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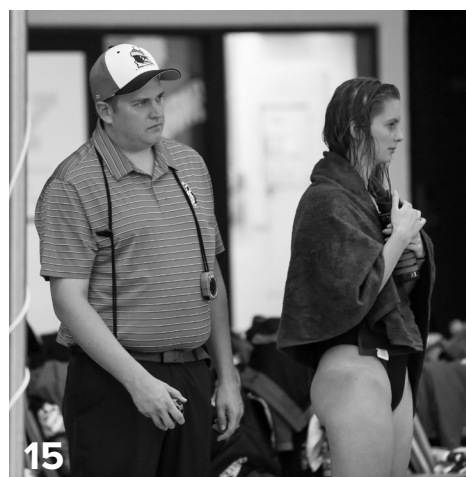
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A COLLABORATION IN MUSIC BETWEEN TWO FRIENDS

MARAH J. MORRISON

Chris Yannon, a 2018 graduate from Youngstown State University and a vocalist, guitarist and bassist, recently released an EP self-titled “Paul vs. Mark” alongside his friend Billy Liber.

Paul vs. Mark is a melodic, alternative rock band from Cleveland, Ohio. The band’s music maintains a catchy, melodic sound while dealing with somewhat darker conceptual issues.

Yannon said he never liked the idea of naming the EP after himself. He said he wanted to give it more of a band name instead.

“The name of the band is a movie reference,” he said. “I was actually in a band years ago [that was] a hard rock band. This music is somewhat lighter.”

Yannon said he always had ideas of music floating around he liked but didn’t exactly fit in with the band he was in at the time.

He said he hung on to those ideas, and a year and a half ago he had downtime to resurface his ideas.

“Some [tracks] are from five years ago,” he said. “I put together around eight and honed down to five and recorded those.”

Yannon said he has been playing guitar since he was 12 years old, and if he had to narrow it down to one person who influenced him to pursue his music, it would be Kurt Cobain, the late frontman of Nirvana.

“The idea of playing guitar was always cool to me,” he said. “I always had an inborn gravitation towards music. I liked music so much I wanted to learn how to make it myself.”

Yannon said the music business in general has major problems within, which is common because people in the industry are trying to combine business with an art form, two things that normally do not mix.

“The other side of [this] though, it’s been a lot easier to get your [music] out there,” he said. “With YouTube [and] the Internet, you can get your stuff out there way easier and build a following in Ohio [and] out in California without traveling out there,” he said.

Yannon said as long as he can keep writing and putting out music, he is happy, and he would like his reach to expand over time, but it’s more of a personal fulfillment than wanting to get rich and famous.

“I just graduated from YSU, so I am pursuing a career in school counseling,” he said. “It’s a long shot and it’s a lot of work, but it’s not impossible.”

Liber, who frequently harmonized with Yannon and does back up vocals, said they haven’t collaborated on anything official since 2012 and 2013. He said it was exciting when Yannon asked him to be part of his recent project.

Liber said close to a year and a half ago, Yannon moved back to Ohio from South Carolina, where he was teaching guitar and working at a music shop. He said in the past year, Yannon asked him to collaborate with him.

“To circle back with Chris and join forces again, it’s been really rejuvenating and [an] exciting experience,” he said. “I love writing music with him. He’s my best friend.”



MARIO'S MOVIES: 'AQUAMAN'

MARIO RICCIARDI

Making a Christmas break splash is DC Comics' "Aquaman" directed by James Wan. "Aquaman" stars — and don't hold your breath — Jason Momoa, Amber Heard, Patrick Wilson, Yahya Abdul-Manteen II, Dolph Lundgren, Nicole Kidman, Willem Dafoe and Randall Park. Wait, I'm not done yet. Julie Andrews also shows up in an uncredited role to stick it to Disney.

Yup. Read closely Disney, Julie Andrews passed up a cameo in "Mary Poppins Returns" to act in an Aquaman movie. Not hurt enough? It's a minor voice acting role. Note to editor: can we please put that photo of the animated "Aquaman" riding a seahorse here?

I can't believe I just called out the Walt Disney Corporation in a public form of communication. If this makes it to print, and your fifth favorite movie critic goes missing, tell the cops to start at the House of Mouse. Be blunt about it if you suggest it, they might think it was you. Who am I kidding, the cops are probably in on the take. If I'm ever to be avenged and it's not too much trouble with me down there as fifth favorite, take matters into your own hands.

"Aquaman" is as much an ensemble cast as can be, and it's

hard not to wonder whether or not the group decided to be in the movie just to stick it to the powers that be (not just "Mary Poppins"). "Aquaman" is joyously goofy, jumps all over the place tonally and under James Wan's direction the actors totally sell it.

From technical and visual standpoints the film is breathtaking. Director James Wan is a little genius, (I say "little" because IMDb has his height listed as 5'3 1/2"). Sure, IMDb won't give me Steven Spielberg's contact information to pitch my movie to him, but they'll let me know which directors can ride roller coasters at Cedar Point.

It should be noted that James Wan, director of mind-bending horror flicks "Saw," "Insidious," "Insidious: Chapter 2" and "The Conjuring" films, succeeds in the action genre as well. That comment is mostly due to his work on "Fast and Furious 7" — the only "Fast and Furious" I will allow myself to break the bonds of masculinity to cry at. Ultimately, "Aquaman" is an action movie, too. Its tone is just too scattered to pigeonhole it there.


Hey, speaking of liquids leaving my body, I am going to take it upon myself to warn you that "Aquaman" is not the movie to drink fluids before. There is so much water in the movie. So. Much. Water. It's everywhere you look. And, yeah, I guess with the hero's namesake I should've seen that coming, but you know

what, I'm not going to defend myself here. Let's just say I blame the marketing guys, and I squirmed through the second half of the movie for this review's sake. I would hope that effort bumps me up to at least fourth favorite movie reviewer.

