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Beeghly renovations started in May and is expected to end Sept. 16.

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Bringing Beeghly back

By Dylan Lux
The Jambar

With the start of the new semester, fall sports teams are forced to practice at a new location as Beeghly Center renovations continue into September.

Beeghly had not been modernized since its conception in 1972, but the nearly \$2 million project began in May to replace seating and bleachers on the east and west sides of the center.

Over the summer, no activities or sporting events were held in Beeghly and most training for student-athletes was moved inside Stambaugh Stadium.

As for the project's timeline, Ron Strollo, director of Intercollegiate Athletics, said Youngstown State

University is planning to reopen the lower bowl of the center come mid-September.

"Our goal is to give our volleyball team a week to prepare, or at least the week of their home match," Strollo said. "We're hoping to get the lower bowl turned over to us [by] September 16."

The Youngstown State women's volleyball home opener is scheduled for Sept. 20 inside Beeghly Center.

Tim Stuart, senior associate athletic director, said there was a small delay in the arrival of the seating parts, but nothing the faculty wasn't expecting.

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An optimistic state of affairs

by Alex Sorrells
The Jambar

Youngstown State University President Bill Johnson took the stage in Bliss Hall on Aug. 20, where he gave his first State of Academic Affairs address.

Johnson covered several topics including enrollment, academic programs and the student and faculty experience at YSU.

Newly appointed provost Jennifer Pintar gave her State of Academic Affairs address Aug. 23, where she spoke about her plans for a thriving university.

Pintar served as interim provost in January until her selection as provost in early June. Johnson recommended Pintar to the board of trustees in May.

"It was very clear to the search committee and to me that Dr. Pintar had not only the qualifications, she has a history here at the university, she knew the faculty, the staff and had been functioning as the interim provost for a while," Johnson said. "From a character perspective, there is no more solid character than Dr. Pintar. So it was very clear to everybody that she was the right choice."

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“We had a three day delay on the [full] delivery, the seats came in early,” Stuart said. “All the other parts and pieces — they were supposed to come on a Wednesday and they ended up coming on a Friday.”

Volleyball — the most affected sport — was unable to host their preseason tournament, and was one of the programs forced to practice in Stambaugh Stadium.

“Both basketball and volleyball have been here most of the summer... they’ve been over in Stambaugh [Stadium],” Strollo said.

Strollo said he was not concerned with the project’s completion affecting the volleyball home-opener, saying “there’s no reason” the team should not be in Beeghly by that date.

“We’re relying on competing there [on] September 20,” Strollo said. “We don’t believe there’s a reason they would not be able to compete [in Beeghly].”

In regards to backup plans, Strollo was confident in the project, saying “we have some backup plans, but don’t plan on putting those in place.”

Strollo said the project budget has stayed on course, with no unexpected costs as the near \$2 million venture nears completion.

“A lot of times you get into these projects — and we’ve done a lot of projects — you start with one budget and next thing you know it just keeps increasing,” Strollo said. “We haven’t had that — knock on wood — with this situation.”

With the budget on track, Stuart credited the lack of issues to the renovations being surface level.

“This is a little different [than other projects] because everything is on the surface,” Stuart said. “When you start going underground or behind walls, you might find some things that you weren’t sure you were going to find.”

Athletics has worked on multiple projects over the past year, including the 150-seat “theater-style” Di-Bacco Family Leadership Center in Stambaugh Stadium, along with the Korandovich Family Sports Medicine Center, which opened in Beeghly last summer.


Stuart said YSU has also been working on facilities for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams.


“With both basketball staffs being new we did some stuff with [the] women’s basketball’s locker room over the summer,” Stuart said. “Men’s basketball has done some fundraising as well, so we’re going to be doing some stuff in their locker room as well.”




New bleachers at Beeghly. Photo by Dylan Lux/ The Jambar


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'Guins IGNITE for Welcome Week

By **Matthew Sotlar**
The Jambar

For incoming FreshGuins at Youngstown State University, there are several activities to discover to prepare for a successful academic career.

IGNITE, which was held Aug. 22, is an annual event for first-year students that helps them get accustomed to campus, familiarize themselves with their colleges and meet interesting organizations. Freshmen also have the opportunity to socialize with fellow, like-minded students.

Organizations such as Student Government Association, Army ROTC program and Greek Life tabled the event. Students had the chance to discuss the organizations with representatives and receive complimentary YSU themed items. Other groups, such as Student Media, offered the chance to win t-shirts, stickers and reusable water bottles via a prize wheel.

Incoming freshmen also had the opportunity to play minigolf, complete an inflatable obstacle course and perform karaoke outside Cushwa Hall.

Brandon Calderwood, a freshman music recording major, said IGNITE is a great way for students to socialize.

"It's a good way to have fun before you start college," Calderwood said. "It's a good opportunity to meet new people."

While IGNITE was just one event to welcome freshmen, more events have been planned during Welcome Week for both incoming and returning students. First Year Student Services had information tents on Monday and Tuesday for those struggling to find a building or class.

Both days offered students the opportunity to make a Taylor Swift inspired or Pete the Penguin bracelet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at William F. Maag Library.

