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## SHOWING SUPPORT



Handmade signs held by students in protest of university cuts.

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## Students rally behind faculty

By Elizabeth Coss  
The Jambar

Students rallied behind faculty in a protest of incoming cuts at the Becker Family Fountain Commons Sept. 26 at Youngstown State University.

Students held signs and chanted “save the arts” and “stop the cuts” to those in the nearby vicinity while writing slogans in chalk around the fountain.

Nathaniel Hunter, a senior nursing major who was one of the organizers, said the cuts to programs are fueling the decrease in enrollment.

“What [administrators] don’t seem to think through, is that enrollment is down and it’s going to keep dropping as they keep cutting programs,” Hunter said. “People are going to be like, ‘Oh, YSU doesn’t have ... my dance program. I’m just going to go somewhere else.’ They won’t even consider YSU, whereas if YSU keeps these programs, it keeps them in consideration of students.”

A voluntary separation and retirement package

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## Car break-ins at YSU

By Shianna Gibbons  
The Jambar

Five weeks into the semester, Youngstown State University is experiencing an unprecedented amount of car break-ins.

Shawn Varso, YSU police chief, said there have been about 15 reported car break-ins since August. He also said the increase in car break-ins on campus reflects the increased vehicle crimes in the Youngstown and Mahoning County area.

“Canfield has been hit harder than us,” Varso said. “[Canfield] released a statement advising residents to not leave keys, wallets or valuables in their cars due to increased property theft out of cars, and car thefts.”

Varso said two arrests were made in connection to car break-ins on campus, but car break-ins are still happening.

“In each case that we’ve made an arrest, it’s been a different person,” Varso said. “We have CCTV footage from other incidents that have occurred. It’s not a concerted group working in tandem, and it’s different individuals every time.”

Varso said there is no discernible pattern to the car

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## Protest

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was negotiated by the YSU-OEA and the university, and was approved by the board of trustees last Wednesday, Sept. 21.

An email sent from the Office of the Provost on Sept. 19, stated that the amount of faculty who accept the VSRP will impact the decision on retrenchment and non-renewals for faculty.

Hunter said he wanted faculty to know that students support them amid the VSRP as well as the decision on retrenchment and non-renewals.

“We want to let them know they’re not alone. There are a lot of students who stand with them, and clearly this shows, there are students who stand with

the faculty against these cuts. We don’t want [cuts], the faculty don’t want them. There’s only one group that wants them, and that’s the administration,” Hunter said.

Thomas Diggins, a biology professor, visited the demonstration and said he was on board with the students.

“It’s getting to the point where every single year we’re wondering what programs are on the chopping block,” Diggins said. “Students are like, ‘Am I going to be able to finish my program? Am I going to be able to take classes?’ Of course the faculty are like, ‘Am I going to have a job?’ This is no way to run a university. It simply can’t be done this way.”

Diggins said the announcements of cuts are dismaying to not only faculty but

students as well.

“Everyone is very upset over the fact that every time there seems to be a little money that’s short, it’s academics on the chopping block,” Diggins said.

Ariah Spann, a senior in the fashion merchandising program, attended the protest and said it’s frustrating seeing the arts face cuts.








“I do understand how the world works, but to stop people from gaining a degree that they want feels very inhumane,” Spann said. “In some sort of way, you’re taking away my rights to learn something I want to learn about.”

Other protests and demonstrations are expected to be organized, but currently no dates or locations have been set.

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— Nathaniel Hunter, senior nursing major

## 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
High: 60°F Low: 39°F Chance of precipitation: 25%	High: 68°F Low: 46°F Chance of precipitation: 4%	High: 66°F Low: 51°F Chance of precipitation: 7%	High: 71°F Low: 49°F Chance of precipitation: 30%	High: 64°F Low: 46°F Chance of precipitation: 30%	High: 67°F Low: 45°F Chance of precipitation: 30%	High: 66°F Low: 44°F Chance of precipitation: 25%
sunshine and some clouds	sunny to partly cloudy	cloudy	cloudy followed by sun	cloudy and cool with showers	cool and cloudy	partly sunny
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# Purdue Data Mine crafts partnership with YSU

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In a collaboration with Purdue University, Youngstown State University has created the YSU Data Mine, along with a data mining program, to provide Penguins opportunities in the emergent field of data science.

Data mining is an evolving practice in which data scientists extract and examine large swaths of information to find trends and patterns. Data science is used in fields like healthcare, politics and market economics, but more fields are discovering uses for data mining.

Purdue created its data mine in 2019. The Purdue Data Mine's website says that it is, "the first large-scale learning community for undergraduate and graduate students from all majors, focused on Data Science for All."

Mark Ward, director of the Purdue Data Mine, said he is working hard to bring data science programs to schools across the country, thanks to grants received from the National Science Foundation.

