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ABOVE: Freshman Cory Stevens enjoys a Chipotle burrito outside.

RIGHT: (from left) Junior Adam Wichert, seniors Cody Bruce and Derek Wallner share a meal. Meals were free for YSU faculty, staff and students from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Boardman Chipotle. About 600 to 800 people came, estimates service manager Brian Parsons and general manager Jim Groves, who added that they are considering offering the promotion again next year.



## Working women on the rise

Michael Bury  
REPORTER

For the first time, women are on the brink of surpassing men in the American workforce.

Layoffs have ravaged industries, such as manufacturing, that were previously dominated by men. This has poised women to overtake men in the workforce because industries such as education and retail, predominantly filled by women, have not suffered as many setbacks.

Between 1970 and 2006, the amount of women in the workforce has nearly doubled, going from roughly 75 million to 144 million.

According to John Russo, coordinator of the Center for Labor Studies, the shift has taken place over the past 35 years. Previously, women were relegated to the homemaker role while men were expected to be the breadwinner.

Russo said now women have more options about that they want to do with their lives.

"They don't necessarily have to be married, or they have to work because they need the two incomes," Russo said.

Mehera Gerardo, director of women's studies, said globally this isn't the case. In times of economic hardship, women tend to outnumber men in the workforce because they are willing to work for lower wages.

Gerardo also said women have always been in the workforce, but were traditionally more likely to be paid off the books for their labor.

"That doesn't mean that women weren't doing jobs that were outside of the home," Gerardo said.

Russo said that this, coupled with more men entering industries that were dominated by women, has led to the shift in the American workforce.

"We've seen auto workers and steel workers retraining as nurses," Russo said.

William Blake, director of student diversity programs, said although women are edging out men in the workforce, they are still suffering from job losses just like men.

"Even though women are rising statistically, they're still losing jobs," Blake said.

The debate whether women will continue to outnumber men in the workforce remains a contentious one. Gerardo believes the balance will shift between the sexes.

Russo said he thinks women will come to dominate most industries in the country soon.

"Maybe it's not going to be the best thing to marry the most beautiful women like it used to be," Russo said. "Maybe the best thing to do is marry the smartest."

## The evolution war: Bible versus science

Suncica Tatic  
REPORTER

Thursday marks the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin, a naturalist whose work has shaped numerous world views. His theories of evolution and natural selection are still cornerstones of modern science.

As much as the idea of evolution came to eventually be accepted by some, it remains highly controversial, even today. Prior to Darwin's work, the established belief was that the Bible was concrete history and fact. Creationism, the belief that all life was created by God, seemed at odds with evolution. Over the 20th century, numerous laws were made that prohibited the teaching of creationism in school, but this is continually challenged; the most recent case is 2005's *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*.

As much as the science of evolution has changed since Darwin published "On the Ori-

gin of Species" 150 years ago, religious views themselves have evolved as well. The aforementioned high-profile court case in 2005 did not deal with treating the Bible as history, but instead investigated whether the creation and evolution of species is driven by intelligent design.

According to Youngstown State University professor of evolution and ecology Ian Renne, evolution is a documented process that has achieved

scientific theory status. This is because never once in the last 150 years has a single piece of evidence been offered to suggest it is false. However, debate still exists.

"A propensity toward ignorance, on both sides, can create controversy. Ignorance and perpetuating debunked myths largely drive today's controversy," Renne said. "Both sides are

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### Darwin FACTS

•Born in Shrewsbury, England on Feb. 12, 1809.

•Studied medicine at Edinburgh and transferred to Christ's Church in Cambridge for ministry training.

•Met biology professor John Stevens Henslow who motivated him to study zoology and geography.

•Official Naturalist in 1831 to 1836 for British ship the H.M.S. Beagle. Developed the theory of evolution by observing species' evolution.

•Announced ideas about natural selection in 1858.

•Published "The Origin of Species" in 1859.

•Died April 19, 1882 of a heart attack.