Student Activities also hosted a '70s Groove Fest, on Aug. 26. The same day SGA held a donuts and coffee event outside Kilcawley Center from 9 to 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, a student organization fair was held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons, outside of Debartolo Hall and Maag Library. At the event, students learned about the 15 professional student organizations at YSU.

There will be a Tech Talk for those who have questions or concerns about using Blackboard or YSU-issued devices in the Rossi Room in Kilcawley from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Student Activities hosted a '90s Rewind on Wednesday in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Greek Life hosted a Meet the Greeks event in the Chestnut Room from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Puppy Palooza will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. For those interested in building your own stuffed penguin, visit Student Experience's Instagram to find out where you can build your own on Thursday.

Lastly, YSU Day will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the YSU Fountain. You'll be able to learn about the history of YSU at the Maag Library, get snacks sponsored by YSU Eats and paint the rock outside of Kilcawley.

With Welcome Week underway, there are many other sponsored activities, both on and off campus. Information on these events can be found in your YSU student email from the Division of Student Affairs.



Students gather at the Student Organization Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 27.



Photos by Matthew Sotlar/ The Jambar

State of affairs

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In March, Eastern Gateway Community College announced it will close by the end of October. In response, YSU administration has since introduced more than 60 new associate and certificate programs to provide students the opportunity to continue their education.

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Pintar hopes the new programs will encourage students to further their education at their own pace.

“Some students aren’t looking for a four-year degree, they want a two-year,” Pintar added. “If you’re interested down the line to come back, you already have two of those four years done. Come on back and get the bachelor’s degree.”

Johnson praised Pintar for her collaborative efforts and commented on how quickly she completed these processes.

“We had a lot of pause to think about what new programs we needed to add to meet the demands of the Eastern Gateway students that we didn’t already have on the books. So I am really proud of the work that Provost Pintar, the academic senate and our faculty did in very short order,” Johnson said.

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YSU is also planning to expand and establish a campus in Steubenville, in place of the Eastern Gateway campus that was also affected by the closing. Johnson said if it were up to him, the extension would open tomorrow.

“The truth of the matter is, and I’m simply telling you the truth, the building and the facilities, the equipment that’s in the buildings, that belong to Eastern Gateway, they are tied up in litigation and regulatory issues, both state and federal,” Johnson said.

With the start of the new school year, Johnson urged students to reach out to available resources if they start to fall behind.

“We’re here to help you be successful, we’re not here to watch you fail,” Johnson said. “I’ll go so far as to say if you can’t find answers to your questions anywhere else, come and see me. I guarantee you we will look and find answers to your questions so that you can be successful in your academic journey here. Welcome back to all of our students.”

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Photo courtesy of ysu.edu
Jennifer Pintar was named Provost June 7.

Taking it home for a wild dine

By Nicarlyle Hanchard
The Jambar



Bull & Bear hosted its soft opening Aug. 13 and its grand opening Aug. 15.

Photos by Madison Fessler

Bull & Bear Grille and Tavern has opened another location in Youngstown at the corner of Elm Street and Lincoln Avenue by Youngstown State University alumni, Hadi Hadi. It is the former home of Inner Circle Pizza.

Hadi graduated from his undergraduate studies at YSU in 1995. He spoke briefly about his time on campus.

“Inner Circle Pizza has been on campus since I remember coming here as a student in my freshman year,” Hadi said. “Even when I graduated and I was done I would still come down here, hang out, get wings and pizza.”

Hadi shared the story of acquiring the building after the passing of the previous owner, Bill Glenellen.

After frequenting Inner Circle Pizza, Hadi and Glenellen became friends. Having asked Glenellen to keep him at the top of the list whenever he is ready to sell, Hadi said, “[he] feels like it was fate...” when he received Glenellen’s call and offer to sell.

According to Hadi, Bull & Bear differentiates itself from other restaurants on Lincoln Avenue with its well-rounded menu.

Hadi said, “We offer a full-service menu. It is a very diverse menu.”

Bull and Bear offers various salads, appetizers, handhelds — burgers and sandwiches — and desserts to fulfill the dining needs of all who visit.

Hadi also said he believes it has a “niche” serving style.

“...we skewer our protein, so our chicken, our filet tips, our shrimp...,” Hadi said.

To complete its full-service menu, Bull & Bear also offers pizza and a full bar — serving signature alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Its “Happy Hours” begin as early as it opens, with reduced pricing on draft beers and cocktails.

Keeping students in mind, the restaurant accepts Pete’s Points as another form of payment.

The interior layout also caters to students. To the right of the entrance hall is the main seating area, with a bar, radios and televisions for patrons’ entertainment. To the left of the hall is another dining area without any radio or television.

Hadi explained that the separation was done for students who want to study and have a bite.

“We left this side for anyone who might want to read and get a bite to eat so they don’t get the noise from next door,” Hadi said.

The gaming area to the left of the bar was installed for students to decompress.

“The gaming area was kinda like an idea for students who got that two hour break, maybe a commuter student that don’t want to drive all the way to Springfield or Girard...they can come down here [have a drink] get something to eat, then they can hang out with a couple friends in the gaming area,” Hadi said.

