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Students can get a sweet treat from the new **Snack & Chill** located in **The Cove**.

Snack & Chill at YSU



By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

The Cove in Kilcawley Center at Youngstown State University has opened a new ice cream shop for students to enjoy. The shop, called **Snack & Chill**, lets students kick back with a snack.

Stan Sweeney, director of Kilcawley Center Student Union, explained why YSU decided to add the shop to The Cove.

“That space was kind of just sitting there, and so what we thought about [was] what could be a possibility of having in that space,” he said. “Me and my team talked about how we can generate traffic into that space [and provide] an overall comprehensive

experience.”

Sweeney and his team decided on an ice cream shop because he said it’s not something that is usually seen on college campuses and there is not any food service that provides scooped ice cream on campus.

Sweeney explained that while the shop will primarily have ice cream, it also wants to incorporate a few novelty food items.

“Primarily, it’s going to be ice cream, but we’re looking to see if we could have a few novelties in there, novelty food items,” he said. “Mostly ice-cream items, but you know, things like chips, candy

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Academic cuts continue: 7 more faculty non-renewed



By **Elizabeth Coss**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University decided against extending the contracts of seven unidentified faculty members following decreased enrollment.

The faculty who were notified they would not be reappointed to their positions for the next academic school year were lecturers under one-year contracts for the 2021-2022 academic year at the university.

Brien Smith, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, said there was correlation between the recent non-renewals and the sunseting of 23 academic programs that were announced fall 2021.

“To maintain [the] quality of programs across YSU, resources must occasionally be redirected from programs slated to be sunset to programs with increasing student interest and demand,” Smith said.

Other factors that contribute to faculty cuts include dropping enrollment numbers that have affected not only YSU, but other universities, according to Smith.

“With changing enrollments, universities do consider the optimal number of faculty necessary to deliver degrees,” Smith said. “Most programs that were cut have

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Low: 47 °F

Chance of prec. 0%
mostly sunny

Fri.



Partly Cloudy

High: 70 °F

Low: 56 °F

Chance of prec. 25%
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Sat.



Scattered
Showers

High: 63 °F

Low: 39 °F

Chance of prec. 60%
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Sun.



Rain

High: 52 °F

Low: 39 °F

Chance of prec. 61%
rain

Mon.



Overcast

High: 60 °F

Low: 41 °F

Chance of prec. 10%
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Tues.



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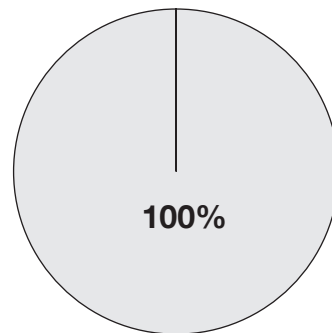
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Feb. 27-March 12

7 total cases



7 off-campus students

0 employers

0 on-campus students

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ment can impact all programs, and majors with small numbers can be severely impacted with even reductions of one to two students in that area.”

Three of the seven faculty cuts were from the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education. Dean Charles Howell said the college will make sure all of its classes are covered.

“The numbers [in classes] have shrunk over the past five years as enrollment has been declining, as the en-

carried low enrollments for years.

Falling enroll-

tering freshman class has been getting smaller. We really don’t need as many instructors there. We have both full-time and part-time instructors who will be able to pick up that load,” Howell said.

Despite being able to manage the cuts, Howell said it’s never easy.

“As dean, I’m placed in a difficult position,” Howell said. “It’s painful as dean to have to cut programs and to have to cut faculty because the faculty have served us well. All of these three faculty are good teachers, and they work diligently on behalf of the students.”

Faculty positions that were cut in BCLASSE were two composition lecturers and one Italian lecturer.

Faculty who were given non-renewals were notified the week of Feb. 20, and had to be notified by March 1, according to Ron Cole, director of University Communications.

Despite these cuts, Cole said YSU has plans for expanding its workforce and funding faculty.

“YSU’s fiscal year 2022 and 2023 budgets include 40 new full-time faculty hirings. In addition, the budgets include 2% annual faculty raises, and there is continued support in the budget for faculty travel and research, sabbaticals, faculty-improvement leaves and other scholarly endeavors,” Cole said.

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bars, things like that. We’re going to see how it goes.”

To prepare for opening and train the staff for the shop, Sweeney said the department sent out emails to several stu-

dents to prepare the staff for what it is like to serve ice cream.

“We sent out an email to a bunch of students and asked them, ‘Hey, help us out, help us train our staff,’” he said. “So for the last five days, we’ve kind of done just free scoops, just so our team can actually practice.”

While Snack & Chill had a soft opening Monday, its grand opening ceremony is today. There will be a ribbon-cutting and a special feature to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

“There’s going to be a special feature that day,” he said. “Then, all day long, we’ll be having a make-your-own brace-

let or necklace for St. Patrick’s Day.”

The Cove is open for students Monday-Friday and is closed during the weekend. For more information on Snack & Chill, check out its website or visit the second floor of Kilcawley Center.

The Cove is open Monday-Friday and is closed during the weekend.

Monday-Thursday

Friday

Saturday-Sunday

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed



This location will offer a quick snack for all to enjoy.

Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar

Donate blood, save a life



By **Shianna Gibbons**
Jambar contributor

COVID-19 has created the worst national blood shortage the American Red Cross has seen in over a decade. According to the American Red Cross website, there's been a 10% decline in donations since March 2020.

Youngstown State University and the American Red Cross have partnered to host blood drives on campus every few weeks, but COVID-19 has created unique challenges for the American Red Cross.

Christinia Gargas, account manager for the American Red Cross northern Ohio biomedical region, said the pandemic caused multiple problems for blood drives.

"The pandemic has posed a lot of challenges to our blood supply," Gargas said. "There has been a lot of cancellations with businesses and schools due to the pandemic, which we have relied on to help collect blood for local hospitals."

The American Red Cross website reports a 62% drop in blood drives at schools due to the pandemic. In 2019, 25% of donations were from student donors but that number dropped to 10% in 2020.

"Unfortunately, doctors have been forced to make those difficult decisions on who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait for more products to be available," Gargas said.

While the rest of the world was isolated during the pandemic, the need for blood never stopped.

"Blood is something that is not manufactured, and it is not stockpiled," Gargas said. "It is only possible through the kindness and generosity of the donors."

However, the pandemic inspired some people, like junior nursing major Nathaniel Hunter, to donate more.

"[The pandemic] made me donate more because the Red Cross started offering COVID tests or testing your blood for antibodies," Hunter said. "[The donation process] was pretty much the same, just with a mask."