•Buried in Westminster Abbey near Sir Isaac Newton

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## Mahoning River Corridor Initiative finds new home on YSU campus

Doug Philibin  
REPORTER

The Mahoning River Corridor Initiative now has a home at Youngstown State University.

This urban redevelopment project's goal is to revitalize nine cities along the Mahoning River, beginning in Struthers and extending all the way to Newton

Falls. The Center for Urban and Regional Studies at YSU now houses and staffs chairman Dan Mamula's infrastructure venture. The project has already had success on a smaller scale and plans to build upon recent achievements expanding redevelopment along the 31-mile stretch of river. Mamula, former mayor of Struthers, started the project in 1999. Struthers, Campbell and Youngstown were the first cities to combine

their resources to improve conditions of their land along the river. The result was \$18 million in improvements to the previous 400 acres of unattractive brownfields.

The area now houses a sports facility and three manufacturing companies that employ over 400 people. Mamula said the project wouldn't have been successful if the three cities did not combine to work as one. He plans to use that formula and spread it out across

the nine cities located in Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

"Regionalization is very important to this project. We have nine cities and their mayors joining forces to redevelop the corridor," Mamula said.

The project is being helped along by an \$80,000 local government collaboration grant recently provided by the Ohio Department of Development.

"We have a great location and

staff here at YSU, and there are experts in the engineering and environmental departments that are making great contributions to the project. Youngstown State has given us the personnel and institutional support that a single city lacks when attempting to reach a goal this size," Mamula said.

Mamula hopes to be able to offer internships to YSU students

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## SERVING UP LAUGHS

Carlo Goldoni's slapstick comedy, *The Servant of Two Masters*, cast Members pictured from left to right are Zach Campbell of East Liverpool as Florindo, David Munnell of Girard as Truffaldino, and Courtney Auman of Austintown as Beatrice. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE YSU THEATER DEPARTMENT.

Britney Perkins  
REPORTER

Carl Goldoni's "The Servant of Two Masters," which opens Thursday night at the Ford Theater in Bliss Hall, is made up of the same kind of over-the-top comedy that inspired the Three Stooges.

The production involves a lot of improvisation through audience participation.

The set is designed so that the audience actually feels as though they are in the streets of Italy.

In order to break down the wall between the audience and the performers, the stage is built up over the audience and

the lights remain on the entire time.

Set in 17th century Italy, the play is written in the style of commedia del'arte. In this theatrical style, the story involves numerous stock characters. For this, the actors wear masks to help the audience identify the type of type of familiar character they are portraying.

Essentially, the story is this: Truffaldino, played by senior David Munnell, is secretly working under two different masters. His love for the servant girl, Smeraldina, played by senior Dana Chauvin, may cause him to blow his cover.

Associate staff designer, and director of "The Servant of Two Masters," Rick Schilling, was approached to direct this play

because he had directed a high school version of the play and had a lot of experience with the style.

Schilling was thrilled to be involved with the production, and said he enjoyed making "many of the artistic choices."

His involvement included

designing the actors' masks and helping with the costumes and set design.

In his opinion, the hardest challenge the actors faced during this production was wearing the masks; this is because actors normally use their facial features to show emotion.

"The Servant of Two Masters"  
Bliss Hall-Ford Theater  
February 12-14, 20-21 at 7:30 p.m.  
February 15 and 22 at 3 p.m.

## New organization at YSU plans to lead cancer awareness

Alicia Pattillo  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University student Kristen Deonofrio is attempting to make her sister's dreams of a cancer-free future a reality.

Deonofrio, whose sister passed away in 2003 from ovarian cancer, has teamed up with the American Cancer Society to establish a Colleges Against Cancer organization at YSU. This collaboration, which began in early November when an ACS representative contacted YSU, is the continuation of Deonofrio's sister's goals. As a student at YSU, she tried to start a campus CAC society; this task eventually fell to her sister, who is now president of YSU's CAC chapter.