The daily operation of the restaurant is overseen by Carlos Ramirez, managing partner. Ramirez has twenty-plus years experience in the restaurant industry.

With Bull & Bear being close to the Williamson College of Business Administration, Hadi and Ramirez said they would be open to mentoring students interested in entrepreneurship.

“Any type of knowledge we’ve gathered over the years...we definitely want to pass that on to anyone willing to listen and learn.”

Bull & Bear YSU will be open all week, Sundays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

With a full-service menu, Bull & Bear YSU is ready and raring to serve the YSU community.

Editor’s note: Madison Fessler works for Bull & Bear. She had no editorial input.

Quizzin' the 'Guins

By Elizabeth Coss
Jambar Contributor

With Welcome Week in full swing, The Jambar hit the streets — more accurately the sidewalks — of Youngstown State University to see what visitors and students are most excited for, and to test their college knowledge.

For Rebecca Banks, a 2015 alumna with a degree in general studies, visiting campus during Welcome Week holds a special place in her heart.

“There’s nothing like the first week of school,” Banks said. “Seeing all of your old friends, your new friends, just that feeling. I love campus, so I’m excited and I want to do some fun things, meet some people and feel the sunshine.”

Banks, a former tutor, advised new students to go to class, take notes, meet with professors during office hours and keep an eye on their schedules and syllabi. More importantly, Banks wants students to enjoy college while it lasts.

“My friends are all over the world now. They’ve graduated, started businesses and families, and I just kind of wish we did a little bit more together,” Banks said. “You don’t realize at the time how fast it’s going, so take pictures and do one thing together, but always keep school first.”

Artina Sabevaradeh is a freshman computer science major from Iran. While Sabevaradeh is still getting used to the campus, she said she was already interested in a couple different organizations such as the Iranian Youth Society and the Volleyball Club.

Despite being in a new country for the first time, Sabevaradeh said she’s enjoying making friends and seeing friends.

“I like everywhere around here. [Campus] is a beautiful place,” Sabevaradeh said. “I’ve made some friends ... I’ve seen some friends that are from Iran.”

Many new students did not know a crucial fact about YSU’s mascot, Pete the Penguin. Many could identify the species, but his name was at a loss for two or more students. Many were also surprised to hear YSU’s gentleman of a mascot is married.

Pete put a ring on it back in 1986 and married Penny during a YSU football game. The happy couple renewed their vows in 2018.

Additionally, The Jambar discovered two or more new students not familiar with YSU’s fight song, a tradition that comes with football season. The Marching Pride and home crowds commonly sing the fight song at the beginning and end of each game, creating plenty of opportunities to learn.

Perhaps it was some first-day anxiety, but 'Guins also struggled to name their favorite Taylor Swift song from several recent albums. Off of “The Tortured Poets Department,” one student said, “The one about Travis Kelce.” Another student gave their thoughts on “Midnights,” as in, they have none. Regarding students’ opinions on “1989 (Taylor’s Version),” one student said their favorite song is “Shake it Off.”

On a different note, students do feel strongly about candy options on campus. Almond Joy and Mounds received some hefty criticism. In general, students seemed opinionated about coconut flakes in sweets.

Welcome Week activities will wrap up Sept. 5 with a Harvest Hangout by the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center at 4 p.m.



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YSU takes the stage

By AnnaBelle Boone
The Jambar

With a new school year, Cliffe College of Creative Arts at Youngstown State University is planning several stage productions for students. The lineup this year includes a cabaret performance, Tony-award nominated productions and student projects.

The opening production for the fall semester is “On The Verge.” The production runs Oct. 4 – Oct. 13. All performances take place in YSU Ford Theater, located in Bliss Hall.

According to its synopsis on the YSU website, “On The Verge” is set in 1888 and follows three women explorers, Mary, Fanny and Alex. The women unite to conquer Terra Incognita, a mysterious final frontier.

“On The Verge” premiered in 1985 at Baltimore’s Center Stage, written by Eric Overmyer.

University Theatre’s next production is “Pete The Penguin’s Vintage Variety Show: A Musical Comedy Extravaganza,” which is scheduled for Nov. 22, with another show on Nov. 23. Both of these begin at 7:30 p.m. There is also a matinee show at 2 p.m. on Nov. 24.

“Pete The Penguin’s Vintage Variety Show: A Musical Comedy Extravaganza,” will be held at Ford Theater and is an original production.

According to the YSU website, the show follows “a group of musical theater students as they embark on a hilarious journey to modernize a hopelessly outdated script for a vaudeville-style performance.”

The show will include real-time updates as the cast navigates the mishaps and mad-

cap moments that may occur. “Pete The Penguin’s Variety Show” also features a live band and a cameo from President Bill Johnson and First Lady LeeAnn Johnson.

A date idea for Valentine’s Day, “Playboy of the Western World” will premiere Feb. 14. The show will run for Valentine’s Day weekend and the following weekend. Shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and matinees will be held at 2 p.m. on Sundays. “Playboy” will be held at YSU Spotlight Theater in Bliss Hall.

