community. Parking is free in the Wick Avenue deck; in order to receive a parking pass, advise the parking attendant that you're attending the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Call 330-941-3370 for more information.

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EDITOR

As a young boy, Chris Yambar's father would bribe him with comic books to get his hair cut.

"My dad was my gateway drug to comic books," Yambar said.

Yambar, a Youngstown resident, now makes a living by painting, drawing and writing storylines for comic books.

He wanted a way for area residents to attend a comic book convention without the hefty price tag.

"It's unrealistic for a family to be able to go to a comic book convention and spend \$35 a person just to walk in the door. On top of that, you have concessions and whatever merchandise you want. So, I thought, 'Let's have one on my lawn,'" Yambar said.

Saturday will be Yambar's third Lawn-Con. In past years, more than 300 people have attended, he said.

Yambar said he doesn't charge the vendors to sell at Lawn-Con; he just asks that they donate a portion of their proceeds to First Book Mahoning Valley and bring their own table.

First Book Mahoning Valley is a nonprofit organization; all funds go toward distributing books to children so they can have their own books at home.

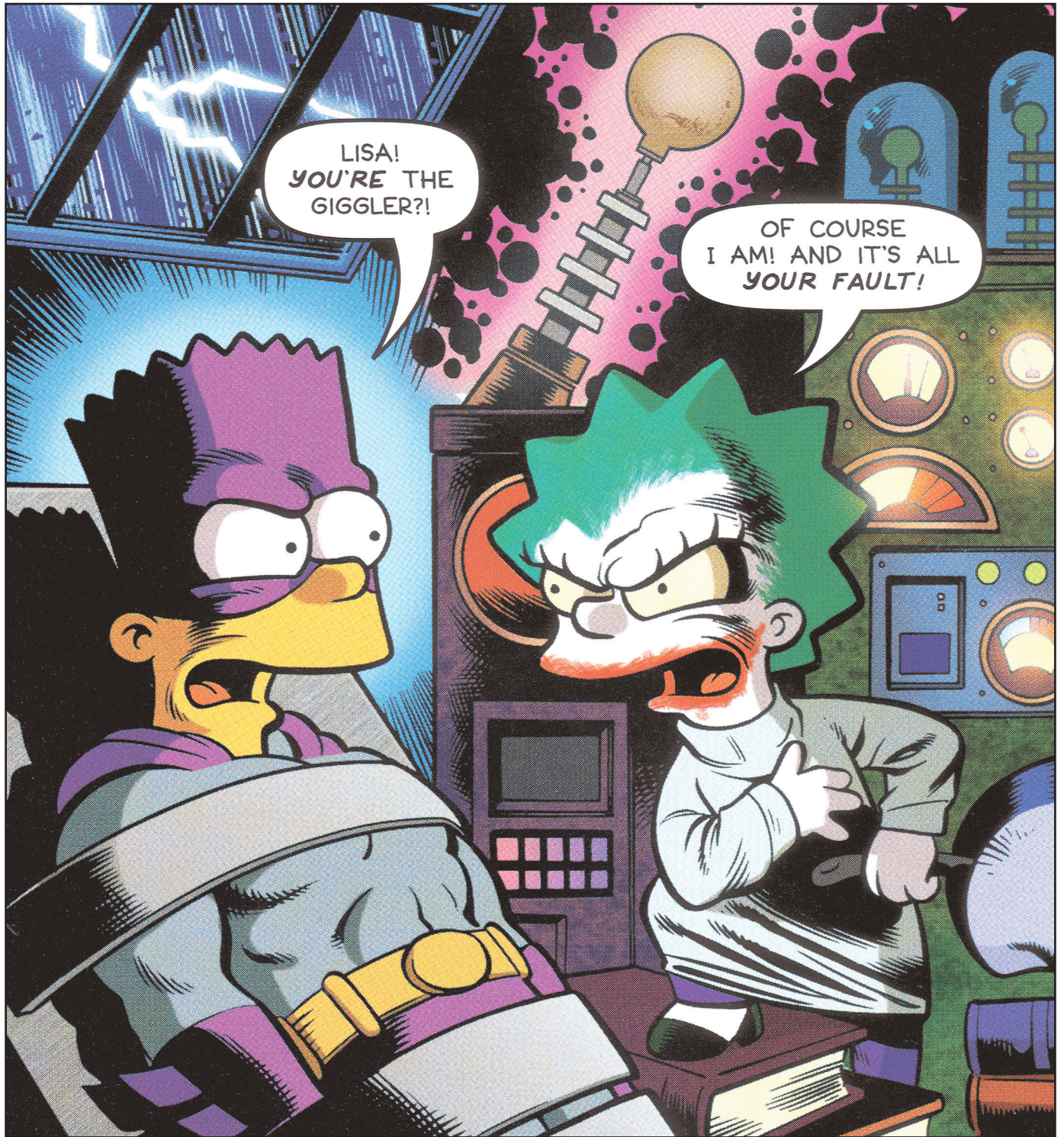
Amy Neral, coordinator of First Book Mahoning Valley, said they are thrilled to be partnering with Yambar for the third year in a row.

