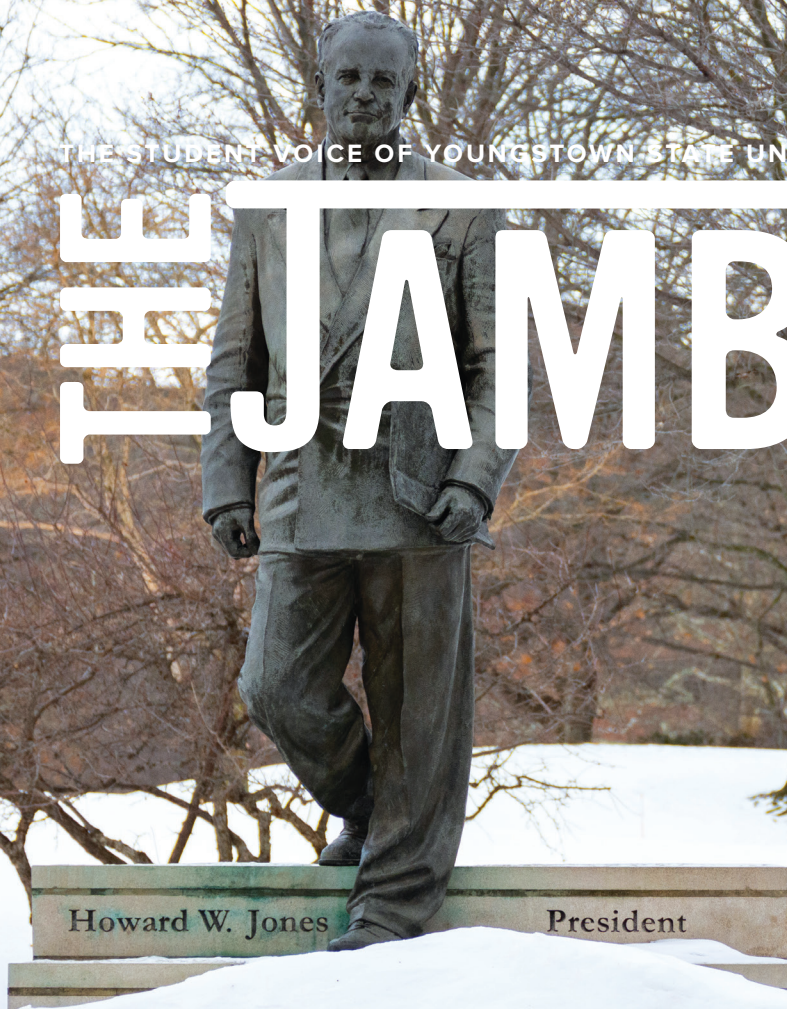


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SNOW STORMS AND EXTREME COLD: TOO CHILLY FOR YSU PENGUINS

**ALYSSA WESTON
AND RACHEL GOBEP**

A cold front and consistent snowfall has hit Youngstown since Saturday Jan. 20.

The Weather Channel, although not an official or governing weather agency, called this recent snow storm “Winter Storm Harper.” Meanwhile, other weather channels and meteorologists do not name winter storms.

This snow storm caused church and business closings, as well as flight and train delays throughout the Midwest and Northeast.

In the week following “Winter Storm Harper,” temperatures continued to decrease, resulting in Youngstown State University canceling classes on Jan. 30 and 31, according to a Penguin Alert.

The National Weather Service issued a wind chill warning for northern Ohio around 4:30 Jan. 29, effective until 4 p.m. Feb. 1.

Ryan Halicki, Weeknight Meteorologist for 33 WYTV, said it’s not uncommon to get “cold

snaps” and major storms in January.

“If we were to break into the top ten snowiest Januarys on record, we would need another over five inches of snow from now to the 31st ... which we are not going to get,” he said. “This is largely due to the overall climate patterns that are in place right now.”

Halicki explained that currently, there is a Modoki El Niño pattern.

El Niño is the ocean temperature off the coast of South America in the Pacific Ocean and it looks at the anomaly in that region.

“That has a ripple effect on climate across the globe to what is called a teleconnection. So, essentially, because the waters are abnormally warm in these areas, that alters the climate pattern across the globe,” he said.

This results in colder late winters in January and February.

Looking forward into the next week, Halicki predicted a rapid warm up. From Jan. 30 to Feb. 4, a predicted temperature climb of approximately 60 degrees, possibly hitting the 50’s on Monday.

Bill Buckler, associate professor in the department of geography, said the polar vortex, also known as a large pocket of cold air, a low pressure system that surrounds the north polar region in the winter time is “nothing new.”

“We’re here in the middle latitudes; we’re sort of in a zone of conflict and battle between armies of cold air to the north and armies of warm air to the south, and often they come together in the mid-latitudes,” he said.

This pattern of cold air could become more frequent in the future, as the polar vortex is the result of the difference in temperature between polar regions and tropical regions, and the greater the difference, the faster and stronger the winds.

Buckler described wind chill as a combination of the temperature, the wind and what temperature you feel against your skin.

“Against your skin, there’s a layer of warm air that’s heated by energy from your body, but the faster the winds that blow on exposed skin, that hot air is blown away and you start losing energy pretty quick,” he said.

Isabella Orr, a sophomore mathematics education major, said she spent the weekend of “Winter Storm Harper” inside until her commute to YSU.

Orr said her usual 25 minute drive to campus took 40 minutes on Jan. 22, and another 25 minutes to find parking.

“There were four cars stuck between the light at Lincoln and going into the parking deck going up Fifth Avenue,” she said.

Orr said although she didn’t think the storm was “a big deal,” she thought YSU could’ve better prepared for the snow.

She suggested plowing the roads and salting the sidewalks and parking decks.

To prepare for the cold weather, Halicki suggested wearing the proper clothes that cover extremities (fingers, toes, ears and tip of nose), have cars stocked with jumper cables/blankets and have pets brought indoors.

“The types of wind chills we are looking at are between minus 25 to minus 35 degrees. In those kinds of conditions frostbite is possible in as little as ten to fifteen minutes,” Halicki said.