According to the YSU website, its set in rural Ireland, this story follows the charming and controversial character, Christy Mahon. Blending humor, wit and unexpected twists, the play follows Mahon as he tells tall tales of heroism to a small town.

The three-act play first premiered in 1907 at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, Ireland, written by John Millington Synge.

“[TITLE OF SHOW]” ends the spring semester. Showings will be held on April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., as well as April 6 and April 13 with matinee showings at 2 p.m. The show will premiere at Spotlight Theater.

The musical follows Jeff, Hunter, Susan and Heidi as they navigate the highs and lows of creating a musical. “[TITLE OF SHOW]” is a one-act musical by Jeff Bowen and Hunter Bell.

In 2009, Hunter Bell was nominated for a Tony Award for “Best Book of a Musical” for this production. “[TITLE OF SHOW]” began off-Broadway in 2006, then had a 102-show run on-Broadway.

For those interested in learning more about this year’s University Theatre productions, contact Katie Merrill, CCCA’s coordinator of Community Engagement and Events.



“On The Verge” will open the 2024-25 University Theater season.

The Butler awarded \$107K grant

By Brookelynn Roush and John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Butler Institute of American Art is one of 25 organizations supporting the arts to receive a grant from the Ohio Arts Council. The museum will receive \$107,551 to support ongoing renovations.

The OAC board announced its approval July 25 of \$22.7 million in grants to support Ohio artists, nonprofits, artistic and cultural organizations. The grants will also help students and educators, as well as public arts programs.

Susan Carfano, The Butler's director's executive assistant and the event manager, said the grant helps both students and organizations on campus.

"The Butler is grateful to Governor Mike Dewine and the Ohio General Assembly for awarding \$200,000 from the new Ohio Capital Budget for renovations to Butler North," Carfano said. "The Butler purchased the adjacent former First Christian Church in 2005 to display items in its Americana and Folk Art collections."

The 935 approved grants constitute the OAC's initial and major state fiscal year 2025 funding round.

The grants also stem from the state's 2024-25 operating budget. This is a record-high state appropriation of nearly \$51.1 million for the OAC budget over the two-year period.

Some of the other organizations receiving grants include Stambaugh Auditorium, Youngstown Playhouse, Lit Youngstown, John J. McDonough Museum of Art, Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership and Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The McDonough Museum is located across from The Butler and is a part of Youngstown State University's Cliffe College of Creative Arts.

These grants are separated by program. Lit Youngstown, Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, McDonough Museum and Butler were listed as receiving a Sustainability

Grant. Stambaugh Auditorium is listed under Arts Partnership, while Salem Chamber of Commerce is listed under ArtSMART.

Each grant program is designed to support a different need. Sustainability supports ongoing arts and cultural activities in all genres. Its funding supports a wide range of the state providers to make high-quality artistic experiences available to residents and visitors.

The Arts Partnership supports arts education projects that address the needs of individual learners and their communities.

ArtSMART provides funding to help organizations complete short-term projects addressing a wide variety of goals and perspectives.

Important resources for the funding included State Representative Lauren McNally and former state senator Michael Rulli. Other supporters of the bill included State Senator Al Cutrona, State Representative Monica Robb Blasdel and State Representative Nick Santucci.

Carfano said she was grateful for the amount of support and effort from local as well as regional supporters to help secure the funding.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to McNally and Rulli for their dedicated efforts in securing this funding," Carfano said. "We also thank Cutrona, Blasdel, Santucci as well as the local House and Senate delegations, the leadership in both chambers and Governor DeWine for their support and for signing the bill into law."

At this time, there is no further information about when or how long the renovations will take place.



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Wick Park gets jazzed up

By Katelyn Obermeyer
The Jambar



Photos by Katelyn Obermeyer / The Jambar

Musician Richard Randolph performs saxophone on stage, next to the concert series' list of sponsors.

Every Sunday from now until Sept. 1, Wick Park will host Jazz in the Park—Youngstown, led by event president, Jeff Green.

Every Sunday, vendors and audience members gather to listen to a variety of musicians. According to Green, the average attendance can vary between 2,000 to 3,000 people.

"You don't get on the stage unless you're a professional," Green said. "We want high level [talent], so the people grasp it and they want it more."

The concert series began 31 years ago, as Green explained, initiated by his sister-in-law, Karen Clark Green, who attended Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University.

Jeff Green recalled at the time, the death rate for young people in Youngstown was high, so the creators of the program wanted to create a type of intervention for kids in the summer.

He continued, Karen Clark Green requested that he and his brother play together for the program's attendees at the end of the session. Afterwards attendees asked when the next concert would occur, which referred to the performance as "Jazz in the Park," thus the continuation of the event's name.

"It's completely driven by donations and sponsors. That's how we keep [Jazz in the Park] going," Jeff Green said.

Cheryl Green, Jeff Green's wife, helps with Jazz in the Park behind-the-scenes, and commented on the generations of attendees.

"We get people of all backgrounds, cultures, age groups... It's family-oriented," Cheryl Green said. "What I like, it's like family — people of all age groups coming together — it generates a respect for everyone in [the] community."

Julius Oliver, a Youngstown city councilman, said the event benefits local businesses.