With the help of the CAC adviser and YSU assistant director of Metro Credit Sharon Schroeder, as well as numerous dedicated students and faculty, Deonofrio's sister's dreams have finally come to fruition.

Even so, Deonofrio said not a lot of people realize how many cancer survivors or victims are affiliated with YSU students and staff; this is why she said a CAC chapter is so needed on campus. The most important deeds YSU's CAC society can do are to inform students on different types of cancer to aid early detection, and to raise cancer awareness overall.

"Cancer education and prevention are most important because they strive to reach out to students who participate in cancer causing activities such as smoking and drinking," Deonofrio said. "We strive to promote elimination of these bad habits for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and a better future up the road."

For similar reasons, colleges nationwide are also joining the fight against cancer.

With more than 350 colleges and universities involved with CAC, survivorship chairperson Carrie DeMarco said she is hopeful that many YSU students will make an impact on campus and in the community. She also stressed the importance of being

knowledgeable about cancer.

According to ACS statistics, American men have slightly less than a 1-in-2 risk of developing cancer in their lifetimes; women have a 1-in-3 risk.

DeMarco said she believes cancer will soon be the leading cause of death, and that this organization, especially on campus, will provide information about possible prevention methods.

"At this age, students need to be a lot more conscious of cancer awareness. We are definitely affected," DeMarco said.

With the ACS's direction, YSU's CAC chapter plans to provide cancer education and awareness, survivorship, advocacy and monthly awareness activities.

DeMarco said their most recent activity was January's Cervical Cancer Month, which provided education and understanding of cervical cancer, along with prevention information for students.

Additionally, DeMarco said she, along with nearly everyone involved with the YSU CAC chapter, feels passionate about their work.

"Everyone in this organization feels very strongly about cancer awareness. We are very dedicated to making a great impact here at YSU. We can have fun, but still be helpful at the same time," DeMarco said.

Future CAC events include providing volunteer services to the cancer ward at Akron Children's hospital for Valentine's Day and "Paint the Campus Purple," which will take place at the end of February to promote the Relay for Life in early April.

With several plans in place, Deonofrio is now in the process of recruiting more members.

"We need more members to help us accomplish our goals, to get involved for a good cause and to prevent and stop cancer for good," Deonofrio said.

"We as a campus need to come together and get the word out about cancer awareness."

For more information, e-mail Secretary Dannelle Hoffman at [dmhoffman@student.ysu.edu](mailto:dmhoffman@student.ysu.edu).

## Downtown cafe dishes out games, music

Melissa Smith  
REPORTER

After celebrating Rosetta Stone Cafe's one-year anniversary this past month, Chuck Sop, owner and operator of the Rosetta Stone Cafe, has something cooking for the downtown Youngstown restaurant; and it's not a new entree.

Sop is in the process of renovating the basement area of The Rosetta Stone Cafe for use as a sports bar, but with a twist. While there is still much work to be done, he would like the space to be open in six months.

Sop plans to put TVs and a bar in the basement. He also hopes that the venue can be a place where people, especially couples, can enjoy some friendly competition.

"We're looking at one or two bocce courts downstairs, multiple cornhole and probably darts," Sop said.

Although there are many dining and entertainment venues in Mahoning County, Sop feels there is something missing.

"Most of the places cater to the 18-21, 22-year-old crowd and there's not really a good venue in this whole area, including Trumbull County, for the over 25, 28 crowd and so we feel there's a big void and we're going to

fill that void," Sop said.

While music and entertainment is already a noticeable part of the Rosetta Stone's upstairs appeal, Sop said the upper and lower levels will differ.

"Upstairs has great food, beautiful ambience and great music; downstairs will be a place of more competition and more games, although we'll have to do music down there. I think people are looking for some place to go to have fun," Sop said.

Music and dancing would also be a part of the downstairs atmosphere. As far as the types of music that will be offered for the public, Sop keeps an open mind.

"To me, downstairs is going to be a work in process.

