



## YSU Student Awarded National HR Award

BY JORDAN UNGER

Youngstown State University student Taylor Demyan was awarded a national scholarship for leadership and academic achievement in her field of study, human resources.

The Libby Sartain Undergraduate Scholarship was awarded through the Society of Human Resource Management, honoring Sartain's 30-year career in HR. Demyan said she was amongst 11 recipients of the \$2,500 scholarship in the nation.

Demyan is the secretary of the YSU SHRM chapter. She completed a management internship with Family Video last year and worked with the Youngstown Business Incubator to determine markets for proposed products.

Scholarship requirements included academic excellence, financial need and leadership experience. Katina Landgraft, SHRM president at YSU, said Demyan deserved to win the award.

"Taylor is undoubtedly one of the most hard-working students that I've ever had the pleasure of leading alongside," Landgraft said. "Not only has she been able to represent herself so well on the national stage, but she has also brought recognition to [our chapter] as a whole."

Rebecca Badawy, academic advisor of SHRM, said the organization promotes opportunities in human resources to students

through speakers and job shadowing.

"Their main objective is to connect students with the profession," Badawy said. "They target students even from the freshman level and students who aren't really sure what they're going to do ... They give them an opportunity to have exposure to what it would mean to have an HR major."

The SHRM secretary is responsible with bringing in lecture speakers and helping organize meetings and recruitment. The organization has gained 78 members since its officer administration stepped in last fall, an increase that Badawy is very proud to see.

"It's been pretty rewarding watching the [organization] grow," Badawy said. "The officers this year are extremely dedicated, very ambitious."

Involvement in organizations such as this helps prepare for the real world, Demyan said.

"It definitely helps me get my name out there," Demyan said. "Our group actually does student spotlights and we're always talking to speakers that come to our events, so that's definitely helping with networking."

Students should get involved in career-focused organizations as soon as possible, Badawy said.

"The things that you learn in class are important, but the opportunity to apply them in real life scenarios is ... the other side of the coin," Badawy said.



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Recipients of the scholarship were required to explain steps they've taken to reach this point in their lives. This allowed Demyan to share her story, which she said is very important to her.

"A lot of my family was involved with drug abuse," Demy-

an said. "It was happening as I was being raised and throughout high school, so I had to deal with a lot of things that most people didn't have to think about."

Demyan said her challenges have benefitted her in the long run.

"It was definitely hard but I think just putting in that extra work has helped me continue to do that throughout my college career and I'm sure my professional career," Demyan said. "Anyone going through all of that should not give up hope."



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## Tri-County Food Taxi

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A local delivery service opened in Mahoning County in December that brings customers pre-purchased goods to their doorstep, saving people from making trips to restaurants or stores.

Valley Delivered Goods is the only delivery service of its kind in the Youngstown area. D'Andrae Rodgers, co-owner of Valley Delivery Goods, said the service takes orders online for take-out and errand runs.

"We deliver just about anything," Rodgers said. "We have grocery delivery where you can go on our website and leave us a grocery list. We will shop for you."

Rodgers said their most popular service is restaurant delivery.

"You can go onto our website, order

from any restaurant in Mahoning or Trumbull County, put your order in, pay online and we drop it off for you," Rodgers said. "We're like an Uber-type service but it's with your food."

Kasondra Davis, co-owner of Valley Delivered Goods, said the idea for business came from an out-of-town trip.

"When we were there, we noticed ... a delivery business that delivers food to the hotel and we're like, 'Wow, this would be a great business for the area,'" Davis said. "There's nothing like this in Youngstown."

Customers can go onto the Valley Delivered Goods website to place orders. Every restaurant in Mahoning and Trumbull complete with full-menu options is listed for customers to make purchases.

The delivery service charges \$6 for restaurant deliveries within 10 miles of the customer; an additional \$6 is charged for longer distances.

When delivering groceries, they charge a \$10 flat rate with an additional fee of 10 percent of the grocery bill up to \$150; the additional fee is 15 percent of the bill if the bill exceeds \$150. Prices vary for errand runs.

The services deliver to Youngstown State University at least three times a day, Rodgers said. He said a delivery service like this can be useful for college students.

"You've got college students from all walks of life from everywhere," Rodgers said. "They don't know the city; they don't know where they're going ... this gives them an easy access to things that they don't know [are] out there."

The average wait time for a delivery to campus is 20 to 40 minutes, Rodgers said. He said in the past three months since it started, Valley Delivered Goods is making an impact on the community.

"It's a huge convenience for people,"

Rodgers said. "We serve a lot of elderly and disabled people who can't get out and be mobile or if they are mobile, they're miserable."

The company has six drivers with plans to hire more in the future. Davis said she is pleased with how the business has grown.

"It's exciting because you get to see everybody else's excitement in the concept," Davis said. "We put a lot of emphasis on helping seniors with delivering groceries [and] run errands for people who have a busy life, so the restaurant delivery and errands is all growing as a whole and we're just looking forward to continuously expanding."

Valley Delivered Goods will start delivering to Columbiana County next month, with plans to expand further in upcoming months.

# City Calls for Change Through Peace Walk



PHOTO BY JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ / THE JAMBAR

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The city's very first peace walk, bonfire and cypher was held under the Market Street bridge downtown on Sunday.

Groups of people met at four different locations, each representing one of the four sides of town. They then marched together in unison, meeting at the corner of Front Street and Market Street.

The peace walk was organized after several citizens from the city decided it was time to put their differences aside and come together as a community. Youngstown's The Colony, a non-profit, played a large role in organizing the event.

Keland Logan was one of the event organizers. He said there are plans to make the bonfire a monthly event so they can continue to make an impact on the city.

"Despite our differences and despite whatever it is we may disagree on, we decide to come together for the greater good of the whole," Logan said.

According to Logan, the idea for the peace walk came after a meeting between Youngstown Mayor John McNally, William "Guy" Burney, who is the executive director of the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence for the City of Youngstown, and several residents that wanted to help put an end to a local feud.

Charles "Chip Banks" Colvin, a local DJ and YSU student, provided music for the event. Julius T. Oliver, city councilman, brought the welcome message to those in attendance.