Gargas said safety is a top priority for the American Red Cross, but the organization made additional changes to accommodate the pandemic.

"The mask mandates, the social distancing, the additional sanitization and thermometers — we take safety very important," Gargas said. "And we wanted to make sure everyone feels comfortable donating blood during the pandemic."

Alisha Whelan, a junior medical laboratory science major, regularly donates blood through YSU and said she's had good experiences donating.

"They are all very happy, calm and proficient. I have never had a painful experience," Whelan said. "They are all very nice, and if something does happen, then they are right there to help you."

Gargas said donating blood is vital to community health and directly helps people in need.

"We always tell everyone every two seconds, blood is a constant need," Gargas said. "Someone in the United States needs blood products."

March is American Red Cross Month, and the organization celebrates by rewarding its donors with small incentives such as drinks, snacks and gift cards.

Gargas said the organization is excited to celebrate this month with YSU.

"We are so excited to be partnering with YSU because it gives a convenience factor to students and faculty to come over and donate blood," Gargas said.

There are three more blood drives scheduled on campus for this spring from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 22 and 23 as well as April 19 in Kilcawley Center.

Breaking barriers with YSU's Accessibility Services



By **McCartney Walsh**
Jambar contributor

Accessibility Services at Youngstown State University offers students the resources necessary to reach their fullest potential.

The office aids students who are impaired in some way, with that impairment infringing upon, or having the opportunity to infringe upon, the student's education and learning experience.

Gina McGranahan, associate director of YSU's Resch Academic Success Center and overseer of Accessibility Services on campus, said these impairments typically fall under physical, mental, psychological or learning barriers, but aren't limited only to those categories.

"Everything is need-based," McGranahan said. "We try to find out what the barriers are and how or if we can legally do something about those barriers."

The services give registered students an opportunity to perform to the best of their ability. By eliminating potential barriers, students with disabilities have the same

opportunity to succeed as those without disabilities.

"We give the opportunity to show what they know," McGranahan said. "If they need extra time on a test, if they can comprehend the information but they have trouble reading the information, we read them the information, those kinds of things."

A common misconception about the program is that it isn't fair, that the services are giving benefits to registered students, according to McGranahan.

"It's not giving someone a benefit, it's making things equal," she said.

This program levels the playing field for each student, she said. It doesn't eliminate the work given to students, but rather eliminates the blocks students encounter while completing that work.

"We educate people to let them know it isn't giving them anything extra," McGranahan said. "They're doing the same work everybody else is doing, it's just that we're giving them the time to show the things they know."

Different students have different needs,

and Accessibility Services make specific accommodations to provide the appropriate stepping stones for each student's success, sophomore early childhood education major Sara Bushaw said.

"I have always struggled throughout the years with processing information," Bushaw said. "Everyone has different accommodations, mine is getting extended time."

The program and the services it provides are confidential, so no one knows who is registered. Even the professors are only given a heads-up if a student is registered and may need accommodations.

"This service has a good system when it comes to alerting the professors by having us [the students] fill out a form, and then we send it to the head of the service," Bushaw said. "They distribute it to my professors, making them aware of my accommodations."

There are over 500 students currently registered with Accessibility Services. However, McGranahan said there are qualifying students who might not realize they can register, such as junior journal-

ism major and Type 1 diabetic Samantha Smith, who only recently found out she is eligible.

"I didn't know until last semester that I could [register because of] my diabetes," Smith said. "I was made aware by one of my professors."

If a student is able to register for accommodations — no matter how often or how little the student might utilize those accommodations — they should register to have everything on file.

"It's better to be registered and not need our services than to need our services and not be registered," McGranahan said. "You can choose not to use your accommodations."

The program works for equality and positivity among all students, according to McGranahan. If any students are unsure if they qualify, everyone and anyone is welcome to stop into Accessibility Services offices and see.

"If anyone has questions to see if they qualify, come in and ask," McGranahan said. "We're happy to answer any questions anybody has."

CELEBRATING STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE

Women's History Month kicks off with cancel culture



By **C. Aileen Blaine**
The Jambar

Since 1985, March has been a nationally designated time of recognition and celebration of women. A variety of events to commemorate are taking place in the Mahoning Valley.

Amanda Fehlbaum, associate professor of sociology, said Women's History Month is important in acknowledging that there are more faces behind history than what is often taught in school.

"So much of the celebrated and taught history in the U.S. schools is focused on the people and events that place men — especially white men — at the center," she said. "Women have made important contributions to our country and our world."

Women's History Month first began as a week of celebration in March, 1982. With a series of congressional resolution propositions and presidential proclamations, the week was extended to span the entirety of March in a celebration of women's contributions and achievements throughout history.

Cryshanna Jackson Leftwich, professor of public affairs and urban studies, said it's important to highlight the accomplishments and contributions women make to society.

"As a woman who has faced discrimination and has

been belittled, it is great to see accomplishments of myself and other women that crush stereotypes," she said.

This year's theme under the women's and gender studies department focuses on exploring cancel culture, which is the idea of removing support for public figures in response to problematic opinions or behavior. According to Fehlbaum, social media has become a way for marginalized communities to voice their issues publicly, but now some claim that cancel culture has run amok and is ruining lives.

"But is anyone really truly canceled?" is the topic of debate.

At 6 p.m. March 17, Treva B. Lindsey — a women's, gender and sexuality studies professor from The Ohio State University — will deliver a keynote address exploring concepts of intersectionality, violence against women and other topics. The free event will be held virtually and in-person with limited seating.

The concept of intersectionality — the acknowledgment that individuals can belong to more than one marginalized community — is a tool used to look at the historical context of issues to continue the fight against inequality and oppression among systematically disadvantaged or ignored groups.

"Black women in particular have not only led the charge on many actions for social change, but are also most likely to have their contributions ignored or

glossed over," Fehlbaum said.

Recently, the conversation of opening up opportunities for women has reached the executive branch of government. According to a White House webpage, March 8, 2021, saw an executive order by President Joe Biden establishing the Gender Policy Council within the White House. The GPC works in tandem with other policy councils to advance gender equity and equality. It differs from previous administrations' councils — such as former President Barack Obama's Council on Women and Girls and Bill Clinton's Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach — as it's the first freestanding policy council encompassing the rights of individuals of any gender.

"It is important to have Women's History Month and continue to celebrate it so that we can draw attention to the people, places and events that shaped us and continue to shape us," Fehlbaum said.

Jackson Leftwich said it's vital to recognize and highlight the accomplishments of women in fields predominantly dominated by men, such as mathematics, engineering and law enforcement.

