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Helen K. Lafferty was appointed interim president of Youngstown State University. Photo by Elizabeth Coss / The Jambar

The new woman in charge

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

The long-awaited announcement of the interim President of Youngstown State University was made Oct. 10 by the board of trustees.

Helen K. Lafferty will take over as interim president effective Feb. 1, 2023 after being unanimously chosen by the board of trustees during a special meeting, most of which was taken up by an executive meeting.

Lafferty, a graduate of YSU for both her bachelor's

degree in education, theology and philosophy and master's degree in education, administration and psychology, has represented YSU as a global and national board of trustees member since 2020.

Lafferty has been a part of Villanova University for 40 years and has experience as being the previous vice president of the university, an interim vice president of academic affairs and an associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova.

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Go crazy at the Wickyards haunted house

By Henry Shorr
Jambar Contributor

Erik Engartner, the owner of The Wickyards, loves taking people on tours of the old funeral home after concerts. This October, he is hosting the venue's first haunted house every weekend leading up to Halloween.

Engartner has operated The Wickyards — a venue for local and incoming musical acts — for over 10 years. He has been running the venue out of the former McVean, Hughes & McClurkin Funeral Home for over 6 years. When planning the haunted house, he said he wanted to create a story that referenced the location's history.

"The place is a historic home, a funeral home, formerly. So I tried to play into that history, but also added to it in the paranormal sector," Engartner said. "Something that has a storyline you could cohesively follow through. Something that made sense for the building."

The idea for the haunted house came from the post-show tours Engartner gives to concert-goers after the bands have finished playing. He wanted to expand upon that for Halloween.

"People always want to hear, like, ghost stories about spooky happenings in the house," Engartner said. "Sometimes I have content to give them, sometimes I don't. So now I want to give them something to be a little spooked by."

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Interim

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Currently, Lafferty is an academic professor for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University but will be taking a sabbatical to preside as interim president of YSU.

Despite being chosen as the interim president, Lafferty does not plan to be a contender for YSU's presidential vacancy next fall.

John R. Jakubek, chair for the board of trustees, said he believes Lafferty will be an integral component to the university moving forward.

"We have a great administration here at this university," Jakubek said. "I think she really solidifies what we have here. She's just ... she's going to complement the great individuals we have going forward."

Jakubek also said some issues the university is facing, like enrollment, will continue to be challenges under Lafferty.

"Demographics are changing, the number of students entering colleges probably for the next several years is going to be down. We had a 4% decline this year and it's [in] student enrollment. So, these are some of the things we've got to work on," Jakubek said.

Other areas the university plans to continue working on with Lafferty as president will be academic programs,

student retention and budgeting issues, according to Jakubek.

Going forward with Lafferty as the interim president, Jakubek said he feels confident with her appointment.

"She's well-experienced with these roles and so forth," Jakubek said. "I think the university and community could feel comfortable having Helen Lafferty as the interim president of Youngstown State University."

A virtual press conference with Lafferty is scheduled to take place Oct. 17. The university is still looking for a national search firm to oversee the process of finding the next official president of the university. According to Jakubek, the search is not expected to begin until 2023.

All final terms of Lafferty's appointment as interim president will be discussed and decided during the next board of trustees meeting scheduled for Dec. 8.

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Low: 37°F	Low: 45°F	Low: 40°F	Low: 39°F	Low: 34°F	Low: 33°F	Low: 35°F
Chance of precip: 60%	Chance of precip: 5%	Chance of precip: 55%	Chance of precip: 12%	Chance of precip: 71%	Chance of precip: 25%	Chance of precip: 55%



Rain



Mostly Cloudy



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Partly Cloudy



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Simeon E. Booker award recipient Anthony Ray Hinton alongside moderator Susan Moorer.

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National and local recipient recognized for courage

By Elizabeth Coss and Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

The Simeon E. Booker Award was presented to two recipients Oct. 6 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center: Anthony Ray Hinton, the national recipient, and Dr. Virginia “Dee” Banks, the local recipient.

The award was created in memory of Simeon E. Booker, a student who attended Youngstown State University for one year before transferring to Virginia Union University. He transferred because, while African Americans could attend YSU at the time, the university barred black students from participating in university life outside being a student.

After transferring and graduating in 1942, Booker worked for The Washington Post. He reported on the 1955 lynching of 14-year-old African American boy Emmet Till who was murdered after being falsely accused of harassing a white woman. Decades later in 2013, YSU gave Booker an honorary diploma and created the award to right the wrong.

Hinton, from Alabama, was chosen as the national recipient for being falsely convicted for capital murder. Starting in 1985, he spent 30 years on death row in an Alabama prison. His case was noticed by lawyer and activist, Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson’s organization, the Equal Justice Initiative, worked with Hinton to challenge his conviction. The EJI brought experts who disproved the case’s ballistics. Alabama then released Hinton in 2015.

According to Hinton, he did not receive a fair trial due to the racism of a system that treats individuals better if they’re rich and guilty, opposed to those poor and innocent. He said it takes courage to stand up to the system.

“It’s an honor to even be mentioned to receive an award of this magnitude. Courage — the way I look at courage — is something that all of us should have, and once you have the courage to stand up when there’s injustice, courage as I say, is contagious,” Hinton said.

Hinton said the future of America is in the hands of the younger generation to stand up against injustice.

“Young people, I truly believe, are the key to change in the system. I want young people to stand up,” Hinton said. “What I’m about is education, letting you promote the truth. And I think every college that I’ve been fortunate enough to go to I feel so blessed that years later I get letters from students saying they’ll go into law.”

Banks, a local infectious disease physician who helped relay information on the coronavirus during the COVID-19 pandemic, said she appreciated being recognized for her work and courage.

“I wanted to be a trusted messenger because once we started to kind of get our arms wrapped around this virus and started to see we had vaccines that were available, as an infectious disease doctor, I knew that we had wiped out so many diseases in this world through vaccines,” Banks said.

Like Booker, Banks also shares a deep connection to YSU and said she’s proud of what the university represents.

“Youngstown is my home, I’ve been here for 30 years and I’m proud of who we are,” Banks said. “I graduated with my executive MBA in 1996 ... It was the Williamson School of Business at that time ... so, we didn’t have a major, it was a lock-step program, so for 18 long months we met everyday Saturday at the Williamson School of Business and we studied accounting and all the other things regular students do in MBA school.”