We will try different things and see what works. As the construction begins, we will be talking about what musical venue we use. I would say we would try many things," he said.

Sop has kept the customers in consideration during the basement construction, and wants to leave the name of the space up to them. The winner of the naming contest would likely receive a gift certificate to The Rosetta Stone Cafe.



"We're looking at one or two bocce courts downstairs, multiple cornhole and probably darts."  
Chuck Sop, owner

## Another 'Friday the 13th'

Rick Bentley  
MCT

Make no mistake: The new 'Friday the 13th' is a sequel masquerading as a reworking of the original 1980 horror movie.

The term "reworking" suggests the film should have been about a bunch of horny camp counselors who get systematically killed by a hockey mask-wearing killer named Jason. It would have contained a more detailed story of how Jason became a killing machine.

This new version just picks up the action 29 years later. So instead of being a new take on an old subject, this merely is another watered-down sequel another lame attempt to suck a few more dollars out of the franchise.

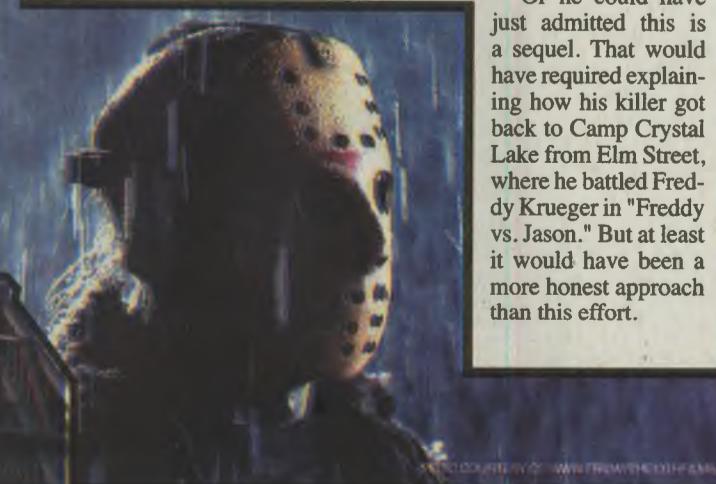
Don't get me wrong. Director Marcus Nispel has regurgitated the elements that made the first movie a horror classic. But he blends them together with the same methodical horror tempo

that has become the norm for modern scary movies. You can almost count the beats between killings. If this kind of movie is going to be any fun to watch, there has to be some sense of spontaneity. Once the audience has picked up the obvious rhythm to the murdering madness, all tension is gone.

Nispel continues the odd morality so prominent in the original movie: Being young and attractive and having sex in the woods will kill you. Nispel unsuccessfully attempts to give the storyline some texture by depicting the search by the brother (Jared Padelecki) of one of Jason's early victims. No one cares about the victims. The only interesting story element from the original movie was Jason's origin.

Nispel had two choices. He could have been loyal to the original film, an approach that worked with the recent remake of "My Bloody Valentine." (On the other hand, the faithful "Psycho" redo was a complete failure.)

Or he could have just admitted this is a sequel. That would have required explaining how his killer got back to Camp Crystal Lake from Elm Street, where he battled Freddy Krueger in "Freddy vs. Jason." But at least it would have been a more honest approach than this effort.



### OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Evolving on Evolution

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The debate centers around disagreements between members of the scientific and religious communities.

Neither side is without blame.

It is true that the religious community has been slow to accept scientific advancements, even if these advancements do not necessarily threaten their ideals. Adherents to the theory of evolution do not help their case, however, when they seem to turn up their nose at the sincerely held faith of others.

The purpose of science is to question theories in an effort to disprove them, not to fight to uphold them at all costs. Religion is based in faith in the unseen, not arguments over history, scientific or otherwise.

Evolution and intelligent design are not irreconcilable ideas.

People of faith don't need to abandon their beliefs in order to accommodate science. They simply need to adapt. If the theory of evolution is scientific fact, this doesn't mean that there isn't a higher power that engineers the process.