"We are honored to distribute books at the event and increase awareness about the importance of children having their own books at home to read at will," Neral said.

Yambar said it's always an exciting time.

"All we ask is that people show up, have a good time, buy some comics, eat some food and have a good time. Just pack up and leave by 5," he said.

People often dress up, and



Excerpt from "One Bart and Stormy Night." Written by Chris Yambar.

there will be live music and sideshow performers.

"It's something people feel like they can be a part of," Yambar said.

In the past, people have come in carloads. Yambar said he likes seeing families get involved.

The family element is one aspect that Yambar likes about "The Simpsons." He recently completed another Simpsons comic, "One Bart and Stormy Night."

Yambar wrote the storyline for the comic, where Bart Simpson is a Batman-inspired character, Bartman.

"I love Bart, and I love the bat. I'm crazy for Batman, and in this comic, I got to play with both," he said.

Yambar remembers the first episode of "The Simpsons" that he ever saw when the series hit television.

"I remember thinking, 'This will be amazingly huge,'" Yambar said.

Yambar has decorated his office with comic book and cartoon memorabilia. One of the largest decorations is a life-size model of Marge and Maggie Simpson.

He said the Homer component resides at his comic book store, Liberty Comics.

"He has his arm extended like it's around Marge, and his other hand is out with the remote, so people can come to the store and get their picture taken with Homer,"

Yambar said.

He also likes how everyone can relate to "The Simpsons."

"There is a character for everyone in Springfield," Yambar said.

He has other comics planned for the future, but said he feels "The Simpsons" will always be a part of his life.

"I still get just as excited today as I did when I first started," Yambar said.

YSU instructor pens new novel

Taylor Philips
REPORTER

Colleen Clayton, an English instructor at Youngstown State University, takes on some serious topics in her new book, "What Happens Next."

Clayton's young adult novel tells the story of a teenager, Cassidy "Sid" Murphy, who feels like she really doesn't fit in because of her body image. She then goes on a school ski trip and meets a guy who, at the time, she thinks is the best fit for her.

"She really never had a boyfriend before," Clayton said. "She goes on a ski trip with her class, and she then ends up meeting someone who is a little older than her. She goes off thinking he is a good guy, but he is not."

The novel is about a boy who takes advantage of Sid, and she has to deal with what happened to her in the aftermath of an incident. She then develops an eating disorder due to the trauma she endured.

"It's about her finding her way through the trauma and coming out the other side of that," Clayton said.

Clayton also discussed how she feels about drug-induced rape, the topic that inspired her to write her novel.

"I know people that this has happened to, and it is very real," Clayton said.

She said she researched the connection between sexual assault and body image issues.

"There were a lot of studies out there that show that those things can be connected,"

Clayton said.

According to "Eating Disorders and Sexual Assaults," a study done by Columbia University in the City of New York, "Almost 30 percent of women suffering from bulimia were raped at some point in their lives." In addition, "Girls who are sexually abused appear to be at a double risk for eating disorders."

Aside from the seriousness of the topics discussed in the book, Clayton said she is excited for her upcoming release.

"It comes out Oct. 9, and [I'm] very excited about it," Colleen said. "This is my first published work. The process has been five years in the making."

Clayton said the process was long, ugly and brutal.

"Finally, it came across the desk of a bright, talented agent who saw something in my story that no one else did," she said.

Clayton worked with troubled teens as a social worker before she even had a thought about writing.

"It didn't occur to me that I could be a writer until my mid-30s," Clayton said.

Clayton said she's blessed to finally get published.

"I'd say I'm more surprised than anything," Clayton said. "I never expected my life to take the turns that it has. I'm trying to treasure every moment."