"Today we're here because we need to come together as a community and find out different ways to support and love and encourage our youth," said Oliver. "Right now is the time the city is going up, and we don't want to do anything to make it go back down."

After the welcome message, pastor Jeff Stanford led a prayer, asking for everyone to grab ahold of the person next to them to show a sense of unity and love.

McNally spoke to the crowd stating that in order to change the city it starts with these kinds of meetings.

"Youngstown is changing; Youngstown is going to recreate itself, it's going to rebuild itself," said McNally. "I

want you to take that message home to your neighborhoods, south-side, east-side, west-side and north-side. Tell your friends"

During the next part of the event, local rappers were able to take ahold of the microphone and participate in a cypher, an activity where a group of rappers gather in a circle and express themselves lyrically.

Some of the verses from the local rappers included feelings toward the police, the violence in the city and the need for change.

Guests in attendance were also welcomed and encouraged to take the mic and express themselves through words, songs or raps.

Several people took the chance to speak to crowd, calling for an end to violence and a challenge for change.

One of the speakers was Derrick McDowell, founder of the Youngstown Flea.

McDowell said, "I've always challenged myself to say, I will never let Youngstown take my life. Youngstown will never take my life, because I give it freely. While I am here I will give more than I take."

# Recent Shooting Near Campus Raises Questions About Penguin Alert System

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After the Feb. 6 shooting that took place near campus, many students have been wondering why they did not receive a text message alerting them of the incident.

The Penguin Alert System was designed to alert students and faculty of any emergencies or weather alerts that could affect the school by sending a text to their phone.

Some students who signed up for Penguin Alert didn't receive a text about the shooting, although they did receive an e-mail to their YSU account.

Ron Cole, Youngstown State University public information officer, said this happened because YSU switched to a new company because there were some issues with the old one.

"This new vendor is more efficient. State-of-the-art company for sending out alerts," said Cole. "It is important that everyone goes online to sign up with their phone number. We automatically have everyone's email address but not the phone numbers."

Still, some students feel the Penguin Alert system needs to be a little more detailed in the messages it sends out.

Henriette Ovaska, a YSU student, opened the email at her house as soon as she got the Penguin Alert. She said there wasn't enough detail to relay what was happening.

Four emails were sent to each student the night of the shooting. Ovaska said that wasn't efficient because people aren't likely to pay attention to e-mails that are spamming their accounts.

"We do need to know if there is any [dangers] around campus. Especially for people who live on campus," said Ovaska. "It would be more useful if they didn't send me so many emails all at once."

Alec Marsili, another YSU student, returned to his frat house on Pennsylvania Ave. shortly after the shooting occurred. He said the alert system is a great tool for the university and makes him feel safe living on the north side of campus.

"It's really unfortunate that these things happen in our community, and I know the area can be dangerous, especially at night," he said.

Marsili said Penguin Alerts are more helpful than news stations to get information on a crime that affects YSU residents because they give real-time updates.

Iyonna Taylor-Smith, YSU student and resident assistant, said she is signed up for the Penguin Alert system but didn't receive a notification about the shooting until after the incident.

Taylor-Smith was in her supervisor's office when the shooting occurred. Her residents began texting her asking what they should do because they didn't know where Michigan Ave. was located and if this alert affected them.

Despite this predicament, Taylor-Smith felt that she and her residents were safe.

"All of the residence halls are equipped with cameras and speakers connected to the local police station. If any event ever occurred to where the shooting was in the building, the police can look in and lead us step by step to where they are so we can get out safely," said Taylor-Smith.

However, she still feels there should be extra precautions taken to alert all students of a crime, especially those who live on campus.

"Sometimes I wish they provided more detail in alerts. With international students and students who don't know their way around, they might not know where a certain location is," said Taylor-Smith.

If you haven't already registered for the new Penguin Alert system and would like to, please visit [www.ysu.edu/penguin-alert](http://www.ysu.edu/penguin-alert). The site will provide an explanation about the Penguin Alert and a link for cell phones.

# Upcoming Program Aims to Increase Manufacturing in the Mahoning Valley

BY JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR  
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The Mahoning Valley was built on the backbone of manufacturing. Over the past few decades, residents have witnessed a significant drop in manufacturing jobs in the valley resulting in low economic development and poor job infrastructure.

One upcoming program aims to provide more opportunities for manufacturing in the Valley.

Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow (LIFT), Youngstown State University Research Foundation (YSURF) and the Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition have banded together to create a program called the Mahoning Valley Innovation & Commercialization Center (MVICC).

MVICC is going to essentially be a manufacturing incubator that trains people in different aspects such as engineering and business. Plans to bring manufacturing opportunities to the Valley through tailored courses and curriculum pertaining to both the engineering and business side of manufacturing have been set in motion.

This program aims to bring manufacturing back to the Mahoning Valley in hopes of spurring economic development and job creation. YSURF has previously reached out to both the state and LIFT

for public funding and investments to jumpstart the initiative.

Mike Hripko, associate vice president for Research at Youngstown State University, said that the program is designed for students from colleges and technical centers.

"It's envisioned as an educational and entrepreneurial hub where we'll bring together students from career and technical centers, the community college and the university, as well as business and industry to do classes, certificates and workforce development," Hripko said.

LIFT is a lightweight manufacturing developer that aims to reestablish manufacturing in the U.S. Joe Steele, the communications director at LIFT, said that the company reaches out to people locally and regionally to teach them.

"We want to educate people about manufacturing and help steer people towards the STEM related careers or STEM related curriculum to encourage them to do manufacturing, or engineering, or something along those lines as a career choice," Steele said.

Steele said he wanted LIFT to invest in the Mahoning Valley because the company saw potential in Youngstown State University.

"It's their time now to really put the program together and build it up," he said. "We will follow along and we will help make sure that it does so."

Hripko said the purpose of the program was to en-

sure that the Mahoning Valley had access to the best and most modern equipment backed with a skilled workforce.

He later said that the goal of MVICC is to offer a unique program setup where students from the area join together to learn the ins and outs of manufacturing "under one roof."