As "Aquaman" progresses, it slips into a sillier and sillier version of what the DC Comics movies originally set out to do with the character. Zack Snyder's approach to "Aquaman" was to make him cool, James Wan's approach is to search deep down for what makes "Aquaman" who he is and then completely own it without remorse.

On a side, if you take the kernels of wisdom from that last sentence my review just taught you how to survive high school. Third favorite reviewer now?

"Aquaman" offers a unique blend of tones and visuals to offer a very exciting movie. In a time when comic book movies are taken so seriously, "Aquaman" reminds that these are comic book movies that we are taking seriously. Let me repeat that, just because we're here right now: these are comic book movies that we are taking seriously.

 3/5 Penguins

'SEA HORSE' SWIMS INTO YOUNGSTOWN

VICTORIA REMLEY

Rosalyn Blystone's directorial debut, "Sea Horse," tells the love story of a sailor and a bar owner working through past emotions to trust each other and break down emotional walls. The two-person play touches on what happens in bars all over the world.

"Sea Horse," written by Edward J. Moore, took over the stage at the Hopewell Theatre on Jan. 11, 12 and 13.

Blystone said Bales, a sailor, and Blum, a bar owner, have a physical relationship and Bales helps Blum at her bar when he comes home.

"They have a pretty superficial relationship based on the safety net of respecting each other," Blystone said. "Showing respect for each other, helping out, pulling your own weight, but never really delving into past information or anything very emotional."

"Sea Horse" was Blystone's directorial debut, and she enjoyed helping Brian Suchora, who played Harry Bales and Lori

George, who played Gertrude Blum, develop their characters and construct the set.

"The power between Brian and Lori has really been knocking people away," she said.

To prepare for the production, Blystone, Suchora and George discussed their characters' developments, how they react to painful instances and their chemistry. She said Harry and Gertrude truly do love each other and are very playful at times.

"[Suchora and George] had to really embrace that," Blystone said. "Being comfortable with each other physically, being able to tease each other, they just did an amazing job capturing that."

Suchora said "Sea Horse" explores relationships and is not a typical soap opera relationship, but all about trust and breaking those walls down.

He said he auditioned for the play because he loves acting, and being a part of a two-person show was a big deal to him.

"To boot, being a part of someone's directorial debut was quite an honor that [Blystone] picked me as her leading man,"

he said. "I wanted to make her proud. I love this art. I love this community of theatre here in Youngstown."

George said many people can relate to "Sea Horse." In the play, Bales must break down Blum's walls.

"No matter how many walls she builds up, no matter how difficult she makes it for him, he never ever gives up on her and loves her through everything," she said. "I think in some way we can all relate to that."

George took part in "Sea Horse" because she loves drama, and she has never been in a two-person play before.

"This was a big challenge for me. It was exciting," she said.

Evelyn Confer, from Youngstown, Ohio, said "Sea Horse" was beautiful and played out very nice and they brought out a lot of different things that happen in bars.

Confer came to the production to do something fun in the area, and said she likes Broadway plays and theatre.

NEWS BRIEF

WOMEN RETIREES OF YSU TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship committee of the Women Retirees of Youngstown State University is accepting applications through April 1, 2019.

The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, junior female student who maintains a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen and be enrolled in a degree-seeking

program.

Information about the scholarship is available at www.ysu.edu/finaid/scholarships. Application forms may be printed from the website or picked up at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships located on the second floor of Meshel Hall at YSU.

SUMMER 2019 STUDY ABROAD FOR HOLOCAUST HISTORY LESSON

JOHN STRAN

Although the spring semester is just starting, it is never too early to start planning for a summer study abroad program.

One summer program will take Youngstown State University students on a three-week trip, May 12 through June 3, to Czech Republic, Germany and Poland with a theme centered around the Holocaust and human rights in Central Europe.

Jacob Labendz, assistant professor of Judaic studies and Holocaust studies, is the creator of this study abroad program.

Labendz said the program reflects his commitment to the idea that Jewish and Holocaust studies have a lot to offer to people who are interested in thinking complexly about issues of contemporary politics and culture.

"I have found that YSU students have a unique interest in the Holocaust and seek to understand its lessons for today," he said. "This trip is designed to provide students with the tools they need to embark upon such an exploration."

Labendz chose these countries because he has a personal connection to them having spent many years living and researching in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, where he studied the Jewish people in and from Czechoslovakia.

"I'm excited to introduce students to 'my Prague' as insiders, rather than as mere tourists," Labendz said.

With his expertise of these countries, Labendz said he hopes students who partake in the program learn to immerse themselves

in foreign cultures and take this as a time for self-exploration.

"I want students to understand how exciting history can be, especially when one begins to piece together a foreign past and see in it keys to understanding the present," Labendz said. "I hope students return with widened perspectives and with the ability to think more creatively about other cultures and geographies."

Alexis Heldreth, sophomore history major at Youngstown State University, applied for the program, which will be her first study abroad program, after hearing about it in her history class taught by Labendz.

"Studying abroad is something that has always interested me and this program offers three weeks in Europe at an affordable cost, Heldreth said. "The syllabus itself is very fascinating because it not only focuses on the history of the Holocaust, but it also takes a look at real life issues facing society today."

Junior and senior history majors Brooke Bobovnyik and Zachary Mayer also applied to the program and will be first time study abroad students like Heldreth.

The three students also emphasized their excitement to be emerged in another culture and to better understand these countries' close ties to the Holocaust.

"One particular thing I am hoping to get from this trip is an ability to better empathize with cultures outside of my own and to understand how other countries have dealt with their legacy," Mayer said.

The trip is inclusive to all majors but space is limited to 15 students. Registration and a non-refundable deposit of \$1,476

are due Jan. 26. The total cost for the trip is \$3,000.

Ann Gardner, assistant director of the international programs office, said students looking for financial aid to cover this or any study abroad program should contact Gina McHenry, associate director of customer service special programs, for assistance.

