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ROBERT HAYES

“It was like another level of perfection for our program.”

That’s how Brian Gorby, coach of the Youngstown State University men and women’s track program, felt after his teams brought home two more league championships Feb. 23 and Feb. 24 in the Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Watson and Tressel Training Site.

It’s no secret that YSU has historically had success in the league meet, as both the men’s and women’s teams came into this season as defending champions, but it can be argued that this year’s performance was dominating on a historic level.

For the men, this is the fourth consecutive year they’ve taken home the indoor title, and the women brought home their third consecutive title and fifth over the past six seasons.

“From an overall standpoint, we’ve got tradition and culture, but this [is] getting to be almost like a dynasty-type situation,” he said.

The men’s score of 238 points set a YSU record and is now second most all-time in league history, only behind Notre Dame’s mark of 242.5 back in 1985. The Penguins’ 110 point margin of victory is the largest in the league since 1989.

It was a similar story on the women’s side, as their score of 193 is the second most in school history, as they would go on to beat Oakland by 40.5 points.

Chad Zallow continued to rewrite the

Horizon League and YSU record books, as he would take first in the 60-meter dash (6.69 seconds), 60-meter hurdle (7.69 seconds) and the 200-meter dash (21.29 seconds). He’s the first sprinter in league history to win the 60-meter dash and 60-meter hurdle for four consecutive seasons. His victory in the 200-meter dash is the third time he’s won the event.

Zallow’s time of 6.69 seconds in the 60-meter dash set a new school, Watson and Tressel Training Site and league record.

The last time someone not named Chad Zallow won the 60-meter dash was in 2015 when his older brother, Carl won the event.

A combination of Jamynk Jackson, Brendan Lucas and Josh Beaumont would follow in Zallow’s path, as YSU would claim the top three spots in the three aforementioned events.

Consistency is key for the Penguins, as several other athletes won events in consecutive seasons. Daiquain Watson took first place in the long jump at 7.15 meters for the second straight season. Dylan Latone is the back-to-back first place finisher in the pole vault at 4.75 meters, and Sean Peterson took first place in the 800-meter (1:53:18) for the second consecutive year.

YSU had plenty of other podium finishes, as the men swept the top three spots in the pole vault, due to the performances by Jett Murphy, Macklin Rose and Latone. Watson finished third in the triple jump. Dom Westbay and Brandon Orlando finished second and third respectively in shot put.

Alan Burns took home second in the 5000-meter run, and Cole Lovett placed second in the 1-mile run.

The men’s 4x100 relay team of Pierlus Stewart, Cole Smith, Lucas and Cody Sikora came in second overall with a time of 3:18:17.

First places finishes seemed contagious on the women’s side as well, as YSU took home first place in several events.

Jalayah Elliott took home two first place finishes, as she came in first in both the 60-meter dash (7.25 seconds), and the 200-meter dash (23.35 seconds). These two times are both new school records. Suerethia Henderson came in second in both of these events with times of 7.58 seconds and 24.33 seconds.

Olivia Jones claimed first on the pentathlon with a personal best score of 3,420 points. During the pentathlon, she finished first in the 60-meter hurdle (9.04 seconds), the high jump (1.67 meters) and the shot put (11.27 meters).

Nicolette Kreatsoulas claimed victory in the weight throw (17.40 meters), Kaitlyn Merwin placed first in the shot put (15.29 meters) and Jessica Stever earned first place in long jump (5.81 meters).

YSU has now won the shot put 14 out of 15 seasons.

Natalie Fleming became the first Penguin in school history to claim victory in the 800-meter with a time of 2:13.37.

Destiny Washington took home second in the 60-meter hurdle. Chontel Fils claimed second in the long jump and triple jump, Nicole Squatrito ran into second place in the

1-mile run, Abby Jones flew into second in the high jump and Kreatsoulas finished in second place in shot put.

Awards were plentiful for YSU, as Gorby was awarded Coach of the Year for the sixth time. Zallow earned both the Alfreeda Goff Men’s Athlete of the Year honor and the Men’s Championship Outstanding Running Performer.

Kreatsoulas was awarded the Women’s Championship Outstanding Field Performer. Henderson earned the Women’s Runner Freshman of the Year, and Olivia Jones won the Women’s Field Freshman of the Year.

Both Zallow and Elliott qualified for the 2019 NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships, which will be held at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 8 and 9. Zallow will take part in the 60-meter hurdle, and Elliott will compete in the 60-meter dash.

Gorby is ready for the rest of his team to prepare for the outdoor season.

“We talked to the kids and told them to take this good feeling in regard to the situation and understand that when it comes time to work hard again in about a couple days, this good feeling has got to be what motivates and inspires you for the outdoor season,” Gorby said.

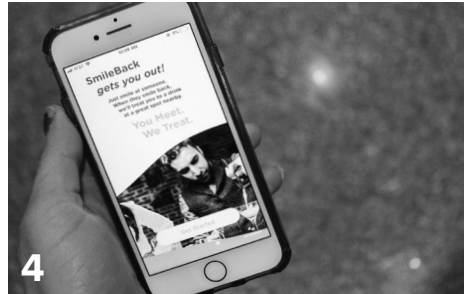
No matter how much success Gorby’s faced, it’s still a surprise.

“We’re on to our 38th and 39th championship this weekend, so I pinch myself kinda thinking about how many that is, and naturally we’ve got a shot outdoor of going for 40 and 41.” he said.

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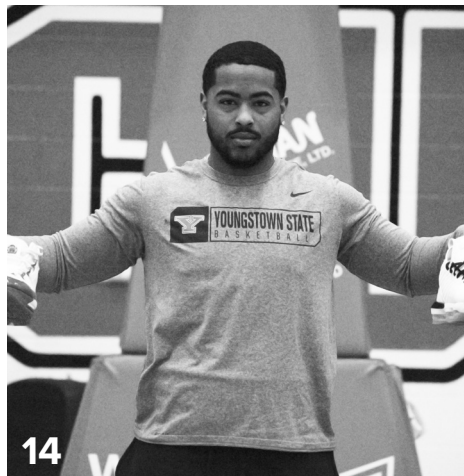
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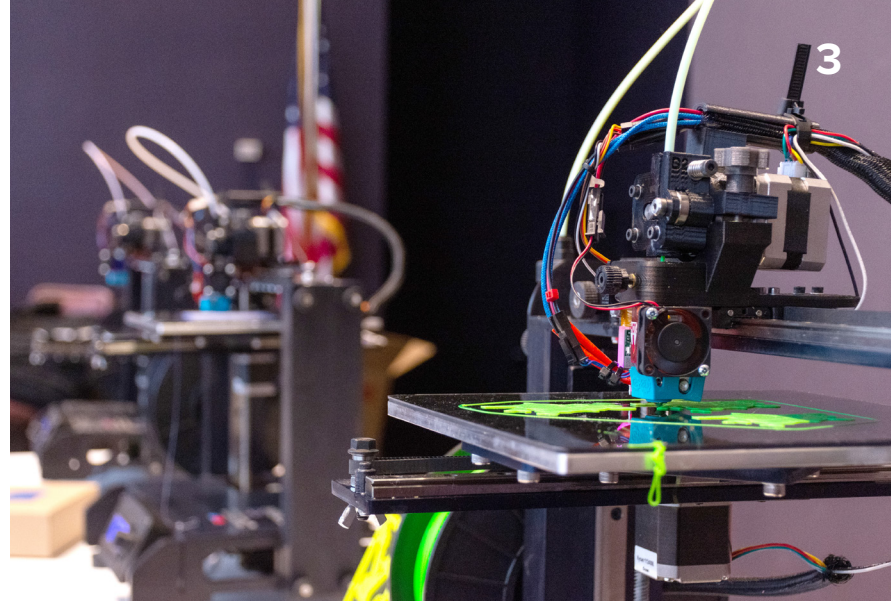
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PENGUIN HACKERS AT YSU

COURTNEY HIBLER

Youngstown State University students worked together in the DeBartolo Stadium Club Room to create diverse technology projects such as 3D printing and 2D video games during the fifth iteration of HackYSU.

