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Photo courtesy of Patrick Durrell

Pictured left to right: Former Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson, Patrick Durrell and Warren Young gather together to pose for a picture.

Remembering YSU physics and astronomy professor: Warren Young

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

Warren Young, founder of the Ward Beecher Planetarium and retired physics and astronomy professor, died Wednesday, Feb. 16. He was 84.

Young had been at YSU since 1962 and taught in the department of physics and astronomy for almost

60 years before deciding to retire in 2005. From there, he continued to teach as an extended teaching svc and emeritus faculty and taught part-time until 2019.

He founded the Ward Beecher Planetarium in

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COVID-19 cases decrease, hope spreads

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

Youngstown State University was one of many colleges around the country to offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics and has successfully vaccinated over 6,000 students, staff and families from the area since the first clinic in March 2021.

The first three clinics offered at YSU were able to administer over 1,000 vaccines each.

Shannon Tirone, associate vice president of University Relations, said part of the success of these clinics is due to multiple branches of the YSU community.

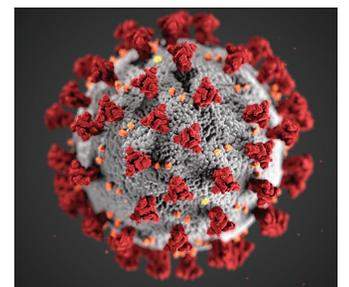


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7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs.



Snow

High: 37°F

Low: 34°F

Chance of Precipitation:
40% snow

Fri.



Snow

High: 35°F

Low: 19°F

Chance of Precipitation:
49% snow

Sat.



Mostly Cloudy

High: 34°F

Low: 26°F

Chance of Precipitation:
4% mostly cloudy

Sun.



Mostly Cloudy

High: 38°F

Low: 15°F

Chance of Precipitation:
25% mostly cloudy

Mon.



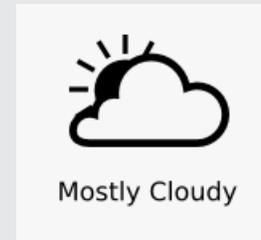
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High: 34°F

Low: 26°F

Chance of Precipitation:
9% partly sunny

Tues.



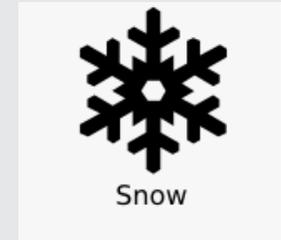
Mostly Cloudy

High: 49°F

Low: 32°F

Chance of Precipitation:
20% mostly cloudy

Weds.



Snow

High: 46°F

Low: 27°F

Chance of Precipitation:
30% snow

Information courtesy of [accuweather.com](https://www.accuweather.com)

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1966 and was the director for 25 years.

Young grew up in Massillon, Ohio, and earned a bachelor of science in physics from Case Western Reserve University and a Ph.D. in astronomy from The Ohio State University.

Patrick Durrell, director of the Ward Beecher Planetarium and professor of

physics and astronomy, was mentored by Young to become the next director.

“[Young] sort of mentored me, because when I got here, I became the next director of the Planetarium,” Durrell said. “I was kind of following in his footsteps, which is kind of ... big shoes to fill.”

Durrell described Young as a humorous person who loved telling jokes.

“He always had a laugh,” Durrell said. “He was a really good guy and got along

with everybody ... a very likable character, fun professor.”

Durrell said Young is going to be deeply missed by the YSU community and stated he has contributed much over the years.

“He really left a mark on the planetarium and field of astronomy here at YSU,” Durrell said. “It’s now up to the rest of us to sort of continue the standard he forged.”

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“A lot of our nursing students needed some clinical hours — which was great. They really truly stepped up to the plate and really truly helped us with working each one of those shifts, along with athletics, who helped us with the setup,” Tirone said.

Another huge supporter of the clinic’s setup was the Youngstown City Health Department.

“That has probably been our No. 1 thing that we can count on, [our] relationship with the city and the county,” Tirone said.

The number of people receiving vaccines at the clinics decreased for several months until boosters were offered. At the first clinic YSU held to administer booster shots, 332 people were vaccinated.

Julie Gentile, director at the Office of Environmental

and Occupational Health and Safety, thinks the constant influx of students in the clinics may lead to more offered in the future.

“I think it just depends on the demand that we see through the end of the spring semester. We’ve been working with the local health departments, and having them come on campus to provide [clinics] for us. I think if we have good participation through the end of spring, there could be a chance we have those available,” Gentile said.

Mandates and protocols at the university have seen few changes over the spring semester, but according to Gentile, nothing about the pandemic is stagnant.

“COVID is always changing,” Gentile said. “Currently, our numbers — the number of positive cases on campus — have been going down, and so, unless there’s a significant increase in cases, I would say we’re more likely to have fewer mandates than more mandates.”

The next clinic at YSU will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 3 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

This week at YSU, the number of cases remained the same as last, with 14 total positive tests. This is the fifth week in a row where there has not been an increase in cases.

Of those positive tests, four were faculty and 10 were students living off campus.

Through the university’s voluntary asymptomatic testing initiative, seven people were tested, and all returned back negative. This is the third week in a row where the university has recorded a 0% positivity rate.

For more information on YSU’s protocols, testing or vaccination clinics, visit its website and for more information on reported cases at the university, visit the YSU Dashboard. As always, stay safe, Penguins.

COVID-19 protocols reduced amid decline in cases

By Sydney Stalnecker
The Jambar

Friday, Feb. 25.

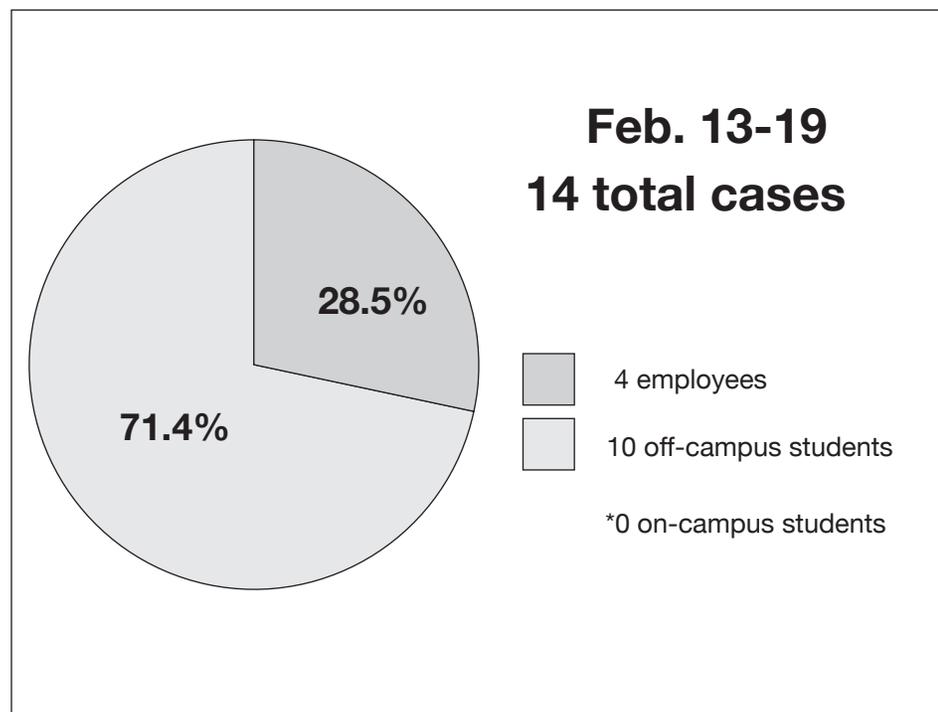
Chet Cooper, chair of the Academic Senate and biology professor, said masks will still be mandatory in classrooms and classroom settings, such as science lab environments. However, masks will be recommended but not required in hall-

ways, elevators, the recreation center and congregational spaces such as the Hub and Cove.