A reading and book signing is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 11 at the McDonough Museum of Art; the event is open to the public.



Cover courtesy of Colleen Clayton.

Thank you for being a friend

On campus, several individuals lack the confidence necessary to express themselves.

October is Anti-Bullying Awareness Month, and it contains National Coming Out Week.

Sadly, they often go hand in hand.

To those struggling to accept who they truly are, we encourage them to seek support in the consoling arms of YSUUnity members.

The campus community should be encouraging of its fellow members.

Tim Bortner, vice president of YSUUnity, admits that he holds back his true self at times while on campus. Concern about a lack of acceptance or possible backlash stifles an otherwise proud Penguin.

YSUUnity officers have aspirations for a more progressive society in the future.

Maybe then it won't be necessary to label offices as "Safe Zones."

In the midst of an election year, same-sex marriage is a dividing issue between the two parties. Some voters are now forced to accept an intrusion into the love lives of total strangers in order to have their political voice heard.

What homosexuals need now, and especially next week, is support.

If you're on the fence, rather than being indifferent or passive, show support for your questioning classmates.

So, next week, we ask our more opened-minded readers to be an ally.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Socialist Obama? Not by the economic definition!

In a previous issue of The Jambar, fellow voter George ludicrously explained that Obama was going to run the U.S. into the ground with his "socialistic ways." But economics is my minor, and you need to borrow my book.

According to Forbes.com, several of the happiest and most prosperous nations, like Sweden, are socialist. Free market nations in Latin America are among the poorest in the world. I know; I've been there. Cuba's small wage rate is balanced by extremely low prices, and, by the way, it's a communist nation, not socialist.

Barack Obama has not and is not turning this nation into a socialist state. For us to be socialist, the government would be controlling the production of pricing of EVERYTHING because they would own everything. They would tell Apple how many iPhone 5s to make (if

they let Apple make them at all) and at what price to sell them. Last time I checked, Apple still did that.

If you attend any public university, you are reaping the benefits of others' taxes. We are a STATE university that receives federal and state funding. If that's too "socialist" for you, say hello to private college prices of \$40,000 a year. Can you afford that? Wait ... you go to YSU, so probably not.

You quoted Abraham Lincoln, a middle-class American who worked his way up from a log cabin to the legendary White House. He waged a war against half a nation to make sure that those who were being horribly mistreated and taken advantage of were given proper rights.

He was also quoted saying, "Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had

not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration." (Capital is defined as money and what we use to make goods.) Without the middle class, there never would have been a U.S. in the first place, so making sure that this middle class can support itself is a little bit on the important side.

But please listen to Mitt Romney too: "When you have a fire in an aircraft ... the windows don't open. I don't know why they don't do that. It's a real problem." Maybe, because by the laws of physics, everyone will get sucked out of the plane and die, his wife included?

Please vote for Barack Obama. Save not just the republic, but also yourself.

Heather Miller
YOUNGSTOWN

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The Beer'd Mug



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WEB MANAGER

As the weather starts to turn, so does a taste in beer. The fall season brings a wide variety of delicious-tasting beer that includes pumpkin ales and Oktoberfest lagers.

The Oktoberfest style originated in Germany around 1818 during their annual October festival. Since then, breweries have put their own unique twist on the amber ale in its honor.

Oktoberfest beers are also known as Marzen ales. Marzen, which means March in German, are brewed during March and are ready to drink in October. The Oktoberfest style was created when brewers toned down their batch of Marzen on accident. This accident of a beer has been brewed ever since.

Most Oktoberfest beers are amber in color and feature a huge malty flavor. Breweries stick close to the traditional Oktoberfest style, but many

break the tradition and brew up an unbalanced batch. These abstract ales add to the rise of the craft beer sensation.

Craft beer is brewed by "micro-breweries" that produce small amounts of beer. Most craft beers go beyond traditional beer styles and add a bit of complexity to their batch.

Youngstown, Ohio, is home to the Rust Belt Brewing Company, which is named after the former steel production town. The Rust Belt Brewing Company is Youngstown's only brewery, and it produces a small line of craft beers. The rise of craft beer is at large, and it is good to see a local company take part in its culture.

During the fall, the craft beer sensation ignites when Oktoberfest and pumpkin ales hit the shelves. Pumpkin-flavored beers have gained a lot of attention recently, as they are the perfect treat for the fall season. Most pumpkin beers have a distinct sweet pumpkin flavor with notes of cinnamon and nutmeg.