The Youngstown Penguin Hackers have been putting this event together since 2015 and continue to welcome students of varying majors to participate in the annual hackathon over a course of three days.

Anthony Hake, treasurer and assistant organizer of HackYSU and junior information technology major, said the idea of this event was developed by YSU alumnus Joe Duncko.

“He liked the idea of an environment where students could come together with anyone and create something great,” he said. “The event is a lot of fun and holds a large amount of creativity.”

During HackYSU, students have 36 hours to create a

technology product of their choosing. Some creations include software, hardware, a business plan or art.

Hake said the most impressive creation he has witnessed at HackYSU had won “Best Use of 3D Printing.”

“It was a program that translated typed text into braille and gave you a file that could 3D print a plate that had braille written on it,” he said.

Ralph Streb, director of HackYSU and computer information systems major, said a project that stood out to him was a Pac-Man first person virtual reality shooter. The group created a virtual reality game using a smartwatch to move in the game.

“It was quite interesting and impressive,” he said. “The projects students create never fail to amaze me or the judges.”

Streb said prizes for this year’s event included an Anker Battery pack, a Raspberry Pi Zero W, an Amazon Echo input and a large number of high-priced Amazon gift cards.

“For judging and mentoring, we receive help from our YSU professors and we have financial support from our department to

make this event possible,” Hake said.

Kriss Schueller, computer science and information systems professor, was one of the judges for HackYSU in 2017.

In his opinion, HackYSU is a great way for students to put forth their best abilities to create something unique.

Harsh Shah, a freshman computer science major, said he had been to previous hackathons before attending the event at YSU and enjoys learning and creating something new each time.

“My fellow teammates and I created a 2D video game through scripting,” he said. “The judges thought our creation was impressive and we were chosen to give a presentation at the end of the event.”

In his opinion, being placed in a random group during a team building event is an important aspect of HackYSU because being part of a team is a strength everyone needs.

“This event is free and students don’t need any prior experience to attend,” Hake said. “All you need to be is a student willing to learn and experience the creativity HackYSU has to offer.”



SmileBack
gets you out!

Just smile at someone.
When they smile back,
we'll treat you to a drink
at a great spot nearby.

You Meet.
We Treat.

THE APP THAT SMILES BACK

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FRANCES CLAUSE

If Youngstown State University students have tried dating apps without success, SmileBack aims to end ghosting, dead-end conversations and “swiping culture” so users can find a true spark with their matches.

When using the SmileBack app, potential matches are revealed in batches of four and a user can “smile” at another user, initiating a guessing game. If the user that was smiled at guesses the potential match correctly, both users are offered free drinks on their first date.

Dan Berenholtz, CEO of SmileBack, said this incentive encourages users to end wasting time on their phones chatting behind a screen and experience actual chemistry in real life.

“The thing with most dating apps is you get dozens of matches, but in most cases, you don’t meet with the person you get a match with,” he said. “On SmileBack, you can’t just swipe hundreds of people, and we work with local bars and restaurants to give users who meet \$10 to \$15 gift cards.”

In Youngstown, users can redeem their alcoholic or nonalcoholic drinks at Buffalo Wild Wings and Applebee’s.

“What we really want for our vision is to work with local spots and not chains, but SmileBack is a new app so we’re just starting to form these relationships,” Berenholtz said, regarding Youngstown’s bars.

The app is available for Apple and Android and is being tested at other colleges, including Cornell University, Ithaca College, University of North Carolina and Miami University.

Berenholtz said he is satisfied with the progress of the app in its early stages.

“[SmileBack] is finding that people are feeling overwhelmed with other dating apps, so our message has really resonated with users,” he said. “We’re constantly listening to users and incorporating changes based on feedback.”

Ryan Kronauer, a sophomore criminal justice major and SmileBack user, said he decided to download the app after receiving an email about it on his YSU account.

“I like when you match with someone, [SmileBack] shows your common interests with that match so then you have something to possibly talk about,” he said. “The drink coupon is also a plus.”

Kronauer said he believes when more people hear about the features of the app, it will gain as much popularity as Tinder and

Bumble.

Dimitry Knyajanski, SmileBack’s co-founder, said he decided to partake in the production of SmileBack because the idea seemed to solve all of the problems that accompany most dating apps.

“I always felt that whenever I match with someone, it would most likely end up being a waste of time,” he said, in reference to other dating apps. “When my cofounder Dan told me about the idea of creating a fun way to meet new people, while at the same time keeping the meaningful matches aspect, I felt instantly that this was the exact issue I was frustrated about.”

To keep matches meaningful, SmileBack shows users a limited number of people each day, chosen based on the user’s interests. However, if users wish to receive extra smiles and batches, they can upgrade to SmileBack Pro for extra tokens.

Plans to add more features are in progress, according to Knyajanski.

“A cool feature we are thinking about is to give our users drinks not just for their first date, but also for their second and third,” he said. “Many successful love stories started with a bad first date but a successful second one.”

THE FACULTY REFERENDUM

BRIAN BRENNAN

In 1972, the faculty of Youngstown State University voted in a two-part referendum, which pitted the venerable campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors against the new and dynamic YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association. The outcome continues to influence present-day labor relations at YSU.

AAUP was founded in 1954 to defend academic freedom, tenure, due process and faculty prerogatives in university governance.

The organization saw itself as being first and foremost a professional organization, preferring the use of moral persuasion to advance individual faculty concerns; collective bargaining was viewed only as an additional means of achieving its goals.

Each AAUP chapter was autonomous, with very little — if any — centralized organizational

or legal support.

YSU-OEA was formed in 1971 in response to the changing managerial climate on campus. For many years, faculty policy had been determined chiefly within the confines of each individual academic department.

As time passed, the administration became increasingly centralized. Many felt that the traditional, genteel ways of conducting business were becoming less effective as the administration grew more monolithic.

In addition, faculty gains through collective bargaining at other institutions pointed to a need for greater advocacy.

YSU-OEA faulted AAUP for its relative lack of resources. In a crisis, YSU-OEA could always request help from the OEA in Columbus, as well as from the National Education Association in Washington.