"We were fortunate to get another National Science Foundation grant to help work with students at minority-serving

institutions," Ward said. "That was starting this fall, that we can have, like, 100 students each year from minority-serving institutions but Youngstown State was not a minority serving institution."

Ward explained that Ohio State Senator Michael Rulli was instrumental in putting YSU on Purdue's radar. He said Rulli called him one day and said he wanted to bring President Jim Tressel and Jennifer Oddo, executive director of the Center for Workforce Education and Innovation, out to Purdue to meet with them about setting up a partnership. From there, the ball got rolling quickly.

"[Rulli, Tressel and Oddo] all came over to Purdue from Ohio for two days. And the goal was to brainstorm about partnerships," Ward said. "It was such a pleasure. We met in April, and in August, like literally, [that] was that, I guess. Just over three months later."

Oddo said the university welcomed the aid of Purdue University through the process of setting up the data mine and data mining program.

"We're very grateful through our partnership with Purdue that they are helping us to title this program and launch in a programmatic way," Oddo said. "The program really has done an exceptional

job of really packaging up the training and the approach that companies can take to help engage our students on new data projects."

Oddo noted how important staying current is in an industry that is changing "faster than education can keep up." She also explained how integral data will be in most industries in the near future.

"Data is the new natural resource," Oddo said. "We need to train more students to understand data and understand how to use data so they can solve problems for their employers when they emerge into the workforce."

Ward said he sees many opportunities for collaboration between the different data mines being set up around the country.

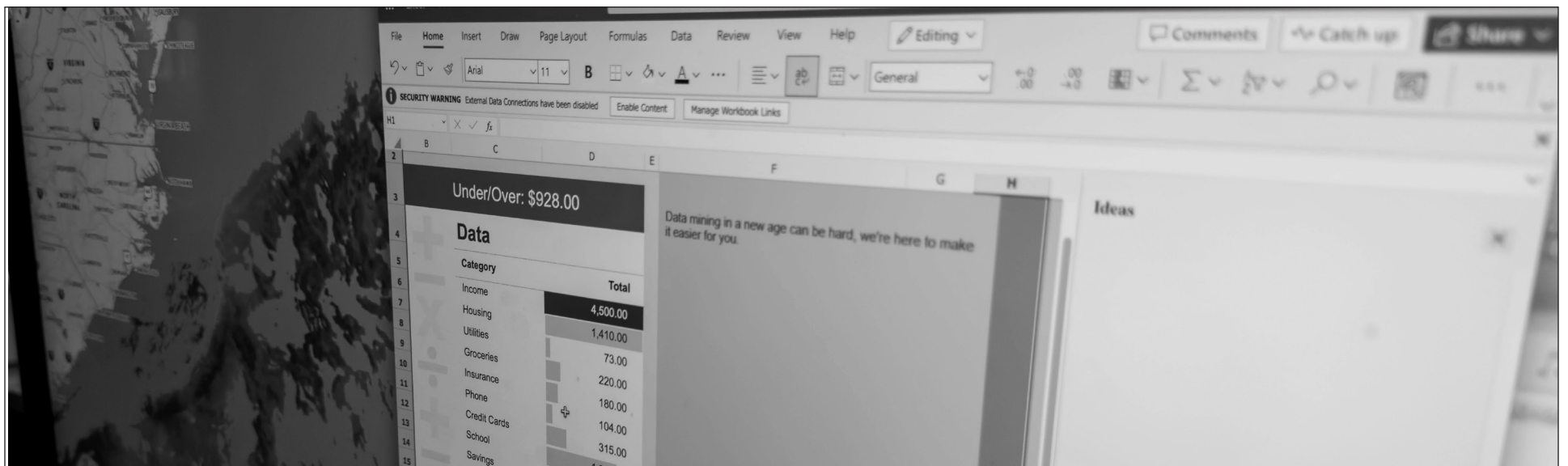
"I'll be really happy as Youngstown State continues to build its data science offerings. We want to be supportive and yet we also want to promote the ability of YSU to coordinate things on their own. YSU continues to grow its capability in the [data mining] space," he said. "I also hope to have a whole consortium of schools that work together like as friends ... you know that we have some kind of mutual agreement where we can be learning from each other."

Oddo said she is glad to have Purdue in YSU's corner and also to have them as a guidebook to success.

"Purdue has, you know, so many students participating and we've given them a much larger University and my goal was that we will have, you know, many more active employers and students from across every discipline here at the University participating," she said. "So whether you're in business or healthcare or education, our goal is to find projects around data that are relevant in different domain areas that we can give students experience in the field."

The YSU Data Mine will be able to provide students from any major the ability to take classes for credit in this emergent field, and also to work with potential employers to solve real-world problems using data. There are already several large companies signed on as sponsors for the program, such as NUVVE, John Deere and Lockheed Martin.