Notable Oktoberfest Beer: Samuel Adams Oktoberfest, a popular American craft beer, features a unique blend of car-

mel malts and toffee flavor that will forever remind you of the fall season. Enjoy this ale in a glass with a brown sugar rim to enhance the flavors of fall.

Yuengling Oktoberfest has a huge malty flavor that provides a delectable sweetness of caramel and toffee. Last October, Yuengling became available to be sold and purchased in Ohio. This year, the company brings more to the table providing us with their take on the Oktoberfest style.

Notable Pumpkin Ales:

Southern Tier Pumking, as the name implies, is the king of all pumpkin-flavored beers. It provides an interesting combination of cinnamon, hazelnut, ginger and nutmeg. Each sip serves a dose of vanilla flavor that will leave you wanting more.

Dogfish Head Punkin' Ale is brewed with baked pumpkins and tastes more like an Oktoberfest lager. Punkin' Ale is named after the annual Punkin' Chunkin' Festival held in Lewes, Del. The beer has a beautiful brown hue that is characterized by dark malts, brown sugar and cinnamon.

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Cool customers

No. 1 vs. No. 3 matchup doesn't faze YSU



Youngstown State University wide receivers Andrew Williams (80) and Marcel Carver (16) celebrate after Williams' touchdown in YSU's 42-35 victory against the University of Northern Iowa. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

On the verge of what seems like a matchup bigger than any other so far this season for Youngstown State University, the Penguins — coaches and players alike — are sending a different vibe.

Given the task of traveling to Fargo, N.D., to play North Dakota State University, the reigning Football Championship Subdivision national champion and top-ranked team in the country, YSU is playing it cool.

"We're just going into it like it's a regular game," defensive tackle Aronde Stanton said during Tuesday's press conference. "We can't play into the media and how they're trying to hype the game up."

Whether you believe their message or not, the No. 3-ranked Penguins will try to prove just how smooth they really are at 2:07 p.m. on Saturday inside the Fargodome.

"It's a great game," said running back Jamaine Cook. "But we're taking it like any other game we play in our conference."

In a battle of two 4-0 Missouri Valley

Football Conference teams, YSU will try to recapture the result of its 2011 game at NDSU, which was a 27-24 victory.

"It's a little bit different mindset than it was last year," quarterback Kurt Hess said. "Last year, we kind of had our backs against the wall going in there. We were about .500, trying to make the playoffs. This year, it's the same story for [NDSU] ... but we're kind of at the same level this year."

That Bison loss to the Penguins proved to be their only defeat en route to a 14-1 championship season. So, naturally, YSU expects to see an NDSU team seeking revenge.

"I think that's in the back of their minds," Hess said. "They understand, probably, the heartbreak that they felt at home in front of their fans. We went into their house and did that, and they're definitely going to remember that."

NDSU expects to have a sell-out crowd on hand for the matchup. In fact, all Bison home games for the 2012 season have already sold out.

"It's a great environment, and we're looking forward to playing in it again," Stanton said.

The senior captain added that the fans aren't too pleasant in Fargo.

"The fans are right there in your ear behind the bench," Stanton said. "You try to play it off like you don't hear them during the game, but after the game, we talk about it and say what they were saying to us."

And what do those fans say?

"Not things I can say on the mic," Stanton said, laughing.

What head football coach Eric Wolford did say on the microphone was his appreciation for NDSU junior quarterback Brock Jensen.

Through the first four games, Jensen has passed for 841 yards, resulting in eight touchdowns. He's also yet to throw an interception and has completed 70.4 percent of his passes.

"I think he's better than he was last year, and he does a great job of managing football games," Wolford said. "They do a great job of getting him in situations where he can be successful, and he has a great supporting cast."

While the Penguins realize that they face a great challenge in the Bison, they aren't lacking confidence just days before what Cook calls his "favorite road trip."

"We're confident we're going to go up there and get another win," Cook said.

Staying positive in a negative situation

Steve Wilaj
SPORTS EDITOR

What a difference a year makes for football player Jelani Berassa.

In Youngstown State University's 2011 matchup with North Dakota State University, Berassa caught five passes for 97 yards and a touchdown while helping the Penguins to a 27-24 upset victory.

As for Saturday's matchup with the Bison, the junior wide receiver will have a different role. Out for the season with a right knee injury, Berassa will travel with the team and room with sophomore receiver Andrew Williams.