By comparison, AAUP appeared to lack “muscle.” YSU-OEA also opposed AAUP’s

inclusion of administrators and part-time faculty on its membership rolls — YSU-OEA only represented full-time teaching faculty.

AAUP viewed the “industrial mentality” of YSU-OEA with utter disdain — the faculty consisted of professionals with degrees; their academic gowns were made of satin, not denim!

In addition, AAUP saw OEA as a teachers union working primarily for the benefit of Ohio’s public school employees. Since OEA had yet to negotiate a contract with any of Ohio’s colleges or universities, AAUP’s concern was valid. Today, OEA’s emphasis on K-12 still generates criticism among its members in higher education.

At the end of February 1972, the situation came to a head. A referendum was organized at the request of both associations and took place in two parts. The first ballot held on May 22 through 23 resulted in 71 percent of eligible faculty voting in favor of collective bargaining.

When the votes were counted after the second round May 30 through June 1, YSU-OEA emerged as the faculty’s sole bargaining agency, garnering 58 percent of the vote. The accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst certified the results.

YSU-OEA continues to defend the interests of the faculty.

Later, two additional campus unions were spawned under the auspices of the Ohio Education Association. These represent the university’s hourly civil service employees, the YSU Association of Classified Employees, and much of its degreed staff, the YSU Association of Professional and Administrative Staff.

AAUP soldiered on as a membership organization, but went into decline and faded away. The last membership roster on file in the University Archives was compiled in 1990 with 12 members listed — two of whom were unconfirmed.

Board of Trustees' Meeting Room

PROVOST FINALISTS VISITING YSU

Top photo by *Rachel Gobep/The Jambar*, Bottom photo of Susan Stapleton by *Tanner Mondok/The Jambar*

RACHEL GOBEP

Four candidates have been identified as finalists in the search for the Youngstown State University provost and vice president for academic affairs. Their open forum interviews began on Monday with the first candidate.

Three committees were involved in the search process — the Search Committee, the Committee of Deans and the Strategic Planning Organization Team. Together, the committees reviewed applicants and interviewed nine individuals over Skype.

The four candidates were then selected as finalists for an open forum on-campus interview. Each candidate will participate in two open forums.

The finalists include:

Susan Stapleton - Stapleton obtained her doctorate in chemistry at Miami University and has been the dean of the Graduate College at Western Michigan University since 2013. She

was the interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at WMU during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Stapleton's open forum interview occurred on Monday and can be listened to at <https://youtu.be/OfnESwRgJ2w> and <https://youtu.be/4tuMD5wMU50?t=96>.

Nathan Klingbeil - Klingbeil obtained his doctorate in mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University and recently completed a five-year term as the dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Wright State University. He was previously the associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at WSU.

Klingbeil will be visiting YSU on March 4, and his open forums will occur from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wayne Vaught - Vaught obtained his doctorate in philosophy/bioethics at The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and has been

the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri-Kansas City since 2012. He was previously the associate and interim dean before serving as dean.

Vaught will be visiting YSU on March 5, and his open forums will occur from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Brien Smith - Smith obtained his doctorate in industrial psychology at Auburn University, and has served as the dean of the Scott College of Business at Indiana State University since July 2012. He was previously the acting executive director of the Networks Financial Institute at ISU from December 2012 through May 2014.

Smith will be visiting YSU on March 8, and his open forums will occur from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All interviews are conducted in the Board of Trustees Room on the first floor of Tod Hall.

For additional information on each candidate, including their curriculum vitae and expression of interest, go to <https://ysu.edu/provost-search/finalists>.

provost-search/finalists.

YSU President Jim Tressel encourages the campus community to attend one forum for each prospective candidate or view the forum through live streaming and provide feedback at <https://www.surveymog.com/s/4856845/provost-search>.



NEWS BRIEF

PSYCHOLOGY PROF. SEEKS PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS FOR PROJECT

Jaelyn R. Farris, Youngstown State University assistant professor of psychology, is seeking local parents and professionals to participate in focus groups as part of her research project aimed at preventing problems and disorders in local children and adolescents. The project is part of Farris' Research Professorship at YSU.

Next week, Farris will host focus groups so local parents and professionals (anyone who provides any kind of professional services to children, parents or families) can hear about the research and provide feedback, which will be used to provide the foundation for a larger-scale, near-future project in which Farris will offer resources and programs to help youth and prevent them from developing problems or disorders.

Parents: 2 p.m. on March 3 or 5 p.m. on March 6.

Professionals: 5 p.m. March on 4 or 11 a.m. on March 9.

Each session will be in the Lariccia Cultural Collaboratory in Jones Hall on the YSU campus and will last 60 to 90 minutes. Participants will complete brief questionnaires and engage in a group discussion. There is no compensation, but Farris said the event is a great opportunity for parents and professionals to have a voice in the types of community-based programs that can be offered through YSU's Department of Psychology.

For more information or to RSVP for a focus group, contact Farris at 330-941-3406 or jrfarris@ysu.edu.



PENGUINS

THE NATIVE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

Photo by *John Stran/The Jambar*

JOHN STRAN

Mahoning is a Native American word for “salt lick” — a place where animals go to consume salt.

The county’s name is remnant of the original heritage that once called this area home, a heritage that is now rather small compared to others on Youngstown State University’s campus.

According to the YSU preliminary enrollment summary for spring 2019, there are 19 Native American students enrolled at YSU this semester, which is an increase from 18 since spring 2018. They are second only to Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders for the smallest student ethnicity on campus.

Katie Marlow, junior exercise science major, is one of these 19 students. She is half Native American, which is the half she identifies as and shares with those she meets.

“I share my nationality with others because I don’t think nationality is something to be ashamed of or to be afraid to talk about,” she said.

Marlow said she was adopted as an infant by a family who was not Native American and her

case worker, who managed the adoption, lost her paperwork, leaving her with no information on her birth parents.

Marlow was interested in finding her biological parents and, despite the setback of missing paperwork, she found them.

“Both [parents] were heroin addicts,” she said. “I had found my birth father, but it is believed that my birth mother has passed away.”

Although she was not raised within a Native American household, her curiosity about her heritage grew and she became involved with different Navajo traditions.

“There is a large Navajo population where I am from, which is in the Southwest,” she said. “I stayed on a Navajo reservation and interacted with many families and the local community. I was there to learn about their culture while also working on a service project to build handicapped ramps, rebuild homes and repair a school.”

Marlow has limited opportunity to meet with YSU students who share her ethnicity because there are currently no student organizations specifically for Native Americans, and she said she would join if a group was created.

There are student diversity groups Native American students can join.

Jasmine Smyles is the founder of MALAINA, which stands for Middle-Eastern, African-American, Latino, Asian, International, Native American and Alaskan.

Smyles said the goal of MALAINA is to unify, empower and educate students of diverse backgrounds in the Honors College.

According to Smyles, there has not been a Native American student present at any of the group meetings, but she is hopeful someone will join and discuss their culture.

Another ethnicity driven organization is the Student Diversity Council.

E’Dazjia Solomon-Green, marketing chair of the diversity council, said she is unsure if any students in the council are Native American because she’s unaware of the identities of most individuals.