"With the amount of people — hundreds of people — being gathered into one place and businesses being able to set up tents and booths, to be able to have a built-in audience while they're listening to music, I think is the perfect opportunity," Oliver explained. "It's the perfect synergy to be able to bring that support for the businesses at the same time you're being entertained every weekend."

In preparation for next year's Jazz in the Park, Jeff and Cheryl Green spoke about creating a curriculum for children interested in music. Alongside their daughter, a trained musician, the couple noted they hope to work with the park department's summer camp, aiming to "inspire the youth."

"We want to spark that interest [in children]," Cheryl Green said. "We want to encourage that — that love for music, that discipline, and you know, to express yourself."

Even with future plans, Jazz in the Park organizers are still focused on the success of this year's concerts.

"[Attendees] love this. It's like a big family reunion," Jeff Green said. "It's a safe spot... for the people of the [Mahoning] Valley, and beyond. Believe me, people come from all over to Jazz in the Park."

Admission is free. The last concert this year is set for 3-7 p.m. on Sept. 1 at Wick Park.

For more information, visit Jazz in the Park's website.

Oasis confirms 2025 reunion tour after 15-year split



Liam Gallagher (left) and Noel Gallagher of Oasis perform onstage in Munich on Feb. 27, 2009.

Photo courtesy of Joerg Koch

By Nardine Saad
Los Angeles Times
(TNS)

British rock band Oasis is reuniting after the group's 15-year split and years of fan speculation.

Brothers Noel Gallagher and Liam Gallagher announced Tuesday that their band will set out on a reunion tour next year with 14 dates already planned.

The "Wonderwall" and "Don't Look Back in Anger" musicians have apparently settled the bitter, barb-loaded feud that led to their disbanding in 2009. Despite the debacle, the band will get back together in time for the 30th anniversary of Oasis' debut studio album, "Definitely Maybe."

The reconstituted British rock band will play 14 shows in the U.K. and Ireland next year, according to the band's announcement. The Grammy nominated act will play four dates in its native Manchester and four at London's Wembley Stadium.

With Oasis kicking off the tour in Cardiff, Wales, on July 4, 2025 the band stated on its website that plans are underway for "Oasis Live '25" to tour outside of Europe later next year.

"The guns have fallen silent. The stars have aligned. The great wait is over. Come see. It will not be televised," Oasis stated.

Tickets for the U.K. dates go on sale Aug. 31 and will be available from [ticketmaster.co.uk](https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk), [gigsandtours.com](https://www.gigsandtours.com) and [seetickets.com](https://www.seetickets.com).

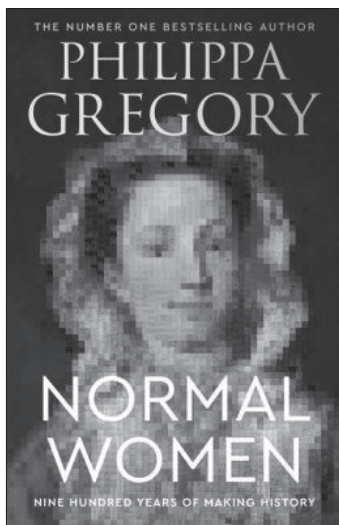
Over the weekend, frontman Liam Gallagher appeared to confirm reunion rumors on social media. In response to a Sunday Times post reporting that the siblings and former bandmates had "settled their differences" and would return to the stage as Oasis in London and Manchester next summer, he tweeted, "See you down the front."

As Oasis, the brothers broke through with their sophomore album "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" and are best known for the hit songs "Wonderwall," "Don't Look Back in Anger," "Stop Crying Your Heart Out" and "Champagne Supernova." But their offstage rivalry arguably garnered just as much attention.

The duo split professionally in 2009 and pursued solo endeavors. Meanwhile, many of Oasis's fans hoped that it would reconcile and revive the act. While the duo was commonly referred to as "former" bandmates during that time, Liam Gallagher said Sunday on X that he "never did like that word FORMER."

Editor's note: L.A. Times staff writer Christi Carras contributed to this report.

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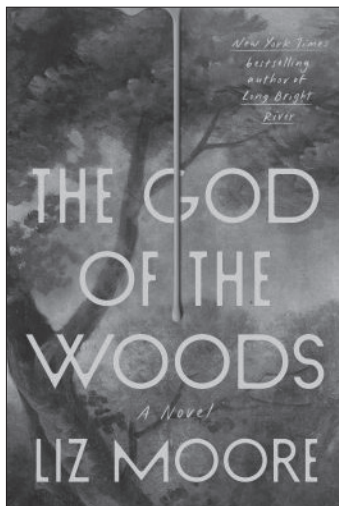


Nonfiction review

Normal Women: 900 Years of Making History

by Philippa Gregory

Known for her historical novels featuring the powerful women of the Tudor period, Gregory's research spans centuries, from the Norman Conquest in 1066 to the Church of England ordaining its first women priests in 1994. This is a captivating and thought-provoking read that celebrates the resilience, ingenuity, and impact of ordinary women throughout history.