The senate recommends the YSU community continues to socially distance despite the change in protocol.

Some senate members met with Ryan

Tekac, the Mahoning County Health Commissioner, and other members of the Mahoning County Public Health Department to make the decision. They considered the decline of cases in Youngstown and at YSU before making the decision to lighten the mandate.



Number of people vaccinated through YSU's COVID-19 vaccination clinics:	
March 30, 2021	1,425
April 6, 2021	1,371
April 27, 2021	1,290
May 4, 2021	935
Sept. 8, 2021	48
Sept. 9, 2021	54
Oct. 7, 2021	80
Nov. 4, 2021	332
Nov. 18, 2021	405
Dec. 2, 2021	297
Jan. 4, 2022	110
Total	6,347

GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

SGA focus groups seek to improve academic advising

By C. Aileen Blaine
The Jambar

Academic advising is an integral part of the college experience, and it's an important resource to ensure that students graduate on schedule. Student Government Association will host focus groups offering students the chance to voice their critiques and suggestions on how to improve advising at Youngstown State University.

Michael Cline, SGA vice president for assessment and enrichment, said he hopes the groups will foster student-led discussions on the concerns students have with academic advising on campus.

"Academic advising has been a talking point on YSU's campus — among all the colleges, not just one specific college," Cline said. "We thought that these academic advising focus groups would be able to give new light on student experiences, as compared to hearing it from faculty and staff."

Common concerns Cline has observed include feeling a lack of communication between students and advisers. Others fear that "some things may slip through the cracks," impacting their strict course scheduling and possibly their credits toward graduation, according to Cline.

The 2021 data from the National Survey of Student Engagement indicates that the implementation of the YSU 1500 course has improved students' opinion of ac-

ademic advising at YSU in the two years it's been available. Offered to first-year students, the success seminar provides students with a deep-dive into expectations and responsibilities in college, as well as introducing them to degree planning tools and co-curricular activities. Many sections are taught by academic advisers themselves.

Justin Edwards, director of the Office of Career Exploration and Development, said his time as an academic adviser within the former Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communications helped him understand the importance of communication between adviser and student.

"I think one of the things that students seek in academic advising is a relationship that goes beyond course selection," Edwards said. "Academic advising as a field needs to be as much about understanding what the student needs outside of the classroom as it is about what the student needs to register for to graduate successfully."

Through the career exploration and development office, Edwards takes the same principle of communication between adviser and student and applies it to helping undecided students find courses applicable to their interests and goals. He said meeting with an adviser frequently can help students gain a deeper understanding of how choices they make now play into their futures.

"Ultimately, they've got the reins and they're in charge

of how they approach their career developments," Edwards said. "I see career development and academic advising [as] very interrelated. The courses that you take help you develop the skills that you're going to market to employers."

Cline acknowledged that, though some students may be nervous to speak up about their experiences or share their thoughts, the sessions — though recorded — will be kept confidential. All identifying details — including names — will be redacted from the records.

"The main reason we're recording is to make it so that we can go back when we're doing our final evaluation to get the big details," Cline said. "Students don't have to worry about their identities being compromised or some negative repercussions."

To incentivize student engagement, SGA will offer free meal vouchers for the campus Chick-fil-A to participants.

"Students are giving us their voice, so we want to give them something in return," Cline said.

Each session runs 4–5 p.m. on its respective date. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 28: BCLASSE, STEM, WCBA
- Tuesday, March 1: CCCA
- Wednesday, March 2: BCHHS

The focus groups are sign-up only. For those interested in attending, check the email from SGA sent Friday, Feb. 18 for the link and more details.

News Brief

WOMEN'S RETIREES OF YSU TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship committee of the Women Retirees of Youngstown State is accepting applications through March 1, 2022, for the 2022-23 academic year. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, junior female student who has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen and be enrolled in a degree-seeking program. Information about the scholarship is available at ysu.edu/financialaid/scholarships. Application forms may be printed from the website or picked up at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships located on the second floor of Meshel Hall at YSU.



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YSU dental hygiene program nationally ranked at No. 16

By Shianna Gibbons
Jambar contributor

The dental hygiene program at Youngstown State University was ranked No. 16 in the nation by Healthcare Administration Degree Programs. In order for the dental hygiene students to graduate, they must provide many services to YSU students and community members for free.

The ranking was based on average SAT scores, student retention rates, career pay and other factors. Jennifer Pieren, the program's administrator, said she is proud of the dental hygiene program.

"We have extraordinarily dedicated faculty and students. We worked hard, and it was good to be recognized," Pieren said. "YSU is on that list with other well-known universities, and we were thrilled."

Multiple elements contribute to what makes YSU's dental program exceptional, Pieren said, such as offering a bachelor's degree instead of an associate's degree and the competitiveness of the

program. Only 24 students a year are selected, Pieren said, and these students must have the best grades, performance and applications.

"Every year, students apply and we look at those applications as a whole, and [acceptance] is based on their grades," Pieren said. "We look at their pre-dental hygiene and science courses specifically, then at their GPA overall."

Savanna Penezich, a senior dental hygiene major, said the competitiveness continues after being selected for the program.

"Even the program now is competitive. We challenge ourselves every single day to take the best care of our patients and to treat them the best we can in a short amount of time," Penezich said.

Located in Cushwa Hall are two patient treatment operatories with a waiting room. The operatories are equipped with radiology units, sterilization rooms and a dental delivery unit. Each operator has dental chairs, dental tools and computers with dental software.

Pieren said the students use these clin-

ics to practice what they learn in lectures on patients. YSU dental hygiene students are required to see at least 43 patients, all with varying levels of dental hygiene needs, in order to graduate.

Pieren said the services provided to patients are high-quality and checked over by licensed faculty members.

"We provide oral prophylaxis [dental cleanings], fluoride, dental x-rays, patient education and local anesthesia," Pieren said. "It is not only learning but it is quality control. We [provide] the best practices here."