"We need to recognize accomplishments and change the narrative to let everyone know that they can all make history and contribute to society," she said.

For more information or to register to attend, visit wgs.ysu.edu

Upcoming YSU women's and gender studies department events are as follows:

March 17: Keynote address by Treva B. Lindsey, 6 p.m.

March 23: Penguin Peer Educator, 12 p.m.

March 24: "50 Years of Title XI: Why it Still Matters," 12:30 p.m. Debartolo Hall room 132

March 24: League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown Women's Hall of Fame, 6 p.m.
Youngstown YWCA

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AIMING STRAIGHT

Bull's-eye! Archery comes to campus



By Kyle Ferraro
Jambar contributor

Youngstown State University is offering an “Intro to Archery” event. If interest is high, this event will be annual. It will be taught on an introductory level, focusing on safety and the basics of the sport.

The program is funded through the Outdoor Education Step Outside Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The grant contributes \$500 for equipment, all of which will be provided since the program is introductory.

The coordinator of Competitive Sports and Summer Camps, Domonique Sak, applied for the grant to help underwrite the event and will be its supervisor. Sak is certified as a level one instructor.

“The first part you’re going to learn about the range. That is a huge safety thing,” Sak said. “You have to learn about the range, how far apart distances are, like the shooting line, the waiting line and the target line.”

This program will last three hours, with the majority of it focusing on safety training for the sport. Safety training in a sport that contains a weapon is more important

than most other aspects, according to Sak.

“While archery is really fun, it can also be a really high-risk sport,” Sak said.

Dustin Millikin, who has been bow-hunting for many years, said it’s important to be aware of weather conditions while shooting.

“No one really realizes how much the wind can affect you when you’re shooting a bow,” Millikin said. “The wind can get a hold of the arrow and it can make you miss your target.”

Sak also said it’s critical to monitor the weather while shooting.

“If the weather conditions aren’t ideal, then it is really difficult to have the program and run it safely,” Sak said.

To maintain a safe range operation, this program is limited to eight participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The equipment being provided includes bows, arrows, arm guards and quivers.

Recurve bows will be provided. They have limbs that curve away from the archer when unstrung, allowing them to shoot arrows faster.

Sak hopes this event will inspire a student to develop an archery club, as there has been expressed interest.

John O’Neill, a senior information technology major, has some archery experience and looks forward to attending this program.

“I am enamored with archery because of my personal interests,” O’Neill said. “For years, I have been a fan of superheroes like the Green Arrow and Hawkeye. Being able to see how good my aim could be is always a fun experience.”

O’Neill is a self-taught archer who’s been shooting since 2017 and brings a unique background to the sport.

“My favorite type of archery is target archery,” O’Neill said. “As a kid, I used to throw darts on my dartboard in the basement, and target archery reminds me of doing that.”

The event will take place from 2-5 p.m. March 29 at Harrison Field across from the MVR Restaurant.

Those interested must register prior to the event on the Campus Rec store website or visit the Campus Rec Administrative Office. The costs are \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and \$25 for the general public.



Archery gets introduced.



Dustin Millikin demonstrates how to safely shoot a bow.

Photos by Kyle Ferraro / Jambar contributor

Disc golf soars in popularity



Photo by Henry Shorr / The Jambar

Pure Flight Disc Golf gives community members an opportunity to connect with each other.



By Henry Shorr
The Jambar

Disc golf has seen a massive rise in popularity in recent years with more courses and players than ever before. Now, the Mahoning Valley has its very own disc golf retailer: Pure Flight Disc Golf.

Disc golf, which became popular on YouTube through channels like JomezPro, follows the same basic rules of golf with the big difference being that the objective is to throw a disc into the chains of a large metal basket. The activity has been around for decades, with a pro-tour, a world championship and now, multi-million dollar sponsorship contracts for some professional disc golfers.

Drive through any neighborhood in the greater Youngstown area and it is easy to find a set of disc golf baskets in a public park. Justin Edwards, director of the Office of Career Exploration and Development at Youngstown State University, remembers a time when finding courses was not so easy.

“When I first started, the closest courses were 45 minutes away from Youngstown, and I’ve had a really great opportunity to help the sport grow and see about a dozen courses that are about half-an-hour [out] of YSU,” he said.

Edwards, who has been playing disc golf for about eight years, had a personal hand in designing most of the courses around Youngstown. He helped put courses in Austintown Park, Wick Park, Canfield Farms and many more in the Valley.

“I’ve been really lucky to be able to connect with a lot of folks in the community — directors at some of the local parks to help raise funds — and design local courses,” he said. “The first course in the Mahoning County, actually, was at Boardman Park, and I was lucky to be able to design that course, help with the installation and create a lot of the first tournaments and events we did in the area. I’ve had a lot of great opportunities to help grow the sport in this area.”

Sophomore marketing major Carmen Quattro said he loves the growth this sport has seen in Youngstown. He has seen the work Edwards has put into the courses and greatly appreciates it.

“My favorite course is Boardman — it’s the first course I ever played. That course has grown a lot — Justin has

put a lot of work into that. The new concrete tee pads have worked a lot, I love that. Wick Park — that’s a good course that’s coming along great — and Austintown. Those are probably the three courses I’ve played the most,” Quattro said.

Both Edwards and Quattro are excited to have a disc golf retailer in the Mahoning Valley. Luke Shelton opened Pure Flight Disc Golf in 2021 as an online retailer. With the boom in disc golf during the COVID-19 pandemic, he saw a need in Youngstown and decided to fulfill it himself.

“I go on a lot of disc golf road trips — I go on vacation with the sole idea to just play as many courses as I can — and one of my favorite things to do is to go to the local disc golf shops in those cities,” Shelton said. “And every time, through the years, I would say to my buddies who were with me, ‘We need something like this.’ So I figured, well, why not? I’ll do it. I’m not going to wait for someone to do it, I’ll do it.”

In February, Shelton opened a brick-and-mortar Pure Flight Disc Golf store in Hubbard. Edwards sees great value in a physical gathering spot for disc golfers in Youngstown — not only socially, but educationally as well.

“Pure Flight Disc Golf is going to be an important part of keeping people engaged throughout the entire year. Those of us who are really dedicated, we play in zero-degree weather and we’re out all year round. But that’s not feasible for everybody,” Edwards said. “Having a disc golf store as a central location for people to find discs and learn about the sport year-round, I think, is going to draw a lot more people into the game.”

Quattro sees Pure Flight as the start of something bigger in the Mahoning Valley.

“I think it’s great. We start here now and it’ll eventually lead to other stores. It will be really good for us,” he said.