Those who don't believe in such a being are free to believe that the process is random.

There is no reason that either side should believe that their position is mutually exclusive. There is also no reason that either side needs to give up their principles. Both are based on ideas that cannot be proven or unproven.

Both sides have valid theories that can coexist. Stereotypes which feature unevolving scientists or the Bible-thumping religious are outdated and irrelevant to progressive thought.

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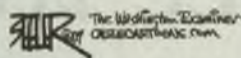
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The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

### COLUMN

## Dierkes deliberated



## Institutionalized

Doug Dierkes  
COLUMNIST

It's around week five of the semester, and this is when the first big exams start to be handed out in classes across the campus. That's enough reason to make a college student panic, but lately I've been having anxiety attacks for an entirely different reason.

If all goes according to plan, I'll have a degree in journalism by the end of the semester. I've been going to school for the majority of my waking life, and so far all I feel I've learned is how to be a student, with some throwaway skills like being able to read while kicking a dog bone around the floor. It's the only way to keep my resident puppy from gnawing my feet to the bone.

I'll also be out of a job, and that prospect's even scarier.

Looking back at my employment history, one could see why I'm starting to have nightmares where I'm fully clothed during the graduation ceremony. Every pre-Jambar job could be described as seasonal, and that's being especially generous for some of my earlier attempts. I also don't have the motivation to go poring over classified ads in print or online, so that extends my unemployment period from "a month after school" to "whenever I can be bothered to shut off the gaming systems."

Not to mention the great work former President George W. Bush did to ensure the economy's collapse would directly coincide with the tail end of my academic career. And the newspaper industry's tailspin has been going on well before Dubya could muck around with corporate tax breaks sure isn't inspiring much confidence in my prospects. Compound the fact that most of my portfolio will be comprised of this column and my senior project, and I might have to learn that classic line associated with a liberal arts career:

"Would you like fries with that?"

At the same time, I seem to be comfortable with a life of transient minimum wage labor. Several of my uncles have equally sporadic employment histories up into their mid-40s. And I don't have to start paying back my meager student loans until November, so that's plenty of time to develop my online poker skills into something that can pay my bills. Also, there's still a remote chance I could luck into a triple pronged career track, allowing me to live as a sci-fi novelist, stand-up comedian and death metal bass player.

... I wonder if the Jambar accepts alumni employees.

The views of this columnist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

The singular lack of aesthetic vision displayed by this university continues to astound me — this, despite the fact that Youngstown State University claims to be blessed by "urban planners."

No sooner do we learn we may finally be free of the monolithic ugliness of the "temporary" Lincoln Deck than we discover YSU's plans to demolish a picturesque church for, you guessed it, a parking lot. Gee, no thought of paving over some of the university-owned blight across Fifth Avenue.

No, let's go for the handsome church across from the university's major public facade. Lincoln and Wick offers perhaps the most impressive and diverse architectural space at YSU — university gothic Jones Hall,

the high renaissance Mahoning County library, the rough-hewn stone of St. John's Episcopal, and of course, the delightfully proportioned gothic revival Pilgrim Collegiate church now slated for demolition. (Yes, I could do without the bland and misplaced education wing.)

How many times now have we had to fight off this administration's moronic attempts to wrest every last visual pleasantness from our campus? I suggest this newest of Morrison et al.'s schemes be round-filed right next to the laughable "great lawn".

In fact, let's just file it in the architectural trash heap of history, along with Le Corbusier's "Radiant City" for which he would have razed Paris!

Thomas P. Diggins

Editor,

In response to the recent out lash against Bradley Smith and The Jambar for printing his ad, I neither advocate nor admonish Mr. Smith's views.

However, this is still a free country and while his ad was suggestive in nature, I did not find any racial or ethnic slurs or hate remarks among the content of the ad, which I saw in two separate editions of The Jambar.

As far as Shari Kochman citing The New York Times' ad re-

view process, has she forgotten the full page add they ran with the caption General Betray-Us? This ad was given at a steeply discounted price and received national attention due to its nature.