Daunisha Lude, a senior dental hygiene major, said the services are great resources for the community.

"[Dental hygiene services] can help close the gap in the dental hygiene disparities," Lude said. "Not too many people in the area can afford dental hygiene care, and if we can try to close that gap, we can help more people."

Caleb Ellison, a sophomore telecommunications major, said the free services are beneficial for students, too.

"As an out-of-state student, I don't

have a chance to see my normal dentist that often," Ellison said. "It is even better [than a normal dentist] because it is teaching me what to do to take better care of my mouth."

However, dental hygiene students are experiencing trouble finding patients. Lude said this could be because of COVID-19.

"A lot of people were scared to come back, especially in this type of setting, where you are working in someone's mouth all day," Lude said. "Slowly, it has started to pick back up. We make sure [the patients] are safe."

Pieren said the dental hygiene program was prepared in some ways for the pandemic and has adjusted precautions to mitigate the spread of aerosols and provide care safely.

"We received [COVID-19-related] funding to add extra layers of protection for more personal protective equipment as well as extraoral suction units," Pieren said. "I hope that our patients know they are safe coming here, and we do everything to make sure everyone is safe."



The dental hygiene program allows students to gain experience on actual patients.

Photo courtesy of Shianna Gibbons / Jambar contributor

A closer look at YSU student-run businesses

By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University has a multitude of students who, outside of classes, run their very own businesses.

Gavin Esposito, a freshman history major, explained what his business is.

“My business is selling on-demand prints of my photographs,” he said. “I’m a photographer. I do mainly landscapes and natural scenes.”

Along with photographing landscapes, Esposito also mentioned that he photographs old cemeteries and buildings, wildlife, country scenes and more.

Esposito said he originally became interested in photography at the age of 13 when he started taking photos of trains.

“I would probably say when I was about 13, and it first started with trains,” Esposito said. “When I was younger, I used to love trains and started taking pictures of trains. But then I started taking pictures of other things too. Then, after a while, I found out I’m kind of good at this and I got an actual camera.”

To view his work, visit his webpage www.gavinesposito.com or his Instagram @gavinespositophotography.

Andrew Dao, a sophomore biology pre-med major, is an artist on campus who had begun to take commissions for their work.

Dao explains more of what their art style is and what type of artist they are.

“I consider myself a digital art hobbyist, so I mostly draw sketches and small illustrations when I get the chance to,” they said. “I developed my style over the course of around four years with inspirations from indie games and modern cartoons that I watched when I was younger.”

For Dao, they have always had an interest in art, but it was not until a few years ago that they became more serious with it.

“I’ve always been interested in art, animation and cartoons as a kid, having watched tons of animated series with my siblings,” Dao said. “I would say I really started getting into drawing and digital art around four years ago. I’m not entirely sure what enticed me to do it, but I’d like to think it was to try something new, maybe to vent my frustration at the time. It has stuck with me for sure though.”

Dao recently began to open their commissions in September 2021 for the first time.

“I only opened my commissions recently, in Septem-

ber, after building up the courage to do so for a little while,” they said. “I was extremely nervous about it at first but I decided to give it a shot, and the reception was good, which gave me a good confidence boost.”

Dao shares their art on Twitter, @kurokaiyo, and on the YSU app. For commissions, visit their website kuru-sa.carrd.co

Matthew Morrison, a senior sports broadcasting major, co-hosts a sports podcast with his friends, Alek Koberna, a junior sports broadcasting major, and Michael Wolfgang, a senior journalism major.

Morrison explained how he met Koberna and Wolfgang and started the podcast.

“I had class with Mike, and then I had another class with Alek, and I’d just go in there and we talked about sports,” he said. “Then, I had the idea of creating my own show and I’m like, ‘Well, I need people on my show.’ I talk sports all the time with this guy, and sports all the time with this guy, so I just kind of brought them together.”

Their podcast, Casual Sports Podcast, airs daily from 2-3 p.m. on YSNlive.com, Facebook, Twitch and YouTube. They have been broadcasting for two years and have no plans of stopping.



Photo courtesy of Gavin Esposito

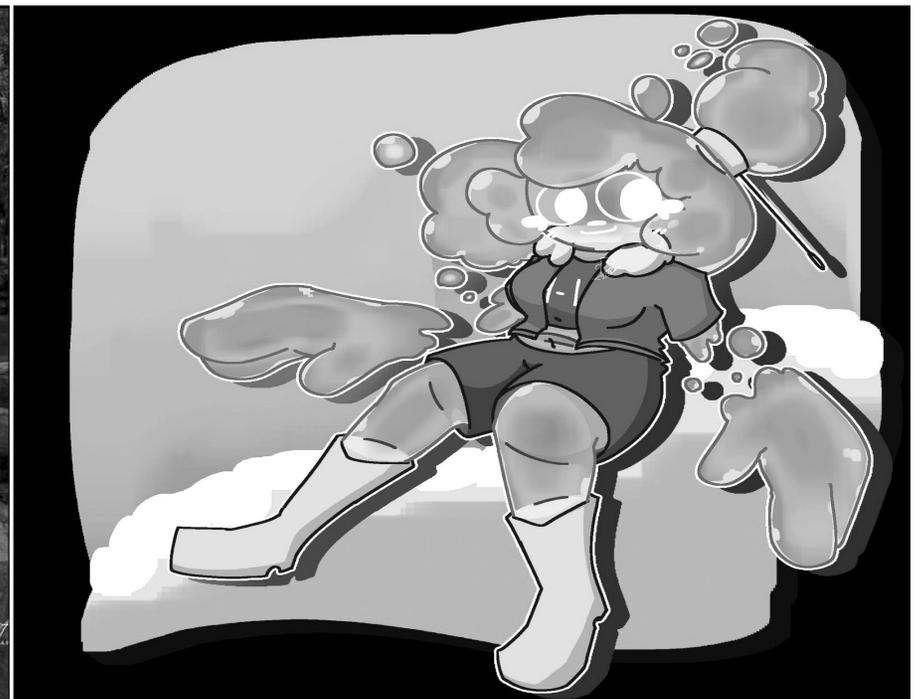


Photo courtesy of Andrew Dao



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Jaietta Jackson, a TEDx event coordinator, is excited to have speakers return to Youngstown's Spotlight Theater on March 25.

TEDx returns to Youngstown after 2-year hiatus

By Henry Shorr
The Jambar

TEDx Youngstown is coming back after a two-year hiatus to the Spotlight Theater on March 25. Coordinators Greg Smith, Jaietta Jackson and Adam Earnhardt have been working hard to make sure everything goes smoothly while maintaining COVID-19 safety precautions.

A TEDx speech is under 18 minutes long and, according to Smith, “needs to be a research-based idea that has made a difference in [the speaker’s] life or the lives of others.”

Jackson, a senior lecturer with the communication department, gave a TEDx talk a couple of years ago on making your own history and is now glad to be able to help impart her knowledge on new speakers.