For information on the YSU Data Mine, go to YSU's workforce page on the subject; from there, people can request information and register for the program.



Data scientists look at data to determine trends

## Car

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break-ins. They occur at all times and in the different parking spaces on campus. The first incident of arrest occurred Aug. 12, at 9:24 a.m. in the M70 Lot on Fifth Avenue. The second incident occurred Sept. 13, at 3:49 p.m. in the M61 Lot across from University Edge apartments.

According to the incident report from Aug. 12, one car in the M70 Lot was broken into while the owner was in football practice. After the officers detained the suspect, the YSU student went to the police station and reported \$400 cash missing from the center console. The report mentions there were no signs of forced entry.

On Sept. 13, four cars were broken into in the M61 Lot across from The Edge apartments. One car had the driv-

er's side window smashed with a piece of concrete. Other vehicles showed no signs of forced entry. After the suspect was detained, officers discovered two change purses and a five-dollar bill and took them as evidence.

Maria Carter, a senior psychology major, had her car broken into on the Sept. 13 incident and was unaware her vehicle was broken into until later that night.

"I wasn't even aware there were car break-ins, and I had to find out through the YikYak app," Carter said. "I hadn't been to my car since Monday morning. So, Tuesday night, when I heard about it, I checked my car."

Carter didn't file a separate report because she didn't notice anything valuable missing. However, Carter's car was included in the report because officers saw signs of entry, and Carter said she was parked next to the car with the smashed window.

"Approaching my car, I saw the glass all over the

ground [next to my car]," Carter said. "My car was trashed, and everything in the glove box was thrown around my car."

According to Varso, YSU isn't liable for car damage or stolen property, but he said there are ways to lower the chances of people breaking into your car. The best way is to ensure your vehicle is locked.

"It's less likely to happen to somebody [with] a locked vehicle," Varso said. "Also, what leads to this is if a person can look at your vehicle and see change, money or laptops sitting right in the vehicle, they're more [likely] to try to get into that vehicle than any other vehicle."

If you believe your vehicle may have been broken into or damaged while on campus, YSU police can be reached at (330) 941-3527



There has been a series of car break-ins across campus.

Photo by Viktoriya Paliakovich / The Jambar



Photo by Cameron Stubbs / The Jambar

Curious to see how softball prepares for its season? See page 16 for more information.

## FRIENDLY COFFEE COMPANY



YSU students from around the world gather for International Coffee Hour.

Photo by Natalie Laskey / The Jambar

# International Coffee Hour stirs students together

By Christopher Gillett  
The Jambar

Jones Hall was host to International Coffee Hour last Friday afternoon, Sept. 23. The event was for international students and open to anyone at Youngstown State University to gather and mingle.

International Coffee Hour is a monthly event for international students to socialize and enjoy familiar food and drinks when they are far away from home and family. Each event is sponsored by part of the university, with this recent one sponsored by the Spanish club.

Nick DuBos, coordinator for the international programs office, plans international coffee hours and recruits international students for YSU. He said he hoped students will appreciate the local community through International Coffee Hour.

“We want students to love YSU and we want them to love the city of Youngstown. That is our overarching goal. If they do that they’re going to tell their family about it. They’re going to tell their friends about it and they’re all going to want to come here,” DuBos said.

Chaste Chapman, a graduate counseling major, is

involved with the Friends Around the World organization. She attended the event and explained the program’s connection to international students.

“[It] is an interactive group where American students are able to mingle around with international students and they form different kinds of friendships and relationships. [International students] get the opportunity to learn about American culture,” Chapman said.

Carly Devenburgh, assistant director of international student affairs, helps incoming international students with the visa process and welcomes them to campus. She explained how the demographics of international students have changed during her six years working in the program.

“Saudi Arabia was the largest population when I arrived, and [recently] we’ve been welcoming more and more students from Nepal. We had two years of [COVID-19] and that certainly affected the enrollment and we’re really glad to be welcoming students back to campus,” Devenburgh said.

Plenty of international students were at the event, like Angel Diosdado, a graduate material science and engineering major from Mexico.

“I like to come here because I actually get to see a lot of students that are either with assignments or classes and also catch up on some stuff,” Diosdado said.

Emran Hossain is a freshman electrical engineering major from Bangladesh, who said he enjoys socializing at coffee hour.

“It’s very fun and it’s very amazing and right at the time at the beginning of the weekend. For the rest of the week we have a lot of classes or assignments. Mostly we come here to meet our friends,” Hossain said.

Maya Errani, a sophomore Spanish major from Italy said she always comes to coffee hours.

“I’m an international student so I always participate in International Coffee Hour, but I’m also the vice president of the Spanish club, so that’s why I’m involved today,” Errani said.