There has been nothing but growth in the Valley — not just in terms of quantity of courses, but also in the size of the community. All over, disc golf has seen a vast increase in popularity since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that is all too present in Youngstown. Edwards believes a big part of this growth was because of the want to socially distance while still being active outside.

“It’s a safe activity to be outdoors and in nature with

people and in that fresh air. Especially as traditional activities and sports activities — things like gyms and bowling alleys or whatever else that might be that we did indoors — became less accessible,” he said.

He said he believes accessibility plays a large part. Every course in Youngstown is free to play and all someone needs is a Frisbee.

Shelton, who also runs leagues and tournaments around Youngstown, has seen a big rise in the number of people who attend these events since they started again, post-pandemic.

“Every day I would go to the park, one course or another around here, and I would see new people. And then once things got kind of back to normal those same people, I would see them at leagues. And the pandemic lasted so long that those people who I saw making their first throws are pretty darn good now. It’s awesome,” Shelton said.

With the increase in demand and a vacuum of supply, Shelton knew he wanted to be the one to foster growth in this community.

“I don’t care what it takes to make disc golf grow and succeed and I don’t want credit — I just want it to grow. Don’t be a spectator and wait for it to happen, go do it,” he said.

He and Edwards have helped make it possible for people like Quattro and others to enjoy a sport they love close to home with a large, friendly community. Edwards described why he loves disc golf and why people should try it.

“Disc golf, for me, is one of the purest forms of what I call ‘flow.’ Flow is that moment when you lose track of time. An hour can fly by just like that. And being out on the disc golf course gives me that in such a real way where I lose track of time. You throw the disc, you watch it fly, it’s almost like time stands still in a certain way,” Edwards said. “That’s an experience that is worth trying, and even if you can’t make the disc fly that far — heck, you’re getting out, you’re walking, you’re getting some exercise. There’s no negative to getting out and playing some disc golf. It’s all positive for the psyche, for the physical body, all around.”

Pure Flight Disc Golf is located at 6178 Youngstown Hubbard Road and pureflightdiscgolf.com

EveryBODY Fashion Show struts to Beeghly Center



By **C. Aileen Blaine**
The Jambar

Whether it's couture or streetwear sparking their interest, there's one thing hospitality management and merchandising professor Jennifer Frank and friends can agree on: every body deserves to feel confident and comfortable in their own skin.

The EveryBODY Fashion Show returns to an indoor venue to celebrate body positivity and raise awareness for topics such as eating disorders and body-image issues.

"I most look forward to seeing everyone out there, dressed up, having a good time, feeling positive about themselves," Frank said.

The event, which is coordinated by Frank's fashion show production and promotion class, is made possible through sponsors such as the Danielle L. Peters Eating Disorder Endowment. Clothes are loaned from local stores and boutiques.

Behind the glitz and glam of the catwalk, however, lies a serious backstory of which the show's organizers and participants are deeply aware.

Shortly after the July 2012 death of a Youngstown State University student due to complications of bulimia, human ecology professor Priscilla Gitimu began the fashion show as a way to remember Danielle Peters and spread awareness of the issues Peters and others struggle with.

According to statistics compiled by the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, eating disorders are among the deadliest of mental illnesses, second only to opioid overdoses. On average per year, over 10,000 deaths are the result of an eating disorder, and 9% of the U.S. population will have

one in their lifetime. Furthermore, those belonging to minority communities are significantly more likely to display disordered eating habits, body dissatisfaction or eating disorder symptoms than their white, heterosexual counterparts, while also being less likely to receive help or treatment for these issues.

In addition to the catwalk, there will be mental health professionals providing information and resources for those interested in learning more about eating disorders and body dysmorphia.

The show will feature a variety of themes, ranging from spring dresses and professional attire to activewear and streetwear. A plethora of body types, skin colors and cultures will see representation as well.

"The show features models of all shapes and sizes, including models with Down syndrome, transgender models, drag queens — it's all about promoting body positivity and honoring Danielle's memory," Frank said.

This year's participants said they would like to see even more categories added in coming years, including hats, lingerie and gothic and cultural fashion.

Muhammad Khan, a biological sciences senior, said fashion has always been a part of his life, and he's looking forward to sharing his excitement with others at the show. As one of the fashion show production and promotion students, this is his first year participating with the event but said he sees himself returning year after year.

"For me, fashion is freedom. It's open to everyone, and I think everyone should be a part of it in some sort of way," he said.

Fashion and interior merchandising junior Shelby Crites is another student in the production and promotions class. She said she's learned more about teamwork and collaborating ideas, as well as accepting oneself.

"We all have insecurities of our own, and we all are allowed to feel that way sometimes," Crites said. "But it's important that we all remember that we are unique and special in our own way. We just need to embrace it."

Freshman undecided major Erin Jackson said though at first the idea of walking down the runway may seem a little daunting, it's a fun way to gain confidence.

"It's super laid-back, nothing crazy, nothing stress-inducing," she said. "After, you're so happy that you did it and you feel 10 times more confident in yourself."

Nia Simms has participated in the show for four years. She said the show has allowed her to express pride in herself and her weight-loss success.

"I know that confidence is important, and once you exude that confidence, you can do anything that you want," she said.

Gavin Haus has participated in the show for four years, and his father's company Haus Auto Group of Canfield is a sponsor of the show. The 7-year-old said he likes coming back each year as a model.

"What I like about each year is you get to see every shape, every size. And I'm excited to see every shape and every size this year as well," he said.

Above all, Frank hopes participants and spectators alike will be able to walk away from the show with a little more confidence and positivity than before.

"I feel we've all struggled at some point in our life with body image issues," Frank said. "Our goal with this show is to hopefully help people that are experiencing the same struggles [as Peters]."

The EveryBODY Fashion Show takes place from 6–9 p.m. April 13 at Beeghly Center's main gym. For more information, contact Jennifer Frank at jmfrank@ysu.edu

West Fest makes a rhythmic return on March 19



By **Elizabeth Coss**
The Jambar

Westside Bowl is known for hosting local bands, but for the first time in two years, the West Fest is making a return March 19.

Nathan Offerdahl is the owner of Westside Bowl, and he said the event honors the anniversary of the building's purchase with some of the venue's favorite acts.

"It's sort of the unofficial-official celebration of our four-year anniversary. It's a bunch of bands that have been playing here since our first year. East 9th sort of put everything together," Offerdahl said.

Ryan Racketa, one of the organizers and member of the band East 9th, saw the opportunity to create the event for their anniversary with local bands.

"Playing in Youngstown over the years, you make friends, you make contacts with a lot of other bands," Racketa said. "We kind of organized the first one on our own for the most part. This time around we started it, but we had help from other bands putting this together."