“I’m working directly with three of the speakers. I take them from an idea and help them to build their actual talk. So yeah, that’s a lot, but I’ve seen my speakers grow and I’ve seen them grow from an idea to a 12-minute

talk,” Jackson said.

Smith was the person who first brought TEDx to Youngstown, and he is excited to be back after 18 months. He knows how much this city has to offer and loves sharing that with speakers who come into town to give their speeches.

“The speakers are always like, ‘You have great food here.’ They don’t expect that, but we do — we have every cuisine you could possibly imagine. They can’t believe how many religions we have here, they can’t believe how many ethnicities we have here — it’s kind of like a [microcosm] of the entire United States,” Smith said. “And we actually get along better than probably a lot of people in the country, you know, we’re all working together. So that blows them away a little.”

The coordinators have done everything possible to make sure this event will go safely during COVID-19. Jackson said part of this process was downsizing the event.

“We’re limiting the audience, so we’re only selling 100 tickets when normally we fill up a whole balcony and ev-

erything. We’ve made it a little smaller — we only have six to eight speakers when — before — we had about 15 speakers. It’s just a smaller scale so we can come back and it’s not forgotten,” Jackson said.

Smith said this is a great opportunity for students and faculty members to learn new information from experts who are just getting their starts in public speaking.

“COVID has limited our ability to interact tremendously, and this is a great opportunity, again, to get ideas not only from our area but from around the country. And they’re shared right here in Youngstown,” he said.

Jackson is ready to be back in action, stating that this event is a great resource for the city and university.

“I’m just excited — I’m excited it’s back in Youngstown, that we’re back after COVID and we’ve survived, and just really look forward to what’s to come, and hopefully when COVID is over, we can keep growing and get bigger again,” she said.

Tickets to the event are available now at tedxyoungstown.com

ROCKIN' AROUND

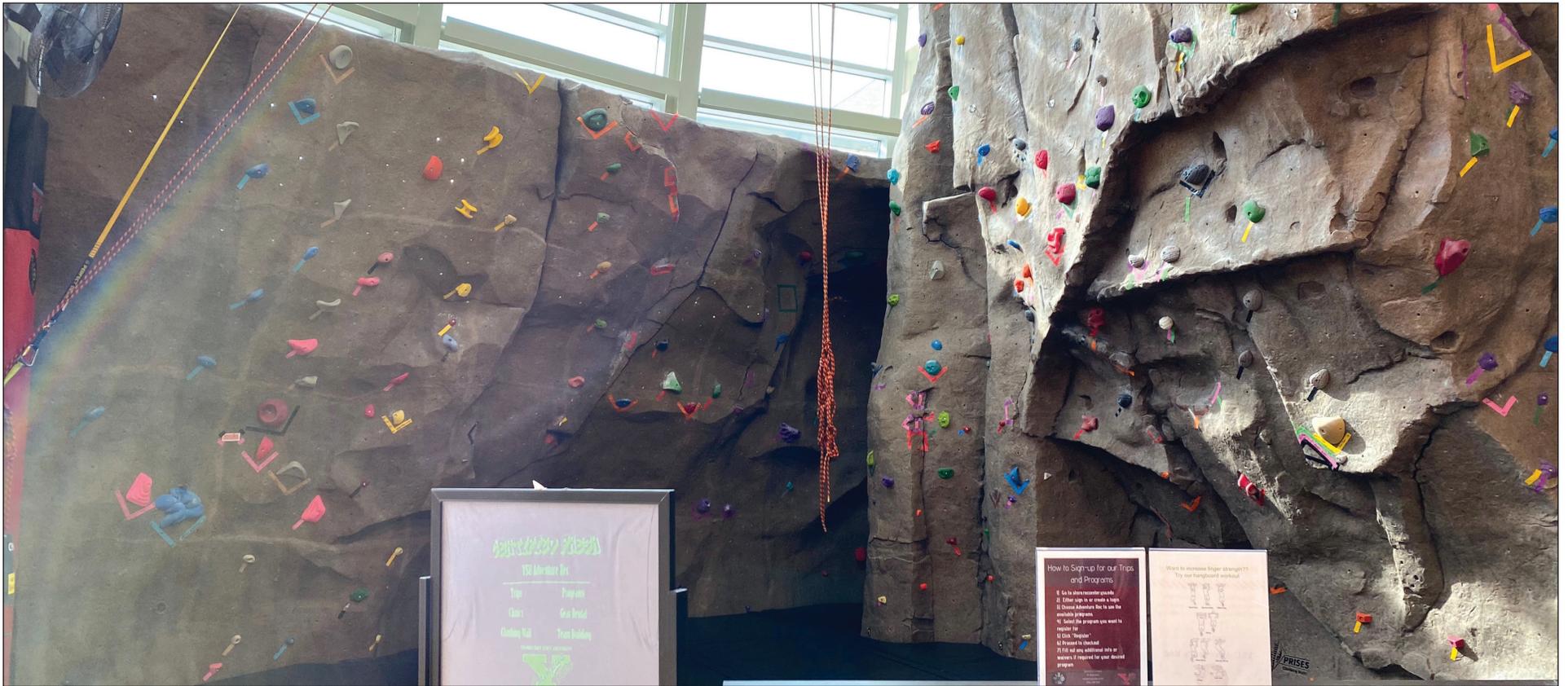


Photo by Kyle Ferraro / Jambar contributor

Students can participate in the rock-climbing competition from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Bouldering Competition is back

By Kyle Ferraro
Jambar contributor

Youngstown State University's Bouldering Competition is making its return to campus. Restrictions established due to the pandemic kept the competition from being held the last two years.

Bouldering is a form of rock climbing on a 12- to 14-foot wall that involves no ropes or harnesses. Bouldering is a more technical form of rock climbing where endurance is not as coveted as other types of climbing, such as top roping and lead climbing.

R.J. Markowitz, the coordinator of YSU Adventure Recreation, is overseeing the event. Markowitz and his team of students are expecting a good turnout for the competition despite the hiatus.

"We are hoping for a decent turnout," Markowitz said. "Obviously, we hope for the best, expect the worst and prepare for the worst. We have been getting the word out there to other universities, and we are getting the word out on campus."

Universities that have sent competitors before include

Akron, Slippery Rock, Edinboro, Clarion and West Virginia.

"We really focus in on the technical nature of climbing when you're bouldering versus the endurance sport of top roping or lead climbing," Markowitz said of the difference between the types of rock climbing.

Event organizers hope to bring like-minded individuals together for a fun day of competition. There will also be prizes and raffles available to win.

"The climbing community here in the Midwest is a lot smaller, so the one thing people like is how social the event is," Markowitz said. "You're meeting people from other universities, [and] you're meeting people with similar, unique hobbies."

Safety is always a concern when rock climbing, especially in bouldering, due to the lack of harnesses. Markowitz and Riley Campbell, student rock wall supervisor and senior nursing student, respectively, have safety measures in place.