Alongside the award, a scholarship in Booker’s name was also presented to two students. Britney Bailey, a senior general studies major and Miya Pierce, a graduate student studying social work with a double minor in communications and sociology, were both awarded with the Simeon E. Booker scholarship.

Pierce said receiving the scholarship was an honor, especially because of the impact Booker left on society.

“Simeon Booker is such an icon. During the Civil Rights Movement, he was an outstanding journalist. I can only imagine what it was like to be working during those times,” Pierce said. “The most touching [story] for me, like many of you, was about little Emmitt Till, a 14-year-old boy who was murdered in the most horrific way. To be able to write about that alone is very motivating because he not only brought about awareness but he brought movement.”

This award event was just one part of Ohio Nonviolence Week which was sponsored by Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past. If interested in becoming involved with the organization contact Penny Wells at PennyWells@sbeglobal.net.

Haunted

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Engartner said he started planning the haunted house at the end of last year. First, he created the storyline. He then mapped out the entire house to create different scenes and paths for people to meander through. He brought on volunteers to scare thrill-seekers. He planned characters, make-up and costumes.

Chris Ferrick, a mechanical engineering technology major at Youngstown State University, volunteered to help Engartner plan and execute the haunted house. He reaffirmed how diligent Engartner was throughout the process.

“Eric started building the whole interior design in July. So it’s taken that long already,” Ferrick said. “[It’s been] a lot of work, a lot of effort. He had to get all these people together ... You know, it takes a lot.”

Ferrick said he is excited to scare patrons of the haunted house.

“I’m looking forward to scaring somebody so bad that

they cry. That was my goal. I just want to see some tears. You know what I mean? That means we did a good job,” he said.

While Engartner said he is glad to have such enthusiastic volunteers, he stressed this will be a haunted house for everybody, not just extreme thrill-seekers. He said he wants people to leave with a sense of thrill but is not in the business of giving people nightmares.

Nicholas Charles Foster, a junior at Ursuline High School, is also volunteering at the haunted house. Foster said he’s enjoyed the process of putting this event together and exploring the large funeral home to find places to hide from patrons.

“I try to scare them by, like, coming out of a dark corner and growling just to ... give them some sort of, like, fear of the unknown. And if they can’t see me just, like, hide or scratch the walls or something like that,” he said. “But it takes a lot just to get myself into the ... mentality to be, like, kind of crazy and, like, psychotic.”

Engartner said proximity alone makes this a perfect spooky-season event for YSU students. The Wickyards,

located at 711 Wick Avenue, is a 10-minute walk from Kilcawley Center. He also said it’s a great way to support a small business this holiday season.

“It’s entirely community-based; all the actors are from around here. We’re, in ourselves, a local business. We hope to bring people out, bring exposure to our other events and [make sure] that people can also be aware of us and how we can help them with their own events,” Engartner said.

The Wickyards haunted house will be open Fridays and Saturdays in October from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be live music for people waiting in line. Engartner has lined up a range of musical acts to entertain guests including Miss Dreadful, Thought Mass and Outrun Infinity. Tickets start at \$10, but a \$20 ticket will offer a more immersive experience as well as access to the third floor of the attraction.

“It’s going to be a dang good time,” Ferrick said. “I think that it’s going to be a blast, and if you get to show up, I hope we get to scare the pants off you.”



Former funeral home transformed to venue for music artists, Wickyards, turns into a haunted house.

Photo by Henry Shorr / The Jambar

International enrollment grows

By Shianna Gibbons

The Jambar

According to data released by Youngstown State University, international student enrollment increased 65% from fall 2021 despite the 4% decline in overall enrollment.

YSU welcomed its largest group of international students – 561 – for the 2022-2023 academic year. According to the fall 2022 Preliminary Enrollment Summary, 340 international students attended in the fall of 2021; an additional 221 international students enrolled.

Carly Devenburgh, associate director of international students services, said there were several reasons for the increased international enrollment.

“There was a COVID backlog. Students have been trying to come for years, but the embassy and border closures [stopped them],” Devenburgh said. “That led to the large enrollment, but certainly, we have a lot of recruitment efforts in place. We have agents worldwide assisting us in recruiting students.”

The international programs office has a separate admissions team. Devenburgh said a mixture of agents, representatives and staff are overseas in different countries promoting YSU as an option for students.

“Our supervisor, the associate provost for international and global initiatives, is on a recruitment trip right now in Southeast Asia,” Devenburgh said. “We

also have two representatives overseas, one in Nepal and one in Vietnam, assisting us.”

Devenburgh said the affordability, size and great programs are the most significant selling points for YSU.

“The affordability and the great programs we offer [are big factors]. We have a lot of students enrolled in STEM programs, [and] the engineering program’s [Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology] accreditation. With the Honors College, students can get great scholarship packages,” Devenburgh said. “Our population isn’t so big that they get lost. We get to know our students, and they get to know their faculty since we have a small student-to-faculty ratio.”

YSU’s international program has students from all over the world, but an overwhelming majority of students hail from Nepal.

“Several years ago, we welcomed a great group of students from Nepal, and that has built over the years. The students have a great experience here, and they tell their friends,” Devenburgh said. “It’s a great price point for the students from that part of the world as well as the scholarships they’re able to get and they’re high-quality students too. So they add so much to the classroom.”

Nicholas DuBos, the coordinator of international student services, said the international student program’s goal is to ensure the students are happy here.

“The point is we want our students to be happy, and we want them to feel at home. The department’s overall

goal is for the students to be happy, given opportunities and meeting [new] people,” DuBos said. “Because we know when being so far away, it’s not easy. [So] we want it to be great.”

The international student program hosts different events each month to ensure students are given the opportunity to build relationships and be a part of a community.

“The last few years have been difficult, and so it’s kind of starting from scratch,” DuBos said. “The students liked International Coffee Hour, so we’re going to try and have those twice a month. Coming up on Sunday, we’re going to White House Fruit Farms.”

Nguyen “Moona” Dinh, a sophomore in nursing, said she learned of YSU through the agency in Vietnam.