Racketa described the event as being festival-like with live music from around the area.

"When it was their one-year anniversary, it was one of our favorite shows to date. We had over 200 people there,"

Racketa said. "It's just a big festival style — eight bands over the course of six or seven hours."

Jarrett Walters is in two of the bands

Bands that will be playing at the event include:

- Ravine
- East 9th
- Starletta
- The Smokey Honey Blues-band
- The Esteems
- Whiskey Pilot
- JW & The Convenience Band

that will be performing: East 9th and JW & The Convenience Band.

"I am a part of JW & The Convenience Band — that is my solo project," Walters said. "East 9th is my primary band that I have spent the past six years writing and arranging and performing with."

Walters, a junior communications student at YSU, said Westside Bowl offers more than just live music.

"There's bowling upstairs, there's a record store, there's an arcade, there's great food and great drinks. It's a great atmosphere," Walters said.

The doors open at 4 p.m. and the music starts at 5 p.m. Tickets can be bought in advance at eventbrite.com or at the door.



Photo courtesy of Alexa Kurimski

Members of YSU Book Club meet up for introductions and to discuss their first book of the month.

‘Never Let Me Go’: YSU’s book of the month for March



By **Jessica Stamp**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University has many clubs and organizations to join, but until recently lacked a book club. In September 2021, Alexa Kurimski, a junior majoring in finance, decided to create the club because she felt “campus didn’t really have anything like it.”

“I had been looking to join a book club forever, and there wasn’t anything around here that was like that, so I decided to look into it and ended up creating [the YSU book club] and so I kind of run it as the president and that’s been really awesome,” Kurimski said.

The book club has an email list with around 60-70 people who have signed

up, but there are only approximately 20 members who are regularly active and participate in the meetings.

Kurimski said the club meets at the end of every month to have discussions about the book of the month.

“We do one discussion meeting per month, and then we also have one to two socials a month, just depending on everybody’s schedules,” Kurimski said.

The members read a variety of book genres from historical to contemporary. For the month of February, the club read a romance book.

Kurimski said she likes how much diversity there is within the club.

“We have so much diversity in the group. ... so many different majors, different kinds of people from all different

kinds of backgrounds,” Kurimski said.

Hope Hefright, a sophomore majoring in graphic design, joined the book club because she loves to read and found it hard to create friendships on campus.

“These past couple of years, it’s been kind of hard to make friends on campus,” Hefright said. “When I saw there was a book club, I was super excited to make friends that way and meet like-minded people.”

Hefright’s favorite book she read in the club was “Challenger Deep” by Neal Shusterman, which focuses on mental health and schizophrenia.

Brianna Olinkik, a junior majoring in personal communication and YSU Book Club vice president, decided to join the club because of her friendship with

Kurimski and her desire to read more.

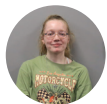
“I kind of realized that once [Kurimski] brought [book club] up, I was like, ‘I haven’t really been into reading since I started college unless it was for class,’ and I used to be really big into reading,” Olinkik said.

She said becoming vice president for the club has impacted her in many ways. She feels it has helped her navigate time management better and being able to contact and gather people together.

The book of the month for March is “Never Let Me Go” by Kazuo Ishiguro. The group plans to meet for the monthly discussion at 6:30 p.m. March 28 in the Esterly Room in Kilcawley Center.

If interested in joining the YSU Book Club, message its Instagram @ysubookclub.

Student Activities hopes to bring more students back to campus



By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

As more students return to campus this semester, the number of events held at Youngstown State University is increasing. YSU’s Student Activities has several events lined up for students this spring semester.

Carrie Anderson, associate director of Student Activities, explained there will be something every week, whether it be hosted by Student Activities or a collaboration with another department. She went on to give an example of a collaborative event the department will be having.

“Our big one on March [18] is Penguin Nights,” she said. “So once again, that is a collaborative effort with Kilcawley Center that we both program for.”

Anderson also explained what planning events for this semester is like and how the department is handling guidelines.

“Right now, our approach to programming really

hasn’t changed very much,” she said. “Because we’re still thinking about things in a safety perspective of, like I mentioned, Penguin Nights. We don’t want everybody running in Kilcawley Center between 9 and midnight.”

With this, Student Activities offers separate times to participate in certain events and requires participants to sign up beforehand to reserve a spot for an event to make sure the number of people does not go over a safe capacity.

Anderson mentioned how excited she and the rest of Student Activities are about the amount of students back on campus this semester.

“It’s what we do,” she said. “We want people. I feel like our mission as Student Activities is to help students find their sense of belonging on campus so that they’re not just coming to class and going home or — like during COVID — signing into their computer and logging out.”

Anderson explained the difficulties of trying to get students to participate in events over the past two years.

“I feel like in the fall semester we finally had a chance

to kind of get closer to being more on par and having more opportunities and different things, especially to be able to go back to like a little bit more normal,” she said. “I think the virtual stuff was really a hard sell for people.”

Student Activities wants to make sure students know what is occurring on campus and how they can participate in what Student Activities is trying to accomplish.

“Just letting [students] know what opportunities are out there for them again. I feel like we just lost so much knowledge. Like I could say before the pandemic, everybody would be like, ‘I know exactly what a Penguin Night is and what’s going on,’” she said. “Right now, maybe like half of our population knows what a Penguin Night is.”

For more information about Student Activities, which events will take place this semester or to sign up for an event, visit its website at ysu.edu/student-activities

McDonough Museum opens 85th Annual Student Exhibition



By Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

The McDonough Museum of Art is opening its 85th Annual Juried Student Art and Design Exhibition. The show will feature select artwork done by Youngstown State University students in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Students can enter their artwork March 17-18 by dropping it off at McDonough. The work is then examined by a judge who will select the winners. The winning pieces will be on display during the exhibition.

Judgment takes place March 19 and will be done by Elizabeth Emery, who has done extensive professional work with studio art. Different judges are chosen every year to avoid bias, and they usually come from the local art community and are suggested by art facilities.

Third-year student Lindsay DeLullo is a studio art major with an emphasis in painting and serves as vice

president of the Student Art Association. She is a major organizer and preparer of the art exhibition. She became involved with the SAA organizing last year's Juried Student Art Exhibition and eventually made her way up to vice president.

DeLullo is excited to see her classmates' art on display. "I just find it interesting that students can see their art displayed professionally on the gallery walls. That is something that has stuck with me since my first exhibition last year," DeLullo said.

Freshman art education major Alana Carkido is the president of SAA. Carkido's work has seen her very involved in organizing the exhibition as well and she said she's excited for its presentation.