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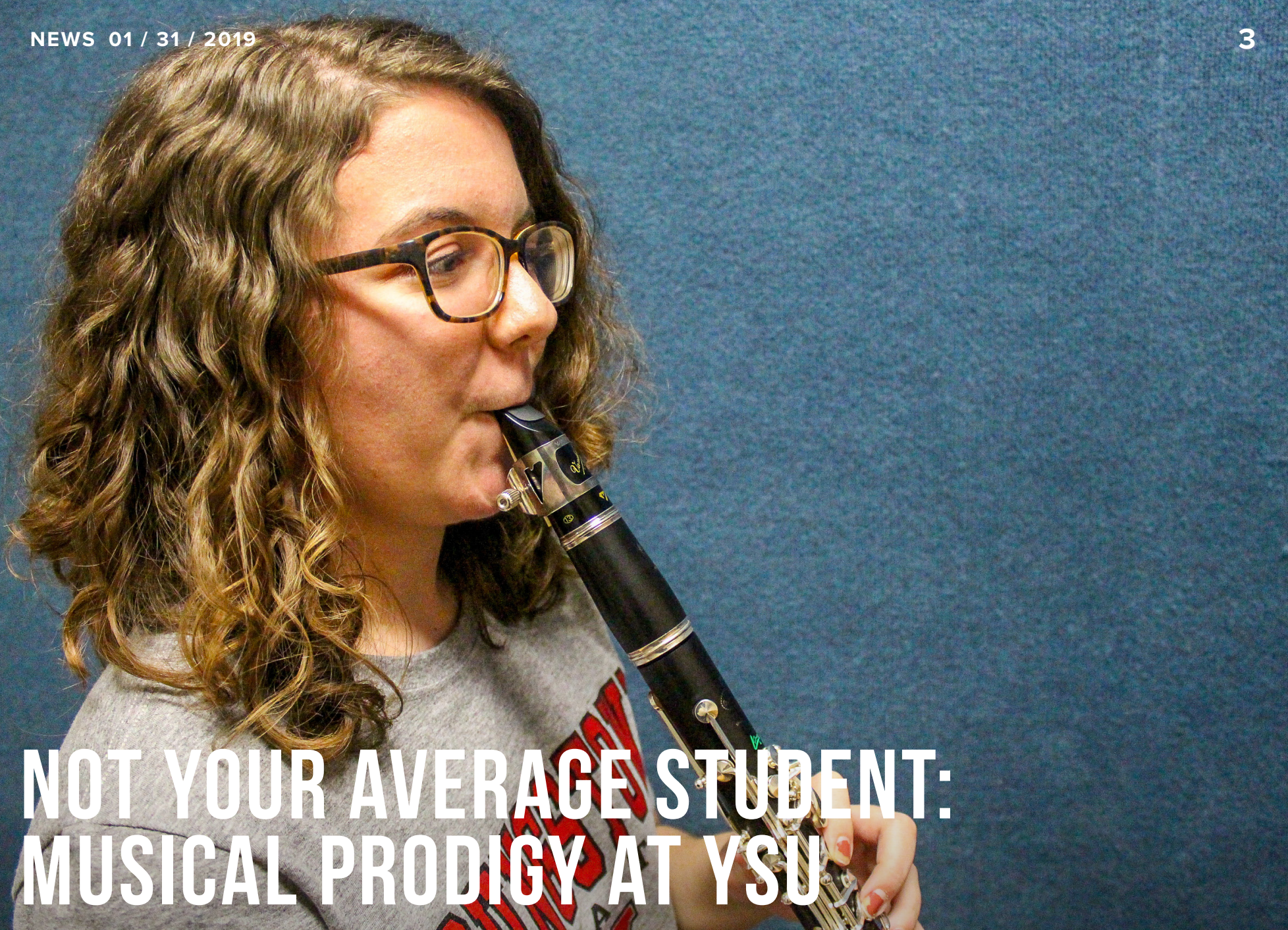
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NOT YOUR AVERAGE STUDENT: MUSICAL PRODIGY AT YSU

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FRANCES CLAUSE

For most students who decide to further their education in college, their experience begins at the age of 18 or older. However, this isn't the case for Youngstown State University student Jenna Provino, who began her first semester at 14 years old.

Provino, a junior music education major, chose YSU because her father and aunt are alumni, and she felt welcomed by the faculty immediately after her first college visit in 2016.

"I started school a year early, skipped fifth and seventh grade and combined my junior and senior year of high school into one year," she said.

Provino attended public schools in Celebration, Florida, and during her final year in high school, she decided dual enrollment at Valencia College was a comfortable change of pace.

"[Dual enrollment] was very helpful to me because I pretty much had all of those first-year classes done by the time I got to YSU," she said. "Then, I just took the classes I wanted for my major."

Under the direction of Alice Wang, assistant professor of

music, Provino studies the clarinet with the Dana School of Music's clarinet studio.

Provino's first music audition landed her in the highest ensemble, alongside much older and experienced players.

"My first semester when I got into wind ensemble, I was absolutely floored," she said. "It was so wonderful playing with such amazing people, and I think this really made me love music and affirmed for me that it's what I wanted to do."

Provino has been playing the clarinet for eight years and considers her studio a home away from home.

"It might be nice to have the normal schooling experience, but the people I've met because I made the choices I did would have never been in my life if I went standard," she said.

Provino's brother, Jacob Provino, is also a junior music education major at YSU, studying tuba. Although he is 19 years old and she is now 17, they assist each other to the best of their abilities.

"I personally enjoy seeing both of us growing up in the same field," he said. "We were both in every ensemble and built our schedule around band."

A love for music runs deep in Provino's family tree of band

directors and music teachers.

"Music rivalry between Jenna and I didn't really happen due to just the difference in instruments," Jacob Provino said, regarding the differences in musical repertoire. "Tuba rep is much easier than clarinet rep."

"However, once Jenna caught up to me and was in the same grade and classes, there was some rivalry in general classes," he added. "I think this happens naturally."

When the siblings began high school together, they pretended to be twins so Jenna Provino wouldn't lose respect due to her age at the time at just 11 years old.

"Toward the end of our first year in high school, someone found out Jenna wasn't my twin," he said. "I do feel sometimes that I was overlooked in school due to her being in the same grade as me, but younger."

Jacob Provino said at the end of the day, he enjoys seeing his sister around in Bliss Hall often.

"We both share a music locker and tend to ask each other to get either coffee or food due to the business of the day," he said. "Jenna has had my shoulder, and I've always had hers."



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MORE STUDENT HOUSING OPTIONS EXPECTED BY SUMMER 2020

JOHN STRAN

New student loft apartments are expected to be built near Youngstown State University and plans for its completion are set for spring 2020.

Campus Lofts LLC purchased a building on 235 Wick Ave. and another that sits directly behind it on 236 N Champion St., according to the Business Journal. The two buildings that sit across the street from the public library of Youngstown and Mahoning County were purchased for \$1.025 million.

The buildings will be torn down and turned into one space for student living.

Though the buildings are close to campus, Kate Fitzgerald, director of housing and residence life, said the apartments will be considered off-campus housing.

She said there are perks that student living

on-campus receive compared to those that live off-campus.

“The on-campus beds are designed to support students in transition to campus life and independence,” Fitzgerald said. “I believe residence halls still appeal to most new students and their parents or guardians and the benefit of a resident assistant to answer questions and help students get acclimated to campus is important.”

Fitzgerald said she hopes what more living space means is that more students will live close to campus and add to the growing vibrancy of the university.

According to reporting by the Business Journal, the building will hold roughly 210 beds and the interior will include a top floor, which will have lofts and wireless internet throughout the building.

Next to the purchased building on Wick

Avenue is the Masonic Temple. The building closed its doors to the Masonry community in 2016 and has been used for miscellaneous events since the closure.

Youngstown Flea creator Derrick McDowell held one of his flea market events in the Masonic Temple a few years ago, and said the owner of the temple is LRC realty and managed by Gary O’Nesti, director of special projects for LRC Realty.

O’Nesti was reached out to for this story, but a response was not received in time.

A story from WKBN in 2016 raised the question of whether the Masonic Temple, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, may also become student housing, but LRC had no comment.

As more buildings are being purchased on and near campus and repurposed for college students, there is a possibility that downtown

Youngstown may economically change.

Tod Porter, chair of the economics department at YSU, said he thinks this possible economic shift may be for the betterment of businesses downtown.

“Increasing the housing options near campus helps to promote investment in businesses around campus,” Porter said. “I think this is starting to create a virtuous cycle in which having more people living in the area gives businesses the incentives to provide more amenities, which then makes it more attractive to choose to live near campus.”

There have been no discussions of what the rent may be for this building or if the apartments will be intended more for incoming students, but Fitzgerald said there is currently no residency requirements at this time, so she believes any student will be able to live in these apartments.

YSU STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES INTRODUCES ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP

COURTNEY HIBLER

A support group for people who suffer from anxiety has been welcomed by Student Counseling Services at Youngstown State University to help inform students about anxiety and how to manage it.

Anne Lally, assistant director of counseling services, said the support group was her idea and her way of reaching students who would benefit from learning how to appropriately manage anxiety.