There will be a study-abroad information session Friday, Jan. 18 from 12-1:30 p.m. Gardner said this is the starting point to learn all about YSU's study abroad options, how to find the right program and how to finance the experience.



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NEW SEMESTER, NEW GOALS

FRANCES CLAUSE

Youngstown State University students welcome the spring semester with new year's resolutions to improve their mental and physical health.

Hannah Titus, a senior psychology major, said the new year is a time for her to re-evaluate where she is, how far she has come and what goals she would like to reach.

"I am determined to practice more self-compassion to better my mental health and stress management," she said. "Self-compassion doesn't just set the tone for your relationship with yourself; it reflects your relationships and how you view other people."

Titus said it is not always easy to find the motivation to practice her resolution, but life moves forward even when she is not prepared.

"Life brings stress and worry no matter who you are," she said. "Starting the day with a self-affirmation, even if it feels untrue, can start my morning with some barriers in place to combat inevitable stress and self-doubt."

"There are many other ways to practice self-compassion, but a conscious decision has to be made daily to want that mentally healthier path," Titus added.

Throughout her college career, she has found it challenging to balance her resolutions and the work involved with her major. However, she believes a challenge can be a great opportunity to learn and grow.

"Going to school for psychology has opened my eyes to a world of mental health resources and knowledge," she said. "The stress can feel high stakes, but in the end I'm in college to better myself for myself and help others like me in the future."

Along with mental health, improving physical health is another common resolution for YSU students.

Lindsey Bechter, a junior dietetics major and Wellness Resource Center supervisor, said the increase of people at Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center is evident during the new year.

However, since Bechter began working at the

recreation center in 2017, she has noticed the slow decline of patrons as past new years have progressed due to lack of motivation.

"A personal perspective that helps me stay motivated is to start the new year with an exercise partner," she said. "Find someone who can stay consistent with you and motivate you to hold your resolution. Accountability is everything."

Bechter said it may feel impossible to balance a busy schedule and a workout routine at times, but there are ways to incorporate fitness into daily activities.

"Take steps instead of the elevator, park farther away from campus to increase walking distance, wake up earlier to get that workout in or exercise within the breaks you have," she said. "Even doing household duties regularly can make a difference."

Stephanie DeMain, a senior exercise science major and a recreation center supervisor, said there are many services the recreation center offers to help students reach their goals.

"Personal training is a great way on being able

to have one-on-one time with someone that can create fitness goals based on what that individual needs and wants," she said. "For some who may have not been to the Rec, there is the new user orientation available."

DeMain said the new user orientation is being revamped, but if students have questions about machines or exercises, recreation center staff is knowledgeable and available to assist.

Students can meet personal trainers at their table in the recreation center from Jan. 14 through 16. A list of more upcoming events can be found on the YSU recreation center's website.



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CULTUREHOUSE COFFEE COMPANY ON THE RISE

COURTNEY HIBLER

Youngstown welcomed a new coffee shop only a few minutes away from Youngstown State University.

Located at 818 Elm St., between Wick Park and Cafaro House, customers can find Culturehouse Coffee Company open Monday through Saturday during the hours of 7 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Husband and wife Stephen and Mary Protheroe own the coffeehouse and have been in the business for 10 years. When the couple got married five years ago, they set a goal of opening a coffeehouse in their hometown.

"We love Youngstown and coffee," Stephen Protheroe said. "We not only wanted a space to be creative, but also provide a space for the

people of Youngstown to come and hang out."

Mary Protheroe said she has heard many positive reviews come from the customers they serve.

"People say things like 'our place is a breath of fresh air' or 'it feels peaceful,'" she said. "Our shop is embodying exactly why we opened it."

Stephen Protheroe said the coffeehouse's name came from giving others a place for creativity.

"We decided we can complain about our city or we can be the change," he said. "That's how Culturehouse was created."

Culturehouse Coffee Company is equipped with an espresso bar and serves house coffee, as well as baked goods like muffins and scones.

Stephen Protheroe said an extension of the menu will be added soon to attract more customers and to give them a variety of options.

Concetta Seidler, a junior early childhood education major, looks forward to visiting Culture House Coffee Company in the future.

"I love the atmosphere of coffeehouses," she said. "They're great places to study, and I enjoy seeing local business open on or near campus."

Seidler said it would be nice if Culturehouse Coffee Company would offer student discounts and advertise their business on social media to attract more customers.

"I usually spend my time in the recreation center or the education building," she said. "I can see students changing up their usual hang-out spot if they know of new places to go such as Culturehouse."

Olivia Bindas, a junior mathematics major, said she is excited to see what comes of the new business.

"It's always fun to get new and unique places

in the area, especially for me because I like a calm and relaxing atmosphere to spend my time between classes," she said.

In her opinion, Culturehouse Coffee Company will draw a crowd because often people get tired of going to the same places during their break or for lunch.

"It's having the novelty of somewhere new to go," she said. "You can't go wrong with a coffeehouse."

Stephen Protheroe said he and his wife would like to expand their business in some way to serve a greater purpose to the Youngstown area.

"For now, we are just happy to be serving the student body and the surrounding neighborhood on the north side," he said.



MULTIPLE CAREERS FOR YSU EMPLOYEE LINKED BY ONE PASSION

Photo by **Tanner Mondok/The Jambar**

AMANDA JOERNDT

Mollie Hartup knew from a young age that she belonged in the news industry.

From news producer to Youngstown State University Alumni Relations director, communications coordinator and editor-in-chief of the YSU Magazine, Hartup has always enjoyed making connections and building relationships with people.

A news industry infatuation began when Hartup was a student at Boardman High School and helped start the television production, "Boardman Schools Television Network."

Hartup said the experience opened her eyes to what the future could hold for her.

"It was a really incredible experience, so from a young age I always had an inkling of what I wanted to do," she said. "It was not about being on TV, but it was really about telling people stories. It planted the seed for what I wanted to do later on in my career."