"We have staff that is going to be working the competition, and we all climb. We actually set the routes so we know the areas where you're going to want to be spot-

ted," Campbell said. "We also have crash pads that line the area of the rock wall."

There is risk involved in climbing, just like any sport. "We do everything in our power to limit injury. We give a little safety talk prior to the event," Markowitz said. "Our staff is present to help with spotting, and our mats are brand new."

Caroline Manjerovic, a freshman computer science major, is planning to compete. Manjerovic has been climbing for four years and is looking forward to the event.

"For me, the competition is the first opportunity I'll have to see how I stack up against other climbers," Manjerovic said.

Preregistration open until 7 p.m. Feb. 25 The fee to participate is \$15 for students and members, and \$20 for non-members. Registration on the day of the event begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$25.

The event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Female-focused journalism joins YSU's campus

By Faith Marscio
The Jambar

Female-focused campus media is reaching new heights at Youngstown State University with the installment of YSU's first chapter of Her Campus Media.

Her Campus is an online magazine for college students, targeted toward women, that originated at Harvard University in 2009. Since its start, the organization has grown to have chapters at approximately 400 college campuses across the United States, with over 11,000 contributors, according to The University of Tampa.

Vice President Angela Pell is a founding member of YSU's chapter.

Her Campus is recognized as "the number one online magazine for college women, where [the writers] write articles and post them to the magazine," Pell said.

The articles posted are about topics that college

women, or those who fit that age demographic, would typically be interested in.

Her Campus President Rachel Durniok started the process to bring a chapter of Her Campus to YSU in spring 2021. It took the two about a year to officially have the organization registered by YSU.

"We had to go through Her Campus nationals to be approved. We had to do a writing sample and tests, and then have students sign a petition to get the chapter established here. We needed about 100 signatures, and got about 150 signatures," Durniok said.

Durniok had the idea to bring Her Campus to YSU after being involved with a chapter at her previous university.

"I wanted to do it because of my previous involvement at West Virginia University. I liked writing the articles," Durniok said.

The two had group members who were interested in the organization about a year ago but were not totally

official as a campus organization until this past October. The fall student organization fair helped give their recruitment process the success it needed.

"Our first student [organization fair] was where we got a lot of people," Pell said.

While Her Campus is directed toward a dynamic of women in colleges across America, Pell made it clear that anyone with a passion for writing can join the organization and said the events it holds are open to all.

Most recently, the club hosted a Galentine's Day event in the lobby of the Enclave on campus. Additionally, Durniok also holds writing workshops for members and those who are interested in becoming members.

The group has an upcoming fundraiser, and meetings are held every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. Stay tuned to its Instagram for more information about the organization and upcoming giveaways.

Viral TikToker doubles as student

By Kyle Ferraro
Jambar contributor

Social media platforms are a hub for influencers creating content. The desire to be an influencer is rapidly growing, and Thomas Malacky, a senior telecommunications major, is a prime example of an up-and-coming internet celebrity.

Malacky has amassed approximately 57,000 followers across multiple social media platforms, including TikTok, YouTube and Snapchat. He posts comical skits and stream highlights from his Twitch channel. On his Twitch channel, he streams the video game Minecraft. Malacky also utilizes his creative mind by working with fellow creators who've gained millions of followers.

Malacky's love for editing and photography started when he was in high school.

Since then, he said his skills expanded and his creative vision grew as well.

"Just this past year, when I was working with a bunch of people that I am good friends with out in the LA area, they said that I had the vision when it comes to just seeing a shot or seeing an angle that people like to see," Malacky said.

Malacky attributes his success to his friendship with Shane Nagy, who's also a successful content creator. Nagy has racked up approximately 6 million followers across multiple platforms, with 4.6 million of them on TikTok.

"I have [worked] out in the LA area," Malacky said, noting that this includes photography. "I also help them edit their YouTube videos and/or Tiktok videos, alongside helping them set up stuff to become streamers themselves."

Malacky has a large network of friends

and clients in LA.

"With all of the people I know out in Los Angeles — Shane Nagy — and I like to consider Shane Nagy one of my best friends," Malacky said. "We really grew closer over the past few years and without him I wouldn't have nearly as much as I have today."

Nagy said when he first met Malacky, he recognized his talent.

"He is such a chill guy and so easy to vibe with. He always has the highest of energy, which keeps us all going during the time we film together," Nagy said. "He's also someone that I consider a brother to me. He's taught me so much."

Communications professor Adam Earnhardt, also special assistant to the provost, is known as an expert on all things social media. Having worked in, authored columns on and taught about

social media for years, Earnhardt said it's important to have an "in" when working with social media.

"It's just like anything else we do. When we're trying to learn how to do something new, we usually try to find somebody else who's an expert," Earnhardt said. "I think finding someone who knows the nuances of content creation is important."

Earnhardt said it's critical to form professional networks.

"For somebody who is just getting started and creating a network for the first time, it makes sense to ask that person that you're learning from to introduce you to other content creators," he said.

After graduation, Malacky plans to move West and continue his current path of success.

DINE IN OR CARRY-OUT

Munch on something new near campus

By Kara Boerio
Jambar contributor

Youngstown State University recently lost some eateries on campus, minimizing the choices for students to find a place to eat but providing opportunities to try places nearby.

Kravitz Deli has been in the Mahoning Valley since 1939 and is the only Jewish deli in the area. Located on Belmont Avenue in Liberty, its specialties are Rubeens, corned beef, bagels, soup and baked goods.

Jack Kravitz, president of Kravitz Delicatessen Inc., said his mother, Rose Kravitz, opened the business when she was 21 and worked there until she was 88.

“We’re the only [ones], who [do] what we do. We specialize in high-quality sandwiches,” he said. “Jimmy John’s used to be [on campus] making good sandwiches, but they’re not there anymore, and we’re not that far away.”

Kravitz said his restaurant offers great food and atmosphere. Every day it offers at least four homemade soups, he said, and on Saturdays it sells breakfast all day.

“We really like having younger people here. We’re very friendly,” he said. “We’re a family business.”

The restaurateur operates a second location not far from campus — Garden Cafe by Kravitz. Located at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek MetroParks, it offers a view of Lake Glacier. In the winter, the cafe holds 40 people, and in the summer, it can seat up to 120 people because of its outdoor patio.

“It’s a beautiful, beautiful setting,” Kravitz said.

Sarah Belinky, a sophomore history major, said her experience at Garden Cafe by Kravitz was great and that it was nice having a gorgeous view of the garden and the lake.

“It’s a good choice for students because it’s not too far from campus, plus it’s great food at a reasonable price,” Belinky said.

India Gatts, a freshman undecided major, said it’s a great place to eat and walk the amazing grounds if the weather is nice.

“If you eat outside, it is very peaceful and you get a view of the lake, which is beautiful,” Gatts said. “If you eat inside, there is plenty of seating with tons of natural lighting and it has a dome ceiling that helps the space feel very open.”