Since she is unaware of many of her fellow students’ ethnicities, Green is not sure if Native American students are well represented on campus, but said a student organization for Native Americans would only benefit the campus.

“I think as a community, we can try and do more to build up the representation of all students on campus, which is what the Student Diversity Council is working towards,” she said.

Smyles said she doesn’t feel Native Americans are well represented at YSU or in America.

“I feel there’s just a lack of awareness or education for minority groups,” she said. “Native American-specific activities being one of the least represented population.”

Ani Solomon, assistant director of diversity programs, said students are always encouraged to start their own student organization and any students, regardless of ethnicity, are encouraged to join many of the other groups on campus.

“I believe that any organization can always do more to uplift the voices and experiences of marginalized communities, and I also respect that individuals who hold those identities may choose not to disclose that information for many reasons that are personal to them,” Solomon said.

Marlow feels her heritage is underrepresented on campus, but believes this is due to the small population. Solomon said inclusivity is not measured by the size of a population.

“Because all individuals hold multiple and intersecting identities, it is important to view folks as whole people and not just as any one of their identities. For me, that means that I welcome individuals who hold any identity including Native identities,” Solomon said.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST AT YSU

ZACH MOSCA
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Every college student has a challenge of some sort, but not very many can say that they have had to compete in a challenge until only one student is left standing in the end. The few students who can say they have are part of the YSUrvivor club.

The YSUrvivor club was created in 2015 and has been going strong ever since with new students eager to compete each semester for the chance to be the sole survivor.

Sarah Davis, president of the club, said it is based on the hit CBS reality show “Survivor,” in which contestants are divided up into three “tribes” and compete in various games each week. The games continue until one contestant is left standing, who claims the title of the sole

survivor.

“We do different challenges every week, like some kind of puzzle or other kind of game that we do somewhere on campus. Whichever team wins has immunity, and whichever team loses has to vote someone out,” Davis said.

Students are in for a new experience each week, with each challenge differing from the last. Davis said last week’s challenge was an endurance test where students stood on one leg and whoever held out the longest would win, while this week’s challenge is a memory game.

“I’m going to flash symbols on a screen, and everyone’s going to get a chance to look at it and as soon as they feel like they’ve memorized the pattern. They’re going to tell me to stop and I’ll take the pattern away and everyone has to remake the pattern,” Davis said.

Kaleigh Dargiewicz, a senior electrical engineering major, joined the club in the spring

2015 semester thanks to a friend prompting her to join and she hasn’t looked back since.

“One of my friends was already in it and invited me to join it, and then I made a lot more friends after I joined it and I just kept playing,” Dargiewicz said.

She also said that she’s constantly making new friends in the club and she’s become very close with some of them.

“There’s always new people joining, so it’s always a lot of fun to meet new people and make new friends, and I still hang out with a lot of the friends I’ve made in the ‘Survivor’ club,” Dargiewicz said.

Each semester in the survivor club is a whole new experience with brand new challenges, which keeps students like Dargiewicz coming back for repeated attempts at winning the title of the sole survivor.

“The actual TV show will have different

challenges with each season, and Sarah will base her challenges off of that. So it’s kind of interesting and it’s always new,” Dargiewicz said.

In order to come out on top, students must think outside the box each week, stay on their toes and prepare to expect the unexpected because teams can and will attempt to interfere with the strategies of their opponents.

“The new strategies you have to come up with every week and the different things people will do to thwart your strategies are really interesting,” Dargiewicz said.

While the club can get extremely competitive, it also allows students who join it to branch out and meet new friends. With new people joining every semester, even longtime veterans of the club can make brand new friends every time they play.

THE BENEFITS OF USING CAMPUS HEALTH CENTERS INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL CENTERS

I'YONNA TAYLOR-SMITH
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Think of reasons someone would not have wanted to immediately go to the hospital — whether it’s copay costs, how far it is or the bill that comes after.

For some college students, the costs, transportation or access to a health care provider after a certain age can be detrimental.

This is where campus health care centers come into play. While students are on campus, they can stop in to make an appointment or access same-day service if their needs are urgent.

When it comes to the Mercy Health Student Health Center at Youngstown State University, students are required to schedule an appointment ahead of time. At the appointment, they must bring their school identification card and their insurance card.

If students do not have their insurance card with them at the time of your appointment, they can still be seen. However, the health center wants to keep it on file.

Some of the services that the health center at YSU are

diagnoses and treatments, general wellness visits, gynecology services and immunizations.

Mercy Health services roughly 300-450 students a month, which is about 3 percent of the total YSU student population.

Norma Rhoden, a senior interpersonal communications major, said she doesn’t utilize the clinic on campus.

“I usually go home. If I would have known that there was a clinic on campus free of charge, I would definitely have taken advantage of that. Some places you can’t get medical treatment without paying.”

One of the few services that the clinic does not offer is administration of birth control. Students will have to pay to be seen just to get prescribed, which isn’t free, but can be covered completely by insurance.

According to Her Campus, 68 percent of sexually active female college students use condoms and 3 percent use the pullout method as birth control.

In a study by The Ohio State University, seven out of 10 college students are stressed about their personal finances. This includes recurring bills and common monthly expenses such as gas, groceries and even social experiences.

According to a 2017 GoBankingRates survey, on average 57 percent of Americans have less than \$1,000 in their savings account and 39 percent of Americans have no savings at all. When it comes to younger Americans, 67 percent have less than \$1,000 in their savings account and 46 percent have \$0.

According to Debt.org, the average copay for a primary care office visit is around \$27, the average copay for specialty care is \$37 and the price tag on hospital admission is \$308. These prices are rising, and if a student did not have insurance, the price could be three times those listed.

Shantia Cox, a junior criminal justice major, also doesn’t utilize the campus clinic.

Whenever Cox needs to go the doctor, she travels to Cleveland with her primary doctor.

“I bill my copay to my mom,” she said, “I’m from Cleveland, so I usually just go home. I’d use it if it was an emergency, but I haven’t had one.”

Students should always strive to be in the best health that they can. With growing issues in physical and sexual health, campus health centers are the perfect place for that.

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A HAUNTING IN MUSIC

MARAH J. MORRISON

Originally from Youngstown and now located in Columbus, indie rock band Spirit of the Bear returned to Youngstown to release their first entirely self-produced EP, “Haunt Me,” at Suzie’s Dogs & Drafts Feb. 22.

In their new EP, the band has brought out sounds they had yet to explore, as well as returned to their roots on their new project. The band was also joined by Label Me Lecter and Very Good Friends for their show.

James Harker, vocalist and guitarist, said lyrically, the new EP is on the same tier of sadness as the last album and is very down. He said this EP is just like the last album and not a lot has been changed.

“For this album, it was mostly very production heavy, where I would count the step in my studio and then send it to everyone else and then they would counter add their parts,” he said.

Harker said the EP was produced from the inside out as

opposed to being produced as a group, and during the production of the last album, they were all together all of the time.

“We wrote all the songs and then when we recorded them, it was really organic,” he said. “It was mostly the raw instruments.”