“I found out about YSU through the [YSU] Vietnamese agency,” Dinh said. “YSU is a good option with tuition, living cost and the nursing program here is good, I would almost say famous.”

Dinh said her favorite thing about Youngstown, Ohio is the location.

“From YSU it is really easy to go to a big city like New York [City], Boston or Pittsburgh. It is really close,” Dinh said. “I’ve [been] traveling a lot and it’s really easy to get around.”

For a list of events held by the International Programs Office, visit its page on YSU’s website.



YSU’s international student program recruits students from around the world.

Photo by Shianna Gibbons / The Jambar

Parking pushed back

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

A lawsuit against Youngstown State University has been dismissed following the university dropping all contract bids on the Arlington Parking Facility Project.

Despite evading legal litigation, YSU's parking facility project will now be pushed back until next semester due to seasonal concerns.

Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Co. placed a lawsuit, temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction against YSU for allegedly violating state bidding laws and its request for proposals.

To disperse the lawsuit, YSU retracted its bidding tabulation and dropped all contract bids for the project, preventing any party from officially being award-

ed the job.

Danny O'Connell, director of Support Services, said when all bids were rejected, the university didn't feel the project would be completed in time.

"The reality was — when the lawsuit was filed — it was going to push us back," O'Connell said. "We didn't feel we could complete the project on time. Had we kept the bids awarded the way it was, we didn't think we could complete the project before the bad weather came, so what we did was we rejected all bids and then we're going to rebid the project in January."

With the lot being delayed, O'Connell said there were pros and cons to the lot's construction being pushed back.

O'Connell said there are other parking options in the works that are slightly behind but will be finished.

"The good thing is we have plenty of parking west of Fifth [Avenue], and there will be some advantages from the university when it's all said and done," O'Connell said. "If I could have had it done timely and knew it would be done before the weather got bad, that's one thing. The delay isn't going to hurt us in any type of major fashion."

O'Connell said that there are other parking options in the works that are slightly behind schedule but will be finished by the end of the year.

"We just did two parking lots, we're just finishing them up, they're actually a little bit behind. Behind Enterprise, we're putting in two smaller lots there," O'Connell said.

Bids for the project will open to contractors in January.

News Brief

Stambaugh Auditorium preps for holiday season

Crafters from Youngstown and surrounding areas will exhibit and sell their work at a Holiday Craft Show on Sunday, Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Returning for the seventh year, TubaChristmas in the Valley will perform a free concert at 3:30 p.m. in the concert hall. Artisans will showcase a variety of items including, but not limited to, holiday decor, baked goods, pet apparel, handmade artwork and holiday ornaments.

Additional to three floors of crafters, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase lunch items both hot and cold. Vendor applications will be available at Stambaugh Auditorium's website until Oct. 31.

TubaChristmas is a celebration of the holidays as tuba players come together to perform a variety of Christmas classics. The various sizes and sounds of the instruments along with the spirit of the musicians make this event memorable. The idea for TubaChristmas was conceived in 1974 by Harvey Phillips as a tribute to his teacher and mentor, William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902.

The first TubaChristmas was conducted by Paul Lavalley in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza Ice Rink on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974. Registration for performers is available at its website.

For additional information about the Holiday Craft Show or Tuba Christmas, visit Stambaugh Auditorium's website or call (330) 747-5175.



Photo by Cameron Stubbs / The Jambar

Curious to see how the football team played? See page 15 for more information.

STRENGTHENING MIND AND BODY



International Council hosted Active Aging Week to encourage exercise among the elderly.

Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

Active aging with the Exercise Science dept.

By Christopher Gillett and Brandon Cantwell
The Jambar

The Exercise Science Department hosted a session Oct. 7 for Active Aging Week at Beeghly Center. The event brought in elders from local senior centers and faculty from Youngstown State University, leading them in hour-long sessions of exercise biking, stretching and resistance-band training.

Active Aging Week was started by the International Council on Active Aging and took place Oct. 3 to Oct. 9. The purpose of the week was to promote exercise among older adults. Dr. Nicole Mullins, a professor of exercise science and physiology, formed the event at YSU.

Mullins has been at YSU for 20 years and became interested in exercise physiology as an undergraduate at the University of New Hampshire. She said it's important people know about Active Aging Week, because of the benefits of being physically active.

"We stay alive a lot longer than we used to, but the quality of life can be very low for some people, and exercise strengthens the body, strengthens the mind, keeps us engaged with others, creates friendships [and] is fun," Mullins said. "[Exercise] truly is medicine in some regards and helps us manage diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular disease and can have effects on everything - cognition, thinking well and clearly."

Another purpose of Active Aging Week was to bring awareness to age-based discrimination, also known as ageism. Mullins explained ageism's extent.

"[Ageism] has been called by the World Health Organization the most socially accepted prejudice in the world," Mullins said. "There are more subtle [types of ageism] like benevolent ageism where we automatically help older adults do things that they are capable of doing on their own and we provide too much help that ultimately makes them move less and work less."

The event also worked to bridge intergenerational connection. Mullins' students led exercises for attend-

ees. Jordan Anzelmo, a senior exercise science major, explained his favorite part of leading exercises.

"We actually got to train [YSU] facility members here; and just seeing them progress throughout the whole semester, it just made me feel like I'm making a difference in the world, even if it's just a tiny difference," Anzelmo said.

Keegan Butler, another senior exercise science major, said he enjoys people participating.

"[My] favorite part of Active Aging Week is just seeing everyone come and participate. Ultimately, all these people came, got up on their day, came down to see us [and] participated in this event. That makes them all winners. For those that didn't show up they might have missed out on this opportunity, but we're very glad that people came and participated," Butler said.

Mullins is planning to host Active Aging Week again next year. If interested in contacting Mullins, you can reach her at nmullins@ysu.edu.

Setting fire and flame to homecoming weekend

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

Youngstown State University will be celebrating fall with its annual Fall Fire Fest Oct. 13 in the M-71 parking lot near the YSU Tennis Center. The event opens at 7:30 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m.

Ryan Flemming, a junior communications major and the talent and hospitality lead for Penguin Productions, said there's a lot to look forward to.

"We're really excited," Flemming said. "It's once again kind of our usual format of nice vibes, good music and a wonderful bonfire to help kick off homecoming week."