“Initially, I developed a workshop to address anxiety,” she said. “I advertised and reserved space in Kilcawley Center, but the workshops weren’t attended.”

She said YSU has not had a great attendance rate in the past with workshops and other universities experience the same issue, as well.

In Lally’s opinion, there is a greater attendance success rate for workshops when targeting audiences that are already scheduled for a meeting such as a class.

“To present this to more students, I started meeting with groups, chairs and deans to gain more traction,” she said. “During the 2018 spring semester, I was able to present to three wellness and two first-year experience classes.”

Lally said students in a class she visited even indicated they were going to go to their sororities and fraternities to request one of the workshops be presented for all members.

During the 2018 fall semester, Lally presented 28 workshops and connected with 572 students.

Samantha Johnson, a senior criminal justice major, said she struggles with anxiety and likes the idea of a support group.

“The group would be beneficial and give students an idea on how to overcome anxiety,” she said. “It will help those affected feel like they’re not alone and allow support through others with the same issue.”

Katie Morrone, a junior integrated language arts major, said she deals with anxiety by filling her head with positive affirmations and reaching out to family and friends.

“A hug from a friend could change the world when anxiety makes your life feel like a hectic mess,” she said. “Making new friends through the support group could be extremely beneficial for those who attend.”

In Morrone’s opinion, those with social anxiety may have a hard time finding the courage or acceptance to attend a support group, and she believes those in charge of the group should create a welcoming environment for students.

Brooke Testa, a sophomore exercise science major, said she doesn’t get anxiety as much as others she knows and doesn’t see herself utilizing the support group.

“College is such a stressful time and someone who may have terrible anxiety, whether it be with classes or at home, can gain so much positivity out of something as small as a support group,” she said. “I know people who may benefit greatly from this.”

Lally said students interested in the group will go through a process to enter the support group and will be limited to 15 people.

The group is confidential, and those who are not interested in

the support group are still able to attend individual counseling that is offered.

For more information on the support group, students can email Lally at alally@ysu.edu or call student counseling services at 330-941-3737.

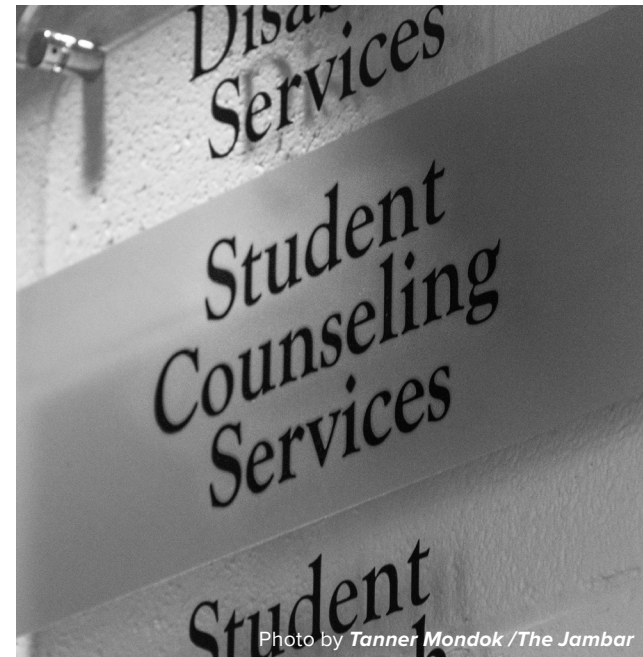


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COMBATING ADDICTION THROUGH STRATEGIES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT YSU

RACHEL GOBEP

Youngstown State University and the Andrew’s Student Recreation & Wellness Center have collaborated to create a Drug & Alcohol Prevention Program on campus.

The program strives to create a safe, healthy and learning-conducive environment, and emphasizes the elimination of harmful use, high-risk behavior and related violence, according to the YSU 2018 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.

“YSU students and employees with substance abuse issues create a health and safety risk for themselves and for others,” the report wrote. “Such abuses can also result in a wide range of serious emotional and behavioral problems.”

The university is in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, and has a range of programs and

options designed to discourage the use of illegal substances and educate students on the topic through group and individual counseling services that are confidential, according to Ryan McNicholas, the coordinator of the Alcohol and Drug Compliance Report for YSU and the assistant director for marketing, fitness and wellness programs.

“A student’s decision to seek assistance will not be used in connection with any academic determination or as a basis for disciplinary action,” according to the report.

These programs include YSU for Recovery, Project Purple 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Sober Thoughts Program, Wellfest and a prescription drug drop-off at the university.

YSU for Recovery, which stemmed from alcohol addiction but focuses on addiction and recovery, has weekly meetings in Kilcawley Center that are open to the entire YSU community and completely anonymous.

“We want to make sure everyone who needs help or wants help can achieve that,” McNicholas, the administrator of the group, said.

He said there has been development with those who attend the meetings.

“Several of our students that have been part of the program have gone on to work with addiction recovery to help out others, so it’s been really successful in our opinion,” he said.

The Project Purple 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is during Men’s Health Week and helps to raise awareness for Project Purple, an organization that was created to raise awareness, support patients and fund research to defeat pancreatic cancer, and provides information on how students can aid those that may abuse substances.

Through the Sober Thoughts Program, a week-long program is hosted by the campus recreation center and Housing and Residence

Life at YSU to focus on positive life choices.

Wellfest is a health fair event that gives the campus community knowledge tips and handouts regarding health information.

Finally, the prescription drug drop-off box is located in the YSU Police Department at Cilingan-Waddell Hall, where old and outdated prescriptions can be disposed of.

“[These resources] are easily accessible. There are people here to help ... People at YSU want to see YSU students, faculty and staff achieve their goals,” McNicholas said.

He said there is always more that can be done to combat the opioid epidemic.

“It’s like fighting an uphill battle ... but I think we are taking sufficient steps to getting to that point,” he said.

For more information about these and other drug and alcohol education programs, contact McNicholas at (330) 941-2207.



YSU SPEAKER SHARES BLACK HEBREW ISRAELI CULTURE

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AMANDA JOERNDT

Rookamah Goldston, a Black Hebrew Israelite, educated students and community members on her unique background and culture on Jan. 24 at Youngstown State University.

Living by her rituals and community lifestyle, Goldston aims to bring recognition to her culture and educate people on the significance of her hometown Dimona, Israel.

Goldston was born in Detroit, but moved to Dimona with her mother at nine months old. As a member of the African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem, she settled in the Tribe of Judah.

She recently moved to Atlanta, and said the adjustment was very striking for her.

“The biggest adjustment with coming from Israel to America, is the state of Israel is centered and focused on community and family. It’s just a part of the lifestyle,” Goldston said. “America is so individualized and Israel is very warm and connected. That was a huge adjustment for me.”

She educated students on her way of living, from her vegan diet to how the education system functions in Israel.

Gon Erez, Israeli education and outreach coordinator at the Jewish Community Center, has worked in Youngstown for three years and brings speakers to the Mahoning Valley to enlighten people about the Israelite community.

Erez said bringing Goldston to YSU will help students understand what the Israeli culture is about, versus what they may see in the media.

“I think it’s important because there is a lot of news about Israel in the media outlets and most of them are with politics and this draws lots of attention,” he said. “I’m here to show different aspects of [our community] and to show other parts of Israel while educating people about Israel.”

Goldston said her goal is for more people to understand the Israeli community, rituals and lifestyles.

“I want the students to understand that there are a lot of different communities within

the Israelites and everything is about peace, harmony and love while living in laws,” she said. “I want our community to be more well-known and that there are options for anybody who may want to join.”

According to Erez, Goldston’s lecture put into perspective how different their culture is from the American lifestyle.