Harker said Ethan Schwendeman, their keyboardist who lives in Costa Rica, was not able to join them for the new release. He said his friend, who was filling in with them, played a role in “Haunt Me.”

“I had written the title track and played it for him,” he said. “The lyrics are sad and my friend was like, ‘That’s a good song. The name for the song [should be] ‘Haunt Me.’”

Harker said by the time the title track was finished, the band needed to decide on a name for their EP and “Haunt Me” was what they went with. He said it was the song he had spent the most time on as well.

Jamie Vitullo, drummer, said the band’s ideas for this EP came organically from doing jam sessions together and talking over things. A few of the songs came from Harker, which were solo songs turned into full band songs.

“It’s been a full, collaborative outlet,” he said.

Vitullo said money can be a struggle and a hardship faced being a part of a band, and it costs a lot of money to be in a band, but sometimes they don’t make enough in return.

“The return hasn’t come yet, but it’s going to come,” he said.

Mike Perorazio, bassist, said the band members enjoy hanging out with each other, and the band members live across the state, so they do not get to see each other a lot.

“Whether it’s a month or a couple of weeks, that’s pretty cool because we write songs, but there’s shenanigans and stuff,” he said.

Perorazio said today, getting people to listen to their music is quicker than ever compared to the past, and it’s interesting where the band is at with their music and their careers right now.

The EP “Haunt Me” is available on Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon and through other streaming services. To learn more about Spirit of the Bear and to listen to their top tracks, visit <http://www.spiritofthebearband.com>.



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ENLIGHTENING ELDERS WITH ART

BRIANNA GLEGHORN

Senior citizens were able to get to know one another and create conversations about featured artwork at the Senior Art and Learn at The Butler Institute of American Art Feb. 21.

In addition to the event, attendees were also given a tour. A group of art lovers from the Challenges Center in New Castle, Pennsylvania, have been attending this event since it began two years ago.

Challenges Center is a community center that educates adults over the age of 50 in various subjects, including art and providing other services. Karen Craven, from Challenges, has been going to this event for two years.

“We take an art class at Challenges and I was looking online and came across this,” she said. “It happened to be the first time they had it too.”

Craven, being an artist herself, was especially excited for this exhibit because it was her specialty — pastels. During the tour, she was able to give background on how an artist could achieve a certain look. This gave an inside look into the pieces and how they were created.

The group interpreted the artwork from the Pastel Society of America. This was the 46th annual exhibition.

Lois Martin-Uscianowski manages the Southside Community Garden in Youngstown, which provides children’s garden programs and an annual butterfly festival. This was her first time at the event.

“It was very enlightening,” she said. “I was surprised to see pictures with vivid colors. I also love meeting new people.”

Martin-Uscianowski has returned to Youngstown State University to obtain a degree in nonprofit and human resources and will graduate in the fall. She previously received her degree in criminal justice.

Hannah Moses, a docent from the Butler, led the group through the artwork along with JoAnn Blunt, also a docent.

“It’s fun to talk about art in a group and having that interaction brings new views,” Moses said.

After the “slow looking” of the art, there was a breakfast provided in the Collections Café in the art institute. Slow looking is examining art, but not glancing quickly at the piece and moving on. This gives the viewer a better chance understanding the piece.

This event is a part of Arts in the Early Morning that the Butler has once a month and is free to the public. The Butler also has Stroller Art for parents of babies up to 24 months old and Young Friends Adventure for children ages two through five.

Each event is on a different Thursday of the month excluding December. The next Senior Art and Learn will be on March 21 at 10 a.m. at the Butler.

YSU’S GOT TALENT AUDITIONEES WANT TO INSPIRE THE WORLD

VICTORIA REMLEY

Youngstown State University’s talent show is aiming to produce show-stopping acts, and vocal surgery did not stop Jenny Zamis, a senior general studies major, from auditioning Feb. 21.

Zamis, or “Jenny from the Block” to some, said performing means everything to her. There is nothing better for Zamis than expressing herself musically.

“Something about artistry makes it so much easier to express me, myself, my emotions,” she said. “It makes mental health a lot easier to control in general for me.”

Zamis sings all day, every day, often annoying her roommates. She originally studied vocal performance when she arrived at YSU, and during her senior year of high school, she performed in musicals, plays and four different choirs, which overworked her voice.

As a top soprano, Zamis sang high notes at full force in all choirs she participated in, but the full force was just too much.

“I got surgery on my vocal cords because I had a cyst,” she said. “I wasn’t allowed to even practice. I couldn’t talk for months and then I wasn’t allowed to sing for about a year at all.”

Upon arriving at YSU, Zamis could not pursue her passion to be a vocal performance major because of the cyst. She changed her major to special education and decided to finish out her degree.

At YSU’s Got Talent in March, Zamis will be performing “Bad Habits” by Maxwell.

Briana Dent, a freshman psychology major, performs to inspire people, and said she feels like this generation needs more performers and people being themselves.

Dent will be performing “Chun-Li” by Nicki Minaj at the talent show.

“It’s just a way of self-expression and helping others and letting them know it’s OK to express themselves as well,” she said.

The art of rapping allows Dent to be herself and put her whole heart into her craft. She said when someone raps, they get to be themselves, put their hearts into it and show everyone else their passion.

“I feel like it keeps me going,” she said.

Sarah Burger, president of the American Marketing Association and a junior international business major, said YSU’s Got Talent is similar to “America’s Got Talent.”

“It’s just a really fun, family-friendly event,” Burger said.

YSU students at the event will be supporting their fellow students and will have the chance to meet and converse with the judges, which include YSU president Jim Tressel and Eddie Howard, YSU’s vice president of student affairs. The third judge remains unknown.

The talent show is one of the American Marketing Association’s biggest fundraisers. The Association aims to involve the entire YSU campus in their events.

All auditions will take place in Kilcawley Center on Feb. 28 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 2067, March 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 2069, March 5 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in room

2069 and March 7 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Stambaugh Room.

YSU’s Got Talent will be held on March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The winner of YSU’s Got Talent will collect \$150. The second place winner and the recipient of the viewer’s choice will collect \$100.



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MARIO'S MOVIES: OSCAR PREDICTIONS – 2019 (DUN DUN DUN)

MARIO RICCIARDI

Usually when someone reads a column of mine, they are reading the fully formed thoughts of a resolute Mario Ricciardi. This is not the case at the moment. I know, I know. Just please try to keep your composition — odds are you're in public. I can't have my readers looking like crazy people. My job is already at risk enough because opinion columns allegedly aren't real news.

Why the lapse in this current piece? Well, timeframe is everything in this case. I am writing this on Feb. 23, a full night before the awards ceremony. This article will discuss who I think deserves Oscar statuettes at the prestigious 2019 Academy (rich-white-talented by exclusivity) event. Before you comment, I only wrote the in-parentheses text so in 15 years when I'm tapped to host the 2034 Oscars, this can be dug up and controversy can be stirred.

Why stir up controversy? Well, controversy leads to publicity and publicity leads to more marketability and more marketability means attention from big studios. Therefore, I will get the offer to direct my "Superman" reboot dream project circa 2035.