"He had a big game in this game last year, and he'll be there with Andrew the night before," head football coach Eric Wolford said. "I think Andrew will be fine, but Jelani will reassure him that he knows what he's doing and coach him up a little bit."

It's an unfortunate reality for Berassa to be limited to only coaching duties. Voted captain of the wide receiver unit in preseason, his injury occurred on Aug. 15.

Following the injury was a mourning period, which Berassa said lasted "a pretty long time."

"I was pretty down on myself," he said. "I had thoughts of it being over for me. I thought, 'What's next for me?'"

How couldn't he question his future? Not only did Berassa suffer a season-ending injury to his left knee in 2010 at YSU, but the exact same injury ended his junior season at Miami Killian Senior High School.

However, instead of continuing to mope, Berassa made a decision.

"I'm built for this. I overcame it before, and I'll overcome it again," he said. "I just need the positive people I have in my life to help me through this, and that's what I got."

According to Berassa, the positive people in his life are his family, friends and teammates.

"With the help of my family and my teammates — my family here — they've helped me through the process," he said. "They've had my back the whole time. So, the mourning phase lasted for a while, but it's over."

Now, Berassa is focused on another task: helping the Penguins from the sidelines.

"Jelani's been at our practices and in meetings," Wolford said. "He's a guy that was voted a leader of his group for a reason."

Berassa said he still has a lot to contribute.

"I'm still leading these guys as much as I can," Berassa said. "Even though I can't physically show that I'm leading, mentally I'm helping along the way. If they have any questions, they can still ask me."



Jelani Berassa runs after a catch during last year's game at North Dakota State University. Berassa — who had five catches, 97 yards and a touchdown for the game — is forced to help the Penguins from the sidelines this year. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

And while the younger receivers can learn from their injured teammate, Berassa has taken this time to be a student of the game. Berassa said he is soaking everything up.

"I see the game at a different view now," he said. "I see why the coach calls the plays he does. I'm learning a lot about reading the defenses, why certain plays don't work and why certain plays do work. ... All of that is going to help me in the future when I do come back as a player."

His comeback still has a long way to go, though, as Berassa is still early on in his rehabilitation process.

"The first thing we have to do is get all the swelling out of my knee and walk," he said. "Then, after that, everything is easier. It's just strengthening my leg."

In the meantime, Berassa is just trying to stay positive.

"It's another chance for me to learn again," he said. "And I get two more years to go to college, so it's not too bad."

SPORTS BRIEFS

YSU players earn Horizon League status

On Monday, the Horizon League announced soccer player Jackie Podolsky as HL Defensive Player of the Week. Podolsky has made two career starts as goalkeeper and went 2-0 last week with a recorded total of six saves. During the Penguins' first win over the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a 2-1 victory, she posted a career-best of four saves. On Sept. 4, goalkeeper Ali Viola also received this award. Within the same week, Rachel Morrison was named HL Offensive Player of the Week.

Football player competes for award

Andre Stubbs, YSU redshirt freshman, is in the running for the Jerry Rice Award. Among other top FCS freshmen competing for the award, Stubbs is averaging 120 all-purpose yards per game after only four challenges. Beginning the season with an exhilarating win against the University of Pittsburgh Panthers, Stubbs finished with 172 all-purpose yards. Following this game, he gained 155 all-purpose yards and a win over the University of Northern Iowa; he also had 124 all-purpose yards in the win over the University at Albany.

Competition on the green

During the 11-team Cleveland State Invitational, the YSU men's golf team finished in fourth at the Canterbury Golf Club on Tuesday. The Penguins finished with a three-round score of 892 after rounds of 293, 309 and 295. Bill Gaffney was the top individual finisher for YSU with a sixth-place score of 218; he carded an even-par 72 on Tuesday after a pair of 73s on Monday. In addition, Mark Olbrych had the lowest YSU round on Tuesday with a one-under par 71; he placed ninth with a three-round score of 221 after shooting 74 and 76 on Monday.

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



Erika West

Year: Junior
Height: 5'7"
Hometown: Painesville
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Defensive specialist

During the weekend's home stand for the Penguins, West posted 30 digs between the two matches, in which YSU went 1-1. On Friday against the University of Illinois at Chicago, West had 20 digs in the YSU victory. In Saturday's loss to Loyola University Chicago, West posted 10 digs. Since transferring from Edinboro University in 2010, West has appeared in every match for the past two seasons.