Hartup attended Youngstown State University as a telecommunications major, taking advantage of every opportunity to get involved in her field.

She started as a news intern at 21 WFMJ-TV, gaining experience through her college years

and opening the door to her first job of about 10 years.

"I produced the noon newscast for about a year and then I started producing the morning show," she said. "I wasn't done with school yet, but news isn't one of those industries where you just graduate and then you get promoted so the opportunity was there."

Hartup switched from news producer to running the assignment desk for the last five years of her news career.

In July 2010, she was offered a position as the YSU Alumni Relations director and worked with different alumni chapters across the country and planned ceremonial events on campus.

Hartup said the position allowed her to meet new people who had a passion for YSU.

"As I looked back on it, really everything I've done has been connected to storytelling just in a different type of format," she said. "It was building relationships and getting to know people I think are the things I'm really passionate about. I got to know alumni all over the place."

Hartup said Youngstown holds a special place in her heart and helped her achieve her goals.

"Sometimes I'll wonder if I'm heading in multiple directions, but everything has

supported each other in the things that I've done and there have been common threads," she said. "I've always loved the culture here and was always a proud penguin and a cheerleader for this area."

Hartup taught part time in the geography department and now teaches a seminar class for the Honors College.

"[The seminar class is] geared towards creating a final project that you would plan, an event that would benefit others," she said. "We partnered with United Way, and the students created an event to help the elementary students here in Youngstown City Schools."

Hartup said she enjoys connecting with her students and helping them succeed.

"General advice I give [to students] is do an internship and get involved because with my personal experience an internship was the door open to my career," she said. "You never know what you might like and dislike so join a club and get involved in your major."

Hartup said she learns daily from her students and listens to what they have to say in the classroom.

"I think it's knowing when to listen and getting students to feel empowered to share their opinions," she said. "Someone might have a better idea than you, and that's fantastic

because you want to grow from other people. You don't want to be right, you want to be better."

Lexi Rager, a senior mathematics and psychology major, worked with Hartup through the Honors College.

Rager said she always enjoyed seeing Hartup each morning with a smile on her face.

"On any given day, no matter how many things have not gone her way, she finds a way to put a positive spin on things," Rager said. "Mollie truly is a constant ray of sunshine."

Rager said Hartup helped her reach her full potential as a student at YSU.

"Mollie encouraged me to make myself as marketable as possible both inside and outside the classroom," she said. "She has been a catalyst in my involvement in student organizations and honor societies on campus."

She said Hartup has taught her many valuable lessons through her time at YSU.

"Watching her showed me that there is no excuse for not following your dreams," she said. "Mollie has a perfect work-life balance which is a constant reminder that if you work hard enough in every facet of life, you really can have it all."

INSIDE THE MINDS OF ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBERS

TANNER MONDOK

It has been 27 years since adjunct faculty at Youngstown State University received a pay raise. The university employs 500 adjuncts compared to about 370 full-time professors.

Those 500 adjuncts teach over 50 percent of the total semester hours taught at the university.

Adjuncts are paid at a rate of \$650 per semester hour if they have a bachelor's degree, \$800 for a master's and \$1,050 for doctorate degrees, which is under \$19,000 a year if an adjunct teaches the max number of credit hours they are allowed to teach.

In 1991, the wage for an adjunct with a master's degree was \$800 per semester hour, while student tuition was \$2,415. Today the pay for part-time faculty is the same, while tuition has raised to \$8,807.

Four YSU adjuncts detailed their experiences and personal opinions on the adjunct issue. They are seen photographed in their homes, studios, classrooms and offices.

TONY ARMENI

Tony Armeni, a part-time 3D sculpture professor, said he doesn't feel that adjuncts get paid for what they do in relation to the salary of full-time faculty.

Armeni has been teaching as an adjunct at YSU for 27 years and has received one raise. He said there have been efforts in the past to form a union but nothing came of it.

"It seems to have proven itself impractical," he said. "It's sad to say that."

He described it as impractical because it's not something he believes adjuncts want to contend with.

"A lot of us are working under contract from semester to semester and a lot of adjuncts don't have a guarantee that they may be back the following semester," Armeni said.

Speaking on where he'd like to see the adjunct situation in five years, he said he just wants things to be fair in regards to how adjuncts are compensated.

Due to low wages, a lot of adjunct professors work multiple jobs on the side in conjunction with their teaching job.

"I'm always busy and I'm always juggling obligations because I don't work just at YSU," Armeni said. "I also do other part-time jobs in other areas. I worked a sign job. I've worked in auto body shops doing restoration and collision work."

Armeni has been a sculpture for 30 years and makes money on the work he produces in his own time. He said if his sales were more consistent he would only teach and work in his studio.

"That would be the ideal situation," he said. "This past year, I made bird bath sculptures, I've sold more online than I have since I started making them, and I've been making them probably the last ten years or so. It's a good thing because my other part-time work in the summer was a little sparse."

CARLY CARCELLI

Carly Carcelli, an adjunct English professor, lives in a home in Poland located just a few steps away from the church she works at on Sundays.

"Just on Sundays I work four hours for them doing child care, so that's how I got the housing, which is cheap and also why I'm in Poland, which is expensive to live in," she said.

Carcelli teaches three classes at YSU and three online classes at Eastern Gateway Community College. She said a problem that comes with teaching three classes is being put last on the schedule.

"So this means days before the semester you'll know what you're teaching, if you're teaching, if you have a job and if the classes don't fill, they go away. If a full-time has their class cancelled they can't just not teach their load so they take your class," she said.

"The uncertainty is almost as big of a problem and you work on a semester contract," Carcelli said. "So in theory I could have no idea come January if I have a job. I do, but that's always a possibility." When thinking about a raise, Carcelli said she'd be willing to make a compromise if she was given health insurance.

"I would be willing to keep the pay for health insurance because there are no benefits as being a part-time employee," she said.