“I personally related a lot to her presentation. I loved her personal stories and hearing about the daily rituals, their diet and how their education system works,” he said. “As an Israeli, [our community] is just very different from my life here.”

The lecture was sponsored through the Pi Sigma Alpha (Alpha Alpha Rho) chapter of the National Political Science Honor Society.

Moatez Abdelrasoul, a junior political science and pre-law major and president of the honor society, said students should become more knowledgeable about the diverse communities in society today.

“I think it’s important that we have this

discussion because [the Black Hebrew Israelites] community is not one that too many people know about,” he said. “I think this is a part of our duty to educate students on various cultures.”

Abdelrasoul said the honor society’s goal is to spread cultural diversity on campus.

“I think what we did accomplish today was allow the students to become informed on the unique community,” he said. “I think this is just a starting point, and it helps with our goal on diversity throughout our campus.”

According to Goldston, this is only the beginning for her journey to spread cultural awareness through the area.

“I hope to come back and we can have more than an hour with this type of discussion. To give a lifestyle that’s been going on for over 50 years in an hour, you only got a tiny slice,” she said. “A presentation like this is worth two hours and give students time to ask the real questions.”

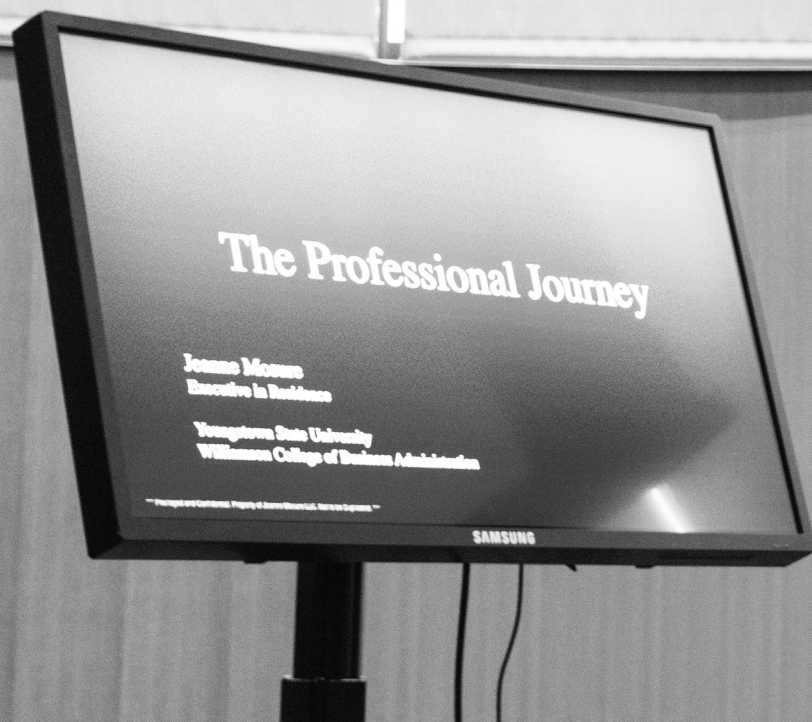


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FORMER DISNEY VP NAMED WILLIAMSON'S FIRST EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE

ALYSSA WESTON

Jeanne Mosure, Canfield, Ohio native and former senior vice president and group global publisher of Disney Publishing Worldwide, will serve as the Williamson College of Business Administration's first executive in residence.

Mosure showcased a public keynote, "The Professional Journey," in Williamson Hall on Jan. 23 for Youngstown State University students and community members to get to know Mosure and the resources she can provide to students.

Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College, said Mosure's role will evolve over time, but is focused around helping students.

"We wanted to bring [Mosure] in to provide some mentoring to our students and to have an opportunity to meet and talk [with students]," Licata said.

After living in New York City and Los Angeles, Mosure returned to her Mahoning Valley roots in 2017 to be close to her family.

Mosure credits Licata and YSU President Jim Tressel for

making her role at WCBA possible.

"Now I can say I'm 'Y and Proud,'" she told the audience.

After graduating college from Kent State University during the collapse of the steel mills, Mosure rode a bus to New York City to begin her career.

"As soon as I got off that bus in New York City, I knew that was the place I wanted to be," she said.

Mosure worked for Penguin Random House publishing company until 1998 when she accepted a position for Disney Publishing Worldwide where she moved through various management positions in consulting, sales and marketing.

"What became clear to me was through every person who believed in me there was some luck, but if I wasn't prepared for that luck it wouldn't have happened," she said.

She managed over 300 employees through Disney company changes such as gaining ownership of Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars.

Mosure also led Disney Publishing Worldwide through multiple New York Times bestselling book series from 2001 through 2016 such as "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus,"

"The Lightning Thief" and "Sofia the First."

"I've always loved the dynamic of books," Mosure said.

Lydia Walls, a senior at Warren G. Harding High School, attended the lecture for a class.

"As part of my exploring business class, I have to go to a couple lectures and this one sounded interesting," she said.

Walls said she enjoyed Mosure's presentation.

"I thought it was a really cool opportunity to hear about how she was able to kind of start from nothing and build a whole career," she said.

Currently, Mosure is vice president of public affairs at MS Consultants Inc. and remains a publishing consultant for global companies. Mosure also serves on the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber and Government Affairs Committee, and she is a member of the Rotary Club of Canfield and an advisory board member of the Newman Center.

Mosure suggests YSU students find what makes them unique to an organization, learn from their peers, do the work, expose themselves to smart people, listen and recalibrate.



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FROM THE UKRAINE TO YOUNGSTOWN: 'SWAN LAKE' BALLET

MARAH J. MORRISON

Fifty-five ballet stars from the National Ballet Theatre of Odessa, Ukraine, came to Youngstown to perform Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" Jan. 24 through 27 at the DeYor Performing Arts Center.

Hosted by Classical ARTS Entertainment and the Deyor Performing Arts Center, the ballet is based on Russian folklore and a German legend. Prince Siegfried, a young, heroic prince works to free Odette, a swan maiden, from an evil spell. Under the spell of a sorcerer, Odette spends her days as a swan swimming on a lake of tears and her nights in her human form.

The ballet has four acts with one intermission, and the choreography was put together by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov. It is considered one of the most loved and mesmerizing of any classical ballet.

Michael Art, the promoter for the full scale production of the ballet, said they performed in Youngstown 12 years ago and he was happy to come back to perform again.

"I'm very joyful to be here," he said. "The professional dancers, the music of Tchaikovsky. It's always beautiful to hear it."

Art said the youngest dancer in the ballet is 18 and the oldest is 30, and the "Swan Lake" ballet is one of the most popular ballets out there.

"There is beautiful music and beautiful costumes," he said. "It's always interesting."

Art also served as an interpreter for the company.

Anna Tyutyunyk, a dancer in the ballet who was one of four swans, said she was looking forward to performing at DeYor, and it's an incredible feeling.

Tyutyunyk said the dancing of all of the swans in the ballet was the best part, and she is happy to be a part of the ballet company and to have an opportunity to dance and perform the ballet.

Iryna Morozova, another dancer in the ballet, said she has worked many years with the National Ballet Theatre of Odessa, which is the oldest theatre in Odessa, Ukraine. In 1873, the theatre was destroyed by a fire, but was rebuilt by 1887.

"I am very glad to be able to dance here," she said. "It's a wonderful theater. I don't have [many] opportunities to see [other] towns."

Morozova said Youngstown is beautiful and she hoped others enjoyed the show.

Yura Chepil, a dancer from the Ukraine who performed in the ballet, said he has danced all of his life, and this ballet is like an art.

"I'm very happy," he said. "I am very grateful [to] dance for an American audience."