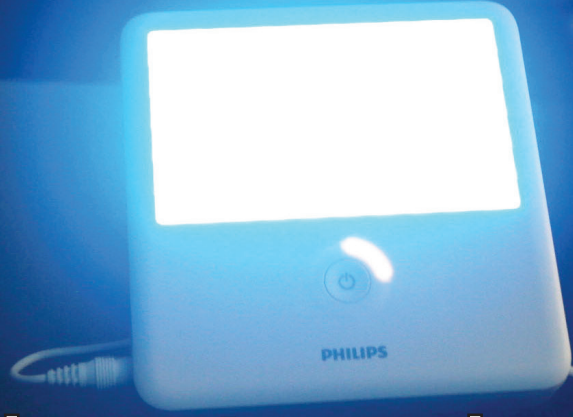
By placing the expensive equipment needed to teach in one facility, more students could gain access to more equipment they otherwise would have never come in contact with and gained experience from.

The MVICC is not only just for STEM — Hripko states that there are opportunities available for students of various educational backgrounds.

"I think there is a broad spectrum of curriculum that can take advantage of this center," said Hripko. "Manufacturing is kind of an engineering focused career, but there's a significant opportunity for business and the creative arts to engage in new forms of creativity."

This program is still currently in the development stage, but is slowly getting to where it needs to be for startup. Hripko stated that last summer they applied for state funding and the state of Ohio granted the initiative three million dollars.

They are still applying for more grants and Hripko hopes that they will receive enough capital soon so they can begin identifying a building to house the MVICC.



# SAD is More Than Just the Winter Blues

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS/ THE JAMBAR

Psychologists report that blue light therapy is an effective way to treat seasonal affective disorder.

BY SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

If you start experiencing symptoms of depression in the winter, you're not alone. Many people report feeling sad when the sun begins setting earlier in the day and the weather turns bitter.

Some of these people may be suffering from seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of major depression that occurs between early winter and spring.

However, feeling blue in the winter doesn't mean you have SAD. According to familydoctor.org, only 4-6 percent of Americans experience the disorder.

Mike Raulin, a Youngstown State University psychology professor, said it's normal for people

to feel down because of the cold weather, lack of sunlight and other hassles associated with winter, but an individual who has SAD is affected by the seasonal changes on a biological level.

"At a particular date, they experience a slowing of their metabolism and other changes in the body, usually in November," he said. "Then there's a reversal of that sometime in early spring, it may be late March or April."

Along with a change in metabolism, individuals may also experience a drop in serotonin and melatonin levels, and a disruption of their "biological clock" from the lack of sunlight. This can lead to symptoms of depression, such as low energy, loss of interest in activities and having trouble sleeping.

Raulin said people who have SAD suffer from major depressive episodes from winter to spring yearly. It can trigger depression in individuals who don't normally feel depressed.

"Now we know how to measure those physiological changes," he said. "You can predict when it will happen year after year, even though it's a fairly rare disorder."

The good news is, there are treatment options available to combat SAD.

Blue light therapy is often recommended because it mimics sunlight and helps a person regulate their biological clock. Raulin said it has to be a full spectrum light to be effective.

Brian Wells, a YSU academic advisor, described having SAD as feeling inside the way it looks

outside, or feeling down when it's cloudy and dark outside. He said he has benefitted from having a blue light in his office.

"The instructions indicate to place the device in your peripheral and there are three brightness settings on my particular light," he said. "I use it five days a week from the end of October until sometime in March."

Raulin said a person should see a psychologist if they start having symptoms or SAD or depression.

Ann Jaronski, director of Student Counseling at YSU, said there are medications available as well. She said exercise can also help boost an individual's mood, even if it's just a walk around the block.

No matter what diagnosis

you are given, you should seek treatment if you are finding daily functions like getting out of bed harder to do, Jaronski said. She said having a regular sleep schedule and eating healthy can help ward off negative moods.

SAD is difficult to deal with, but is short-lived, Raulin said.

"With SAD, you can tell yourself you know it's going to go away and you know around when. You know you will enjoy your life again," he said.

Whether a student is suffering from SAD or another form of depression, Raulin said it's important to get professional treatment, take care of yourself and try doing things you loved in the past, even if you don't enjoy it as much.

## Tech Privacy

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The smart devices that have invaded homes all around the world are listening in on their users, sometimes without the user's knowledge, and collecting data which can be used as evidence in a court of law.

This information can be helpful to law enforcement officials but it also raises some questions on whether or not it's ethical due to privacy concerns.

Devices such as the Amazon Echo, smartwatches, smartphones and even pacemakers have the ability to listen in on users and collect location data. Services such as Google and Facebook also have the ability to collect data from their users. This information is being used by law

enforcers as evidence in order to help prove that someone is innocent or guilty during a trial.

Dennis Watkins, Trumbull County prosecutor, said that new technology has been able to provide solid evidence for prosecutors.

"We are always looking at cell phones for photographs, text messages and communications," he said. "In a drug case ... you may want to look at text messages for code and that will usually be done with a search warrant or consent to look at the suspects cell phone."

Gabe Wildman, chief of the Trumbull County Cyber Abuse unit, said that he will use any tool that is available to him — that includes thinking outside of the box to obtain evidence. He mentioned a recent case in southern Ohio that involved the Amazon Echo.

"There was a case in southern Ohio where they did use the Amazon Echo and the last words that were recorded on the device were relevant," he said. "If someone says, 'hey I wasn't there that night' and we have their voice recorded on the Amazon Echo, it can be used to destroy an alibi or to prove someone was somewhere they said they weren't."

Wildman said that the Trumbull County Cyber Abuse unit was created in 2012 by Watkins in response to the new technology that is becoming available to the public.

"We have to be able to adapt and change, think outside the box and use new technology as it becomes available," Wildman said.

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# Third Annual HackYSU

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Students from Youngstown State University and various other schools participated in a hackathon in the DeBartolo Stadium Club Room over the course of three days for the third iteration of HackYSU. The event was put together by Youngstown Penguin Hackers and was part of Major League Hacking's 2017 season.