OK, I got off topic. To be clear I am writing this on Saturday, Feb. 23. The Oscars aren't until tomorrow night. I am writing this from the past. Why should you readers care about predictions that have already been proven true or false? Don't you want to see an unedited, unabridged account of my successes and more pressingly, my failures? People love to see a hero fall after right?

Let's get to it.

Best Picture:

- "Black Panther"
- "BlacKkKlansman"
- "Bohemian Rhapsody"
- "Roma"
- **"Green Book"** – So, there are a lot of critics who didn't like this film for a number of reasons. I really enjoyed it so I want to pick this film to declare my stance against the grain.
- "A Star is Born"
- "Vice"

Best Director:

- Alfonso Cuarón ("Roma")
- Yorgos Lanthimos ("The Favourite")
- Spike Lee ("BlacKkKlansman")
- Adam McKay ("Vice")
- **Paweł Pawlikowski ("Cold War")** – I originally thought it'd be Alfonso, but Paweł's name is infinitely harder to spell and that's usually a pretty good indicator for this category.

Best Actress:

- Yalitza Aparicio ("Roma")
- **Glenn Close ("The Wife")** – It literally came down to the fact that she won all the other awards at all the other things.
- Olivia Colman ("The Favourite")
- Lady Gaga ("A Star is Born")
- Melissa McCarthy ("Can You Ever Forgive Me?")

Best Actor:

- **Christian Bale ("Vice")** – All you need to do is Google Image search "Christian Bale Dick Cheney transformation." I'm sorry, Rami.
- Bradley Cooper ("A Star is Born")
- Willem Dafoe ("At Eternity's Gate")
- Rami Malek ("Bohemian Rhapsody")
- Viggo Mortensen ("Green Book")

Best Animated Feature:

- "Incredibles 2"
- "Isle of Dogs"
- "Mirai"
- "Ralph Breaks the Internet"
- **"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"** – I'm judging this on the trailer (I actually haven't seen this one yet) and the fact that they made the entire film in Photoshop.

Best Original Song:

- "All the Stars" ("Black Panther")
- "I'll Fight" ("RBG")
- "The Place Where Lost Things Go" ("Mary Poppins Returns")
- **"Shallow" ("A Star is Born")** – This is low key a shout-out to my mom. "Shallow" is the only song Alexa is ever playing in our house anymore. Hi, mom.
- "When a Cowboy Trades His Spurs for Wings" ("The Ballad of Buster Scruggs")

So, let's see how this all pans out tomorrow night. Catch you in the future, future readers — and future Mario.

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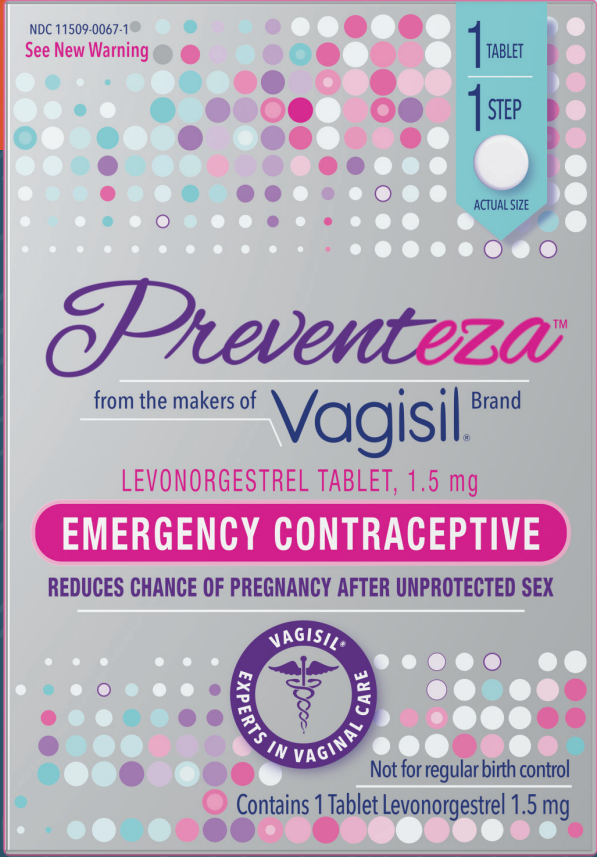
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS OUTDATED

The United Methodist Church voted to intensify its ban on gay marriage and LGBTQ+ clergy on Feb. 26.

In the last 50 years, great strides have been made in the gay rights movement, but with one step forward, this feels like two steps back.

Controversy and split opinions on the ban could divide the nation's third largest Christian denomination.

According to The New York Times, the decision passed with a vote of 53 percent to 47 percent.

Some church officials say that homosexuality does not align with Christian values, but some may argue that neither do premarital sex, divorce and taking the Lord's name in vain.

So which values are okay to break and which aren't? Why is there hypocrisy?

Although same-sex marriage is legal in the United States, many churchgoers want to get married in their church.

The decision could discourage people, especially those who identify as LGBTQ+, from joining or continuing their practices within the United Methodist Church if they feel alienated by this recent declaration.

Even though the vote strengthened the ban on same-sex

marriage, this vote may not be reflective of the United Methodist Church in total.

The New York Times reported that six in 10 United Methodists in the U.S. believe homosexuality should be accepted and some congregations have had LGBTQ+ clergy members, and have held same-sex wedding ceremonies, even though it violates church policy.

Perhaps the officials voting on the ban aren't a true reflection of the members of the United Methodist Church.

Or, perhaps members of the church should step into the 21st century and celebrate all forms of love and those who want to devote their life to religion, regardless of their sexual orientation.

PROGNOSIS FOR GM CLOSING BASED ON MY PARENT'S UNEMPLOYMENT

ALYSSA WESTON

In late August 2016, just days before my first semester at Youngstown State University, my father told me he lost his job.

We promptly put my first semester's tuition on a credit card and have gone through grants, loans and headaches ever since. At 18, I was finding that college was already so difficult to figure out.

As balancing college became stressful, home life had its set of unforeseen challenges too.

"I stayed at grandma's house last night," my sister said. "I wanted to take a hot shower." I felt a lump in my throat. "It's not fair."

In hindsight, I used to think of how unemployment affected the unemployed and not necessarily how it affected their families.

A 2010 study commissioned by the Brookings Institute found that approximately one in nine American children, or 8.1

million, has at least parent that is unemployed.

According to a preliminary study titled, "The Long-Term Effects of Parental Unemployment," by Bernhard Schmidpeter for the Institute for Social and Economic Research University of Essex, "early parental unemployment increases children's time spent in unemployment and that this effect is largely concentrated at unemployment prone individuals."

Schmidpeter found that parental unemployment can decrease the well-being and school performance of children and eventually impact their careers too.

For some unemployed, finding similar work isn't always possible especially with downsizing and closing of large corporations.

General Motors' closing this March will have an impact on the families of over 1,500 people in the Mahoning Valley, especially the folks whose children are about to start college, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, but now with a whole new set of challenges.

Nicole Kent-Strollo, director of student outreach and support, said after much discussion, the YSU Division of Student

Experience decided to release a statement in response to the announcement of the Lordstown GM plant closing.