All coffee hours are hosted in the Laricca International Collaboratory at Jones Hall, unless announced otherwise. For anyone interested in International Coffee Hour, the next one will be Oct. 21 and sponsored by Campus Recreation.

# Students react to university cuts



**Megan Ochs, Music Performance Major, 5th-Year Senior:**

"I think it's kind of ridiculous that they are getting rid of full-time faculty again, since they just did it last year. A lot of teachers, specifically good teachers, are getting cut and I feel like the programs you're cutting full-time teachers, the program is going down, it's not going to be as good as it was."



**Austin Browne, Finance Major, Junior:**

"As far as the faculty cuts go, I think the school needs to take into consideration that we're an academic institution. I feel like the fact that our athletic budget has gone up about 12% last I heard, while they're still taking money away from academic facilities and faculty members."



**Paula Jeffery, English Major, Freshman:**

"It makes me a little upset because like, if my program gets completely cut, I moved out here, and I'm not from here. So, I'd have to go back home and back to the old college I went to, because I'm a transfer student."

## The Student Voice



**Noelle Nolker, Anthropology Major, Senior:**

"I'm graduating ... it doesn't really affect me, but at the same time, there could be other little girls out there like me in high school who wanted to study anthropology but they didn't really want to go too far away from home."

**Mathew Franks, History Major, 7th-Year Senior:**

"My major concern there with everything going on with the History Department, there would basically be, what are their intentions with cutting all the faculty there in those specific areas? Are they planning on cutting the program altogether? Are they just shoring up there with other things to make sure they can control what's being taught? That's the major problem with history, people like to edit history, they like to control the narrative, so what is their end-game with everything?"



## News Brief

### Engelbert Humperdinck to visit Stambaugh Auditorium

On Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m., Engelbert Humperdinck, a longtime, iconic British pop singer, will take the Concert Hall stage at Stambaugh Auditorium. Humperdinck has recorded a variety of music genres from the most romantic ballads to movie theme songs, disco, rock and gospel.

In a career spanning over 50 years, Humperdinck has generated sales in excess of 140 million records, including 64 gold albums and 35 platinum, four Grammy nominations, a Golden Globe and stars on the Hol-

lywood Walk of Fame, Las Vegas Walk of Fame and Leicester Walk of Fame.

Humperdinck exploded onto the music scene with The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. He became great friends with Elvis and the two legends often performed each other's songs. His first single in the charts was "Release Me," which went into the Guinness Book of World Records for achieving 56 consecutive weeks on the charts. [The song] was number one in 11 countries.

The following decades saw Humperdinck constant-

ly touring the world to sell-out crowds. He takes great pleasure in every moment on stage. Humperdinck's music has transcended time and his voice continues to reach people around the world.

Tickets are on sale now with prices ranging from \$48 to \$78 with a \$6 service fee. Tickets will be available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. by calling (330) 259-9651 or in person at the DeYor Performing Arts Center Box Office. Tickets are also available 24 hours a day online at [stambaughauditorium.com](http://stambaughauditorium.com).

### It's Pierogi Time

PolishYoungstown Inc. is pleased to announce its 8th Annual National Pierogi Day-Youngstown will take place Friday, Oct. 6, 2022, from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Kravitz Deli at 3135 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505.

The group says it's the perfect day to join others nationwide in celebrating their favorite delicate dumpling...by eating some! The deli will be offering dine-in or pick-up of a variety of tasty, delicate pierogies as well as other delicious Polish food ... Polish music ... Polish beer ... and even a virtual pierogi-making demo and lesson by our

friends at Sip & Pinch pierogi parties!

Flavors include Potato & Cheese; Kraut; Potato, Bacon & Kraut and it wouldn't be a Kravitz event if they didn't offer a REUBEN PIEROGI!!! Can't decide? Try the SAMPLER! For more information call (330) 759-7889.

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**The Case for Banning America's Unique Group Health Insurance Now.**



Dragana Crnjak, Mia Mondora and Rachel Hritz collaborated with East Liverpool Mayor Greg Bricker to

Photo courtesy of Rachel Hritz

# East Liverpool gets makeover by YSU alumnae

By **Samantha Smith**  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's Department of Art has teamed up with the city of East Liverpool to create murals in its downtown area.

Dragana Crnjak, professor in the Department of Art, explained how the mayor of East Liverpool reached out to her because of previous work they have done.

"The Mayor, Greg Bricker, of East Liverpool actually reached out to me because he was familiar with the mural [the art department] completed in 2021 on Andrews Avenue," Crnjak said. "He reached out to me with an idea to bring similar murals to East Liverpool because he's really working on renovating the whole [city]. So, one of the ideas and one aspect of that whole renovation is mural work."

Crnjak said she and three other students painted the completed mural on Bradshaw Avenue in East Liver-

pool in May 2022. This led to the mayor contacting Crnjak again to work on another mural in the area.