Flemming said Penguin Productions appreciates seeing returning faces in regard to musical acts.

Opening the event is music artist Riley Burke who also performed in Federal Frenzy earlier this year. She was voted the Listeners Choice Award on Spotify and has recently released her new single, "MTV".

Clarence Gordon Jr. or stage name Grizzzly with DJ and music producer John Blinsky, are headlining Fall Fire Fest. Gordon has performed before at Fall Fire Fest in 2019 and loved the experience of the event.

"I'm extraordinarily excited, honestly. This is a big deal for me," Gordon said. "I played the Fall Fire Fest a few years back before the pandemic and opened up for Topaz Jones. So after that experience, it was awesome."

Gordon said students can look forward to having a fun time at the event. One song Gordon is excited to play is "Oak Trees" which is from his last album, "Couch".

Hannah Koon, a junior management major, is the event and business lead for Penguin Productions. Koon's job is to handle a variety of tasks such as overseeing the individual teams of Penguin Productions' progress and staying on track, making sure the timeline is going accordingly, setting meeting agendas and sticking to the budget.

Koon also has to fill out permits for Fall Fire Fest with the Youngstown Fire Department and the City of Youngstown.

"The permit with the city [is] to kind of tell them that we're having an event on campus and ... just telling them that we need to close on some of the streets to have it," Koon said. "I kind of have a permit working with the fire department to let them know that we're actually having a bonfire."

Koon said students can look forward to having a variety of food trucks like the Majestics and at least 10 student organizations at Fall Fire Fest. Some organizations that plan on being at the event are Student Government Association and Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Koon said students can anticipate student athletes, cheerleaders and the marching band to be at the event.

"This event kind of showcases what YSU is about and, like, school spirit and how we appreciate our different organizations that we offer," Koon said.

President Jim Tressel will also be attending the event to speak and show support for YSU.

The free event is open to anybody in the Youngstown community.

If interested in listening to Gordon's and Burke's music, check them out on Spotify at Grizzzly and Riley Burke.



Grizzzly is set to headline Fall Fire Fest.

Photo courtesy of Julian Ford Photography

HANDS-ON LEARNING



Volunteers creating STEM SAKs.

Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar

OH WOW! It's science time

By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

Youngstown's OH WOW! the Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science & Technology, is a nonprofit organization that teaches children about science while having fun.

OH WOW! partners with Youngstown State University for volunteer opportunities at the center to help with production of its science, technology, engineering and mathematics science activity kits. Colleen Ruby, the director of visitor services at OH WOW!, explained what STEM SAKs are.

"A STEM SAK is basically a self-contained science activity kit. It has lesson plans, it has a QR code that links to a video on how to complete the activity," Ruby said. "They range anywhere from something that a preschooler or a kindergartner can do up to a seventh, eighth grader

or even sometimes a high schooler. They are all related to science standards."

The organization uses the STEM SAKs to teach and reinforce what children are learning in school, Ruby said. The STEM SAK contains everything the certain activity requires.

OH WOW! uses the STEM SAKs at the center for when children come for a field trip and birthday parties or when the organization goes to after-school and outreach programs. The organization also has a monthly subscription box that includes STEM SAKs.

Ruby said the organization will sometimes produce thousands of STEM SAKs a month and the volunteers help with the production. She said many who volunteer are from YSU's Sokolov Honors College.

Lexi Rager, the assistant director of the Sokolov Honors College, said OH WOW! and the college have been in a

partnership for some time.

"In years past, we've had something called a community fellow with OH WOW!," Rager said. "So they were an undergraduate student who helped us liaise with OH WOW! and help with anything they needed for volunteers."

Jeffie Cruz, the production manager at OH WOW!, said there is plenty for students to do when it comes to volunteering.

"Typically what I do is I involve [the volunteers] as much as I can. I try to have them create the STEM SAKs with me," Cruz said. "I get them involved in putting all of the items in the bag, so it's a lot of counting. I try to throw in something fun, I try to let them do the STEM SAKs also

because they're really cool."

Cruz said she hopes students understand what they are doing when they help the organization.

"I hope that [students] see the value in what we're doing. It is all STEM based curriculums with our STEM SAKs and any little bit of help is so much appreciated," Cruz said. "I'm only one person and could I do 1,000 orders, yes. Is it time consuming, 100%. So, the more hands the merrier and ultimately it's just going to help the children."

Students can volunteer by either registering through OH WOW!'s website or visiting the center's front desk. For more information about OH WOW! visit its website.

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Bacteria inspired 3D Art Exhibition

By **Natalie Lasky**
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Eva Kwong, an international artist, has been inspired by the bacteria found within the human body. She came to Youngstown State University to exhibit her work at a show after it was noticed at the Anderson Ranch by the director of the McDonough Museum of Art, Claudia Berlinski.

Kwong was initially inspired by art after a classmate told her to use a free pass to get into the local art museum. Since then, her passion for art has been combined with curiosity of bacteria, because of the memories of her childhood.

As a child, Kwong's mother used to bathe her in disinfectant so she would not get sick. As she grew older, Kwong began to take more interest in bacteria and microbes.

"I did not realize until after I started making all these pieces that I did not realize my mother was a germaphobe and of course, I did not know that more for the longest time. But she used to disinfect us, but I thought

of course all kids did not have the same extreme summertime," Kwong said. "I used to ask my mother what the germs look like and she said, well, they are invisible. We do not know. Nobody knows, but how do you know it exists if it is invisible?"

Kwong submitted her first work of art while in high school to a museum and launched her career as a professional artist. Obtaining her higher education throughout the 1970s, Kwong began gaining exposure within the art scene.

Kwong has made art for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as exhibitions across the globe focusing on bacterial art.

"I had a chance to be invited to a show in Atlanta at the CDC, they called me and I didn't know they had an art gallery," Kwong said.

Kwong has shifted her focus to 3D clay print art and showcased a 3D exhibition at the YSU's McDonough Museum of Art over the month of September. Each piece of art has a backstory and inspired her to develop a collection of 3D print art.

"This [3D polylactic acid art piece] reminded me of

somebody falling over an older person, you know, as I'm also getting older myself or a failed organ that collapsed like, you know, I've had students who have collapsed lungs," Kwong said.