Fiction review

The God of the Woods

by Liz Moore

When Barbara Van Laars, a troubled 13-year-old, disappears from the summer camp her family owns in the summer of 1975, rumors and theories surrounding the mystery explode in the area. As a young investigator tries to solve this mystery, the reader is brought into the dysfunctional Van Laars family and the investigator's own family drama. Recommended for adults interested in domestic drama, mysteries, and complex plots.

Upcoming programs

Saturday, Sept. 7

2:30 p.m.

Paper Beads Craft

Saturday, Sept. 14

10 a.m.

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Open House

Monday, Sept. 16

11 a.m.

Mystery Monday Book Club

Monday, Sept. 16

5 p.m.

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The Jambar Column

Welcome Back

Welcome back, or if you're a new student, I'm Matt Sotlar. If you don't know me, you do now. You may recognize me from last year, or you may be thinking, "Man that guy needs a haircut." Whatever you think, I want to welcome you to YSU.

How was my summer? Fantastic, thanks for asking. I went to Chili's plenty of times, listened to a fair amount of Eddie Money, Styx and Loverboy and finished off a book of short stories and poems. While it may not sound too thrilling, I am not a thrilling guy. As the Eagles say, "Take It Easy."

I know most people are going through the end-of-summer blues, don't worry though, I'm not. Over the summer, I've found that it's not worth stressing over little things. Sure that guy cut you off on the road, but in five years, you won't remember it. If you do, then I admire your ability to hold a grudge.

Unfortunately, most of my summer was spent here in the great state of Ohio. I daringly tipped my toes into Pennsylvania a few times, but that's about it. Mark my words, next year I'll have visited at least half of the US. I won't bet on it, though, because I know I'll lose.

You may wonder, "What does this guy do all summer?" If you're thinking I sit around and type up wisecracking columns, you'd be wrong. I just had this written two weeks in advance because I'm well prepared.

In all actuality, I worked a four-hour shift at Parking Services. The easiest job on Earth? Yes. The best job on Earth? For a college student, yes. Who doesn't love sitting in a booth, pushing buttons and



Matthew Sotlar

listening to Chic? Those with real aspirations and goals, I imagine.

On a completely unrelated but notable note, I saw a real-life bear in the woods.

That's right, I saw a bear. In many years, I'll tell people I fought the bear and won, but for now, I'll just be honest and say I saw it and ran like a baby. I was alone and had no one to verify the story, but if you come across the bear, he'll confirm it.

Now it's the wind down period. Soon the days will be shorter and the trees will start changing colors. That transition from summer into fall is almost magical, something from a Disney movie. I'm not a Disney fan, so pick the one that feels most appropriate for fall weather and we'll run with it.

I didn't watch any good movies this summer because there hasn't been a good movie in months, though I've been told *Deadpool 3* was good. I call it a cinema depression. We're in the low point now, but soon enough we'll be back on track with a good flick. Even LeBron, or rather, LeGOAT, lost a few games.

My parting word to the reader is ambition. If the freshmen are reading this, understand that if you walk onto campus with ambition and drive, you'll accomplish anything you set your mind to. I was once a small-town kid wasting time in Wendy's working a dead-end job. Look at me now, I'm Matt Sotlar.

The Jambar Editorial

Greatest albums of the 21st Century

The recent release of "Apple Music's 100 Best Albums" combines both old and newly released albums to its list.

With its initial release May 13, the ranking garnered a lot of negative criticism by avid music listeners, critics and media publications.

Times change and with the vast growing popularity of music, there is bound to be an up-and-coming artist that could take the No. 1 spot.

From The Beatles to SZA, the ranking felt jumbled at times, as it seemed to favor the younger generation of music artists. Frank Ocean's 2016 hit-album "Blonde" was ranked higher than "Rumours" by Fleetwood Mac and "Nevermind" by Nirvana.

After seeing the list, The Jambar asked: if we set the older albums aside, how do 21st Century releases rank against each other.

To start the list off at No. 5 is the fourth studio album by Marshall Mathers III, commonly known as Eminem, "The Eminem Show." Eminem released the album after the turn of the 21st Century in 2002.

As an artist, it can be hard to outdo your best-selling album "The Marshall Mathers LP," but Eminem went on to top that success as "The Eminem Show," stood at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart for six non-consecutive weeks.

At the No. 4 spot, Kendrick Lamar's 2015 album "To Pimp A Butterfly" lands on the list. In 2016, the album earned seven Grammy nominations and won "Best Rap Album."

Widely regarded by several publications as the greatest rap album, "TPAB" contains several tracks that are staples in the hip-hop discography. From the funky bass-grooves in "Wesley's Theory" to powerful lyricism behind "The Blacker

The Berry," Lamar tackled hard-hitting themes such as depression and racial inequality.

In the middle of the list stands a shining star at No. 3 with "Back to Black." The 2006 album by Amy Winehouse was her second, last and most commercially successful album.

Tracks such as "Rehab" and her self-titled track paved the way for several power pop singers who followed after. From Billie Elish to Lana Del Rey, Winehouse's influences on the music industry are still seen today.