LAUREN BAKER

Lauren Baker, an adjunct sculpting professor, has been teaching at YSU for five years and said she believes it's sad that for all of the time they're putting in outside of the classroom that adjuncts aren't paid a living wage.

"I think when you think about education and the whole point of college, it's supposed to be around the idea of education. And we want to be paying the people who are educating people properly because if you don't, then you don't get the best of the best or you only get people like me who are fortunate enough to do this because it's my passion and my husband makes enough money to where I don't have to give this up," she said. "If I was a single mom and didn't have a partner who made a nice living then I would never be able to do this with kids."

Baker said she feels the adjunct issue isn't just a YSU issue, it's a problem all over the country, and she feels not enough students are aware of how low they're paid.

"One semester I had a student say to me, 'well, if they weren't paying you guys so much my tuition wouldn't be so high.' And I said, 'you really need to get online and look up what adjuncts are making,'" she said.

When Baker was driving one day while listening to NPR, she overheard a news story about Amazon raising their wages. It got her thinking about what it would be like if YSU implemented a raise for adjunct faculty.

"Wouldn't it be fabulous if Youngstown State was the first university to kind of like acknowledge that there is an issue in this country with the way adjuncts are paid and be the first to step up and resolve this issue? Because it's really depressing to me that the whole reason I wanted to teach college is because of the passion that I felt when my professors taught me these things. And then when you start to teach as an adjunct, you realize it's all about business," she said.

RICHARD CIOTOLA

Richard Ciotola, an adjunct in the biological science department, was formerly a professor at Eastern Gateway Community College while teaching at YSU, but left Eastern Gateway because he felt he wasn't being compensated for the work he was doing.

Eastern Gateway pays adjuncts at a rate similar to YSU.

"I just basically said 'look, I'm not making enough money here because I feel like I'm being taken advantage of and I can't continue on,' so I left there," he said.

Ciotola also said he plans on leaving YSU at the end of the semester.

"This is probably going to be my last semester as an adjunct here. I'm going to start looking for full-time work as soon as this semester is over. I really want to stay here," he said.

"I like this university, I really like our department chairmen and my family has a long history here but the bottom line is I'm 53 years old and I'm going to make \$17,000 this year," Ciotola added.

Being an adjunct comes with some restraints, Ciotola explained.

"I can't recruit grad students, I can't bring in external money and you know that's a lot of what a university does is external funding for research. So there's all these constraints on my ability to bring in extra funding and recruit students," he said.

Ciotola believes that he should be receiving a higher wage after earning a doctorate in biological science. He described it as "not a small task to have earned that."

"I'm basically being paid landscape-level wages here which I think is outrageously low," Ciotola said.





YSU STUDENTS PEACEFULLY PROTEST GUN RALLY WITH MUSIC

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ALYSSA WESTON

Among hundreds of pro-gun protesters rallying in Pittsburgh on Jan. 7, there was a brass quartet of Youngstown State University students and alumni playing traditional Hebrew music to peacefully counter protest the pro-gun rally to honor the Tree of Life Synagogue victims.

Open carry advocates hosted a rally in Pittsburgh in response to recent Pittsburgh City Council legislation passed that would ban assault style weapons. This legislation was passed in response to the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Squirrel Hill on Oct. 27, 2018.

Rally attendees, many legally armed in protest, said the legislation was unlawful and outside of their constitutional rights.

Herbie Hunkele, a senior musical performance major, was encouraged to counterprotest the rally after posts on social media claiming Kaitlin Bennett, known as “Kent State Gun Girl” was going to be there.

Bennett, a former Kent State University student and pro-gun activist, rose to fame on social media after posting photos with an AR-10 rifle during her May 2018 graduation ceremony.

“I don’t know why, but the first thing that

popped into my head was to get a quintet to play Jewish music,” Hunkele said.

The quintet was made up of Hunkele, as well as Ross Hill, a senior music education major; Sarah Schwenke, a junior music performance major; and two YSU alumnus Bo Violette and Travis Beatty.

The group had never played the music before the rally and only rehearsed the songs the day before.

Although the quintet was in opposition of the rally, they didn’t go to Pittsburgh to protest gun laws in general.

“My issue wasn’t with the open carry rally. I understand Pennsylvania is an open carry state. It was the disrespect for me and the fact that Bill Peduto [mayor of Pittsburgh] is trying to represent the people that elected him,” Hunkele said.

Schwenke said when Hunkele first approached her with the idea of counterprotesting, she was all in.

“I’ve never done anything like that before, so I was a little nervous, but it was something I supported,” she said. “When we first got there I thought, ‘wow, this is actually happening.’”

When the quintet first arrived to the rally, they looked for other counterprotesters, but without luck, they started playing their music,

which attracted others.

“By playing the music, we gathered people who were there for a similar cause who didn’t agree with what was happening, and it was cool to get to share our experiences and thoughts with them,” she said.

Eventually a group of around 12 people circled around the quintet.

“At first it only started with the five of us then the rest were people who inevitably congregated around us,” Violette said.

Many protestors argued that if the synagogue victims had been armed, perhaps there would’ve been a different outcome on that October morning.

“That’s a crazy thought to try to stop the guy with guns with more guns. Let’s stop a fire with more fire,” Violette said.

The group of Penguins got mixed reactions from bystanders, although no one tried to stop them from playing.

“One woman who stood with us said she was friends with a few of the victims and she thanked us and sang with us,” Hunkele said.

To Hunkele and Violette alike, the most impactful moment of the rally was when the quintet unintentionally played a hymn, title translated from Hebrew is “It Is The Tree Of Life” during the rally’s moment of silence in

honor of the Tree of Life Synagogue victims.

For a moment, regardless of political beliefs or open carry views, everyone took a moment to honor the victims in their own way.

The quintet has received some backlash online after Hunkele’s Facebook post about the rally was shared more than 170 times and news outlets like the Pittsburgh Post Gazette published stories about the groups peaceful protest.