Claudia Berlinski, director of the McDonough Museum of Art has known Kwong for a long time. When Berlinski found out Kwong was making art after taking a several year break, she reached out to Kwong about doing the show at YSU. Using 3D PLA for Kwong's art that is focused on bacteria, Berlinski said she became interested in having an exhibition at YSU.

"I saw that she had some clay pieces that she had printed. 3D printed at Anderson Ranch, which is an artist residency ... The way she was photographing them and combining the plastic and clay pieces together on a pedestal. It just really affected me. I thought it was brilliant," Berlinski said.

For those interested in learning more about Kwong's career and collection, her artwork can be found on her website.



Eva Kwong's art displayed in the McDonough Museum of Art.

Photo by Natalie Lasky / The Jambar

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The Jambar Column

Pumpkin! Pumpkin everything!

It's that time of year again! Leaves are falling, everyone is wearing sweaters and grocery store aisles are lined with everything pumpkin.

Some may say it's basic, but I'm a huge fan of pumpkin treats, whether they be baked goods, candy or cereals.

Recently, I have been captivated by pumpkin oatmeal and bagels. I work at Giant Eagle and can always find these on the shelf when doing some after-work shopping. I also found some great pumpkin items in its bakery including pumpkin bread, pumpkin cinnamon rolls and pumpkin pies. I also bought some pumpkin ice cream, my favorite dessert.

Some other pumpkin goods I enjoyed this fall were pumpkin spice KitKats and pumpkin spice caramels.

Pumpkin isn't just a taste or smell, it's a feeling. It's the feeling of warmth you get when drinking a pumpkin spice latte. It is a feeling of joy and excitement the once-a-year treat brings everytime it returns for the season.

If I could have pumpkin all year round, it would be amazing but I feel as if it wouldn't be as exciting as it is when it makes a comeback for fall and early winter. It's like my mom always says, "distance makes the heart grow fonder."

The first time I tried pumpkin was Thanksgiving Day when I was 6 years old. At the time, I was extremely picky but I loved most sweets. One kind of sweets I wasn't very fond of were certain kinds of pies, like chocolate cream and peanut butter. I remember my mom offering me a slice of pumpkin pie. At first I was really scared to try it but when I finally did, I was surprised by how good it tasted. Ever since, I have loved pumpkin flavored foods.

Although pumpkin is delicious, you're probably wondering where I draw the



Hailey Rogenski

line when it comes to pumpkin spice.

Believe it or not, when it comes to pumpkin flavoring, sometimes it can be taken too far. One of the worst pumpkin flavored items I ever had was tortilla chips. I bought them thinking that they were

going to be dusted with cinnamon sugar and pumpkin-spice seasoning. Instead they were dusted with cinnamon and salt and they barely had any pumpkin flavor at all. I was very disappointed because I was expecting something sweeter.

One time when I was ringing out a customer at Giant Eagle last fall, I rang out a pumpkin item that made my stomach turn: pumpkin spice ramen noodles. I don't like ramen noodles to begin with because of the texture, but even if I did I wouldn't dare try it.

Another odd pumpkin flavored dish that has made an appearance online is pumpkin pierogies. Mrs. T's pierogies is offering these as a giveaway to 70 people via Instagram, but it won't be a giveaway that I'll be signing up for.

There are just some things that pumpkin doesn't belong with. I love a sweet and savory mix, but pumpkin has a strong flavor and when mixed with something salty or savory, it makes for an awful combination.

Aside from the horrific items that some companies use pumpkin to make, there are many great items on the shelf that I have yet to purchase before fall is over and I can't wait to try them!

After all this talk about pumpkin, I'm gonna go shopping for some more pumpkin stuff, so I'll see you next week 'Guins!

The Jambar Editorial

The return of reproductive rights?

In June, the world watched with awe, stunned at the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which opened the door for individual states to decide the fates of their citizens.

According to *The New York Times*, since the overturning, 13 states have fully banned abortions. Until recently, Ohio was one of the states to have partial bans in place, banning abortions past the six-week mark in a pregnancy.

A small victory for reproductive rights has managed to climb out from the hold of Ohio's primarily Republican-centered representatives Oct. 7. A preliminary injunction was granted out of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, allowing abortions to resume in the state while litigation continues.

Previously, a temporary restraining order granted abortions again, which would have expired Oct. 12, according to *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Now, thanks to the efforts of action groups like Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Ohio and many more, people are able to get a second choice in their right to life, their health and their futures.

For people around the state fearing they'd have to seek out-of-state health care services, the preliminary injunction is providing a sense of relief. A brief remission from feeling disposable, but the injunction isn't something set in stone.

The injunction will only last the length of litigation and could be appealed.

Despite this small breath of air, Ohioans cannot be joyful yet. Reproductive rights are still actively being targeted in and out of the state of Ohio. Ohio has been targeting reproductive rights for years and will not stop anytime soon.

The "Heartbeat bill," or Ohio Senate Bill 23, was proudly passed in 2019 by Gov. Mike Dewine, despite having zero exception in cases like rape or incest. The bill began to gain movement back in 2011, according to *Cleveland News*. The bill had been vetoed twice by the previous Governor of Ohio, John Kasich.

Before many of us college students were even able to calculate math equations properly or form coherent essays, the hilarity of legislators guiding an agenda to preserve the life of a fetus before the life of whoever may carry it, was already in motion. Those with privilege and statute determined the path of millions whomst had little say in their own bodies.

Ohio legislators who support the bill wholeheartedly have continued to urge for the health of individuals across the state. They were so happy to protect unborn lives, they forgot about those currently living.

For now, many can relax. A small return of rights has been granted. But the fact they were ever stripped away cannot be forgotten or forgiven.