A controversial pick at No. 2 is "The Blueprint" by Shawn Carter, known as Jay-Z. The 2001 album arguably cemented Jay-Z as one of the top 10 rappers of all time. It also catapulted up-and-coming artist Ye known professionally as Kanye West to pursue his own music career after he produced the hit "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)"

To complete the list at No. 1, West went on to release "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" in 2010.

Regarded by several critics as the greatest album of the 2010s, "MBDTF" had four songs top the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. West's use of both hip hop and R&B as well as signature Auto-Tune helped the album.

Several artists and producers appeared as guests on the album, most notably Mike Dean. After his work on the triple-platinum album, Dean went on to work with several other artists such as Travis Scott, Frank Ocean and Jay-Z.

Although this is The Jambar's list, each album is available on Spotify or Apple Music for a personal synopsis.

Editor's note: *The Jambar does not condone Ye's words and actions.*

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Crime Report

Aug. 5, 12:38 p.m.

An officer was dispatched to the University Edge Apartments building two, 351 Lincoln Ave., after an animal was found in a locked car. The case is still active.

Aug. 17, 6:22 a.m.

A car theft was reported at the University Courtyard Apartments building 100, 91 Wick Oval. The case is still active.

Aug. 19, 10:40 p.m.

Two officers were dispatched to University Edge Apartments building three, 110 Fifth Ave., for a theft report. The case is still active.

Aug. 23, 3:12 p.m.

An officer was dispatched to Debartolo Hall, 401 Fifth Ave., for a theft report. The case is still active.

Aug. 26, 5:06 p.m.

Robert J. Rezanka was arrested in Bliss Hall, 542 Wick Ave., for criminal trespassing and resisting arrest.

Kicking off the soccer season

By Teziah Howard
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's soccer team kicked off its 2024 campaign with two home games at Farmers National Bank Field.

The team opened non-conference play against Kent State University on Aug. 18 and hosted Saint Francis University on Aug. 22. The Penguins tied the first matchup and were victorious in their second.

The first contest for the Penguins concluded in a 2–2 draw. However, the ladies bounced back on a short week with a 2–nil win.

Redshirt-freshman Maya Naimoli is YSU's starting goalkeeper from Wayne, Pennsylvania, who redshirted her first year at The Ohio State University.

The Penguins held the Red Flash scoreless, as Naimoli recorded her first career shutout. In response to her breakout game, Naimoli said her teammates played a crucial role in the shutout victory.

"We've been working really hard in practice," Naimoli said. "I owe it all to my defense and the other goalkeepers I've been working with to really test me."

The defensive play by the 'Guins did not go unnoticed, but the new athletes showcased their offensive capability.

Freshman Teaghan Wahle scored her first collegiate career goal against the Red Flash. Wahle said the excitement from her teammates after the score was great to see.

"Energy is a big thing on this team and as soon as I scored I looked over and was

shocked," Wahle said. "Everyone was all over the sidelines going crazy so it was great."

Head Coach Brian Shrum has been at the helm of the YSU women's soccer team for seven seasons. With a mixture of rookies and veterans, Shrum praised the leadership displayed on the team.

"We have a lot of veteran leadership and those kids have really embraced the freshmen, and allowed them to get experience on the field and in training," Shrum said.

Through three games played, Shrum said that his eyes are on the prize for his team to sit atop the Horizon League at the end of the season.

"[The Horizon League Tournament] is going to be the big focus of this season. You can't get to the NCAA Tournament unless you win in this conference so that is the goal," Shrum said.

The Horizon League Tournament is set to begin Nov. 3 – Nov. 9. The Penguins open conference play on the road against the University of Detroit Mercy on Sept. 19.

Shrum and the team look to bounce back from a 2–nil loss to Eastern Michigan University. The first goal of the competition came from sophomore Oliva Sipsock, who later scored in the 67th minute.

The Penguins currently sit at .500 on the season at 1–1–1 overall.

Youngstown State will travel to Buffalo, New York for a matchup against Canisius University on Aug. 29. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. and can be viewed on ESPN+.

Editors note: *Marissa Masano plays for the YSU women's soccer team. She had no editorial input.*



Graduate students Abby Knight (left) and Justine Appolonia compete at Farmer's National Bank Field.

Photos by Dylan Lux/ The Jambar

Women's volleyball is ready to rally

By Joel Fuzo
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's volleyball team has to make season preparations inside of Stambaugh Stadium while Beeghly Center continues scheduled renovations.

With the start of the season scheduled for Aug. 30, first-year head coach Riley Jarrett gave her thoughts on the 2024 campaign and renovations.

"I never played in Beeghly, I had a few spring practices in there with them, but having our team this fall we haven't gotten to go in there at all," Jarrett said. "Stambaugh is a great facility, we can set up six nets if we want, we've been able to do a lot in there."

Isabel Schaeftbauer, a fifth-year senior who played her collegiate career in Beeghly, shared her feelings on the matter.

"It's been a weird adjustment but obviously they've done a really nice job on the court here in Stambaugh and we're really excited to see all the new improvements in the Beeghly Center," Schaeftbauer said.

YSU will start the season without a single home game until Sept. 20 against Kent State University. Jarrett said the long road stretch will prove to be a good opportunity for the team to bond.