However, the paper received no legal recourse nor should it have. With the privilege of free speech comes the responsibility of not taking offense to something you disagree with.

C.T. Alusheff  
Student

Editor,

In light of recent news reports and other discussions in the community, I would like to clarify Youngstown State University's position on the Pilgrim Collegiate Church building on Wick and Rayen avenues, adjacent to campus.

The discussion about the future of the building began more than two years ago, when the owner of the facility — Faith Community Church — announced its intent to sell the structure. At the time, Faith Community Church was leasing the building to New Beginnings Outreach Ministries.

In December 2007, the YSU Board of Trustees approved the purchase of the church. The university's plan at the time was to lease the sanctuary to New Beginnings so the ministry could continue operating at the location. As the only predominantly African American congregation along Wick Avenue, New Beginnings' neighbors expressed a strong desire to maintain the ecumenical diversity of the Wick Avenue neighborhood, a community goal which the university, as a founding member of Wick Neighbors, shares.

Last fall, however, New Beginnings informed the university of its intention to vacate the building at the end of 2008 and move, instead, to a new location on the city's West Side. This decision left the university without a tenant and the sanctuary without a readily obvious use.

Let me emphasize that, contrary to recent press reports, YSU has made no decisions concerning the future of the building. We are exploring all reasonable options. To this end we will be undertaking the following actions:

Conducting a thorough analysis of the historic value of the building, its integrity and its contribution to the larger Wick Avenue district;

Conducting a thorough assessment of potential future university uses of the building as a whole;

Conducting a thorough review of the property as a site for possible future development; and

Conducting a thorough review of an interim use of the site — absent the sanctuary and the classroom building — for surface parking and enhanced landscaping that will establish an attractive entrance to the campus from downtown Youngstown.

As we move into our second century of service to the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, Youngstown State University will remain a responsible institutional citizen and neighbor, dedicated to preserving the proud past of the university and the community while also progressively moving forward to face the challenges of the next century.

Sincerely,

Hunter Morrison, Director  
Campus Planning and  
Community Partnerships

### COMMENTARY

# Citizens, government should go green for stronger economy

Kevin Knobloch  
MCT

President Obama's stimulus package is a solid down payment toward creating a cleaner, stronger economy. The government has a major role to play, but we can't succeed in building a new economic future unless America's citizens also step up in a major way.

The Obama administration seeks to quadruple investment in energy efficiency and aims to double our capacity to generate electricity from renewable sources.

Several proposals would significantly boost mass transit funding, too. Obama also has directed the Department of Transportation to set new fuel economy standards. And soon, states may be able to implement California's tighter clean car standards.

Automakers can produce better cars. They have the technology today to make new cars and trucks that average 35 miles per gallon in 2015, 10 mpg more than today's average vehicle. Additional improvements can deliver 42 mpg in 2020, saving Americans tens of billions of dollars a year, even after paying for fuel-saving technology.

That would reduce global warming pollution in 2020 by 350 million metric tons and oil consumption by 2.1 million barrels a day.

Later this year, Congress is expected to debate an economy-wide program to reduce global warming pollution. A strong program would keep the economy growing as it grows greener.

But beyond what the government can do, each one of us also has a responsibility to go green. Using less gasoline is the No. 1 way most of us can cut pollution. According to the Federal

Highway Administration, the typical driver uses 683 gallons of fuel each year. Each driver burning that gas creates 13,000 pounds of carbon dioxide, the chief heat-trapping gas that causes global warming.

Refraining from speeding and driving in the fuel-economy sweet spot of 55 miles per hour on the highway can boost fuel economy as much as 23 percent. That's equivalent to a 30-cent discount at the pump at today's prices.

When it's time to buy a new car, we should choose the most fuel-efficient model that meets our needs. And new standards for automakers will mean more fuel-efficient options.