Mia Mondora, a freelance artist, and Rachel Hritz, a graphic designer, both YSU alumnae, took over the project this past summer. Hritz explained where this mural is and what the process was.

"It is located in the main downtown area of East Liverpool on a bridge underpass," Hritz said. "Our process was a little bit drawn out than it would normally take ... I believe we started in July and finished in August. So, about a month, but time on site was more like two weeks."

Hritz said there was a large historical input that went into the mural's appearance and inspiration.

"We chose a bright color palette that was influenced by Fiestaware because it's a large pottery factory that people in the area tend to be employed at, as well as the history of pottery is huge in the development of East Liverpool. So we were inspired by those pottery colors

and we also used a lot of East Liverpool blue," Hritz said.

Mondora said she hopes the mural can inspire East Liverpool's community and bring joy to residents, and anyone in general, who see it.

"In general, I think [the mural] is changing spaces that people wouldn't necessarily think that much about and it kind of puts a smile on your face when you go by," Mondora said. "I hope it inspires the community to maybe get out and do something on their own for the community."

Hritz and Mondora will be coming back to YSU, not to further higher education, but to add their work to the campus. The two will work on a new mural within Maag Library, which they say will be finished in November. The mural will be on the first floor and can be seen by anyone who enters the building.

For more information on the YSU Department of Art, visit its webpage.



# YSU's NSCS recognized as Gold Star Chapter

By Molly Burke  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University chapter of the National Society for Collegiate Scholars has been recognized as a Gold Star Chapter for the 2021-2022 academic year. Founded in 1994, NSCS is a nonprofit organization that aims to recognize and elevate high-achieving students.

A Gold Star Chapter certifies that students in YSU's chapter have demonstrated strong leadership in their community and have participated in events such as Integrity Week and Planning to Achieve Collegiate Success.

As an honor society, NSCS promises to recognize and support diverse members as well as offering over \$500,000 each year in scholarships, awards and chapter funds.

Senior accounting major David Hughley III is the president of NSCS. He said there are several ways NSCS can help students build their careers.

"We help through service, scholarship and leadership. Those are our three pillars. We definitely help students with their resume building," Hughley said. "We do workshops with public speaking so it gives them confidence to represent us the best they can."

In addition to helping students in NSCS prepare for successful futures, Hughley said the organizations collaborate with many other campus groups such as the Residential Housing Association.

"We try to engage with organizations on campus as best as we can to build that sense of community because campus culture is a very important part of college," Hughley said.

Hughley explained the requirements of NSCS and when students can apply.

"You just need a [3.4] GPA, you don't have to have a specific major, and a strong resume helps. We're working on a fee waiver so it can be much more inclusive and we can have a better environment for students," Hughley said. "Our recruitment starts mid-spring semester, so we reach out to students and we get our results in mid march. We prepare all that time with officer transitions, training, leadership seminars and things of that nature."

The vice president of community service in NSCS is senior communications major Kylee Chrastina. She said NSCS does a variety of volunteer projects each year.

"We look to have two community service projects each semester. This semester we have one of them planned, and pretty much the entire month of October

up until our initiation ceremony, we're going to have a collection of items for New Lease on life and for the Rescue Mission," Chrastina said.

As a national honor society, NSCS can help students make connections beyond YSU. Chrastina said this makes NSCS unique.

"It's definitely good for your resume because it is a national honors society. I know there are ones at YSU that are specific to different studies, but this is more on a national level so it connects you with people all across the country. So it's definitely good for [developing] your network and talking with people that can get you in the field they're already working in," she said.

Each year, NSCS has an induction ceremony. Chrastina described the upcoming event.

"We're planning to have it at the end of October, and we're still working out the details but we're going to have a featured speaker. They're going to come in and talk to everybody and we're going to go over introducing the new members," she said.

For those interested, the YSU chapter of NSCS will have its induction ceremony Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. in Kilcawley Center. Distinguished honorary member Lexi Rager will be featured as a keynote speaker. For more information, check out the NSCS website.

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—David Hughley, senior accounting major



LSDG skates in tournament.

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# Rolling Around Youngstown



By **Natalie Lasky and Jessica Stamp**  
The Jambar

The local roller derby team, Youngstown Little Steel Derby Girls, is an adult league doing its part to ensure that derby stays alive. The league skates out of the Cortland Roller Rink in Cortland, Ohio and steps up to help individuals or teams in a time of need.

Roller derby is a contact sport that is made up of five skaters from each team on the track. There is a jammer, three blockers and a pivot that makes up the jams, which are the individual two minute rounds in a game.

The jammer tries lapping the blockers and pivot, while the pivot on the team directs their blockers to hit the opposing jammer out of play to prevent the jammer from scoring.