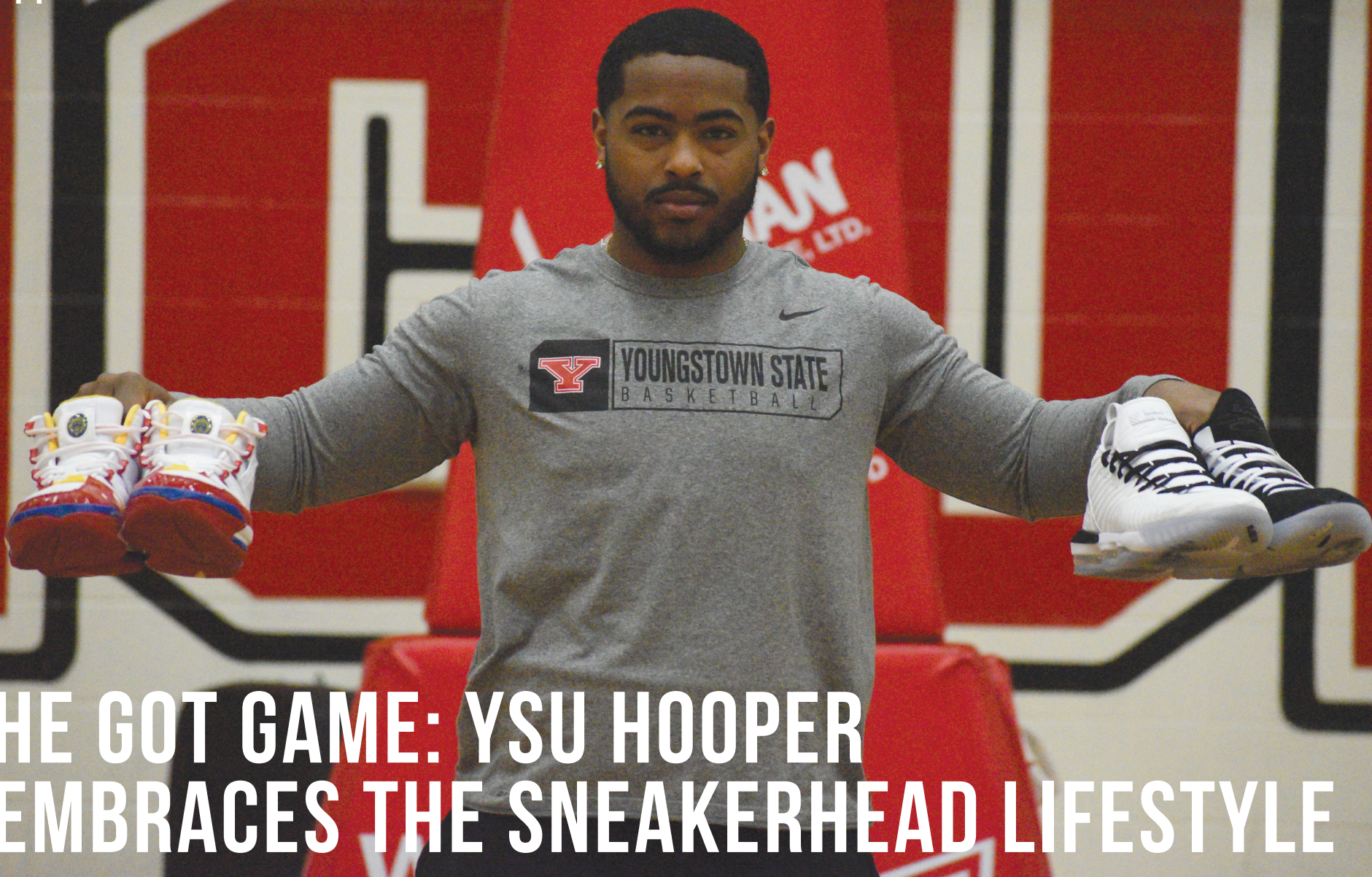
Kent-Strollo said the statement was to let those who may be impacted by the plant's closing know that the Division of Student Experience was thinking about them.

Luckily, for students at YSU there are resources to help lessen the blow of personal or family unemployment.

According to Kent-Strollo, students can receive help filing their taxes through the Williamson College of Business Administration and use resources from the food pantry and Career Closet, as well as go to financial aid and have an evaluation done.

In addition, students who don't have health insurance can still receive treatment from the on-campus health clinic.

"I think there's going to be a trickle-down effect [from GM plant closing]," she said. "It absolutely affects our students just like so many other things do so these [on-campus resources] are needed."



HE GOT GAME: YSU HOOPER EMBRACES THE SNEAKERHEAD LIFESTYLE

Photo by **Brian Yauger/The Jambar**

BRIAN YAUGER

Devin Morgan, the junior guard on the Youngstown State University basketball team, fits the bill of a sneakerhead perfectly. Morgan has over 100 pairs of shoes.

For those not in the know, a “sneakerhead” is someone who is really into shoes, to the point of collecting numerous pairs.

Out of all those pairs, Morgan’s favorite pair are the Concord Jordan 11s. The ConCORDs were one of the most hyped sneaker releases of 2018. When asked what his go-to model of shoes is, he gave a simple answer.

“The 11s for sure,” Morgan said. “I like the Cool Greys, the Bred 11s. I’ve always hooped in the ConCORDs. For some reason I don’t really wear the ConCORDs, but I like to play basketball in them. I may have to break them out for the tournament though.”

Every sneakerhead has a pair of shoes that got them into collecting. One of Morgan’s spark-lighting pairs, just so happens to also be his go-to. The Jordan 11s and the Jordan 5s.

“I really like the Cool Grey 11s,” Morgan

said. “They came out probably like five or six years ago. I camped outside for those. Every year for Christmas, I would camp outside for a pair and when the Grape 5s came out, I didn’t even know what they really were. My cousin got them for me, I ended up getting them on Nike.com and from there it just kind of took off.”

That spark for Morgan came in high school. Later on, during his freshman year at his old school, Delaware State University, Morgan would wear a different pair of shoes every game he would play in.

“I’ve been collecting shoes since high school,” Morgan said. “My freshman year [at Delaware State], I hooped in 26 different pairs, a different pair every game. Sophomore year, my coach kind of put a little restriction on me. Here I’ve tried to keep it under control, but after the LeBRons came out, coach liked those so I got the Black History Months.”

When it comes to choosing a colorway, which is the sneakerhead term for a shoe’s color scheme, Morgan prefers to stick with the classics. Opting for a pair of original colors, commonly known in the sneakerhead community as “OGs.”

“All the original colors for Jordans,” Morgan said. “The little card that comes with the shoes, I make sure I get every pair of those. I don’t like too many crazy colors. I have a neon pair, but other than that I like black and white, black and grey, something like that. With Jordans definitely all the OG colorways.”

Many people only wear shoes for comfort and aren’t into the style as much. Morgan has a couple pairs that he views as a hybrid of both.

“The most comfortable shoes I wear right now has to be the Yeezy Wave Runners,” Morgan said. “I can wear those every day. If we’re talking Jordans, the most comfortable pair would be the [Jordan 13] He Got Games. I love those, I could wear those every day too.”