"Just in my own personal experience, I have really enjoyed seeing students' artwork. As a freshman, I love seeing all the new styles. I love seeing more experienced students' styles and I'm just really excited to see a vast expression and collection of different opinions, voices

and styles come together in one show," she said.

Both DeLullo and Carkido are considering contributing to the exhibition with their own paintings, sculptures and drawings.

Claudia Berlinski, the director of the McDonough Museum of Art, has worked with SAA in planning the exhibition and displaying it.

"I also do know that a number of students took the time off during the height of COVID, so there were maybe fewer students in the studio classes and so that of course affected the number and size of the exhibition," she said.

If any students majoring in art-related fields are interested in joining the SAA, they can contact Alana Carkido at amcarkido@student.ySU.edu or Lindsay DeLullo at ldelullo@student.ySU.edu.

The exhibition will be displayed from March 25 to April 9 and available for any McDonough visitors to see.



(Left) Claudia Berlinski observes the work displayed in McDonough Museum. (Right) Piotr Szyhalski's *COVID-19: Labor Camp Report* are displayed on the walls, which showcases Szyhalski's thoughts and emotions regarding the pandemic.

Photos by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

A tribute to professor Rick Shale

YSU lost a distinguished and dedicated former faculty member when Dr. Richard Shale passed away last month. Rick was a member of the English Department faculty, coming to YSU in 1976 and staying until his retirement in 2011. Rick taught graduate and undergraduate classes in writing, film studies and screenwriting, and he was known for engaging his students with insightful stories about actors, films, and filmmaking. He published a definitive catalog of the Academy Awards, and his predictions of Oscar winners each spring were uncannily accurate. Rick Shale received three distinguished professor awards during his career, and in 2018 he was honored with YSU's most prestigious lifetime award, the Heritage Award.

Rick Shale was also an avid Penguin fan. He had season football tickets for many years, sitting on the 50-yard line high in the stands below the Press Box, where

he could see all the action. He supported and regularly attended theater and dance productions, and he was a longtime English Festival volunteer and donor. He supported excellence through his career-long involvement with YSU's chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and he also served on its national Board of Directors.

Outside of his YSU accomplishments, Dr. Shale made an enormous impact upon the Mahoning Valley. He served on the Board of Directors of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, the Board of Park Commissioners for Mill Creek MetroParks and as President of the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society. He actively supported the Butler Institute of American Art and had just completed a biography of its founder, Joseph G. Butler Jr. Rick hosted walking tours of historical sites in downtown Youngstown and kayak trips along the

lakes in Mill Creek Park. He was a popular speaker in the region, giving talks about Idora Park, Youngstown's famous amusement park, and he co-authored a popular book of photos and historical information about Idora.

As his department chair for 14 years and his colleague for more than 30, I came to know Rick Shale's uncommon decency and enthusiasm. He treated students and colleagues alike with respect, and he was one of the best friends a colleague could have.

A memorial service will be held for Dr. Richard Shale at the Butler North building of the Butler Institute of American Art on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Gary Salvner

Emeritus Professor, Department of English

Correction:

An error in the last issue included an incorrect date in the St. Patrick's Day article. Shamrock the Block, Noble Creature's St. Patrick's Day events and the open air festival on Phelps will occur March 16-18.

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Quote of the week

“For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck and happiness for today and every day.”

-Irish Blessing

The Jambar Editorial

Pothole Purgatory

As the ice and snow begin to melt away, they expose one of the biggest banes of the Ohio driver: potholes.

Anyone driving on campus knows that the pothole situation on nearby streets is terrible. If drivers aren't careful to strategically swerve to avoid them — much like something you'd see in a video game — they could lose a tire to the gaping holes.

YSU put in its best efforts to prevent the mayhem caused by potholes by filling them with gravel for weeks before finally replacing the gravel with asphalt mere days ago. For weeks, our cars were being pelted with little rocks, chipping at the paint, in addition to the risk

of tumbling into the gaping hippopotamus mouth-sized holes that were ineffectively filled.

One of the worst roads on campus is Arlington Street, necessary to get into or out of the M70 parking lot. Driving on this road means hoping there are no oncoming cars and debating which would cause more damage to your car if there are: running into oncoming traffic or being eaten alive by the potholes.

The best way to tell a sober from a drunken driver in Ohio springtime is to look for who is driving in a straight line and who is weaving back and forth like a newborn fawn attempting to walk for the first time. The sober driv-

er will be doing their utmost best to avoid the potholes while the drunken driver will be trying to focus on driving in a straight line, hitting numerous in their efforts.

Nothing makes a dying town seem closer to the brink of expiration than roads that bear the pockmarks of neglect and insufficient funds, manpower and will to live. It may cause some of us to question deep within ourselves how to keep our spirits high when we look down the road of opportunity and see only blemishes that are sure to wreak havoc on our vehicles.

The Jambar Column

Get some game

Spring is finally here in Youngstown. Colorful flowers are starting to sprout, the birds are singing beautiful harmonies in the trees, March showers are here to wash away all of the dead leaves on the ground and now that you finally have enough vitamin D to start experiencing feelings again, you may start think, “Damn, I have to find a lover.”

Does the thought of eye contact fill you with terminal anxiety? Does the mere mention of having to share a personal connection with someone make you wish you were never even born? Well, do not fret, fellow Jambar reader, Dr. Adam is here to give you the unsolicited advice you need to boost your confidence and overcome the self-inflicted sexistential crisis before it begins.

Delete your Tinder: Okay, I am aware that this seems like advice that will make your chances of acquiring a squeeze much harder, and you may



Adam Telesz

be asking yourself, “How am I going to ever meet that special someone without hundreds of uninterested people to pick from?”

I am going to introduce a radical concept that I have been developing for 23 years — just go talk to them. This is a gargantuan challenge for someone who struggles with the social anxiety involved with speaking to someone that they find desirable. So, here's a secret: Tell yourself nothing really matters anyway — or better yet, gaslight yourself into thinking this is the universe's way of challenging you, and the negative feelings begin to slip away.

Ladies, that guy with the tantalizing

tattoos in your statistics course that you have been thinking about, approach him after class and use this template, “Hello, my name is [insert name]. How did you feel about that last assignment? She barely even covered the material!”

You are already experiencing the same monotonous life circumstances, why not use that as an opener? This leads into my next advice, and quite possibly the most important — common ground.

Quit initiating the stop-and-chat: Do you often see someone walking across campus that you have a crush on and want to approach? Do you ever get the feeling that you should ask out that barista who always smiles at you when you pay for your coffee? Don't. In both circumstances, they are either busy or being paid to be nice to you, and absolutely nobody feels comfortable being socially ambushed.