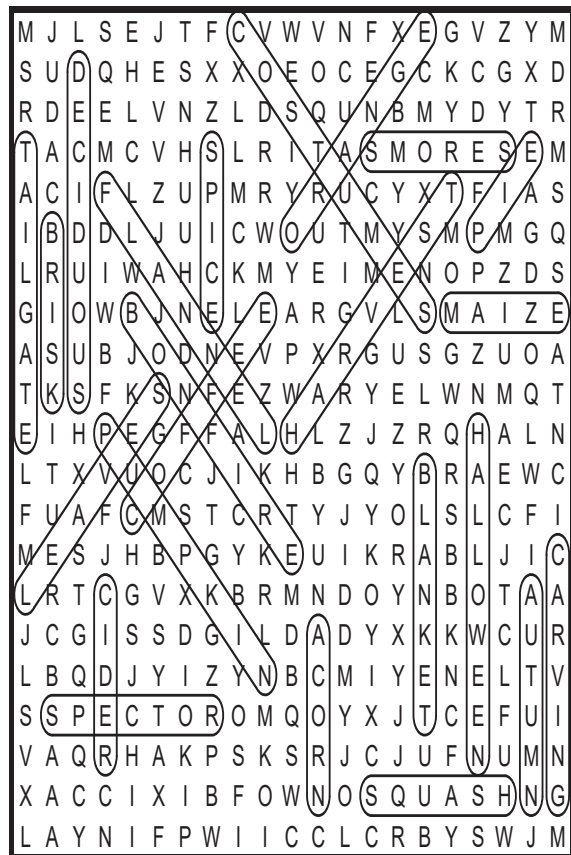
Quote of the week

"He would, wouldn't he?"

— Mandy Rice-Davies
Welsh model and showgirl

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Gursching breaks records

By China Goodson
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University volleyball team defeated Robert Morris University after five intense sets at the Beechly Center Oct. 7.

The Penguins started strong, winning the first two sets in a dominant fashion 25-22 and 25-17. Despite having an 8-3 lead to start the third set, the Penguins fell late to the Colonials 26-24 and were controlled in the fourth, losing 25-20.

Youngstown State regrouped in the final set and snatched the win, outscoring RMU 15-9.

Sophomore outside hitter Paula Gursching broke the school record with 33 kills. She also added 20 digs for the first 30-kill, 20-dig production in program history.

Gursching said she was unaware she broke the school record following the match.

“Oh! I didn’t know that,” she said. “It feels good, very nice.”

Along with Gursching, other Penguins

gave notable performances on the court. Freshman middle blocker Julia Sell had 10 blocks — the most by a YSU player since the 2016 season. Junior outside hitter Elise Moller contributed nine kills and three aces to help push the Penguins to victory.

Head coach Aline Scott said she is satisfied and relieved after earning the win against RMU.

“This is huge,” Scott said. “I mean we’re home and we’ve been learning how to win and we put ourselves in these tight situations often and have not been able to come out with a win in a tight situation, so I’m really happy for them and for us that they can see we can do it.”

The Youngstown State volleyball team’s current record is 8-10. The Penguins are preparing for a three-match conference road trip.

The first matchup is against the Raiders of Wright State University on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

Tune into the game on ESPN+ and for live sports go to ysusports.com



YSU volleyball prepares for conference road trip.

Photo by Cameron Stubbs / The Jambar

Playoffs on the horizon for women’s soccer

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women’s soccer team hit the pitch Oct. 6 to take on the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and played Northern Kentucky University Oct. 9.

In the match against the Phoenix, the Penguins were able to turn around their offensive struggles to defeat Green Bay, 3-0, which is the most goals scored by the team this season.

For Youngstown State, both sophomore Elis Klein Spindola and junior Justine Appolonia were able to acquire their first career goal. Senior Abriana Rondin also added to the total by posting her first goal of the season.

Coming off the one-week break, it seems the team began to find its rhythm late in the season as the forwards are

starting to work at a high level offensively, according to Rondin.

“Spindola fought her way in the box and pulled a really good foul and gave me the opportunity to finish the goal,” Rondin said.

Assisting the Penguins, senior Regan LaVigna and Rondin each added an assist to aid in the team’s efforts. LaVigna leads the team in assists with two on the season.

The Penguins defense put on a clinic which was led by junior Brooklynn Kirkpatrick. She was able to record her fourth shutout of the season.

Kirkpatrick’s dominant performance continued as she posted five saves. She ranks third in saves, saves per game and shut outs per game within the Horizon League.

With the win, the Penguins were able to break a nine-year losing streak against

the Phoenix, claiming the teams first conference victory of the season.

With the momentum from the win, the team traveled to Northern Kentucky Oct. 9, in a thriller, downing the Norse 1-0. The Penguins scored early in the match at the 16:58 mark of the first half.

The offense got red-hot as Spindola led the team in scoring by finding the back of the net for the second straight contest. Head coach Brian Shrum credited her with two wins for the team as she continues a two-game span of success.

“I like Spindola, she is a very cerebral player, she watches the game a lot and understands the stuff that we have been chatting about by getting herself in the position to score,” Shrum said.

In the net for the Penguins, Kirkpatrick recorded her fifth shutout of the season while fending off four Norse shots. Because of her efforts, she was named Nike