LSDG is known for helping out its skaters and other leagues anytime a need arises. It has raised money for injured skaters and skaters with medical conditions to participate in community events and has volunteered its time to help promote local businesses. The league also has skaters that help out other teams in the surrounding area.

One of those skaters is Brittany Carter, known as “Thunder Bottom.” She has been with LSDG for the past six years. She currently skates for the Pittsburgh Undead Roller Derby coed league as both a jammer and blocker.

“The hardest part of the game is trying to get past the blockers and the best part of the game is the people you meet. It’s not just men and women, you also have

[transgender] skaters,” and you have different types of leagues for those who prefer skating with just women, just men or both,” Carter said.

Another skater in Little Steel is Angie Helmick Hampson, known as “Road Rage.” Helmick Hampson has been involved with derby for three years and is concerned she does not have the skills she would have had if the pandemic had not shut down derby.

“Due to the COVID-19 shut-down in 2020, I still feel like a rookie skater. Even though I have been with the team three years, I don’t feel I have three years of experience,” Helmick Hampson said.

Sharon Cline, a Youngstown State University English composition professor, has a daughter and granddaughter who both play roller derby. Her daughter Shawna Starautnikes and has been skating since the ‘90s.

“She played for Little Steel first but she did also play for Cleveland, Burning River Roller Derby, and they were ranked pretty high in the world. She was there when they were in the playoffs, then she came back to Little Steel,” Cline said. “Drama’s daughter plays for Crooked River Roller Derby. So, it has now become generational. I was even given a derby name by the skaters; they call me Drama-mama.”

Cline said one of the best things about derby is that no matter where you go in the United States, you can find a derby team and have instant friends.

For more information about joining roller derby, becoming a skater or wanting to see some roller derby, LSDG can be contacted via Facebook.

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# The Jambar Column

## Writing what needs to be read

News plays a major part in our daily lives, whether it be something we see on TV, the internet or in the local newspaper.

There is always something interesting in the news but there is a portion of news that we don't pay as much attention to as we should: investigative journalism.

Investigative journalists expose the bad and the dangerous, and they definitely don't get enough credit for it.

When I first joined Youngstown State University, I had no idea that investigative journalism existed. My American Journalism class was where I first learned about investigative journalism through the eyes of Nellie Bly.

According to Arlisha R. Norwood from the National Women's History Museum, Bly was an investigative reporter who became well known for exposing an asylum's mistreatment of patients, in the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Aside from her undercover asylum expose piece, she also exposed local "government corruption," "the black market for buying infants" and wrote a piece on how she broke the "world-record" for how fast she could travel "around the world" as stated on the National Women's



Hailey Rogenski

History website. She is still to this day one of my favorite journalists.

I really love reading investigative stories and learning about the history of inquisitive journalism. One of my favorite sites to read is ProPublica.

I really enjoy reading news stories about corrupt business owners. ProPublica wrote a story about St. Jude Children's Hospital hoarding donation money. It's stories like these that people should be paying more

attention to.

I also enjoy watching "60 Minutes." One episode, where whistleblower, Frances Haugan, came forward and exposed Facebook for "allowing harmful content on their platform," is my favorite.

I know if I become a reporter I definitely plan to take the investigative path. I would like to do undercover investigative stories and expose criminals of high status, and even expose criminal acts among public figures.

It seems as if sometimes we forget how important in-

vestigative journalism actually is, so here is a story of investigative reporters and their historical impact on society.

Two of my favorite investigative journalists made a mark on our world and left a huge imprint in history. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein exposed one of the largest, most notorious scandals in the U.S. – The Watergate Scandal.

"All the President's Men" is a book written by Woodward and Bernstein which describes the scandal and what part they played, starting with the burglary of the Democratic Party Headquarters and wiretapping of phones. This was traced back to the Nixon administration's re-election committee.

"All the President's Men" is my favorite book of all time and I would highly recommend it, especially for others interested in investigative reporting.

I have lots of respect for investigative reporters. They are one of many everyday heroes that protect us when no one else can. It may not seem like it, but their words are among the most powerful and influential defense weapons to ever exist.

## The Jambar Editorial

### President to be?

With Youngstown State University's President, Jim Tressel, retiring at the end of January, the question of who will take his place persists.

It has been stated there will be an interim president for the time being after Tressel's leave. An interim president is someone who will hold the position until someone else is found for it.

While it is hard to adapt to someone leaving their workplace, there is usually a process for quickly getting everything back on track. This includes interviews, reviewing the qualifications for the position and more.

Having an interim president does not always mean the person with the title is only a placeholder. There is a chance for the interim president to be hired as the full-time president for the college and use this time as a training period.

Leaving an interim president in place of an actual president may not be the best for YSU, however. With the amount of time between Tressel's announcement and Jan. 31, there could have been enough time to find someone who fits the role of a full-time president.