The event started Feb. 17 and concluded Feb. 19. During those three days, students ranging from various experience levels created technology projects such as applications, devices and games.

Joe Duncko, HackYSU director and chair of Youngstown Penguin Hackers, said that he is seeing two major themes at this year's HackYSU. The first is 3-D printing.

"There are two main themes and one is intentional while one isn't," he said. "One is 3-D printing. We worked really hard to try and obtain 3-D printers. Especially because the Youngstown Business Incubator has a big emphasis on 3-D printing, the art school is starting to have an emphasis on 3-D printing, the engineering school has an emphasis on 3-D printing and it's just one of the things Youngstown is trying to get into and has been into for a while. A lot of the computer science majors have not had an opportunity to sit down with a 3-D printer and learn how they work. So we wanted to make that happen."

The other theme he saw was virtual reality.

"Major League Hacking helps supply a lot of Oculus Rifts as well as a lot of students, especially the Penn State students, are known for bringing their HTC Vives and their own Rifts," he said. "They get

started on their projects and those are really cool because they are super showy and look really nice."

Some of the students participating in the event traveled from places as far away as Cincinnati and even Canada. Duncko said that those students, unlike the ones who live on campus or in Youngstown who could leave, have been there for the entirety of the event.

Duncko also said that the event is a great way for students to gain experience, learn and even add to their resumes.

"I've heard of people from HackYSU one and two, this being the third, that their experience here was the reason they got their current job," Duncko said. "Our goal is to help students work on projects in both their free time and environments such as HackYSU."

Kendra Corpier, a judge at HackYSU and organizer for Youngstown Game Developers, said that there are two things that she is looking for while judging what the students have made.

"There are two things. One is originality. So how much of their own stuff did they use outside of things such as libraries. How much of their own product did they create," she said.

The other thing the judges looked for is how much tech was involved.

"If someone made a video game for fun versus something that's going to help humanity, then I'll probably lean more towards humanity in this case because that's what hackathons are about," she said.

At the end of the event the winners were announced. The overall best project went to University of Akron students Kyle Vasulka, Bridger Garman, Julie Aichinger, Elissa Peters, and YSU student Jonathan Sternthal. The group developed an app that allows the user to use their Android smartphone as a mouse for a computer.

Vasulka said that the idea for the smartphone mouse started when he forgot his mouse at home and didn't realize until he got to the event.

"We had no idea what we wanted to do for this hackathon; we took out our laptops, I reached down for my mouse and my mouse wasn't there. I said 'oh no I'm going to have to do this whole hackathon with just my trackpad.' I got out my phone, I went to go text my roommate to make sure he had it and when I saw my phone it clicked," Vasulka said. "Oh hey I have a smartphone, I have a computer, why don't I make a smartphone app that acts as a mouse and connects to the computer?"

Garman said that using your phone as your mouse gives you the ability to use more shortcuts than a normal mouse can.

"A regular mouse has a right click, left click, and then you have your scroll. If you're a gamer you can also have the extra macro buttons. Well for this you're only on a cellphone and you can have as many buttons that you want. So for one guy he does a lot of Excel and he can have a lot of shortcuts immediately on his cell phone," Garman said. "Most phones have fingerprint scanners so you could be searching the web and say 'oh I really like this' and scan your fingerprint and buy it."

They also 3-D printed a hemisphere trackpad that sticks to the back of the phone so the user can use their device just like a traditional mouse.

Moving forward, the group plans on putting an app on the app store and making their product compatible with iPhones as well.

Also during the event was an hour long expo in which students showcased what they've been working on to the judges.

"Oculus Drift" is a VR audio and visual entrainment project developed with an Oculus Rift by Penn State Erie student Kyle Salitrik, which was made to help people who suffer from insomnia or anxiety calm down or fall asleep.

"You use the Oculus and it puts you into a space where you're drifting through a nebula and it plays by neural beats along with changing the color palette for differ-

ent ways to make your brain calm down or make you more active," he said.

Salitrik said that there are three different states in the experience with each serving their own purpose.

"There's a state for deep sleep or meditation, a middle state for just relaxation and then a third state for active thinking," he said.

Jordan Vigorito, a business student at YSU, went into the hackathon with no technical or computer knowledge but was still able to produce a device with help from Daniel Day, who Vigorito referred to as his partner and mentor.

The project involved creating a vehicle that was able to sense objects in front of it and prevent itself from running into those objects.

"I had no technical knowledge or computer knowledge to be able to deal with the hardware or the software requirements of being able to build the project," Vigorito said. "Between Dan, two faculty members at YSU, a graduate student and a previous alumni, they pretty much spent the 36 hours giving me crash courses in electronics, C++ and in general how things work. Like how a DC motor works in the confines of this scenario. It was just a very good time overall for me."

Day added that he thinks events like HackYSU are important because they can teach someone how to do a task that they have no previous knowledge on.

"I would say that the most important thing with this is that people are extremely intimidated by stuff like this and this just goes to show you that somebody with zero knowledge on something can sit down and in [a] weekend learn how to do some very basic things with computing," Day said. "I think that's why a lot of people shy away from programs like this because they think 'that's way too complicated for me.' No, you can do it and if you sit down and want to learn it you can."

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# The Butler Young Collectors Group

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The Butler Young Collectors Group featured exhibitions, music and special guest speaker Jeff Byce, an auctioneer and appraiser, on Feb. 16.

Louis Zona, executive director of the Butler Institute of American Art; Rebecca Davis, development director of the Butler and the Butler Board of Trustees organized the event.

Davis said the event is always an opportunity for students to visit the museum for the very first time as well.

“Part of my job was to help create this group,” she said. “In order to do that I have been getting myself out there, getting to meet the younger people in the community and I’ve gotten to make some fantastic friends.”

Zona said the event provided the opportunity for young professionals to experience the art world from different vantage points.

“Not only will they come away with a deeper appreciation of art, but young professionals will also discover the joy in collecting beautiful things for enjoyment as well as for investment,” Zona said. “The Butler is most proud of this program.”