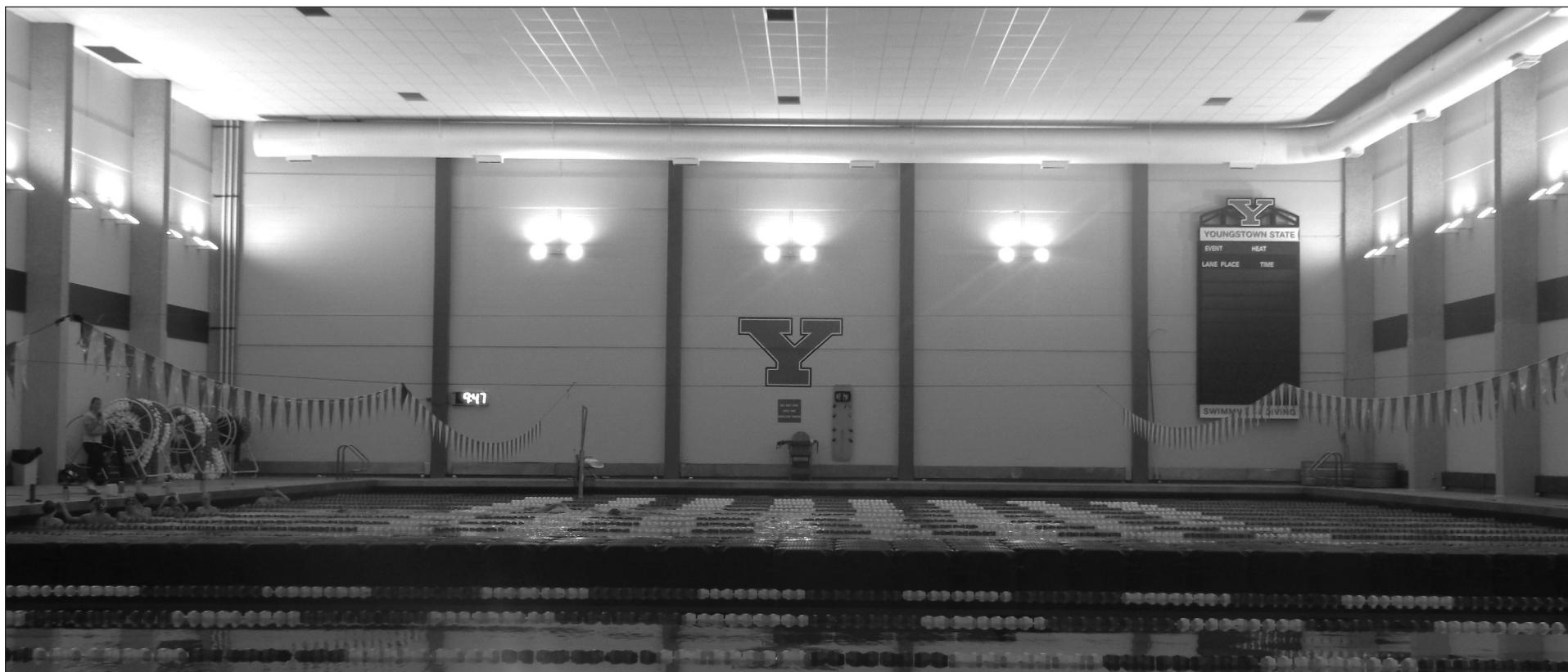
Horizon League Player of the Week Oct. 10, making it her second time this season.

Although Northern Kentucky outshot Youngstown State 11-7, LaVigna led the team with three total shots.

With the win, the Penguins improve to 4-6-3 on the season, which marks the teams first time with four wins since 2019.

Youngstown State looks to continue its win streak by taking on Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Oct. 13 at Farmers National Bank Field at the Covelli Sports Complex. For more information on the game check out ysusports.com.

The Penguins are back in action against Cleveland State University on Oct. 16 in Cleveland, Ohio. To watch the game go to ESPN+.



Swim and dive looks to continue to make a splash in the 2022-2023 season.

Photo by Cameron Stubbs / The Jambar

Swimming and diving splash into season

By Kyle Wills
The Jambar

Following a fifth and sixth place finish in the 2022 Horizon League Championships, the Youngstown State University men's and women's swimming and diving teams cannon-balled into the 2022-2023 season at the Akron Zips Classic Oct. 7 to 8.

The men shined the brightest as they recorded 11 victories over the two-day event. Leading the way was sophomore Aleksa Radenovic with four victories. Radenovic earned individual wins in the 200 individual medley, 1:51.81; 100 back, 49.86; 100 fly, 49.33; and 200 fly, 1:46.82.

Head coach Brad Smith said Radenovic faced early-season concerns but was able to overcome them with his showing at the classic.

"We were a little concerned because [Aleksa] didn't swim as much as he would've liked and as much as we would've liked for his summer time, so we've been trying to catch him up over these last couple weeks since he got back. We knew he could and he did," Smith said.

Juniors Rares Druga and Soma Albert and sophomore Dominic Bono picked up individual victories. Druga finished first in the 50 freestyle in 20.77, Albert won the 200 back with a time of 1:48.73 and Bono was the first to finish in the 400 IM with a time of 4:02.76.

Freshman James Slessor added to the victory total

with two event wins in the 100 breast and 200 breast with times of 55.59 and 2:03.91. With his collegiate career off to a great start, Slessor said he didn't think he'd achieve his childhood goals.

"It's such a great start to my college career. Little 8-year-old James, when he was back in New Zealand setting long-term goals and never thought he'd be winning Division I meets in his first [competition]," Slessor said. "I'm really stoked for my college journey to start off in such a way, it's exciting to see where [I] go from here."

Radenovic, Albert, Slessor, and junior Gavin Redden claimed first in the 400 medley relay with a time of 3:20.46. The men also won the 200 free relay with Druga, Redden, Radenovic, and junior Darren Laing, clocking a 1:24.13.

Last year's 1650 freestyle winner at the league championships, junior Gavin Webb finished second in the 500 free and 1650 free with times of 4:34.81 and 16:01.79. Christian Taylor was behind in the 500 free, finishing with a time of 4:38.69.

Webb also placed second in the 400 IM, finishing with a 4:03.84. Junior Crispy Barton was just behind him in the 400 IM in third, recording a time of 4:05.49.

Laing earned a third-place finish in the 50 free with a time of 21.32. Albert finished third in the 100 back, clocking a 51.37. Redden swam a 46.38 to place third in the 100 free.

Junior Cody Thill placed second in the men's three-meter dive with a score of 233.40 and freshman Brooks Adams was third in the one-meter dive with a score of 223.30.

For the women, freshman Miriam Frass had a strong showing as she won the women's 500 free in 4:57.71, the third-fastest time in program history. She also placed second in the 1650 free with a time of 17:13.11 and recorded a 1:54.25 time in the 200 free to place fifth.

With a strong freshman class, Smith said Frass is proving to be an asset to the team.

"She showed that she's a jack of all trades. We had a great women's freshman class come in and Miriam is definitely defining her role in that freshman class," Smith said.

Graduate student Kayla Wrasman finished fifth in the one-meter dive with a score of 216.95 and graduate student Tess Weiskopf scored a 207.30 to place sixth.

As a team, the men scored 1398.5 points to defeat Denison University, who had 1092 points and Xavier University, with 926.5 points. The women scored 312 points while Xavier had 268.5. Akron finished with 1612 points, Bowling Green University had 785 and Denison finished with 687.5.

The swimming and diving teams look to continue to make a splash on its season Oct. 29 as it travels to Niagara Falls, N.Y. to take on both Niagara University and St. Francis University at the Oxy Aquatic Center.