When dealing with the negative feedback, Hunkele said there was more love than hate from online commenters.

“That’s what made [the backlash] tolerable. All of the really hateful comments were indirect, no one contacted me personally,” he said.

All in all, Hunkele said he thinks there is a lot to be said about creating a peaceful dialogue in this political climate.

“A man even told us he hated what we were saying, but he respected our right to say it and that was really nice,” Hunkele said. “The climate we live in is so angry and although two halves are screaming and I agree with one of the halves that are screaming, if you stop screaming eventually you’ll actually start to have a discussion.”

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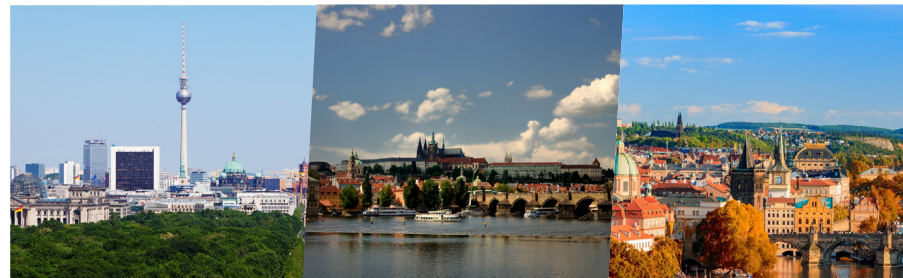
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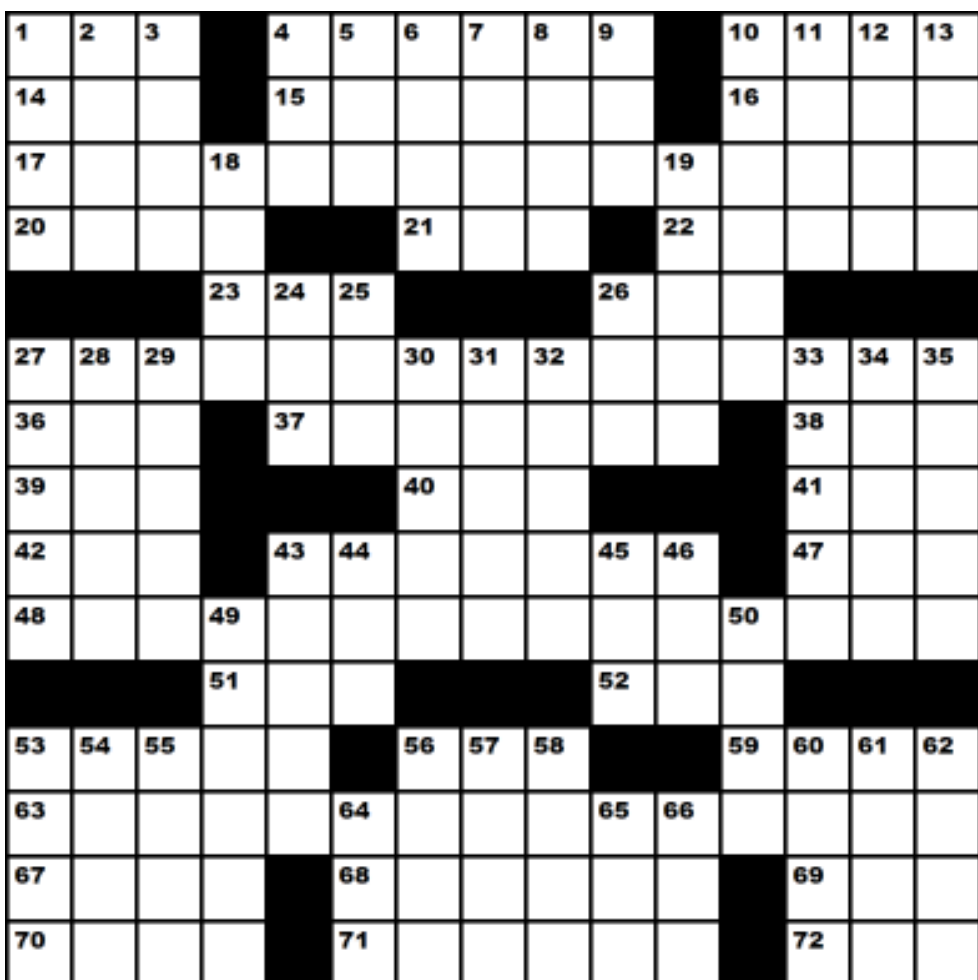
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Across

1. "How long ___ this been going on?"
4. "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" singer in "The Sound of Music"
10. "Ali ___ and the 40 Thieves"
14. Do some lines?
15. Gourmet's asset
16. Contents of Pandora's box
17. Don't ignore prof's course summary (3 wds.)
20. Housing near the bookstore
21. Salon job
22. Outbreak
23. GEOG 1503 item
26. "No Scrubs" group
27. Don't miss the lectures (4 wds.)
36. Loan letters (Abbr.)
37. Haunted house sounds
38. Pint-size
39. "Traffic" group (Abbr.)
40. Fireplace residue

41. WSW's opposite (Abbr.)
42. Surgery centers (Abbr.)
43. Ration (2 wds.)
47. Egyptian snake
48. Don't just sit there (5 wds.)
51. Some Bitonte grads (Abbr.)
52. Bookie alternative (Abbr.)
53. Happy Hour perch
56. Carrot sticks go-with
59. Fall through the cracks?
63. Don't forget to prep for finals (4 wds.)
67. Mr. Potato Head piece
68. Beyond offensive and vile
69. Tolkien tree creature
70. Went down Wick Ave. at 80 mph, say
71. Well-armed Western vigilantes
72. Nintendo's Super ___