This leaves students to question what will happen to the university and what

important decisions the board of trustees needs to make to find someone. While students can listen in on board of trustee meetings, they may not fully understand the terms used. Making a public statement to students to keep them in the loop may help with students' uncertainty of not having Tressel as a president.

This also leads to questions of whether the university should be making drastic changes regarding renovations and construction around the university and decreasing faculty numbers. What if everything Tressel wants to accomplish and address is not finalized before his leave,

leaving all decisions to the interim alone?

Worry of whether the students and residents of Youngstown will approve of the interim, and eventually, the new president is also a major concern the university will face. Tressel is a well-known person in Youngstown with some believing no one will compare to him.

With only having someone hold the place of his job, the search for a qualified candidate will continue. There is currently no statement of how long there will be an interim president after Jan. 31.

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# Women's Soccer: The cherry on top

By John Ostapowicz and China Goodson  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's soccer team traveled to Titan Field in Detroit to face off against Detroit Mercy University in a thrilling game leading to the Penguins defeat, 1-0 on Sept. 22.

After 60 minutes of scoreless play, the Titans struck first on the Penguins as senior goalkeeper Mackenzie Simon started for the first time this season. In the game, she recorded two saves while facing nine shots.

With the loss to Detroit Mercy on the road, the Penguins waddle back home to Farmers National Bank Field to go head-to-head against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sept. 25.

The Panthers hold a dominant series against Youngstown State to the tune of 18-2-0 including a stretch of 11 wins in a row and a current win streak of six.

Just as the match started around 15 minutes in, it was abruptly stopped because of a lighting delay. According

to NCAA rules, when a game is stopped because of a delay it must be carried out before three hours is reached from the start of the game or the game cannot be carried out.

The Penguins were finally able to take on the Panthers in a rare 10 a.m. game Sept. 26 which saw the match come down to the final six seconds of play. Milwaukee was able to strike back to end the game in a draw, 1-1.

The draw is the first between the two teams and erases the Panthers perfect streak.

Aiding the Penguins offensive attack, three-time team captain, senior Jordan Evans was able to score her first career goal off of a free kick attempted by senior Mikayla Mustard.

"[The game] was awesome, I feel like it's an indescribable feeling. It was great that I was able to be in that position and had that opportunity that I could give my team," Evans said.

With six seconds left, the Panthers fought back and retaliated with a late goal to force the tie for both teams.

At the goalkeeper position for Youngstown State, ju-

nior Brooklyn Kirkpatrick recorded 10 saves, nine coming from the first half. So far this season, Kirkpatrick leads the Horizon League with 58 saves.

With the draw, the Penguins are heading into a bye week. Head coach Brian Shrum will be rewarding the team with a Handel's Homemade Ice Cream and Yogurt trip.

"I don't necessarily think that the break is needed but I do know that they want to be rewarded with a Handel's ice cream run that I'm supposed to give them on the bye-week," Shrum said.

With 10 games under the team's belt and heading into a well deserved break, the Penguins sit at 2-6-3 after a couple of tough games. The remaining six opponents for Youngstown State do not get any easier as the final two opponents sit at the top of the Horizon League.

The Penguins will be back in action Oct. 6 to face off against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. To watch the game live, check out ESPN+ and for live updates visit [ysusports.com](http://ysusports.com).

## Player Profile: Junior Justine Appolonia



Junior Justine Appolonia.

Photo by John Ostapowicz / The Jambar

Junior Justine Appolonia is a mainstay of the Youngstown State University women's soccer team. She has worn the number three since her sophomore season.

She is currently working toward her Bachelor's degree in mathematics and hails from West Newton, Pennsylvania.

Appolonia attended Yough Senior High School where she was a four-year letter winner and spent one year as a captain on the women's soccer team.

In her senior season at Yough, she totaled 32 goals and logged 21 assists. In her career, she accumulated 117 career goals which is the all-time record at Yough Senior.

Throughout her four seasons, Appolonia was a four-time All-Section and All-Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League selection. She was also named the Mon-Valley Independent Player of the Year her sophomore year of high school.

Coming into her collegiate freshman season, she appeared and started in eight matches, taking four shots against Horizon League opponents.

In Appolonia's sophomore season, she made a massive leap by appearing in all 18 matches and made 16 starts. She was

credited with an assist in a 1-0 win over Northern Kentucky University. She took nine shots along with six on goal to finish out the season.

To kick off her junior season, Appolonia has played in all nine games for the Penguins this season, starting four and logging 396 minutes. So far, she has three shots to go along with one shot on goal.

With the bye week in full swing for Youngstown State, Appolonia looks to continue her standout season after coming off of a tie against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and face off against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"Playing them at home and the off week will be really nice, as we are starting to get some heavy legs and some tired girls," Appolonia said.

At Farmers National Bank Field the Penguins are 2-2-1. Appolonia knows the key to success is the ability to capitalize on the home-field advantage.