Another restaurant not far from campus is Joe Gallagher’s Lunch Bucket. It was created in honor of Joe Gallagher, a local man who had Down syndrome and al-

ways referred to his lunch box as a lunch bucket, hence the name.

The restaurant is a part of Golden String, a Youngstown nonprofit that offers professional and recreational opportunities for adults and children with special needs.

Jimmy Sutman, director of Golden String, was inspired by Joe Gallagher to make this program.

“I always plug Joe’s name in, and you know if we’re going to start a program — would Joe Gallagher like this program, would it benefit Joe Gallagher,” Sutman said.

Approximately 30 adults with disabilities perform tasks such as chopping vegetables, cleaning and working the fryers and the grill. The eatery offers daily specials that are good for YSU students, and takeout options are available, Sutman said.

“You know, if you can come on down here, we would definitely do YSU specials — our burgers are really good, our breakfast sandwiches are really good,” Sutman said. “If you show your YSU ID, I will make sure you get a super special deal — a buck or two off.”

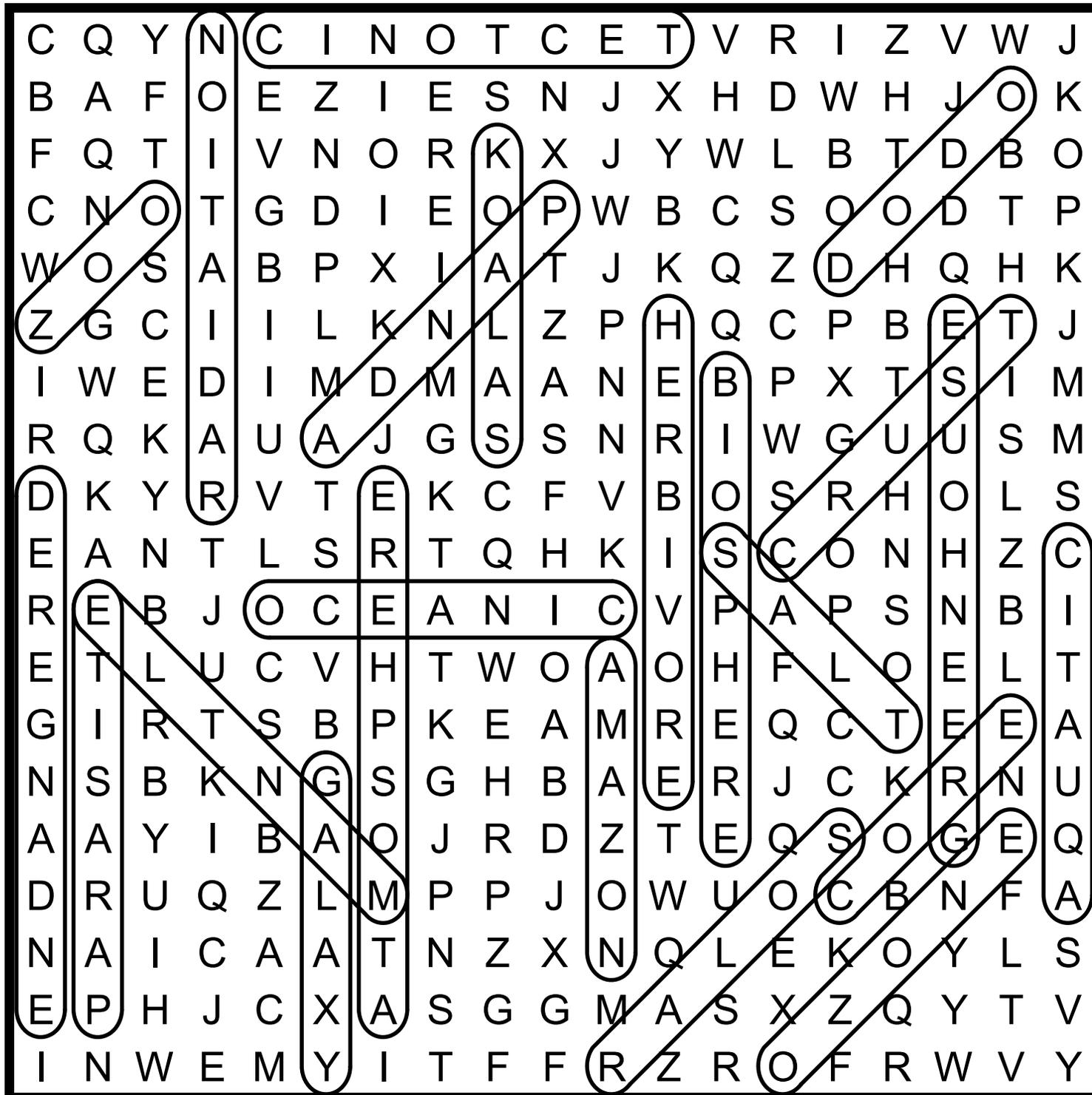
Gallagher’s also makes hot meals, and it offers a delivery service to folks with disabilities. It sells breakfast and lunch from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Oak Hill Renaissance Center.



Photo by Kara Boerio / Jambar contributor

Mill Creek MetroParks is one nearby location offering meal options for Youngstown State University students.

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The Jambar Editorial

Inconsistent rules and unfair competition

In this year's Winter Olympics, we saw the controversy around the Russian figure skating team. Fifteen-year-old skater Kamila Valieva tested positive for Trimetazidine, classified as a performance-enhancing drug that increases blood flow to the heart, and was still allowed to compete in the Olympic events.

A similar situation occurred at last year's Summer Olympics with track sensation Sha'Carri Richardson when she tested positive for marijuana, which is not classified as performance-enhancing. Richardson was ultimately not allowed to compete while Valieva was allowed to

continue.

Valieva would go on to take home a gold medal in the figure skating team event and place fourth individually.

Many questions have been asked regarding the decision to allow Valieva to compete as the ruling to ban Richardson occurred just last summer.

It is unfair that the committee would allow an athlete to compete after testing positive when other sports leagues enforce the non-tolerance policy. If an athlete is getting banned for testing positive for a non-enhancing drug, one should be banned for a performance-enhancing

drug as well.

Marijuana is also becoming legal in more states, making this ruling even more outrageous. Some view this plant as a safer alternative to consuming alcohol. In Richardson's case, marijuana was used to cope with the death of her mother, not to improve her performance.

The decision to ban Richardson but not Valieva is inexcusable — one relied on a non-performance-enhancing drug to cope with the death of a loved one while the other took a performance-enhancing drug to get ahead of the competition.

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Jack Labusch, and Friends of Health Care Free Speech.

Softball bats heat up in South Carolina

Cameron Stubbs
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University softball team played games six through nine of its 18-game road trip to start off the season.

The Penguins made the trip to South Carolina to compete on the campus of Winthrop University in the Winthrop University Softball Tournament.

The first game of the tournament was against Winthrop, where the Penguins fell to a five-inning run-rule game 10-1.