Down

1. Dr. Mary Virginia or Robert R. ___
2. Did very well on a test
3. Buck
4. Unit at The Flats (Abbr.)

5. "___! Humbug!"
6. Ran in the wash
7. "Piece of cake!"
8. Ophthalmologist's concern
9. Poivre's partner
10. Kate's younger sister in "The Taming of the Shrew"
11. White linen tunics worn by priests
12. Word with "moon" or "ribbon"
13. Want ad abbr.
18. Floor model
19. Hangs loose
24. YSU wireless encryption (Abbr.)
25. Plastic piping (Abbr.)
26. "31 Days of Oscar" network
27. Gal of "Wonder Woman"
28. Dana School of Music ensemble
29. "East of Eden" family name
30. Sister of Clio and Euterpe
31. Stopwatch button
32. "Find your yodel" site
33. Work like a dog
34. Have a hunch
35. Leaks slowly
43. Full of machismo
44. Kilcawley has two
45. Area 51 craft
46. AC/DC hit song
49. Wore away
50. Woodwind that's usually black
53. IRS form IDs (Abbr.)
54. 'Vette roof
55. Sussex river where Virginia Woolf tragically ended her life
56. Nincompoop
57. Donnie ___ and the Cruisers
58. School-based groups (Abbr.)
60. Yoked animals
61. "Titanic" actor Billy
62. Some Bitonte grads (Abbr.)
64. Metrosexual
65. Color Theory topic
66. There's only one in Meshel

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— EDITORIAL —

THE WALL THAT DIVIDES US

President Donald Trump, who is in his words a “master negotiator,” is having a difficult time sealing the deal with House Democrats to build a wall between the United States’ southern border and Mexico.

Although Trump promised Americans the wall would be paid for by Mexico during his election campaign, he has asked Congress for \$5.7 billion for building funds.

Proponents of the wall say it will enhance safety, help the economy by employing workers, reduce illegal drug cartels and aid National Border Patrol workers.

Wall opposers argue some issues with building a wall are geographical and ecological issues possibly causing a major carbon footprint, funding (the reason behind the current shut down), hurting the economy and resulting in inflation causing “common” jobs often done by illegal workers to have a higher

pay rate. Opposers add that illegal immigrants will still find a way into the country and building a wall would hurt the reputation of the United States with the rest of the world.

A power struggle between wall supporters and opponents has resulted in the longest government shutdown in American history. Regardless of personal or political beliefs about the wall, this debate is affecting 800,000 government employees working without pay or furloughed, many of them living paycheck to paycheck.

The government said federal employees will receive back pay when the shutdown is over, but that doesn’t go very far with Americans who relied on their missed paychecks to pay last week’s bills. Political figureheads in both parties are more concerned with their egos and less willing to compromise at the expense of U.S. taxpayers and government workers.

Perhaps members of Congress, Trump, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the other politicians involved in this debate should skip a paycheck, too.

Trump should’ve been willing to make an agreement with Congress from the start.

The wall has been a highly unliked ideology among many Americans since Trump’s candidacy, and according to a poll conducted by the Pew Research Center, 60 percent opposed the wall in January 2018.

It was naive for him to believe this would go over smoothly and he would completely get his way. On the other hand, Congress members and politicians in opposition to the wall should have known this debate was coming sooner or later and planned different proposals for the president.

Neither side is willing to work with the other to reach an agreement or compromise, and innocent Americans are being hurt in the process.

With or without the wall, Trump and members of Congress need to stop being stubborn, swallow their pride and restore government funding so government employees are no longer in the crossfire, without crying national emergency.

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PENGUINS LOOKING TO REBOUND WITH LONG HOMESTAND

BRIAN YAUGER

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team has a five-game homestand starting with a game Friday night against Horizon League-leading Wright State University Raiders.

The Penguins sit at 12-5 and third in the Horizon League at 4-2. They don't have a road game until the Feb. 8 matchup at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. YSU has an 8-1 record at home, the only game they dropped was the 58-56 contest to Yale University, giving the Penguins an edge.

"We just talked about that as a team," Penguins coach John Barnes said. "For us to be able to be at home for 25 straight days in mid-January to mid-February, that's huge. That's a

great opportunity for us to go on a run, and take care of home court and put us in a great position to finish out the year."

YSU is returning home after dropping two straight road contests to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Penguins fell in overtime to Milwaukee.

"I think we're still in pretty good shape," Penguins senior forward Sarah Cash said. "We lost two, and we probably should have won at least one of them, but going forward we have a lot to learn from those and I think that they'll help moving forward throughout the season."

Alison Smolinski has a comfortable lead in the Horizon League with 59 3-pointers, 25 more than the closest behind. Senior guard Melinda Trimmer leads the Horizon League in assists with 75 and assists per game with 4.4.

The Penguins also lead the Horizon League in defensive rebounding, averaging 30 rebounds a game, and defensive rebounding percentage, boasting a 0.757. YSU has the top scoring defense in the conference, allowing only 54.9 points per game.

Chelsea Olsen is second in the conference, bringing down an average of 6.9 boards per game.

Right before the road trip, the Penguins had a big game on multiple fronts. Not only did the team defeat IUPUI, Smolinski set the all-time 3-point record, draining her 210th career 3-pointer.

"Mentally, sometimes, I just overthink a lot. Everyone knows that," Smolinski said after the game. "Mary [Dunn] is always the first one to come up to me and jump on me. She said, 'Do you hear Nikki Arbanas up there?' I said, 'Mary

we are playing the game, we just need to win first."

In addition, Barnes earned his 250th career win and put himself into sole possession of second place all-time wins, with his 94th as the Penguins coach.

"It was a big win for the team," Barnes said after the win. "IUPUI is a very good team and well coached. They will be fighting for a league championship. To be able to play at home in front of a great crowd. I was very thankful for the crowd that showed up and they were loud down the stretch."

The Penguins take on Wright State on Friday at 7 p.m. and have a quick turnaround when they face Northern Kentucky University Sunday at 1 p.m.