To learn more about the history of the Odessa National Academic Opera and Ballet Theater, visit opera.odessa.ua, and for more upcoming events at DeYor, visit youngstownsymphony.com.

QUEEN ROCKS THE DOME

VICTORIA REMLEY

Rock the Dome Weekend featured a new show that focused on Queen classics ranging from “We Will Rock You,” “We Are the Champions,” “Bohemian Rhapsody” and “Another One Bites the Dust,” playing in the dome.

Seven new shows were featured on Jan. 25 and 26 that included The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Rush along with Queen. Also on the schedule was “Awesome Mix,” which included songs from Guardians of the Galaxy movies, and “Off the Chain 90s Mix,” which included songs by Smash Mouth, the Backstreet Boys and other bands from that decade.

Curtis Spivey, the Ward Beecher Planetarium engineer; Tiffany Wolbrecht, the planetarium lecturer; and Patrick Durrell, a professor in the department of physics and astronomy, created the Rock the Dome shows together.

“We knew what was popular from the laser shows,” Spivey said. “That was The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Floyd. We knew we had to bring those back. We had done a classic rock show before, and we wanted something like that.”

Spivey created the Awesome Mix, while Durrell created the Rush mix show and Wolbrecht created the 90’s Mix show. They chose their favorite music genre and created a mix of songs from it.

The shows were presented to discover which ones customers enjoyed. They will bring the popular shows back the next time they hold a Rock the Dome Weekend, and Spivey said they want people to keep coming back.

“We love turning people on to astronomy and science, so Rock the Dome shows are just a way to get people in,” Spivey said.

The astronomy department at YSU buys shows from other planetariums and planetarium show distributors. This year, they bought “Undiscovered Worlds,” “Moon’s Worlds of Mystery” and “First and Furthest.”

There is a lot of work that goes into putting a planetarium show together. First, a planetarium engineer runs a sequence and syncs the sequence to a soundtrack. A slicer then divides the sequence into four sections to form a picture on the planetarium dome.

The engineer renders those sections out, which takes an hour per minute to render a planetarium show to get it ready for the system.

“For example, ‘Undiscovered Worlds’ is a 26-minute show,” Spivey said. “It took us 26 hours from the time I put it in the system to the time it was sliced up and ready to go up on the dome. But the results are terrific.”

“Undiscovered Worlds,” coming to Ward Beecher Planetarium in February, will look at exoplanets. After every show, a live look at the nighttime sky is performed with the planetarium star projector.

MARIO’S MOVIES: ‘BANDERSNATCH’ A CHOOSE YOUR OWN REVIEW REVIEW

MARIO RICCIARDI

I get it, there’s something inherently easier about making memes about Sandra Bullock with a blindfold on than a complex multidimensional choose-your-own-adventure movie. I get it, I really do. Well, here’s the truth (a hard to swallow pill if we’re still talking memes), “Bird Box” is just “A Quiet Place” with sight instead of sound. “Bird Box” is a fine movie, but the real 2018 Netflix film to watch is the choose-your-own-adventure, “Black Mirror” subproperty, “Bandersnatch.”

So, how does “Bandersnatch” work? You hit play (or Netflix automatically hits play for you after you’ve hovered over the play button for no longer than 1.6 seconds), it starts and the year is 1984. You are introduced to video game designer Stefan Butler beginning his day. What does Stefan have ahead of him? He is on his way to pitch a choose your own adventure video game, based on a book by an enigmatic writer, to software company, Tuckersoft. Once Stefan gets to the breakfast table, his dad offers him a choice of cereal, the footage stalls to filler shots, and you have 10 seconds to choose between Sugar Puffs and Frosties.

From then on you, the viewer, are in control of Stefan’s major choices. Who doesn’t like control, right?

Admit it, you too-cool guy in the blue sweater reading this in your office, life goes so much more smoothly when you’re making the major moves.

In total, the film yields five hours of finished footage, around 3 million permutations and multiple surprise endings (one of which even allows a custom video game download to an emulator).

A unique piece of work that piques our desire to satisfy the “if it were me, I’d do this,” itch, and explore far out theories about reality from your couch accompanied by a bag of chips. Just be sure to choose which hand you’re going to eat the chips with and stick to it because you’ll need your controller or remote a lot.

So, how many penguins do I give it? Wrong question. How many penguins do YOU give it?

I am:

- Willing to go along with this and offer an opinion (please move to 7).
- Going to stop reading the opinion columns and move on to actual news (please turn to page 1).

7. “Bandersnatch” was:

- An uncontended cinematic piece of history disruption in the making? (as a thank you for knowing true accomplishments please go to 1).
- Pretty darn tootin’ good? (this is valid, please move to 2).
- Complicated, but interesting? (you deserve to be heard out, read 3).
- Eh? (Eh yourself, read 4).
- A waste of your time? (please stop reading my reviews after you move to 5).
- What are you mumbling about Mario? (check out bandersnatch when you get the chance! Read 6).

1. Wow, “Bandersnatch.” More like Oscar-snatch. Because it was better than any best picture winner I’ve ever seen. And you know what, if it gets snubbed I’ll snub the Oscars. I’m not afraid to cut that cable cord. Netflix is all I need now. Bandersnatch is too good for award ceremonies anyway. It knows its value.

★★★★ 5/5 Penguins

2. It was way more than what I expected from the trailer. The best part? I never asked for this. A great example of artists reminding people they don’t know what they want until shown. Occasionally, it plays out as gimmicky, but that’s completely forgivable thanks to its intense love for the medium and the story it tells.

★★★★ 4/5 Penguins

3. So like, it’s cool I guess. I found myself more frustrated than

amazed. It’s worth the experience, though. I’m also upset because my Xbox controller ran out of batteries halfway through. Not sure if I’m factoring the inconvenience into this (I am).

★★★★ 3/5 Penguins

4. I’m actually a snobby art critic with too much dignity to give this one penguin, which it totally deserves. I also don’t like things that are forward thinking. And there’s too much equal representation in Hollywood.

★★★ 2/5 Penguins

5. I watched the movie like Sandra Bullock in “Bird Box” (blindfolded).

★★ 1/5 Penguins

6. What the heck is a “Bandersnatch?” It sounds dirty. Should I really be writing about such things in an accredited publication?

★★★★ 0/5 Penguins

You made it this far, how about one more?

- One more. (please move to 8).
 - No more. (End).
 - Ten more. (I’ve written too many words, please go to 8).
8. I am reading this online.
- Yes. (please go to 9).
 - No. (please go to 10).

9. Turn your phone off and ask yourself what you see? It’s a black mirror. Get it? (End).

10. This is good that you are reading this here. I appreciate this. You are a rare one. (End).

WAITING OUT ARMAGEDDON ON CAMPUS, EATING CRACKERS

BRIAN BRENNAN

Today it is hard to fathom that some buildings on the Youngstown State University campus were once places of sanctuary in the event of a nuclear exchange. In the 1960s, yellow and black signs depicting a circle with three inverted triangles and the legend “Fallout Shelter” confirm this was true.

The Cold War that produced the fear that inspired these signs is now history. Instead of public buildings, they now decorate dens and dorms. Reproductions are even available for purchase online. Yet, the meaning behind these placards should not be taken lightly.

Fallout is the airborne, radioactive material created from dirt and debris when a nuclear device explodes. Distributed by the winds, it descends back to earth, poisoning ecosystems and bringing illness and death to those with whom it comes into contact.

Eventually, levels of radioactivity diminish, but slowly. In the meantime, survivors must wait things out in a safe space free from contamination. This temporary haven is called a fallout

shelter.