Held to just two hits total for the first matchup, the biggest hit came from junior catcher Conchetta Rinaldi with a double in the second inning.

Fifth-year pitcher Ellie Buffenbarger

was handed her second loss of the season, giving up six earned runs in 1⅓ innings.

Game two of the day saw a more controlled pitching performance as freshman Bree Kohler pitched six innings, giving up just one earned run and striking out eight. Ultimately, she was handed the loss as Western Carolina University walked off on a single in the seventh inning.

Freshman Taylor Truran had the only RBI for the Penguins with a solo shot in the fifth inning.

Day Two of the tournament saw a fire lit within the Penguins that helped them finish the tournament on a high note.

Runs were abundant versus the University at Albany as a 10-5 win for the

Penguins was exactly what the team needed.

A rejuvenated Buffenbarger pitched a complete game as she gave up five earned runs and struck out 11 while on the mound.

The offense was led by Truran and junior Avrey Schumacher, who both contributed with two runs batted in each. Rinaldi, Kohler, sophomore Hailey Niederkoher, senior Grace Cea and junior Kenedy Vrable each batted in one run.

Game two versus Towson University was the Penguins' best game of the season so far. The 12-1 run-rule win came on the back of Rinaldi, who homered for the second straight day, this one a three-run shot. She had a total of four RBIs for the game.

Not far behind was fifth-year Nikki Saibene with three RBIs. Niederkoher had two RBIs and fifth-year Yazmine Romero and senior Alex DeLeon contributed with runs batted in of their own.

Sophomore pitcher Sophie Howell notched her first win of the season as she gave up only one earned run on five hits and had nine strikeouts.

The Penguins look to carry on the momentum of the last two games this weekend as they head to Hampton, Virginia, to face off in the Hampton University Tournament. On Friday and Saturday, Youngstown State is slated for two games each day.

Follow along for updates on the games at YSUsports.com

Swimming & diving teams post record numbers

By Cameron Stubbs
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University swimming & diving team competed in the Horizon League Swimming & Diving Championships from Feb. 16-19. The championships were held on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in the Indiana University Natatorium.

Record-setting performances and personal bests were highlighted throughout the championships. Each of the four days saw a different face of the program make a name for itself.

Day One of the championships was highlighted by the men's team, which set two school records in its events.

Junior Wilson Cannon, sophomores Rares Druga and Jasper Liekens, and freshman Aleska Radenovic participated in the 200-yard medley. In the event, they posted a school record time of 1:30.77, which was .11 seconds better than the previous record just set back in December.

The school record for the 800-meter freestyle relay was also broken as a 6:46.83 time bested the previous record also set back in December by nearly four minutes.

Day One resulted in 54 points for the men's team, which placed it in fifth place, tied with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The women's team also saw success on its first day.

Day One was led by senior Tess Weiskopf, who finished the 3-meter dive in eighth place. Weiskopf's score of 229.40 marked the third time she has placed eighth in the Horizon League Championships.

Senior Kayla Wrasman placed ninth in the 3-meter dive, followed by sophomore Kiersten Lentz, who fin-

ished 14th, and freshman Dasha Toth in 15th.

Day One for the women's team was a good one as it placed fourth with 85 points.

Day Two saw more success for the Penguins as the women were led by sophomore Brook Schuette. She placed 14th in the 500-meter freestyle. Freshman Olivia Kaniak also placed 14th in the 200-meter individual medley heat.

The women landed in fifth place for the day with 116 total points.

The men's team kept up the momentum with a first-place finish in the 500 freestyle by sophomore Gavin Webb. Following him was freshman Fabian Gines, who placed third.

Day Two was capped off with the 200 freestyle relay, which was also a success as Youngstown State placed sixth with a time of 1:22.64.

The men finished the day with 109 points.

Day Three for the women saw Schuette swim a 1:52.53 in the preliminary of the 200 freestyle, which was the second-best time in school history.

Weiskopf's last meet of her career saw her post a 221.95 in the 1-meter dive to place ninth. In the 100-meter butterfly, junior Olivia Wilcox finished in 10th place with a time of 56.92.

The women finished Day Three in sixth place.

The men on Day Three posted two school records as well as multiple personal bests.

Freshman Dominic Bono swam a 3:53.71, which was a school record in the preliminary round of the 400 intramural.

Sophomore Soma Albert posted a school record as well with a time of 48.59 in the prelims of the 100 backstroke.

Albert, Cannon, Liekens and sophomore Darren Laing

all set a school record in the 400 medley relay.

This fantastic day for the men had them sitting in sixth place overall.

The last day of the championships saw Schuette swim the fifth fastest time in Youngstown State history — as well as a personal best — in the 1650 freestyle. She placed sixth in the event with a 17:21.60 time.

Kaniak also posted a personal best and the fifth-fastest time in school history in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:22.06.

The women's team finished the championships with a total score of 262.

The men finished the championships on a high note, placing two Penguins on the final podium.

Webb swam a 15:20.40 in the 1650 freestyle, beating his previous school record by nearly 2 seconds. This time won the event and Webb became the first Youngstown State swimmer to win an event at the championships.

Radenovic had a third-place podium finish as he swam the 200 fly in 1:46.19, nearly missing out on a first place finish as seven hundredths of a second separated him from that spot.

Albert set yet another school record as he placed fifth in the 200 backstroke with 1:45.86.

Cannon, Liekens, Liang and sophomore Gavin Redden set a school record in the last event: the 400 freestyle relay. Their 3:02.72 time set them in sixth for the event.

The men placed fifth with 362 points to finish the championships.

A hot finish to the swimming & diving teams of Youngstown State means they have a great platform to build off of in the future.

Penguins tame the Jaguars

By Cameron Stubbs
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team was back in action to finish its last two home games of the season this past weekend.

The end of the homestand was a thriller against the University of Illinois Chicago. Down 6 points at half-time, the Penguins battled back to score 49 points in the second half to secure the win.

The 88-79 win was led by junior Dwayne Cohill, who recorded a near triple-double as he set a career high with 31 points. Contributing eight rebounds and seven assists, Cohill felt he was in a groove the whole game, as he stated in his postgame press conference.

"I was just finding my spots," Cohill said, "I wasn't really trying to force anything, I just let the game come to me and it just happened to be a career night for me."

Senior Michael Akuchie was also a force against the Flames as he posted his seventh double-double of the season with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Akuchie is seen as the leader of the team and his role

is magnified after every win and every loss. He spoke on this and his teammates' roles as well after the game.

"Everybody plays a role, I just understand that me being a fifth-year senior, I've been through a lot of things. So obviously my role is different than others. We all know everyone has a role to play. We're locked in. We're ready to go." Akuchie said.

Big roles were played by sophomores Shemar Rathan-Mayes and Myles Hunter, who scored in double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

The last home game for the Penguins' regular season was a historic one as this men's team accomplished what no other Youngstown State team had ever done.