Instead, you will have to participate in

the most dreaded concept of all: going outside. In order to find common ground with someone, you have to participate in society and go to places or events where people will share similar interests. That fashionable woman with bangs that goes and sees the same bands as you? Make a move. That handsome guy who is in the Squirrel Watching Club with you? Ask him if he wants to watch squirrels together ... alone. Find common ground, make eye contact, be friendly, stand up straight and make a move. Oh, and when you do, don't be a creep, that never helps.

Move to Latvia: Fellas, if you have followed these simple steps and are still coming up empty handed, move to Latvia. There are approximately two to three women for every one man and this is bound to lead to something down the road.

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Would you be open to endorsing and promoting a Congressional investigation to examine the role of asymptomatic medically uninsured essential workers without sick pay in “super-spreading” COVID-19 in retail and other service occupations during the early period of the pandemic in 2020?

Jack Labusch, and Friends of Health Care Free Speech.

LACROSSE BODYCHECKS THE COMPETITION

Women's lacrosse wins at WATTS



By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's lacrosse team had a successful day at the Watson and Tressel Training Site on Thursday, March 3 by winning its first conference game against The University of Akron, 12-11.

Sophomore midfielder Jordan Miller netted the game-winning goal 59 seconds into the first overtime period of the season for the Penguins. The victory marks the program's first conference home win in its two-year history.

The Youngstown State offensive attack was led by graduate-student midfielder Ali Korin as she netted a game-high four goals on seven attempts. She has nine goals for the season and was able to tie the game with 11.9 seconds remaining in regulation.

Freshman attacker Natalie Calandra-Ryan tallied her fifth multi-goal performance in as many career games. She has scored at least three goals for the third time this season and increased her season total to 23 goals, 18 of the 23 have come from just five total games.

Sophomore attacker Erin Clark tallied a multi-goal outing by adding two to the team's total. Freshman attacker Sydney Bumstead also added to the score by being the last Penguin to contribute to the win.

Graduate-student goalie Savannah Clarke made her fifth-consecutive start in the cage for the Penguins. She tallied nine saves on 22 shots attempted for a .500 save percentage. Clarke also scooped up three ground balls in her 61-minute performance.

Sophomore defender Skyler Weber was impressed with the team's defensive pursuit as they were able to

"We adjust our defense by watching film — which is a big one — and looking at how we can adjust from the last game as well as how the team plays their offense."

— Skyler Weber,
sophomore defender

shut the Zips offense down in the last half of the game. The key to the Penguins defensive attack lies in the ability to focus and work together in sync.

"Getting our defense focused, to see what their offense looks like and playing our true defensive look," Weber said.

On Tuesday, March 8, the women's lacrosse team headed to Rock Hill, South Carolina, to take on its non-conference opponent Winthrop University. Youngstown State fought hard but fell short 18-14.

Despite the loss, the Penguin offense saw six different players find the back of the net. Clark, Calandra-Ryan and Bumstead all added a trio of goals.

Clark was also able to accumulate a game-high three assists and 6-total points, adding to her spectacular season.

Freshman midfielder Molly Sheridan and sophomore midfielder Lauren Ottensmeyer contributed to the score by adding two goals each.

Sophomore goalie Mikaela Staranko and Clarke both spent time in the cage. Both players combined for 11 saves across 33 attempted shots.

Saturday, March 12 was an exciting day for the women's lacrosse team as it brought down The University of Detroit Mercy, 12-11 at the WATTS.

With the win, Youngstown State improves to a 4-3 record and stays undefeated in Mid-American Conference Play.

Clark had a stellar performance as she led the Penguin offense by scoring three goals on seven attempted shots. She increased her goal total to 19 on the season as well as logging six points off of three assists.

The dominance did not stop there as Calandra-Ryan, Ottensmeyer and Bumstead all scored two goals a piece to contribute to the Youngstown State victory.

In preparation for the Penguin's next game, Weber is optimistic that the team will prepare and adjust accordingly to the film they watch. The team is also adept on reading offense and capitalizing on offensive errors.

"We adjust our defense by watching film — which is a big one — and looking at how we can adjust from the last game as well as how the team plays their offense," Weber said.

The women's lacrosse team looks to continue its success as it travels to take on Kent State University today, March 17 at 6 p.m.

Tennis faults over spring break



By Kyle Wills
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team had an unsuccessful spring break as it lost all three road matchups against California State University Fullerton, California State University Northridge and Long Beach State University.

Against Cal State Fullerton on March 9, the women fell 6-1, losing all six singles contests. However, they were able to claim the doubles point as the teams of senior Cecilia Rosas and freshman Julia Marko, and sophomore Eliska Masarikova and freshman Elisa Rigazio came out victorious in their doubles matchups.

The next day, the team stayed nearby to take on Cal State Northridge. It kept

the contest close, but ultimately fell 4-3. Marko and Rigazio came out on top in their singles bouts with straight set victories while Rosas won in singles play with a three-set decision.

In doubles play, the Penguins were swept in all three matchups.

To close out the break, Youngstown State traveled to Long Beach to play the 49ers but couldn't do much, falling 6-1.

Marko picked up the lone point for the Penguins with a straight-set win in singles competition.

The women lost all three doubles contests for a second straight matchup.

The tennis team looks to regroup as it returns home to host Duquesne at the Youngstown State Tennis Center at 3 p.m. Friday, March 18.

Men's baseball strikes out at 5-10 overall



By **John Ostapowicz**
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's baseball team had a rough start in Edinburg, Texas, against its out-of-conference opponent The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley on March 4.

The Penguins lost their series opener 6-4 as the team tried to stage a comeback in the sixth inning of the ball game but fell short. The Vaqueros got off to a hot 6-0 start, scoring twice in the first inning and extending the team's lead after a two-out grand slam to end the fourth inning.

In the sixth inning, Youngstown State went to work as it scored four runs to cut into the deficit and keep the game within reach for the team.

Junior infielder Braeden O'Shaughnessy hit a stellar home run and finished the game with two hits. Both junior outfielder Andre Good and senior catcher Dylan Swarmer also found success as they finished with two hits each.

Sophomore infielder Seth Lucero and senior Steven D'Eusanio were also credited for a single hit that helped Youngstown State stay competitive throughout the game.

On the mound, redshirt senior pitcher Jon Snyder was charged with five runs, one of which was unearned, on three hits and three walks. He continued his performance by striking out seven batters in only 3.1 innings.