In 1961, the Kennedy Administration conducted the National Fallout Shelter Survey, which identified existing facilities for use in this capacity. Basements in public buildings, businesses and other areas that could support large numbers of people came to be designated as fallout shelters, identified by the once-ubiquitous and ominous yellow and black signs described above.

These shelters would be stockpiled with food, water, medical supplies and other items deemed necessary for survival, such as flashlights, batteries, sanitation items and Geiger counters, for up to two weeks. Food usually consisted of high-protein crackers, biscuits and carbohydrate supplements in the form of hard candy, ensuring that each sheltered person would receive a ration of 700 calories per day.

It must be noted that these facilities were not bomb shelters, as none offered protection against an atomic blast. Fallout shelters only shielded survivors from radioactive contamination beyond the blast area — theoretically; fortunately, none were ever put to the test.

At YSU, fallout shelters were located in the basement levels of Jones Hall, the University Library, which is now Tod Hall, and Ward Beecher Science Hall.

These could accommodate 427 people and were stocked with 2,184 pounds of crackers, 87 drums of water at 17.5 gallons each, 10 sanitation kits, 8 medical kits and 3 sets of radiological measuring devices. Later, the engineering science building, now Moser Hall, was also designated as a fallout shelter and was similarly supplied.

Ten years later, fallout shelters were no longer a campus priority. Times, and the world, had changed. Funding was allocated elsewhere.

In 1971, Ray Orlando, the director of the YSU physical plant and a certified fallout shelter analyst, decried the sorry state of the university’s protective facilities, but to no avail.

Shelter spaces were completely forgotten as they were remodeled and used for other purposes.

Today, with North Korea’s testing of atomic weapons, President Trump’s abrogation of the Iran nuclear agreement and America’s withdrawal from the INF Treaty, one can only wonder if Mr. Orlando was correct in his concern.

YSU would probably remain open, regardless.

For further reference, visit these websites: <http://hdl.handle.net/1989/3883>; <http://hdl.handle.net/1989/2530>; and <http://www.civildefensemuseum.com/index.html>.

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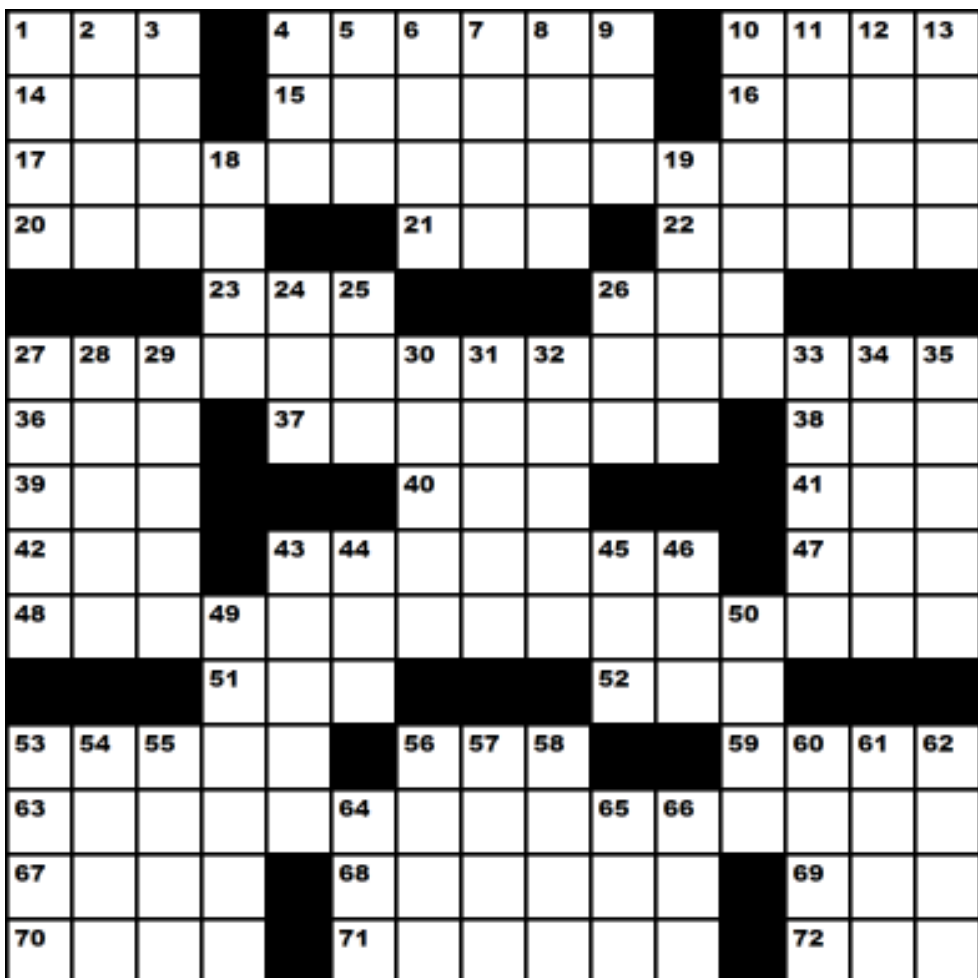
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Across

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

THE JAMBAR

— EDITORIAL —

PENGUINS GET COLD, TOO!

The unthinkable has happened: Youngstown State University canceled classes Wednesday and Thursday due to frigid temperatures. At first, we all thought we would be huddled together for warmth like penguins, but President Jim Tressel made the decision to cancel.

Students were so worried about classes being canceled that 3,350 people signed a petition on change.org asking Tressel to cancel classes. Your cries have been heard. Thank you, Tressel!

No need to fret, though, because the dedicated Jambar staff still worked hard Wednesday afternoon to publish the paper because “the news doesn’t get cold.”

The National Weather Service issued a wind chill warning for northern Ohio around 4:30 Jan. 29, effective until 4 p.m. Feb. 1. This means if you must go outside, please stay covered, dry and dress with layers.

Bill Buckler, associate professor in the geography department, described wind chill as a combination of the temperature, the wind and what temperature you feel against your skin.

“Against your skin, there’s a layer of warm air that’s heated by energy from your body, but the faster the winds that blow on exposed skin, that hot air is blown away and you start losing energy pretty quick,” he said.

Due to the wind chill, it is best to stay inside and protect yourself from these extremely dangerous temperatures, and there are higher chances of frostbite when there is exposed skin, according to Buckler.

According to Ryan Halicki, Weeknight Meteorologist for 33 WYTV, the wind chills that can occur are between minus 25 and 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

“In those kinds of conditions, frostbite is possible in as little as

ten to fifteen minutes,” he said.

Halicki said it’s not uncommon to get “cold snaps” and major storms in January. Buckler reinforced this when said the cold weather that is occurring is not unusual.

“The unusual thing is that it’s colder than it would typically be in the winter time, but this polar vortex is nothing new,” Buckler said.

He described the polar vortex as a large pocket of cold air, a low pressure system that surrounds the north polar region in the winter time.

“It rotates around that pole in a counterclockwise manner and it’s always there in the winter time. It keeps that cold air typically centered around the polar regions,” Buckler said.

He said the polar vortex is dipping far to the south, grabbing arctic air from the polar regions and carrying it to the great plains and the eastern United States.

Buckler said because northeast Ohio is in the middle latitudes, “we’re sort of in a zone of conflict and battle between armies of cold air to the north and armies of warm air to the south, and often the come together in the mid-latitudes.”

He said this has the possibility of occurring more often the future, as the polar vortex is the result of the difference in temperature between polar regions and tropical regions, and the greater the difference, the faster and the stronger the winds.