During the Penguins’ five-game win streak in February, Morgan stuck with one pair of shoes, the LeBron 16 SuperBRons, a colorway of red, yellow and blue designed to mimic the iconic Superman.

Being noticed by fellow sneakerheads is part of the fun of being one according to Morgan.

“A lot of people are sneakerheads, they love to see which pair I’m going to wear,” Morgan said. “It’s fun to know there’s something other

than just basketball. I actually had an article about me in high school about all my shoes. It’s fun. I like to keep people on their heels about what shoes I’m going to wear. My parents hate it though because it’s a lot of money.”

Morgan has been a bit busy to pay a ton of attention to the latest releases, but there are a few that have caught his eye.

“I haven’t been paying too much attention this year,” Morgan said. “I actually got my mom into it now. She’ll email me when a new pair comes out. Actually, the Bred 4s are coming out in the OG colorway and they’re going to have the Nike on the back, so I’m looking forward to those. Those are my favorite pair of Jordans of all time and whenever 11s come out, I definitely look forward to those, but other than that I haven’t been paying too much attention.”

With the tournament starting in just a few days, it’ll be fun to see what Morgan decides to lace up. He’s yet to wear the ConCORDs and said he was going to save them for a special occasion. You’ll just have to keep your eyes peeled to see what he wears.



MEN'S BASKETBALL AIMS TO FINE-TUNE AS SEASON FINALE APPROACHES

Photo by **Robert Hayes/The Jambar**

JOSHUA FITCH

Thirty games have come and gone for the Youngstown State University men's basketball team throughout an up-and-down season. One game remains on the regular season schedule, a matchup with the Cleveland State University Vikings on Saturday.

This is also the last home game for the Penguins before the Horizon League tournament begins on March 5 in Detroit. The top eight teams in the Horizon League standings get into the tournament, something the league adopted this season.

Currently, the Penguins sit in seventh place in the standings, while the University of Detroit Mercy Titans hang on to the last playoff spot.

The Penguins and Titans each have nine losses in conference play this season, meaning if YSU falls this weekend while Detroit Mercy wins out, they could swap seventh and eighth place spots.

Not that long ago, it seemed the Penguins wouldn't be in a position to be figure out playoff seeding position, but thanks to a recent six-game winning streak, the red and white have found themselves in the mix.

When the season playoff comes to a close, the winning streak in February is what fans will remember. It came at the right time, too. The Penguins dropped two consecutive games on the road

to Northern Kentucky University, 76-69, and a blowout against Wright State University, 82-54.

Against NKU, Darius Quisenberry went out after the first play of the game due to an injury, but returned in limited action against Wright State.

"I thought our kids played tremendous. To lose our starting point guard, a guy who has been influential throughout the entire season, [we still] were one or two possessions away from beating Northern Kentucky," YSU coach Jerrod Calhoun said. "Going to Wright State, I just tip my hat. I thought they played their best game of the year."

Calhoun said the Penguins practiced Monday and Tuesday, but took off Wednesday in preparations for Cleveland State, a game in which the Penguins have a final chance to improve during the regular season.

"With this league, you have to bounce back because it's winding down. It's a good week to get better and a chance to get some great momentum heading into the tournament," he said.

Calhoun added Quisenberry sat out a few days of practice this week and is expected to play on Saturday. He said junior guard Devin Morgan and sophomore guard Garrett Covington each stepped up in the loss to Northern Kentucky.

The final game at Beeghly Center on Saturday is also Senior Night, and potentially the last home game for the only senior on the roster, Noe Anabir.

"I think Saturday's really about Noe, his family is coming in to watch him play," Calhoun said. "It means a lot, but I don't necessarily enjoy Senior Night because it's hard to say goodbye to your players. What he's meant to our program has been a lot, from mentoring guys and playing his tail off. He's been a big impact on our kids and coaches."

Anabir, the 6-foot-8-inch forward from Geneva, Switzerland, said it was his dream to come to the United States and play collegiate basketball. Now that his time is coming to a close at YSU, he's very grateful how things turned out.

"It means a lot of hard work [was put in]," Anabir said. "I did it, but it ends this Saturday, so I'm kind of sad, excited. I don't know. There's mixed feelings, but I'm happy that I achieved my goal."

Even more special to Anabir, his parents are coming from Switzerland to see their son, potentially in his last game in Youngstown.

"I have my mother and stepfather coming and I'm happy they can make the trip," Anabir said. "It's time consuming to come across continents to come see me, but they did it for me because they love me and I love them. I'm very happy."

Senior Night tips off at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Beeghly Center. Keep in tuned to TheJambar.com following the game for a wrap-up and closer look ahead to the Horizon League tournament, set to begin on March 5.



PENGUIN WOMEN TO END SEASON IN CLEVELAND

Photo by *Brian Yauger/The Jambar*

BRIAN YAUGER

With one game left in the regular season, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team is gearing up for tournament time.

YSU is coming off of a two-game road skid in their trip to southern Ohio, falling to Northern Kentucky University and Wright State University. The Penguins have the whole week to prepare for Saturday's game against Cleveland State University. That doesn't mean they're going to change their formula up.

"[We're going to do] the same thing we've been doing," Penguins coach John Barnes said. "Wright State is obviously the best team in the conference and despite not shooting very well, we still played them really tough and still had a chance to win down the stretch. The NKU game, the same thing — we didn't shoot very well and we had to make a comeback to have a chance, and they made a big shot to win the game. They were tough but we competed and fought and gave ourselves a chance

in both games."

The Penguins dropped the game to Northern Kentucky 65-62 off of a Molly Glick buzzer-beater, but mental mistakes put them in that place to begin with.

"If we box out and find a way to get the ball we're the ones who have the shot at the end," Barnes told *The Vindicator* after the game. "Mental stuff all game cost us the game. Not anything else."

On Sunday, the Penguins took on the Raiders in Dayton. YSU shot poorly, but still managed to stay close, falling 70-65.

"We need to shoot the ball better, there's no question about that," Barnes said after the loss. "Shooting that bad we still had a chance to win. Defensively, we had that lull which could've been the difference. We pride ourselves on our defense. If we defend really well and rebound really well, even if we have off-shooting nights, we still have a chance to win the game."

Symone Simmons brought down 21 rebounds during the game and absolutely dominated in the paint. A result of coming out soft according to senior forward Sarah Cash.

"I think we came out a little soft and that just gave them momentum when they started getting offensive rebounds and we just didn't stop them," Cash said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win in the end, so we need to be proud of that."

Barnes touched on the shooting and gave a silver lining regarding the cold streak.

"The shooting's not going to stay cold," Barnes said. "It might be a good thing. Cool off a little bit now and once the tournament hits we get hot at the right time and make a run."

The Penguins host a Horizon League Tournament game on March 6 against an opponent still to be determined.

For the Penguins to win the Horizon League tournament, odds are they'll have to take on Wright State again. If that's the case, Dunn is ready for the challenge.

"I'm disappointed because I know we could have beaten that team, but we have to learn from it," Dunn said. "I think we're going to play them again so we really have to get prepared. We still have Cleveland State and then the tournament."