"We've been doing very well at home, so hopefully that continues also," Appolonia said.

With six games left for the Penguins, Appolonia looks to add a goal, putting an exclamation mark on her season.



Sophomore Paula Gursching and senior Isidora Sisis wait for the opponent's serve.

Photo by Cameron Stubbs / The Jambar

# Volleyball swept on Wisconsin road trip

By Kyle Wills and Kathryn Rogers-Vadala  
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Following a disappointing loss to Cleveland State University Sept. 20, the Youngstown State University volleyball team's struggles continued following its road trip to Wisconsin.

The trip started with a four-set match against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where the Penguins fell to the Panthers 3-1. Youngstown State started the match with a set victory before losing the next three.

Sophomore Paula Gursching recorded her eighth-straight double-digit kill performance with 14 kills on a .250 hitting percentage. Senior Josi Borum and sophomore Kiyah Franklin followed behind her with nine kills each while Borum also added 23 assists.

Freshman Abbie Householder added six kills and 10 digs while sophomore Isabel Schaeftbauer added to the assist total with 17.

The women then made the trip to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Penguins fell again in four sets 3-1 after claiming the third set.

Gursching added 21 kills to her weekend total on a .309 hitting percentage. Borum recorded her fourth triple-double of the season with 11 kills, 22 assists and 13 digs.

Householder was the only other Penguin with double-digit kills with 10, while senior Isidora Sisis was the only other Penguin with digs in double figures at 16. Schaeftbauer was also the only member of Youngstown State with more than 10 assists recording 19.

The women made their way back to the Beeghly Center to start a four-match homestand, beginning against the University of Oakland Sept. 27. Despite a commanding 1-0 lead, the Penguins dropped their fifth consecutive match in four sets 3-1.

Borum now leads Division I in triple-double performances, as she posted her fifth of the season with 13 kills, 18 assists and 18 digs. Gursching followed with a double-double, consisting of 20 kills and 13 digs.

Schaeftbauer assisted on nearly half of the team's kills with 23, while Borum and Sisis both led the defense with 18 digs.

In three of the last four losses, the Penguins claimed

the first set. Head coach Aline Scott said it's hard to win when you lose control of the match.

"Once you give momentum to another team, it's hard to take it back. Volleyball is such an energy-driven-momentum-shift type of game. Once [Oakland] got the momentum, it was hard for us to recover," Scott said.

Householder said the team starts off strong, but becomes passive as the match progresses.

"The energy drops after the first set. We come out really strong and excited with the drive that we are going to beat them then we just spaz a little bit," Householder said. "We all know we can do it. We just need to have the drive there."

Scott said the key for the upcoming matches is to play at the same pace for the entirety of each set.

"[The key is] consistency because if we can come out and win 25 to 9, that means we know what to do. We just have to be able to stay consistent," Scott said.

The Youngstown State volleyball team continues Horizon League play Sept. 30 welcoming Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and Oct. 1 against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

# Softball winds up for spring

By Cameron Stubbs  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University softball team has been hosting fall softball games or “fallball” at the Covelli Sports Complex.

These games do not count toward the official season in the spring, but do serve as an opportunity to develop the players and coaches chemistry and prepare them for the spring.

Head softball coach Brian Campbell talked about the development process that has already begun for the team.

“We have seven new players, we lost eight last year to graduation,” Campbell said. “It is very important for us to develop, we do a lot of stuff and try to press the enve-

lope a little bit ... These games are all about learning.”

One of the newcomers to the team is freshman pitcher Madison Griffin from Ligonier Valley High School in Pennsylvania, where she was a four-year letterwinner and two-time First-Team All-State selection.

Griffin pitched against Slippery Rock University and allowed one hit in six shutout innings. She talked about how this fall experience is helping her prepare for the spring season.

“It’s huge,” Griffin said. “[fallball] is made for mistakes and to learn from them to get better for the season ... Softball is a game of momentum, obviously as I got better and better I started to gain more confidence and started to spin the ball better.”

Decorated YSU pitcher Elle Buffenbarger graduated this past spring season after five years at Youngstown

State, but has returned in a new role as the Penguins’ assistant softball coach.

Buffenbarger talked about what it means to be back where she made so much history as a player.

“It’s definitely an adjustment but I think it’s really exciting to take what I learned and pass it on to the next generation of softball players at Youngstown [State],” Buffenbarger said. “When I got the job, I was like this is awesome. This is a school I love, a city I love and getting to stay with the program in any capacity is awesome.”

The softball team will host four more games this fall including a doubleheader Friday, Sept. 30 versus Notre Dame College and Walsh University.

Catch these games at the Covelli Sports Complex and stay up to date on all YSU softball at [ysusports.com](http://ysusports.com).



YSU Softball team prepares for upcoming spring season.

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