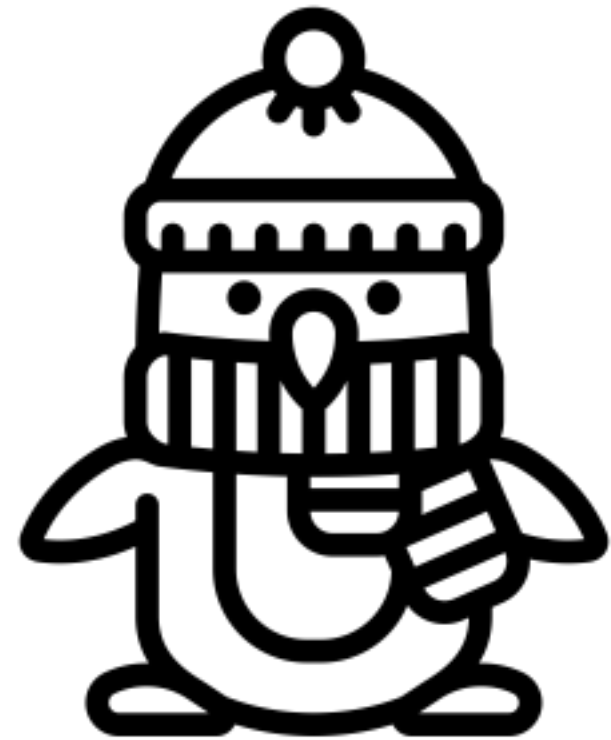
Let’s hope it doesn’t occur more frequently, though, because we all know what big babies we are.

This cold weather, although not too unusual, is still scary. Our best advice is to stay inside on your day off, drink some hot cocoa and watch your favorite Netflix series, or maybe catch up on some homework that you already procrastinated on. It is smart to have cars stocked with jumper cables/blankets. As always, bring your pets in. There is no excuse to let a helpless animal freeze to death.

For those who have nowhere to go, the university is still open

even though classes are canceled. Make use of those buildings and stay warm.

Additionally, the Help Network of Northeast Ohio will have a warming station at the Community Center, 1344 Fifth Ave., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.





WELL DUNN: YSU FORWARD SHINES IN JUNIOR YEAR

BRIAN YAUGER

“We match,” she said with a smile and then stuck her foot out, while putting our shoes side-by-side.

We were wearing the same exact shoes during the interview, just in inverse colors. The Nike PG 2.5s. If you’ve watched a game of basketball this year, you’ve seen someone wearing them.

Like many basketball players, she has an affinity for shoes, but not the shoes you may think a Division I college basketball player would own.

“I’m not too into basketball shoes,” she said. “I’m actually more into — I love Vans. That’s like my weird thing.”

This is junior Mary Dunn, the 6-foot-3-inch forward for Youngstown State University’s women’s basketball team.

Dunn received the Horizon League Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 7. During that week, she averaged a double-double with 21.5 points and 10 rebounds, while shooting .857 from the field in the Penguins two victories against Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

She was also just named Horizon League Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 28. This marks the second time she’s received the honor this season.

“Mary’s coming along,” Penguins coach John Barnes said following the game against UIC. “Every game she’s getting better. It’s fun to watch her develop. I think she’s had a great person to learn from in Sarah Cash and some of the older players, and she’s following in good footsteps. I’m very happy for her.”

Statistically, this is Dunn’s best season on all fronts. She’s on pace for a career high 426 points and has already surpassed her totals from her sophomore year, where she scored 219.

This tops her first year as a Penguin where she was named Horizon League Freshman of the Year. She led all conference freshmen averaging 11.3 points per game and a .514 field-goal percentage.

Dunn led the Horizon League in multiple raw totals, as well. She scored 315 points and grabbed 110 rebounds while blocking 19 shots, the best on the team that season.

“It was obviously a really big honor [being named Freshman of the Year] and I was very happy,” she said. “It was something that coming in I didn’t really expect to get but I knew I needed to step up, and I was glad that I was able to be recognized while also just helping my teammates.”

Dunn had a brief slump during her sophomore campaign seeing her points-per-game dip to 6.8, but has come back this season better than ever, notably growing as a defensive threat.

“I think all-around I’ve grown,” Dunn said. “Especially defensively I’ve become much more of a threat on both ends of the court, and I’ve just gotten a lot faster. I’ve made a lot more moves and just all around a completely different player.”

One aspect of Dunn’s game that has really grown this season is her three-point shooting. She is shooting 8-of-19 from behind the arc and has both attempted and made more three-pointers this year than her first two years combined. That confidence has come from working over the summer.

“Over the summer it’s something me and my dad worked on a lot,” Dunn said. “Me and Coach [Andy] Crane work on it every day just because now they can’t leave me wide open. It really brings another aspect to the team too.”

Dunn’s love of the game came from her parents. While it’s always been there, the love has only grown since coming to YSU.

“Both my mom and my dad played basketball in college,” she said. “Also, my dad is a big time coach where I’m from. It’s always been a big part of my life and coming here it became the biggest part of my life.”

That love shows just as much on the court as it does off the court. During games when she’s not playing, Dunn is on the sidelines smiling and hyping her teammates up, which she said is part of her role as captain.

“I’m one of the captains of the team and I know that a lot of times it’s hard in negative situations, someone has to be the positive person,” she said. “So, regardless if we’re winning or losing, I’m always trying to hype everyone up and just be that spot of positivity.”

Dunn is a communications and sociology double major, and she plans on getting her doctorate and possibly become a college professor. When she’s not on the court, Dunn is like any other college student. Listening to music, hanging out with friends and watching TV.

“Outside of basketball, I like to just hang out with my friends and I go home a lot. I’m a big family person, and I’m only a hour and a half away,” she said.

Being a big family person is what brought her to Youngstown. Dunn is from Washington, Pennsylvania, a city about 30 minutes south of Pittsburgh. She wanted to stay close to home and chose YSU because it felt right on her visit to the university.

“The biggest part for me was distance,” Dunn said. “This was my closest offer that I had with the exception of Duquesne, and I just liked it better here. The team, the atmosphere, the size of the campus. I knew on my visit that this was the place for me.”

Before coming to YSU, Dunn was a star at Trinity High School. She was named third team Interscholastic Athletic League all-state in Class AAA, as she averaged 17.6 points and

took Trinity to the Western Pennsylvania IAL Championship Game for the first time in program history.