Junior pitcher Casey Marshalwitz also got his time to shine as he got the final two outs in the fourth inning. He was credited for allowing the two-out grand slam that put Rio Grande up by six.

On March 5, Youngstown State was still unable to find success dropping both games of a thrilling doubleheader. The Penguins fell 8-4 in game one and dropped game two 11-8.

Despite the losses, the O'Shaughnessy brothers went to work as they each had their moments in both games.

In game one, Braeden O'Shaughnessy hit two home runs. The first run came from the top of the fourth inning to even the score 1-1. The second run was in the bottom of the sixth to lead the team offensively.

Padraig O'Shaughnessy locked in game two as he had two hits and a single RBI.

However, freshman catcher Ian Francis was the highlight of the five-run sixth inning with a three-run home run for the first time in his early career.

Sunday, March 6 was a pivotal day as the men turned things around to get their first victory since Sunday, Feb. 20. The Penguins defeated the Vaqueros 3-2 in a hard-fought matchup.

Good hit a solo home run in the top of the ninth inning. He broke a 2-2 tie, which lifted Youngstown State to victory.

In the bottom of the ninth, junior pitcher Nathan Ball earned his third save of the season. Marshalwitz recorded his first victory of the season by recording the final out of the eighth inning.

On March 11, the men's baseball team continued its winning streak by taking down the University of New Orleans 6-5. The team scored six runs in the top of the eighth inning to overcome a five-run deficit.

Head coach Dan Bertolini was excited about the team overcoming the massive deficit. The bullpen played an important role in staging the comeback for the Pen-

guins.

"The bullpen was huge. They only allowed one pitch and got a good swing," Bertolini said

Senior catcher Dylan Swarmer went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate and had two hits. He also had a go-ahead RBI in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Redshirt junior Alex Cardona, freshman pitcher Brandon Mikos, Marshalwitz and Ball all combined to allow one hit over four innings.

Bertolini was ecstatic for Mikos as he came out and got the first win of his young career.

"I'm really happy for Brandon Mikos. In his first appearance, he got the win coming out of the bullpen," Bertolini said.

The men's baseball team was able to split its doubleheader on March 12. In the first game, the Penguins fell 8-7 in 10 innings. In the second, they earned a victory 3-2.

In game one, senior outfielder Lucas Nasonti helped the Penguins keep it close with a two-out and two-run single in the top of the 10th. Unfortunately, the Privateers rallied back for three runs to win the game.

In game two, senior pitcher Travis Perry allowed only one run on three hits over seven innings, leading Youngstown State to victory.

March 13 was a different scene as the men's baseball team was shutout 1-0.

The team fell to 5-10 overall on the season and played its first midweek match up against the University of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, March 16.

The Penguins are back in action Friday, March 18 through Sunday, March 20 against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Men's basketball accepts tournament invite



By **Cameron Stubbs**
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University basketball team accepted an invitation to participate in The Basketball Classic tournament. The 32-team tournament announced the matchups March 13, slating the Penguins against Morgan State University.

The Penguins were 1-0 all-time versus the Bears as their last meeting came in the 1985-86 season.

This is the Penguins' first game in two weeks as their last matchup was in

the Horizon League Tournament versus Robert Morris University.

The Colonials punished the Penguins with their efforts inside the paint as they scored 40 points in the paint and 25 total foul shots.

The 77-73 loss to the Raiders put the Penguins' season in limbo, but basketball has returned to the Beeghly Center for one last home game for now.

Head coach Jerrod Calhoun commented on the recent loss and the upcoming matchup.

"It takes a couple days [to get over the loss]. After about 48 hours, we started

talking, and you could hear our guys get excited about this tournament and the opportunity to keep playing basketball," Calhoun said.

This postseason appearance is the second for the Penguins in the past three seasons.

The early Horizon League tournament loss against Robert Morris was a tough one, but the monumental season by the Penguins will not be forgotten.

Calhoun commented on the historic season for the Penguins and what they have accomplished so far.

"We have a great group of guys. We've

got multiple guys working on master's degrees, [the] highest [team] GPA in the history of [the] school, three winning seasons in a row — there's a lot of positive momentum for this program," Calhoun said.

Their 18-14 record was the third-straight winning season for the Penguins. Setting the school record with 12 Horizon League wins made them a force in the conference.

A recap of the game against the Bears is posted on ysusports.com



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YSU softball dominates the competition in home games.

Softball returns home on hot streak



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The Youngstown State University softball team finally returned home to play its first games on campus after an 18-game roadtrip to start the season.

After a 9-9 record this season, the Penguins' first homestand was against conference opponent University of Detroit Mercy.

The day started off with a doubleheader where fifth-year pitcher Elle Buffenbarger gave up four earned runs in the first game.

Buffenbarger was backed up by the offense as junior Conchetta Rinaldi had a big day leading the team with three hits and an RBI.

Fellow juniors Megan Turner and Avery Schumacher both drove in three RBIs to lead the Penguins to an 8-3 win over the Titans.

Game two saw freshman pitcher Bree Kohler throw a complete game, allowing just one earned run. Kohler

also contributed to the offense by getting a hit of her own in the third inning.

Freshman Taylor Truran led the team on offense as she knocked in two runs with a double in the second inning. Schumacher also contributed with two doubles and an RBI.

The 3-1 win gave the Penguins momentum for the final game of the series the next day.

Sophomore Sophie Howell allowed three hits and one earned run against the 26 batters she faced. This marked yet another complete game for the Penguins.

A two-run single in the first by Rinaldi were the only runs scored for the Penguins.

Rinaldi went 5-for-7 overall for the doubleheader. After the game, she spoke about her mindset so far this season.

"Last year, I just think I was putting too much pressure on myself," Rinaldi said. "I think that with my amazing teammates behind me, the sky's the limit."

This three-game win streak was followed by a local

matchup when The University of Akron came to campus for a doubleheader.

Game one saw the Penguins blast eight base hits with four for extra bases. Schumacher and fifth-year Yamzine Romero led the way, both hitting triples of their own.

Schumacher and Turner also hit doubles as game one resulted in a 6-2 win over the Zips.

Buffenbarger pitched six innings, only allowing those two runs.

Game two saw the Penguins fall short during their homestand.

Eight runs on 14 hits for the Zips handed the Penguins their first loss at home this season. Turner, Truran and Schumacher each had one RBI.

Their effort was not enough to match the Zips offense as the 8-4 loss has the Penguins sitting at 13-10 overall.

Next up, the Penguins will be on the road to face the University of Illinois Chicago for a three-game series against the Flames starting tonight. A recap of all of these games will be posted on ysusports.com