Colleen George, an assistant to the de-

velopment director, said the event’s goal has been to reach a younger demographic and to encourage them to visit the museum.

“So far there is an interest in a lot of the responses from surveys that we’ve done,” George said. “They have said there is a need for something like this and it’s about time to do something like this.”

George also said it’s exciting to have new events at the museum that people can participate in who had no affiliation or direct interest before. YSU students have participated in this program as well.

“This event for me has been a beneficial experience,” George said. “I know something as an undergraduate who has

studied fine art here at Youngstown State University. There was nothing like this to participate in.”

George also said she thinks when a student is looking for academic events, groups or memberships to be affiliated with, they want to look to professional institutions to provide them without necessarily having a direct academic need.

“It’s something that you can network and grow with a different type of community that you maybe aren’t experienced with or that you haven’t been introduced to,” George said.

Plans are being made to continue this event in the future.

## Love, Romance and “No More Peace!”

BY AMANDA LEHNERD

Youngstown State University’s theater presents “No More Peace!”, opening Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Bliss Hall’s Spotlight Theater directed by C. Austin Hall.

“No More Peace!” is a satire with music. The story is about Napoleon betting Saint Francis of Assisi that he can prove humanity loves nothing as much as it loves the romance and danger of war. One fake telegram later, chaos ensues.

The cast has spent many hours in preparation for the show, along with making small life changes to capture the true emotions of the character they are portraying.

AnnMarie Lowerre is playing the part of Rachel, a passionate woman who fights for love and peace. Jessica Hirsh is playing the role of Laban who is the classic businesswoman, who utilizes her relationships to advance her in the business world. Shanon Coleman is playing the part of Jacob, a Brazilian foreigner in Dunklestein who wants nothing more than to marry his fiancé Rachel.

The casts rehearsal process started the day before Christmas break. Having rehearsals nearly every night from 6-10 p.m., except Fridays and the weekends. Now the cast is in tech week preparing for opening night.

Hirsh’s character was originally written as a male role and has been adapted to become a female role.

“The most difficult part of the rehearsal process has been that my character is written to be male,” Hirsh said. “There are certain things that my character does in the



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show that has to be justified in different ways if the character is a female. Both men and women have different societal expectations, and when a character gets gender bent, all of those must be taken into account.”

Along with developing their characters, the cast has

had to revamp their study and sleep schedules to be able to perform at their best.

“I had to start rescheduling times to study,” Coleman said. “Making sure I go to sleep at a decent time and keep going over my lines religiously. Eating healthy, making sure I’m drinking enough fluids in this Youngstown weather is important.”

“No More Peace!” is not as well-known as past YSU University Theater productions, which has allowed the director and cast to make the show more unique to YSU.

“Being able to make this show our own is my favorite part,” Lowerre said. “There is pretty much nothing on the Internet concerning this show. As a group, we had to create our own story based on the script, history, and creative choices. It has been such a great experience being able to watch our story and interpretation grow.”

The play is set in the 20th century, even though the setting is not in current day people can still learn a valuable lesson from the plot.

“The show is set in the early-mid-20th century; the themes are just as relevant today as they were back then,” Hirsh said. “This is a play that can still teach us, and it’s a play that needs to be seen.”

An informal art walk, “Blissful Beginnings,” will take place beginning at 6 p.m. through curtain call on opening night.

Adult tickets are \$16. Special rate tickets are \$8 for non YSU students, YSU faculty, and staff with valid ID, senior citizens, Penguin Club members and groups of eight or more. YSU student tickets are free with valid ID. Tickets are available by calling 330-941-3105 or going to [www.ysu.tix.com](http://www.ysu.tix.com).



# Youngstown State University Presents: Wind and Percussion Invitational

BY GABE GARCIA

On Feb. 24th, the Stambaugh Auditorium will hold Youngstown State University's 11th Annual Wind and Percussion Invitational.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature music by the YSU Percussion Ensemble directed by Glenn Schaft, the Fairport High School Concert Band conducted by William Tiberio and the North Hills High School Wind Symphony conducted by Leonard Lavelle.

Also performing is YSU's Wind Ensemble conducted by Stephen L. Gage, featuring solos from Kathryn Umble on the flute and Alice Wang on the clarinet.

"I've been playing the clarinet since I was 10 years old," Wang said. "This is my ninth year being involved with the invitational, and I always hear positive feedback about it."

Twenty-one high school concert bands have taken part in the invitational from Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

Students from both visiting high school bands will spend the day with music professors from the Dana School of Music as part of master classes to put the final touches on their performances.

"It really is about bringing students to get to know the Dana School of Music,"



Wang said. "It's a great institution and to be part of the invitational does require a lot of work, but it's a great experience."

Some of the pieces being performed include "Traditional Bulgarian," by the YSU Percussion Ensemble; "Twin Ports Overture" and "Riften Wed," by the Fair-



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port High School Wind Ensemble; as well as "Chester Overture" and "National Emblem March" by the North Hills High School Wind Ensemble.

"We don't play many Friday night concerts," Gage said. "So it's really exciting to bring students from other schools to get

all dressed up in tuxedos and dresses to perform with our ensembles. The faculty always does a fantastic job coaching the students and our soloists Wang and Umble are just fabulous."

Gage came to YSU in September 1993 as the director of band and has been part of the Invitational since its inception in February 2007.

"I'm friends with the band director from Fairport High School," Gamble said. "It's really great to know that we're reaching schools as far as New York, especially one with an esteemed reputation as theirs."

Other songs being performed are "Transcendent Journey" by the YSU Wind Ensemble, and a newly composed piece by North Hills alum Thomas Starr titled "Kyrie Eleison."

"It's always rewarding to have high school students visit us on campus," said Lori Factor, director of community engagement events. "To have two outstanding bands offer a great evening of music is just a bonus."

The concert will end with a rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" performed by seniors of both visiting high school bands and the YSU Wind Ensemble.

"It's so exciting to see so many events such as this happening," Gage said. "Not just for the Dana School of Music, but with YSU in general. There's a lot of changes taking place and it's only the beginning."