Meanwhile, the typical household spends about \$2,000 a year on electricity and heating fuel. Replacing energy-hungry appliances air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters and refrigerators with Energy Star-certified efficient models can pay for

itself and more over time.

Finally, we can save money and cut pollution at the dinner table by eating less meat. Meat generally costs more per pound and more per calorie than other food. Likewise, raising livestock and poultry generates more pollution than growing fruits and vegetables.

We can have meatless meals more often. And when we do eat meat, we can reduce portion size. Federal health guidelines say a serving of beef or chicken should be 3 ounces about the size of a deck of playing cards.

For too long, our government has subsidized huge feedlots and neglected more efficient, greener food producers. This must change, too.

Fixing our economy and fixing our planet will require citizens and government working together. It's a big job, but with many hands we can get it done.

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# Men's basketball team to face two top Horizon League opponents

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The Youngstown State University men's basketball team picked up two huge victories against Loyola University and the University of Illinois-Chicago this past weekend. These wins were the Penguins' first road victories since Jan. 1 when they defeated the Detroit Titans by two points, ending in a score of 80-78. For the Penguins, this was the first time all season they managed to string together two road victories.

"It was fun to watch us kind of mature in those two games. Tommy Parks played really good against UIC and we were pretty mentally tough the last two games," head coach Jerry Slocum said about the Loyola and UIC games.

After a brief trip on the road, the Penguins return home to the confines of Beeghly Center for their next two games. The Penguins face off against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix on Feb. 12 and then square off against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers on Feb. 14.

"I think these are two of the best teams in the league," Slocum said about the upcoming opponents.

The Penguins have not done well at home this season; in fact, they actually have a better conference road record than

home record. Additionally, they are just 2-5 in Horizon League home games, while they are an even .500 at 3-3 for road Horizon League matchups. This season, the Penguins are not using the home court to their advantage as they are only 4-8 overall at home. The Penguins' last home victory came in the classic game on ES-PNU against the Cleveland State University Vikings on Jan. 23.

With only three remaining home games, the Penguins are looking for the right formula at home to continue their two-game winning streak. Coming into town Thursday are the Phoenix. The Penguins did not do well against the Phoenix in their previous matchup on Jan. 17; the Phoenix won on their home court 78-61.

Currently, the Phoenix sit in second place in the Horizon League with standings at 11-2. They are a hot bunch right now, as they have won five straight Horizon League contests. The Phoenix are the only team in the Horizon League who have beaten the almighty Butler Bulldogs this season. If the Penguins are going to win, they will definitely have to bring their best game to the table.

The Phoenix are led by sixth-man junior guard Ryan Tillema. Tillema led the Phoenix in scoring the last time his team played the Penguins and scored 11 points. The Penguins have to stop the Phoenix's penetration to the hoop and their ability to get to the free-throw line. The Phoenix

killed the Penguins from the free-throw line in the last matchup as the Phoenix made 21 out of 23 free throws in the Jan. 17 game. The Penguins counter with junior DeAndre Mays being the player the Phoenix have to look out for. Mays led all scoring in the last meeting as he poured in 22 points.

Invading Beeghly Center on Valentine's Day are the Panthers. The Panthers are right behind the Phoenix in the Horizon League standings at third place as they sit at 9-4 inside the Horizon. The Panthers are not coming in as hot as the Phoenix are, as they have lost three out of their last five ball games. The Panthers have also lost their last three road games, so the Penguins should capitalize on the Panthers' recent road woes and take it to them.

In the last meeting between the two schools, the Panthers won rather easily as they beat the Penguins 69-50 on Jan. 15. Junior Tone Boyle is the player to watch for the Panthers. Boyle scored 18 points versus the Penguins in the last meeting. For the season, Boyle averages a bit less than 15 points a game. The Penguins have their work cut out for them as they will try to take down two of the top teams in the Horizon League this season.



Junior DeAndre Mays

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## Hockey squad continues drive for title against nationally-ranked opponent



Forward Michael Stokar circles the net as the Penguins do battle.