The 74-61 win versus Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis brought the total number of conference wins for the Penguins to a school-record 12 wins. The icing on top was that this feat was completed on Senior Day.

The game was against the six-man team of IUPUI. Hindered by injuries and several cases of COVID-19 within the team, the Jaguars still put up a fight.

The Penguins were led by Akuchie with a 21-point,

13-rebound double-double. Cohill and senior Tevin Olison followed behind with 19 and 15 points, respectively.

Head coach Jerrod Calhoun feels the team is on the brink of something special, as he stated his thoughts in his post game press conference.

"You only get so many times when you have really good teams to do something special. We want to capitalize on the momentum we have of our program, and continue to build this thing." Calhoun stated.

The men's basketball team hits the road for its final two regular season games. First, against Wright State University tonight, Feb. 24, and Northern Kentucky University on Saturday Feb. 26.

The previous matchup versus Wright State this season resulted in a three-point win that saw the Penguins score 90 for the third time this season.

The last game versus Northern Kentucky was a 1-point loss in a game that came down to the very last second.

Follow along on YSUsports.com to stay updated on the Penguins seeding position for the upcoming tournament.

Men's baseball neuters Wildcats

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's baseball team started off its season opener by dropping a 3-1 decision against Bethune-Cookman University. The Penguins headed to the Jackie Robinson Ballpark to play in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Friday, Feb. 18.

The team was unable to get many runners across home plate as the only score came from redshirt senior Padraig O'Shaughnessy. He was the highlight of the game, hitting a solo home run in the top of the ninth inning to get the Penguins on the board.

Padraig O'Shaughnessy is not a stranger to being a star player — last season, he was named to the Horizon League All-Academic Team, batted .268, slugged .409 with three doubles, five home runs and drove in 25 RBIs in 47 games.

Three other players were also able to record a hit in the contest: senior Lucas Nasonti, senior Austin Earl and sopho-

more Seth Lucero.

Following the win on Saturday, head coach Dan Bertolini was excited about the first win of the season. He looks forward to what the team can do in the next coming week.

"It's always tough to get that first one but I was proud of the guys as they were down five early," Bertolini said

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Penguins went to work as they overcame an early five-run deficit. The Penguins stormed back to beat Bethune-Cookman 7-6 as the team rallied together for the win.

Standout players Nick Perez, Casey Marshalwitz and Nathan Ball combined to allow one run and nine strikeouts over seven innings. This relief from the Penguins' pitchers was enough to aid the team in its comeback.

Perez was unstoppable as a freshman in 2021 as he was named to the Horizon League All-Freshman team. His 11 starts were the most by any Penguin since Collin Floyd in 2016. He finished with an 8.54 EPA over 52.2 innings pitched and struck out 36 batters while walking 30.

Youngstown State was able to outhit Bethune-Cookman 11-9. They capitalized on the six errors committed by the team. Nasonti and senior Steven D'Eusanio lead the charge, each having two hits in the contest.

Three other Penguins also recorded a hit and a run: senior Dominick Bucko, junior Braeden O'Shaughnessy and red-shirt sophomore Trey Law. On the pitching side, Penguins starter senior Travis Perry allowed five runs on four hits and had five strikeouts in two innings.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, the men's baseball team hit the field to play its last game against Bethune-Cookman. The Penguins had a stellar six-run fifth inning to help them hold off the Wildcats 10-9.

In the contest, junior Matt Brosky was the difference-maker as he struck out a career-high nine batters with one walk and allowed one earned run over a career-high six innings pitched. In his first collegiate start, he recorded a strikeout in five of six innings.

Brosky had to sit out his 2020 season in order to fulfill NCAA transfer require-

ments. However, in his 2021 season, he made eight appearances coming out of the bullpen. With a 10.12 ERA in 10.2 innings pitched, he struck out 10 batters while walking seven and held opponents to a .370 average.

Youngstown State improves to 2-1 on the season for the second time in the last three seasons. In the 2021 season, the team went 32-24 overall and had a team batting average of .298.

Bertolini is optimistic about the rest of the season. The team has new players and worked on new gameplans in the off-season. The men are striving to be better than they were last year due to new additions to the program.

"That's part of the recruiting process — we want guys who are tough and can compete, and that's who this team is coming into the season," Bertolini said.

The Penguins schedule does not get easier as the team goes against Belmont University Feb. 25-27. A double-header is scheduled for 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

Women's basketball gets win for Olson on Senior Day

By Kyle Wills
The Jambar

Winners of three straight, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team played its final home games of the regular season as it faced off against Northern Kentucky University and Wright State University.

In a battle of the Horizon League's best, the women started their last homestand strong on Friday, Feb. 18 as they topped the Norse 62-49.

Senior Chelsea Olson had a stellar night from the field as she finished with 27 points while shooting a perfect 10-for-10 from the free-throw line. Senior Lilly Ritz was behind her as she finished with a near double-double of 12 points and 9 rebounds. Junior Paige Shy ignited the Penguin offense with three straight baskets to start the third to score 8 of her 11 total points.

As a team, the Penguins were near perfect from the charity stripe as they knocked down 13 of their 14 free-throw attempts and were solid defensively, holding NKU to under 36% from the field.

Junior Mady Aulbach said everyone on the team pulled their weight, locked down on defense and out-

played NKU for the victory.

"We talked a lot in practice about everyone pulling their weight defensively and getting back to the principles we started with," Aulbach said. "When we were at home versus Green Bay and Milwaukee, we didn't have Lilly [Ritz]. We really stood our ground and we knew we had to buckle down on defense. We talked a lot about getting back to that mindset of almost being down a player even though we weren't."

The women honored Olson Sunday, on Senior Day, as the Penguins defeated Wright State 77-53.

Olson finished her final regular season home game with a near double-double of 8 points and 9 rebounds, but Ritz would lead the way as she finished with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Sophomore Lexi Wagner also supplied valuable minutes off the bench as she scored 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

This season has been one of "almosts" for Olson as she has been close to achieving single-game accolades many times. She nearly missed a triple-double on three occasions. On Nov. 15, she missed one by 2 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists, as well as on Dec. 30 by 3 points

and Jan. 28 by 1 rebound. She also came close to numerous double-doubles on multiple occasions, and Sunday proved no different.

"Of course it was almost a double-double. I think I could have shot better, but most importantly, we got the win. We got the job done, so I'm most happy about that," Olson said.

The team was able to lock up the Raiders as it held Wright State to under 33% from the field.

The women's basketball team will look to finish the season on top of the Horizon League as it plays its final regular season games against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis tonight at 6 p.m. and University of Illinois-Chicago at 2 p.m. Saturday. These games can be listened to on 1390 WNIO and 570 WKBN and watched on ESPN+.

"Anybody can beat anybody. You have to be ready, and if you're not you're going to lose so we're going to have to play one of our best games coming up against IUPUI, but I think our team's excited, especially with what happened in the last game against them," head coach John Barnes said.



Chelsea Olson honored prior to tipoff Feb. 20.

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