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BY AMANDA LEHNERD

Youngstown State University's art department collaborated with guest artist Kristin Powers Nowlin for a Red Press Collaborative. Nowlin and the art students produced a limited edition print. The printmaking process took place Feb. 20-22 in Bliss Hall. The limited edition prints will be sold for \$125, with all proceeds going to the YSU printmaking program and the print collaborative itself. The students spent time working alongside Nowlin, using print making techniques such as intaglio, relief, lithography, screenprint and digital printing. The Red Press Collaborative was created to promote fine art printmaking at YSU and in the Mahoning Valley.

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### Construction Update

This week, the Spring Street and University Plaza intersection will reopen along with the F1 parking lot, but construction on Wick Ave. will continue. The M21 lot at the Veterans Resource Center and access to the Pollock House via Wick Ave. will be closed. For more information, contact Parking Services at 330-941-3546.

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH MAGIC SHOW



BY RALEIGH BASINGER

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Youngstown State University held its first Black History Month Comedy & Magic Show on Feb. 16 in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. Magician Josh Triplett, who will play a role on the TV shows "Super Girl" and "My Crazy Ex", and comedian Quincy Carr, who will make his film debut this year, were the performers. 145 people attended the show. The offices of Student Experience, Student Diversity and the Black Student Union put on this event. William Blake, director of Student Diversity, said they wanted to showcase strong artists in the black community.

# The Jambar Column

## Global Leaders' Impact on Society

BY JILLIAN SMITH

Yesterday evening, as I was getting ready for bed, I turned on CCGTV, the English language version of the state-run news agency of China. It was the anniversary of the death of Deng Xiaoping, former premier of the PRC and the architect of China's massive modern economic transformation.

The news anchors were lauding the late premier's legacy, proposing that his reforms were one of the main reasons why Xi Jinping was able to step into a global leadership role through his address at Davos during the World Economic Forum earlier this year.

In the address, the anchors noted, it was Xi Jinping who, ironically, exhorted that the global community must not fear globalization and that blaming it for the problems facing the world was an incorrect view.

While not mentioning specific persons, the premier's lines seemed to be clearly directed at the current U.S. President, Donald Trump.

While I marveled at the idea of the Chinese head of state reprimanding the U.S. President for protectionist rhetoric and a lack of responsible leadership in areas like the environment, it also brought into my mind the exhortation of another major global figure:

Mark Zuckerberg.

In a 5,700 word open letter to the world, the Facebook founder expressed his concerns that many have come to resent the type of globalization that has largely been brought about through avenues like his company.

"Facebook stands for bringing us closer together and building a global community," Zuckerberg said. "When we began, this idea was not controversial. Now, across the world, there are people left behind by globalization, and movements for withdrawing from a global connection."

He urged readers not to abandon globalization, citing examples of all of the good it could provide to the world.

In China, Facebook is banned. And so, while Xi Jinping and Mark Zuckerberg seem to be spreading the same message, it is interesting to note that proponents of globalization seem to understand what that term means in very different ways.

Meanwhile, critics of globalization — such as the astonishing number of those in the Youngstown area who voted for Trump due to resentment of the concept — seem to understand globalization as well, but only in the sense that it betrayed them.

To a millennial like me, even discussing globalization as a positive or a negative is evocative of Luddites discuss-

ing whether societies ought to have machines or not. The fact that the world is interconnected is merely an inescapable reality.

But what Xi Jinping at Davos, Mark Zuckerberg on Facebook and Trump's election all exemplify is that there is a right way to globalize and a wrong way — and Trump's presidency may be interpreted as a bellwether of the latter.

The economic well-being of those sitting around the table at Davos or in the exorbitantly priced apartments of Facebook's Silicon Valley contrasts sharply with the lack of opportunity experienced by the reactive Trump voter. Globalization may have brought about unprecedented prosperity and technological advancement, but the major beneficiaries of these are a sadly concentrated and minute few.

Globalization should not be seen as a component of an ideology of the right or the left, but as reality. Just as in Europe's discovery of the New World, however, the fact that exchange and interconnectedness are positives does not mean these should be pursued recklessly. Globalization proponents, in light of its reality, must heed the growing populist sentiment arising in some countries as a warning that the process must be conducted far more equitably and responsibly.

# Editorial

## Black History Needs More Than A Month

While Black History Month is in February for many historical reasons, the accomplishments of black Americans need more than 28 days of recognition.

Ignoring the greatness that black Americans provided in history for 11 months out of the year is absurd.

Free and enslaved African Americans, Native Americans and those who emigrated to the United States in its early years laid the foundation for what our country is today.

Slave labor propelled the U.S. towards becoming an international superpower. It gave rise to companies such as JP Morgan and universities such as Yale. The National Archives state that around 400 slaves were tasked to help build the White House. Free and enslaved African Americans fought in the civil war — all these accomplishments were made by black Americans before most had their own freedom.

Before anyone says it, yes, this is about race. If people actually 'didn't see color' as much as they say they do, we wouldn't have to explain why

black history is important to college students.

If high school students learned as much about black history as they do about William Henry Harrison, who died just 30 days into his presidency, then maybe Black History Month wouldn't need to be a thing.

This country wouldn't be what it is without the people of every color who fought with everything they had to make it great. Ignoring the contributions of one community to praise the achievements of another isn't how history works. It's all or it's nothing. Facts and figures can't just be removed.

The point is, black history doesn't need to be celebrated in February — it needs to be celebrated and recognized all of the time like 'textbook history' is.

February is a great time to acknowledge what African Americans have done to move the world forward, but this can't be the only time that black excellence is noted.

Black history is history, period, and it needs to be treated as such.

# The Press Box Perspective: Thoughts on the Bracket Preview

BY ANDREW ZUHOSSKY

I know, it's hard to believe, but three weeks from today at noon ET, the Round of 64 in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship — March Madness (YEAH!) — begins.

(Side note: Who else can hear the March Madness version of the CBS College Basketball theme in their heads as they read this column this morning?)

Around this time, pressure will mount on the teams who are projected to enter the tournament as top seeds to keep on winning.