PHOTO BY JOSH STIPANOVICH/JAMBAR

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The Youngstown State University men's hockey squad will be hosting back-to-back games this weekend against the No. 16 ranked Wolves of the University of Michigan-Dearborn hoping to extend their three-game winning streak.

The Wolves will be bringing a winning streak of their own into The Ice Zone this weekend as well. They have won their last five games, including a weekend sweep over the No. 23 ranked Western Michigan Stalions, but the Penguins have had the upper hand in series games this season.

YSU has played in three series this season, and came out victorious in two of them by outscoring their opponents 25-21. This will be their second series this season against a nationally-ranked opponent.

Their first was against No. 9 Robert Morris University who outscored the Penguins 11-2 through the two games. RMU may have gotten the best of the Penguins earlier this season, but YSU has something to play for

with only five games remaining in the regular season.

The Penguins, who have been playing stellar defense as of late, are still in the hunt for their first Conference Hockey-Mid America title in club history. YSU has only allowed only seven goals during their three-game winning streak, while scoring 11, but they will be playing a Dearborn team who plays in a much harder conference.

Three of the top five teams in the nation are in their conference, and because of this they have had more experience against ranked teams.

Dearborn has played against ten ranked opponents this season including No. 1 Lindenwood, No. 2 Penn State and No. 4 Iowa State, and YSU State has played six. However, the Penguins have had the upper hand in those matchups.

YSU has beaten four of the six ranked teams they have played including key wins over No. 11 Ohio University, No. 21 Pitt, No. 19 Mercyhurst and No. 15 Duquesne while Dearborn has only defeated five.

The Penguins defense should have the advantage over Dearborn this weekend mainly in

part to their ability to execute the zone and 5-on-3 defenses, but also because Dearborn has scored and allowed 197 goals. Dearborn tends to give up more goals than they would like, and YSU must take advantage of it. The Penguins, however, have scored 105 goals this season while allowing 106 but have the ability to shut down their opponent defensively.

The Penguins who are currently three points behind Duquesne for first place in the CHMA will have a tough test ahead of them. After this weekend's series against Dearborn, they play another two game series against Syracuse University next weekend and finish

the season, and their six game home stand against Washington & Jefferson College on Sunday February 22.

### YSU Hockey schedule

Feb. 13  
UM-Dearborn  
7 p.m. Ice Zone

Feb. 14  
UM-Dearborn  
7 p.m. Ice Zone

Feb. 22  
Washington & Jefferson  
1:30 p.m.  
Ice Zone



## Penguins travel to Cleveland in hunt for first conference win

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The Youngstown State University women's basketball team will be traveling north to play their in-state rival Cleveland State University Saturday evening at 5 p.m. in pursuit of their first Horizon League win this season.

The Penguins, who are coming off of one of their worst losses of the year against Wisconsin, will be looking to avenge their 80-51 defeat at the hands of the Vikings earlier this season.

Team defense will need to be key for the Penguins since they allowed CSU to shoot a blistering 56.1 percent from the field, while

CSU only allowed 31.3 percent from YSU in their first matchup. Another aspect of the Penguins' game that has not produced this season is their bench production.

YSU's bench has been outscored in 10 of their last 12 losses, but was able to outscore CSU 18-16 off the bench in their last matchup.

With all of the injuries the Penguins have had to fight through this season, it has been tough to find a consistent lineup to play every night.

Injuries to senior guard Velissa Vaughn and senior center Nikita LaFleur have been one reason for the Penguins' inconsistency this season, but young talent at YSU

has been flourishing lately.

One of these young players is freshman guard Camisha Alexander who is coming off a career game against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Alexander finished the game with 17 points, 15 of which came from beyond the arch. Freshman guard Macey Nortey has been

playing big minutes as well for the Penguins.

However, finding that first conference win will not be easy for the Penguins as they head into the final three weeks of play; this is because they will be playing away against a CSU team who is currently sitting at third in the conference.