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SWIMMING AND DIVING BEGINS FINAL PUSH PRIOR TO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

JOSHUA FITCH

The Youngstown State University Swimming and Diving team will plunge into the final stretch of the regular season on Friday traveling to Loretto, Pennsylvania, for the YSU Tri-Meet at St. Francis, Pennsylvania.

The last leg of the season contains three meets including the Tri-Meet, as well as at Ohio University beginning on Jan. 26 and at the Butler Invitational on Jan. 27.

Following the meets in January, Horizon League Championship conference play begins on Feb. 13.

The Penguins recently returned from a 10-day training trip in Florida, one that not only helped the team physically but also mentally.

“From a psychological standpoint it was

great,” YSU coach Ryan Purdy said. “I think we came together as a team, had a good period, worked hard and had a lot of fun.”

“Once we started to see how close conference is and how hard we needed to start training for that, I think we all got into more of a competitive mindset and we help push each other while we were there,” freshman Mallory Pitstick added.

Pitstick competes in the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke, while also competing with the team in relay events.

Coach Purdy, now in his second season as head coach, said he believes the upcoming stretch of meets will be a good test in preparation for the Horizon League championship tournament.

“To be where we want to be as a team, it’s a process,” he said. “One thing that’s improved tremendously is team culture. It keeps getting

better and better and I think we have a solid group of people that genuinely care for each other and are there to support one another.”

Purdy took over the Penguins’ program in May 2017, posting a 7-6 dual record, the team’s first winning season since 2002, according to YSU Sports Information.

Prior to Youngstown State, Purdy was an assistant coach at the University of Minnesota, where the Gophers had three top-10 NCAA finishes.

In the next couple weeks, Purdy and his staff will look to become league champions. It starts with resting the freshmen-heavy team, so they can build their strength through what swimmers call “tapering.”

Tapering is a time when the swimmers get an extended period of rest to rebuild their muscles, before the most important part of a long season

that began in August. This is when the Penguins will begin to scale-back its normal routine of 15 to 20 hours per week of training.

Youngstown State finished in seventh place with 243 points at last season’s Horizon League Championship tournament. The conference championship went to the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies who finished in first place with 687.5 points.

“I’ve always dreamed about going to conference and I think Ryan and Kate [Johnson] (assistant coach) have both done such a great job to prepare us. I’m just really excited,” Pitstick said.

The Penguins hope do to laps around last year’s finish and become ever-closer to winning the Horizon League swimming and diving championship. Conference play is scheduled from Feb. 14 through Feb. 16 in Indianapolis.

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PENGUINS LOOKING FOR HOME SUCCESS AFTER A FEW QUALITY ROAD WINS

MARC WEEMS

The Youngstown State University Men's Basketball team has struggled to find true consistency, but if the last four games are an indication, things are getting better.

The Penguins (6-13, 2-4 Horizon League) went 2-2 on their recent four-game road trip with both losses being of 15 or less points.

YSU started the road trip with a tough loss to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. It was a 99-93 overtime loss. It was turnovers that killed them with 16 to the Phoenix's nine.

In the second game, they dominated the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for a 76-51 win. It was just their second true road win all year. YSU heavily outrebounded Milwaukee (45 to 32) and had more assists (20 to 10).

After a tough 78-63 loss at the hands of the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames, YSU bounced back with an 82-76 win over Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

"I thought it was an important game. You know, I didn't think that we played very well

on Thursday [against UIC]," YSU coach Jerrod Calhoun said. "I was looking to see what type of response we would get on Saturday [against IUPUI]. I thought we were really hungry for a win. I thought our sense of urgency was really, really good."

"In the end, we got a much-needed victory," he added. "We wanted our guys to get that thing out. There's a lot of plays in that game [against IUPUI] that we can certainly learn from."

Freshman guard Jelani Simmons has started the last six games for the Penguins and has been a key piece to success. He has averaged 10.6 points per game on 52 percent shooting and 45 percent from 3-point range. He is also averaging 3.2 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 1.3 steals and 0.5 blocks in those six games.

Simmons finished with a career-high 18 points in the loss to the Flames. The team then finished the trip with a great win over IUPUI that taught them a lot.

"We're gonna play hungry every game," Simmons said on the team's will to win. "We kind of want it but we're not working hard

enough to get it."

Darius Quisenberry finished with a game-high 22 points in their win to pace the Penguins. Garrett Covington contributed with 15 points, while Michael Akuchie had 11 points, six rebounds and an assist off the bench.

The focus for the Penguins now is the task ahead of them.

First, it's a matchup against Wright State University (8-10, 2-3 HL). The Raiders sit just a half game ahead of the Penguins.

Last year, YSU lost both games to the Raiders by scores of 77-67 on the road and 83-57 at home.

The Raiders were the Horizon League's only NCAA tournament representative after winning the league tournament.

"I think we need to find a way to win inside the Beeghley Center," Calhoun said. "We have yet to beat a Division I in our building. We've lost about four games by about six or seven possessions. We certainly could be 4-0, but we're not. We have to find a way to be a team that is very, very hard to play at home."

The Penguins are 2-4 at home this season

with both wins against Division III opponents. YSU has lost those four games by a combined 25 points, which shows how close they are.

The Penguins, despite just six wins so far, are on pace to win 10 games. That would mark a two-win improvement over last year.

After Wright State on Thursday, the Penguins host Northern Kentucky University on Saturday in a game that was moved due to weather from 6 p.m. to 1 p.m. that day.

Northern Kentucky (14-4, 4-1) made last year NIT and made the NCAA tournament the year before that.

"Obviously a much, much anticipated week," Calhoun said of the important games at home. "Hopefully, our fans show up and give us that extra boost. We are certainly going to need it."

He also said that the team fully understands the challenge that both of these teams give them.

YSU hosts Wright State on Thursday at 7 p.m. and Northern Kentucky on Saturday at 1 p.m.