Especially at this time of year, one bad loss could derail a program's bid at a No. 1-seed. Also at this point in the season, people wonder just what the bracket might look like if the season were to have end. On Feb. 11, the NCAA and CBS Sports gave all of America a look.

For the first time in the history of the NCAA Tournament, viewers were able to see a projection of the top four teams in each region's bracket as it looked heading into games played on Feb. 11 in the "NCAA March Madness Bracket Preview" on CBS.

If you missed this program two weeks ago, the projection looked like this: Villanova University, defending National Champion, had the projected No. 1 over-

all seed in the tournament, as well as the No. 1 seed in the East Region, followed by Kansas University being the No. 1-seed in the Midwest.

Baylor University was projected as the top seed in the South Region, with Gonzaga University, who had the No. 1 ranking in the Feb. 6 Top 25 poll, was projected as the top seed in the West Region.

Also during the half-hour broadcast, CBS Sports Bracketologist Jerry Palm revealed what he predicts would be the rest of the 68-team tournament field might look like after the top 16 seeds were revealed by the NCAA Selection Committee.

Palm's projections during the program had some interesting potential matchups. One such match-up, a 7 vs. 10 game in the East Region bracket between The University of Southern California and the University of Michigan, would be a great game if it comes to fruition.

I feel that USC is peaking at the right moment and would give Michigan fits in the contest should it happen.

However, I did not agree with the NCAA Selection Committee's projection of Villanova, a two-loss team heading into last weekend's games, as a higher overall seed in the bracket preview over Gonzaga, who had an undefeated 25-0 record going into the weekend of Feb. 11 and 12.

Gonzaga has been impressive all sea-

son long and they're poised to take the West Coast Conference title this year and make a deep run.

In my opinion, the Bulldogs would be the best team in the field if the tournament were to start today. They could win it all.

I also didn't like how the program was aired on a Saturday afternoon as other games which could have had an impact on the tournament field were being played around the nation. For my money, that was one of the only flaws with the broadcast.

As was said during the program, the validity of the projected bracket wouldn't last long.

If CBS and the NCAA were to do this type of broadcast again, which I think they should, it should be scheduled on a Sunday evening in the same timeslot as The Selection Show, when most of the weekend's games are finished.

In addition, CBS and the NCAA should make the bracket projections a weekly offering during the last month or so of the regular season in the future, with the last projections coming on the Sunday before Selection Sunday.

Again, three weeks remain until the start of the tournament. There's so much that is bound to happen between now and Selection Sunday. Stay tuned because it'll only get crazier from here.

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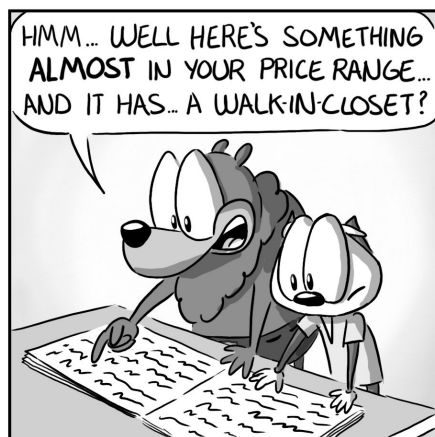
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# Hats Off to Hartfield: Freshmen Thriving as Starter at YSU



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Braun Hartfield (1) drives to the basket as Mason Faulkner (11) defends.

BY RICK HENNEMAN

Braun Hartfield came to Youngstown State University after making state playoff runs in back-to-back seasons with two different high school basketball teams in the Cleveland area. He was an all-conference player at the high school level and drew interest from schools like Ball State University and Canisius College.

Hartfield made his decision to commit to the Penguins just two days after he first stepped foot on YSU's campus. "The coaches made a good impression on me," Hartfield said. "It's close to home and I thought it was a great school for me."

He also said his family has been able to make it to almost every home game this season.

Hartfield played with other college caliber athletes in high school but early in his freshman season this year he played against Ohio State and Michigan State.

"It's very different," Hartfield said about the change from high school to college. "Playing 30 plus games is way more than high school. It takes a toll on your body. You are going against guys that are sometimes four years older than you and you gotta stay strong mentally."

The 6'6" guard was named Horizon League Freshman of the Week after having impressive performances against the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay in December.

"I actually found out from my recruiter," Hartfield said. "He texted me a picture of myself and it was a pretty nice picture. I was happy because I knew I worked hard to get in that position and to see it finally pay off was great."

Hartfield has started 10 of the last 11 games for the Penguins despite starting the season on the bench. He is averaging 10.9 points and 5.9 rebounds per game in conference games this season. He isn't surprised by his impact on the team.

"Coming in I knew what I could do and what the team needed," he said. "I just went at it and gave it everything I had. I try to help whenever I am needed."

While he is happy with his offensive production, Hartfield has preferred the part of his game that isn't always present on the stat sheet; defense.

"I take pride in my defense," he said, "It's what I work on the most. It's a trait that you earn and you get it from working hard."

It is becoming more common that athletes hit a production slump during their first season at a higher level. This is known as a freshman or rookie "wall." After hav-

ing an impressive four game stretch in January, Hartfield seemed to have hit his wall during games against Cleveland State University and Oakland University.

YSU head coach Jerry Slocum said that he and Hartfield had a talk after the Oakland game about keeping focused throughout the grind of the season.

"He told me to stay calm and do what I do best," Hartfield said about the meeting. "He challenged me to play my best and I accepted his challenge."

Hartfield recorded his first career double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds in the following game after that talk against the University of Detroit Mercy.

The Horizon League Tournament begins next week and while the Penguins could be entering Motor City Madness towards the bottom of the pack, Hartfield is looking forward to the experience. He believes that YSU can make a run.

"I'm very excited," he said. "It's my first experience at something like that. I heard it's a pretty good arena and that the crowd is lovely. We need to come together and say that we will make a run at this thing."

Hartfield said that they need to play for the seniors and see what they can do.

Slocum also said Hartfield has done just what the staff has asked of him and that is great for the team.