Battle of the birds grounds Penguins

By Cameron Stubbs
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University football team returned to Stambaugh Stadium following a two-game road trip to take on the University of North Dakota.

The Penguins were unable to upend the No. 22 ranked Fighting Hawks as they fell 35-30.

Youngstown State turned to another quarterback option as junior Mitch Davidson was granted the start and put together a strong performance. He went 21 for 32 with career highs in passing yards and touchdowns with 280 yards and two touchdowns.

Davidson was happy with his performance, but unsatisfied with the loss.

“It’s not about my performance, it’s about the offense and how well we play as a team,” Davidson said. “I thought we did a lot of things well, our O-line did an incredible job tonight. We came up short; as an offense we have a lot to fix. [We] had a lot of plays left on that field.”

Junior wide receiver Bryce Oliver caught eight pass-

es for 88 yards which were both career-highs, with a touchdown to add onto his total.

Redshirt freshman Max Tomczak kept the theme going as he hauled in a career-high seven catches with one resulting in a touchdown.

Senior running back Jaleel McLaughlin contributed with his usual numbers of 138 yards on the ground and a touchdown to go along with his performance.

The game started to take shape in the fourth quarter as the Penguins were up 24-21 at the beginning of the quarter.

Graduate student Tyler Hoosman for the Fighting Hawks scored his second touchdown of the game to put UND up by four.

The Penguins set up to punt on their next position, but a mishandled snap by the senior punter Paddy Lynch resulted in a three-yard score by Cole Davis, Fighting Hawks redshirt freshman who had the block, scoop and score on the play.

The Penguins retaliated with a score by McLaughlin to make the game 35-30.

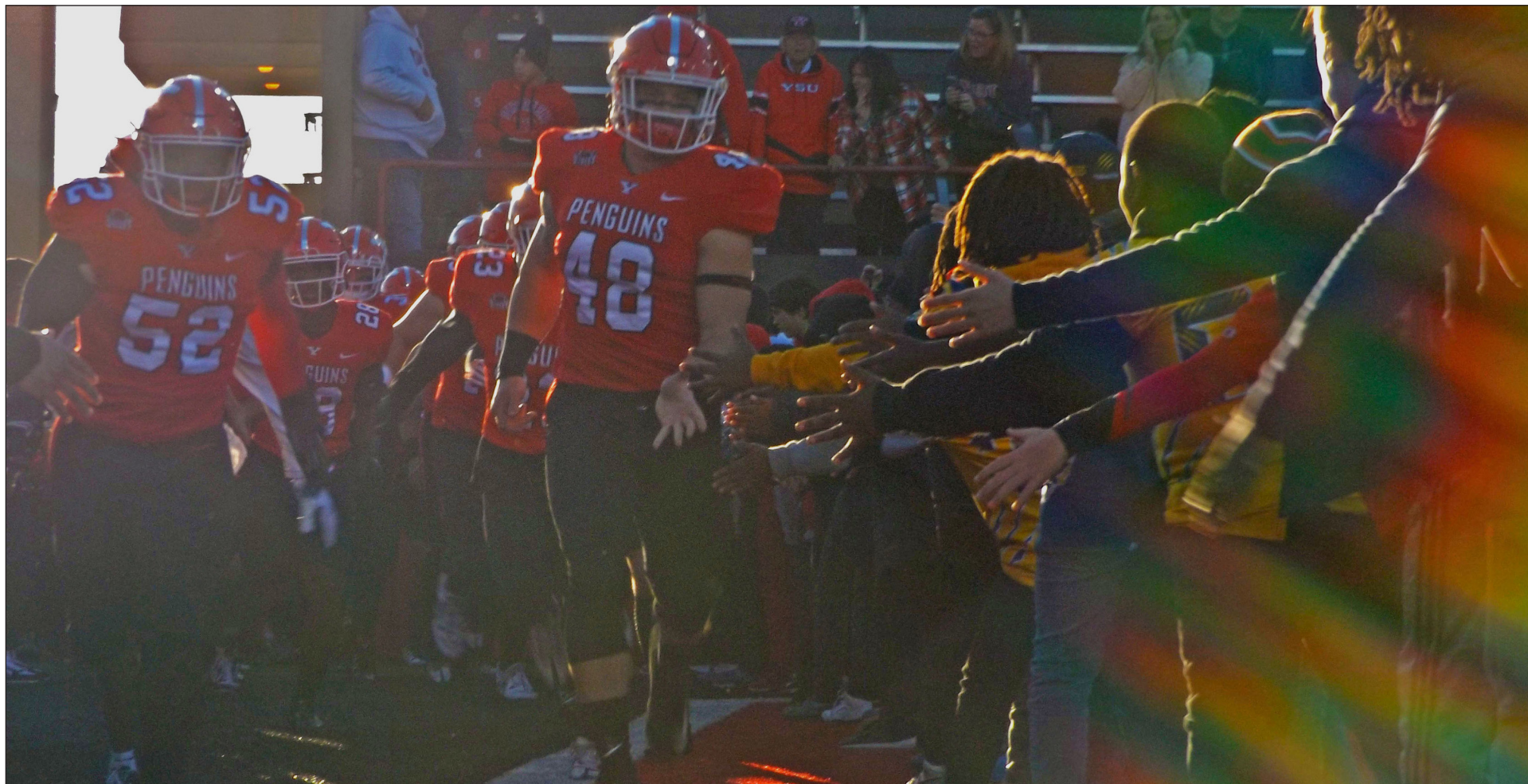
The last drive by Youngstown State was hindered, as a sack on third down forced the team to try to convert a fourth and 16 with 1:06 left on the game clock.

Davidson targeted Oliver for a 10 yard reception, but that was all he could manage as he fell short of the first down marker.

Head coach Doug Phillips was unhappy the team could not pull off a comeback in the late stages of the game.

“You don’t want to be in fourth and long in those situations.” Phillips said. “There’s mistakes made, and what I told the kids in the locker room was that when there’s mistakes made, I don’t want to see finger pointing, we made enough mistakes ... As a head coach I have to [be] better and limit those mistakes.”

The Penguins will stay at home and try to right the ship as they welcome Indiana State University on Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. for this year’s homecoming game. Catch the game on ESPN+ or on 570 WKBN.



Penguins taking the field against UND.

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