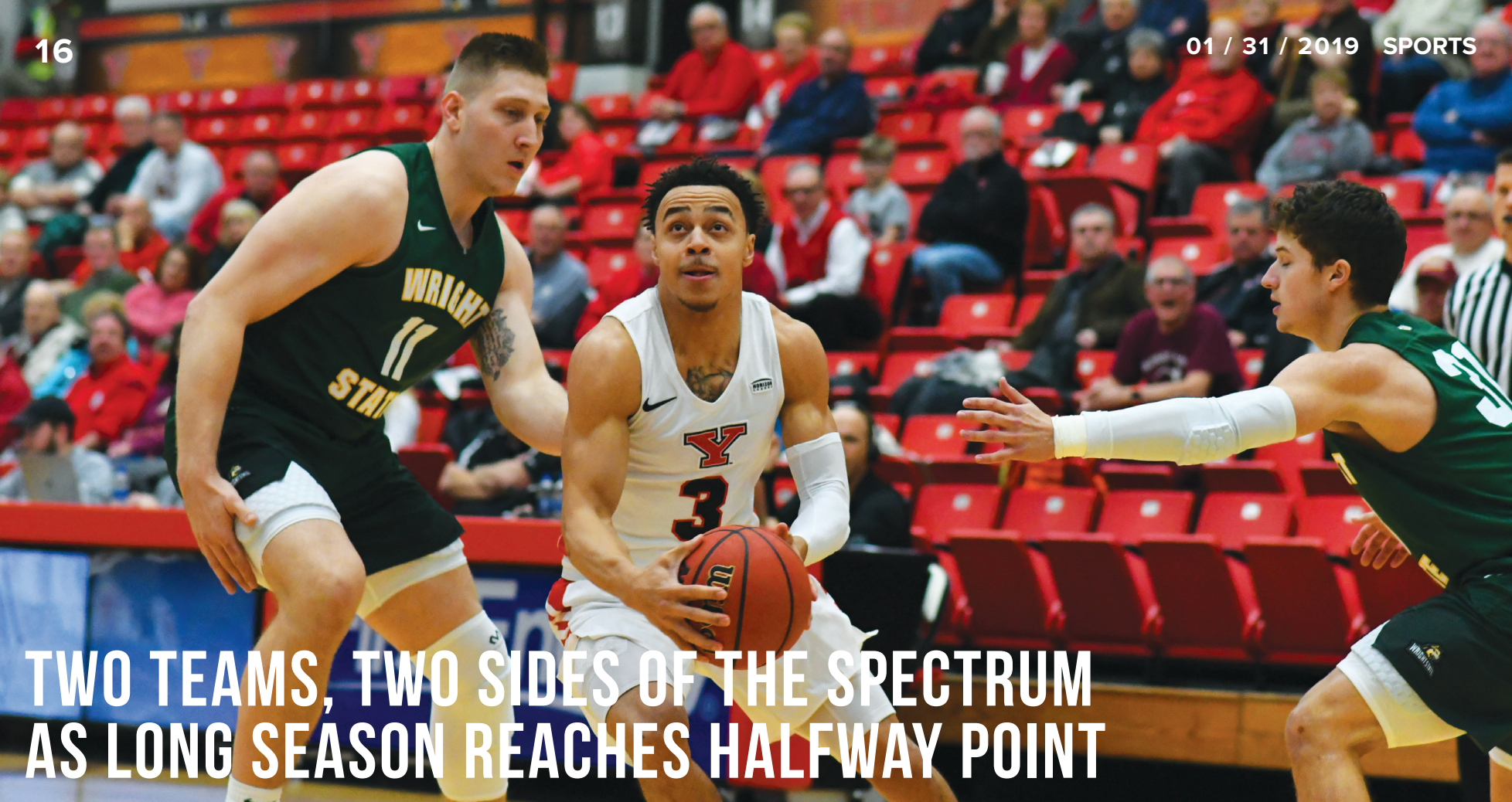
In her third year with the Penguins, Dunn has made a lot of memories, but still has her eye on making one more.

“Just being with my teammates,” Dunn said “When you’re on a team at the Division I level, you’re with these people every day of the year. We went to Hawaii my freshman year, that was so awesome and our goal is to win the Horizon League championship and go to the NCAA Tournament, so I hope to have that memory.”

The Horizon League tournament begins March 5 at a to-be-determined time at the Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Michigan. Until that time however, you can catch walking around in her Vans.



Photo by Brian Yauger/The Jambor



TWO TEAMS, TWO SIDES OF THE SPECTRUM AS LONG SEASON REACHES HALFWAY POINT

Photo courtesy of *YSU Sports Information*

JOSHUA FITCH

One full month into 2019 and halfway through a long basketball season, there have been two sides to the story for the Youngstown State University men's and women's teams. Let's take a look back at how they got here. Ladies first.

The lady Penguins hold a record of 15-5, and are in the midst of a 25-day stretch and five-game homestand. YSU's currently on a three-game winning streak after defeating the Cleveland State Vikings 73-55.

The Penguins are 7-2 in the Horizon League, one of the biggest factors in making the Horizon League Tournament at the end of the season, in hopes to compete for a league championship. Halfway through the season, it's something coach John Barnes is glad to see, but not satisfied with.

"[I'm] pretty happy with 7-2. There's always games you'd like to have back or things you'd like to do differently, but I think we did a good job of protecting our home court and getting as many wins as we could," Barnes said.

Protecting home court is huge in the Horizon League and generally where the top teams earn their spots. YSU is an incredible 11-1 at Beechly Center this season, and they haven't lost there since Nov. 23 against Yale, 58-56.

The Penguins got off to a hot start when the season began in November, going 4-0 to tip off the season and winning seven of their first 10

games. Throughout the course of the season, the leaders and key players have filled their roles.

Sophomore guard Chelsea Olson paces the Penguins offense with four assists per game, while senior Sarah Cash gives the team almost 14 points a night and 38 percent shooting from behind the 3-point line.

Winning also makes individual accolades that much better, and the women's team has had quite a few. On top of having the seventh-highest GPA among Division I in the NCAA, records have been broken and players have been recognized.

On Jan. 5 against Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, senior guard Alison Smolinski broke the all-time YSU 3-point record in the 70-52 win, which was also coach Barnes' 250th career victory.

Junior guard Mary Dunn has now earned the Nike Horizon League Player of the Week honor for the second time this season after averaging nearly 23 points per game and two and a half blocks. Dunn said the honor is great, but it's even better because it shines light on the team.

"Our team is so supportive," Dunn said. "Everyone is just so happy when anyone gets it. It's an honor for the whole team and everyone is happy regardless of who's getting it."

For more on Dunn's impact this season, read Jambor sports editor Brian Yauger's feature this week.

Barnes gave his squad a B+ for an overall grade, but said it can be even better if the team

learns from the mistakes they made in the first half of the season.

"We need to be able to come focused and ready for every opponent that we play and put 40 minutes together if you want to finish at the top of the league," Barnes said. "You can't take quarters or halves off, you have to be very ready to go night in and night out."

The women's team continues their homestand Thursday against Oakland University with tip-off at 7 p.m. and takes on the University of Detroit Mercy on Saturday at 1 p.m.

It hasn't been as smooth of a ride for the Penguins on the men's side halfway through the season. The Penguins sit with a record of 6-16 and just 2-7 in the Horizon League.

The theme of the season has been the inability to put a full game together, which in turn has led to close losses and frustrating finishes. The Penguins began the season 3-7 in its first 10 games, struggling out of the gate with their new and younger-looking roster.

The starting five for second-year coach Jerrod Calhoun consists of three freshman and two sophomores, with inexperience contributing to a rough season. The Penguins have lost four of their last five games and are currently on a three-game losing streak following a 72-62 loss on the road to Cleveland State.

With nine games remaining on the schedule, the mindset is to win out and hopefully get a chance to play in the Horizon League tournament, according to starting sophomore

forward Naz Bohannon.

"It got away from us. We feel like we're as good as anybody else in the league. A lot of games have been decided by one or two possessions and we beat ourselves," Bohannon said. "We have to realize the seriousness of every possession. We can't go into Cleveland State and have 14 turnovers in the first half and expect to win the ballgame. Those are the little things that are keeping us from being a great team."

The schedule doesn't get easier for the Penguins as the next two games are against teams seeded five or higher in the Horizon League standings. The Penguins play third-ranked Oakland on Thursday, then at fifth-ranked Detroit Mercy before returning home to play eighth-ranked Milwaukee. Youngstown State is currently ranked ninth place in the Horizon League Standings.

Calhoun's confidence is one thing that hasn't been shaky this season for the Penguins, acknowledging the struggles, but again seeing the potential and opportunity, even after a difficult first half of a long season.

"All of us, coaches and players think that we should be at least three games better and I think that's hard to swallow. You are where you are. Basketball is one of the longest and craziest sports." Calhoun said. "You see teams get hot at the right time. My mindset's been keep plugging away and talk about where we can go."

The Penguins play at Oakland University Thursday, tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.