"It will be a long road stretch for us in the beginning but I think that we'll face some

adversity with that and I'm excited for us to learn from that," Jarrett said.

Jarrett said that her approach to handling each team on the schedule will remain consistent throughout the season.

"I want to treat it the same, so every game on our schedule is going to be important for us," Jarrett said.

Alongside Jarrett, a new coaching staff followed her to Youngstown State such as Maddie Clayton and Grace Wilson, the new assistant volleyball coaches. A slew of new players also joined the program, which Jarrett said she is excited about.

"The transfer portal is crazy, in every sport. We have a few new [players] this year and we already had a few that were on the roster in the past," Jarrett said.

The new transfer additions to the roster include fifth-year senior Nyia Setla from West Liberty University and junior Bianca Giglio from Marshall University.

Schaeftbauer talked about her insight on how she views the current team.

"I'm really excited and I think we've already seen a lot of improvement from our team and that we're going to be in a really good spot this year," Schaeftbauer said.

The University of Connecticut tournament will have Youngstown State face off against Sacred Heart University, Long Island University and UConn.

YSU will play its first game against Sacred Heart University on Aug. 30 to kickoff the UConn tournament.



YSU will host its home opener Sept. 20 against Kent State University inside Beeghly Center.



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Unfinished business; time to deliver

By Dylan Lux
The Jambar

“What an impressive win for the Wildcats, 45 to 28,” said play-by-play announcer James Westling as the last words of the Youngstown State University football team’s 2023-24 campaign.

The Penguins traveled to Villanova, Pennsylvania to face the University of Villanova in the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision play-offs Dec. 2, 2023. Youngstown State came up short against the Wildcats and ended an eight win, five loss season — their most wins since 2016.

The Penguins garnered a new roster after losing key offensive and defensive players due to graduation and 10 athletes who transferred out.

Despite the roster overhaul, YSU was able to bring in key talent

from all over the country, including transfers from the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Youngstown State picked up 10 FBS transfers, two FCS transfers and Division II transfers over the offseason.

Several of the Penguins’ new transfers come from Power Four schools such as the University of Cincinnati, The Pennsylvania State University, Iowa State University, the University of Central Florida and the University of Pittsburgh.

Preseason All-American senior Jaison Williams said the team’s goal is to get the new transfers adjusted to the program.

“Integrating those guys to the culture is what our focus has been,” Williams said. “At Youngstown State, we have a solidified culture so [it’s] just getting those guys up to date on what we have going on.”

Doug Phillips returns to Youngstown State for his fifth season and owns a 19-22 overall record. Most recently, Phillips led the team to notable wins over No. 6 Southern Illinois University and Duquesne University in the FCS Playoffs.

Phillips has one message regarding the mindset of Youngstown State this season. “You want more.”

“I think the standard is that you always want more,” Phillips said. “Unless you win all your games you go in [the offseason] a little salty.”

Phillips said it’s not talent that wins games, but the mindset and effort that takes a team to the next level.

“Usually it’s not about talent — it’s about things that don’t take talent at all that you have to keep building in your program,” Phillips said. “There’s discipline, attitude, effort, focus [and] unselfishness. Those are the things we work very hard on every day.”

In the FCS Coach’s Poll, Youngstown State is ranked 23rd overall in the nation for the preseason. Being ranked so early in the season comes with competition, as six Missouri Valley Football Conference teams are ranked ahead of the Penguins.

Williams said the team isn’t concerned with the rest of the FCS, but rather playing the best they can on the gridiron each week.

“We want to take care of ourselves and everything else will fall in place,” Williams said. “We’re not really concerned with who we stack up against — we’re more so worried about reaching our full potential.”

Outside of the eight Missouri Valley Football Conference games that the Penguins play this season, they have four crucial games to start off the year.

The Penguins will kick off their season with a rematch at Villanova scheduled for 6 p.m. on Aug. 29. YSU will look to amend last year’s loss to the Wildcats.

Week two sees the home opener, as Youngstown State will host Valparaiso University at 2

p . m .
on Sept. 7.

After Valpo, a second-straight home game for week three against Duquesne — another playoff rematch for the Penguins.

Rounding out non-conference play, the ‘Guins will travel to Pittsburgh for a matchup with Power Four opponent Pitt from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

In conference play, Youngstown State is featured as the “MVFC Game of the Week” on two occasions. The team’s conference opener against Missouri State University on the road and its final game of the year against the University of Northern Illinois inside Stambaugh Stadium.

Phillips said the team doesn’t address exposure against an ACC opponent, or from a “Game of the Week,” but the team does address handling adversity.

“We address how you handle adversity, or how you handle success,” Phillips said. “If the exposure is because of success, how do you handle that?”

Coach said he always leaves one message for his players when handling adversity: “It’s bigger than us.”

The team announced its five captains for the 2024 season Aug. 21 — seniors Williams, Tyshon King, Devin Johnson and Logan Pasco, alongside junior Michael Voit.

YSU’s clash with Villanova will be broadcasted live at 6



Junior Preston Zandier celebrates at Stambaugh Stadium at the spring game.

Photo by Dylan Lux/ The Jambar