# Finishing Strong: YSU Looking to End Regular Season Well

PHOTO BY MARC WEEMS/THE JAMBAR

Matt Donlan (0) shoots a 3 as Lavone Holland II (30) looks to try and get to him to defend the shot. YSU won that game against Northern Kentucky University 81-77 on Feb. 18.

BY MARC WEEMS

With the Youngstown State University men's basketball team (11-19, 5-12 Horizon League) coming off a 101-72 loss to Oakland University, it would look to bounce back. YSU ends the year on the road at Cleveland State University (8-21, 4-13 HL). YSU defeated CSU at home back on Jan. 28 67-64 behind Cameron Morse's 23 points.

YSU will look to take some momentum heading into the Horizon League Men's Basketball Tournament. CSU is currently on a three-game losing streak and has lost five out of its last six games.

"I thought that we played well for the first 25 minutes," YSU head coach Jerry Slocum said about the game against Oakland. "Their size wore us down in the second half. Plus, we missed four straight free throws at some point. We also had what I call 'shot turnovers' with four straight bad shots."

Slocum said that he thought they competed hard for a good while, but couldn't finish the game strong.

In their first matchup with CSU, YSU was paced by Morse's 23 points and by Brett Frantz's 17 points in one

of his best starts of the year.

CSU's big problem is that the team gets outrebounded by nearly five per game. YSU's problem also seems to be rebounding as their margin is around five rebounds per game. In the matchup on Jan. 28, YSU outrebounded CSU by just one rebound.

YSU allows teams to shoot just 34 percent from the 3-point line, which is its best defensive strength. Other than that, it gives up 85.1 points per game, which is league-worst in the Horizon League.

Slocum said that regardless of the result of the game, he was really proud of his guys. The team, along with the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team, did community service in the Detroit/Oakland area.

"When Latin [Davis] gave that kid his shoes," Slocum said, "I told my group that I've never been more proud of this group. Something like that goes past any win we've had this year."

Slocum explained that Davis gave a kid his shoes after he couldn't find shoes that fit him.

On CSU's side of the ball, the defensive side has been kind. It gives up 69.2 points per game which is second-best in the conference behind Valparaiso University.

"Cleveland State's really played everyone really tough," Slocum said. "They are an incredibly tough defensive

team. They want the games down in the 50- to 60-point range. I believe that almost all of the last five games they've played in have been low-scoring."

YSU will have to outrebound CSU just the way it did the first time. YSU has the worst rebound margin in the league at -5.2. The Penguins do have an advantage with passing the ball as they average nearly 15 assists per game, while the Vikings average almost 11 assists.

YSU guard Francisco Santiago is averaging 4.6 assists per game which is second in the league. CSU guard Rob Edwards is fifth in the league at 16 points per game.

"We have to put our frustration behind us," Slocum said. "We did do a good job at home against CSU defensively. We just have to play our hardest no matter what the situation and how the season has been."

In the first matchup, YSU held Edwards to just seven points and held CSU to just 39 percent shooting.

Slocum said that one of the main issues has been the way that the team controls the ball.

"We turn the ball over far too often," Slocum said. "Those are the things that can't happen. When you go into someone's building, you have to take better care of the basketball. Mistakes must be limited."

YSU concludes the regular season on the road at Cleveland State University on Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m.



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Indiya Benjamin (3) shoots over the top of both Symone Simmons (23) and Lexi Smith (25) in YSU's close loss to Wright State University on February 18.

## Looking to Build Momentum: YSU Finishes Season with Two Home Games

BY RICK HENNEMAN

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team (9-18, 5-11 Horizon League) will play their final two games of the regular season coming off of a 68-64 loss to Horizon League's best in Wright State University (22-6, 14-2 HL) on Saturday night.

"Wright State is still alone in first place," YSU head coach John Barnes said about the loss. "To take them right to the wire definitely makes us feel like we can compete with anyone when we are playing well."

Center Mary Dunn was named Horizon League Freshman of the Week due to her 18 points and 8 rebounds in the overtime win over Northern Kentucky University last week. It was the fourth time this season that Dunn received that award.

"I didn't expect it coming in," Dunn said. "I knew when the time came I had to step up. Getting freshman of the week is definitely from my teammates and my coaches. They help me so much whether it is on the court or off the court."

Dunn also said that she is more motivated to finish the season strong because of her success this year and the

opportunity to become freshman of the year.

Barnes said that the team has definitely had its ups and downs this season due to inexperience and injuries. He is impressed with how the team has rallied in the face of adversity.

"I am happy with how many different players, especially young players, have stepped up and taken the reins of a division one team in a good league," Barnes said. "You can keep going on and on with players who have really been thrown into tough situations and grown."

The Penguins will play fifth ranked Oakland University (16-11, 10-6 HL) on Thursday and third ranked University of Detroit Mercy (15-12, 11-5 HL) for senior night on Saturday.

YSU lost to Oakland 80-54 on January 22. Oakland now boasts the best scoring offense (76.1 points per game) and rebounding offense (40.8 per game) in the league.

"They really look to fast break a lot, more than anyone else," Barnes said about the Golden Grizzlies. "They push and create a lot of turnovers with their length and athleticism. It seems like every video I watch— they get a steal, a layup or a wide open short shot."

Oakland had 18 points off of fast breaks in their last

meeting with YSU and leads the Horizon League in steals with 11.7 per game.

Barnes also said that having a whole week to prepare for Oakland will help the Penguins get ready for the pressure.

YSU leads the league in 3-point field goals made (234) and is third in the conference for three-point percentage (34.1 percent). This in no small part due to the performance of sophomore Alison Smolinski who has made 57 threes in conference play. She is just ten away from tying the all-time Horizon League record.

"It's unbelievable how much she has grown as a player and how much more aggressive she is now," Barnes said about Smolinski.

Tamira Ford, Jenna Hirsch and Kelsea Newman will be honored during the senior night game against Detroit Mercy.

Hirsch started in 21 games this year and averaged 6.9 points per game. She is second on the team with 58 assists. Ford started one game so far this season while Newman has been sidelined with an injury for almost all of the year.

The Penguins will tip-off against Oakland on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and will face Detroit on Saturday at noon.