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The addition to The Butler will be built facing Wick Avenue and showcase large works of art.

Grand addition to display art pieces

By Henry Shorr
The Jambar

After delays, construction on The Butler Institute of American Art's new addition is finally making headway. This addition will not only add much-needed storage space and technical upgrades, but also a grand exhibition space with a large window facing Wick Avenue.

Louis Zona, executive director of The Butler, is excited to have enough space to house the museum's massive collection of American art as well as a large

wing to exhibit bigger pieces.

"We're adding an addition to The Butler Institute that will kind of alleviate a problem where, for one, we're going to be able to show large works of art because of the ceiling height and one area of this addition. But there are also two additional floors. One of which is storage — art storage," Zona said. "The Butler owns 22,000 artworks, so we need to make

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Anti-abortion protest on campus sparks discussion

By Samantha Smith
The Jambar

Created Equal, an anti-abortion organization from Columbus, visited Youngstown State University's campus Thursday, March 17, to protest against legal abortion. The organization brought out signs and a Jumbotron for the protest.

Maggie Groover, the creative media assistant of Created Equal, explained why the organization was on campus.

"We go to college campuses because students on college campuses are the age range of people getting abortions and also because they are our future," she said. "No matter whether they're in a political arena or another place, they're our future and we should be raising up the next generation to be telling the truth about what abortion is and not spreading lies."

Ian Spencer, the organizer of events for Created Equal, explained what the organization wanted the audience to take away from the protest.

"Just to see and to know what abortion is and what it does," he said. "I think once people see abortion, abortion protests itself, they see the horror of what it does to pre-born children."

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Thurs.



Partly Cloudy

High: 60°F
Low: 41°F

Chance of precipitation:
4% cloudy

Fri.



Rain

High: 46°F
Low: 37°F

Chance of precipitation:
49% chance of rain

Sat.



Sleet

High: 42°F
Low: 26°F

Chance of precipitation:
90% chance of snow

Sun.



Sleet

High: 32°F
Low: 21 F

Chance of precipitation:
63% snow showers

Mon.



Partly Cloudy

High: 34°F
Low: 21°F

Chance of precipitation:
11% partly sunny

Tues.



Partly Cloudy

High: 46°F
Low: 32°F

Chance of precipitation:
59% partly sunny

Weds.



Rain

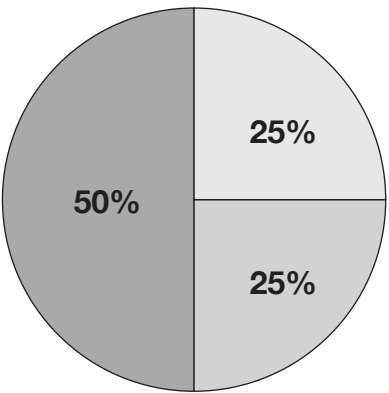
High: 53°F
Low: 35°F

Chance of precipitation:
64% rain

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COVID-19 cases

March 13-19
4 total cases



- 1 employee
- 1 on-campus student
- 2 off-campus students

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During the protest, the organization had graphic signs and videos displaying imagery of abortions being performed. Groover said this was to demonstrate how graphic abortion is. She also explained that the organization obtained the imagery from abortion clinics and the doctors who performed them.

Students walking by the protest were able to talk and debate with the protestors about abortion. Freshman Olivia Wickham explained what she thought about the protest.

“I think that we’re all really lucky to live in a place where we’re able to advocate our beliefs and have conversations openly about it,” she said. “Do I think this is a productive way to get people on your side? No. Do I think that they shouldn’t be allowed here? No. Again I agree, I like the conversation.”

Wickham detailed her thoughts on the discussion led by the organization.

“It is also scary to see people actively against me having rights over my own body and being so contradicting,” she said. “The conversations are interesting and I do appreciate the stability, but it is kind of scary to see that these people are so anti-woman.”

Another student, Andrew Sanders, a junior industrial engineer major, also explained what his opinion on the topic is.

“I, myself, am Catholic, so I am not for abortion,” he said. “But at the same time, this whole thing — I feel — is your choice. I wouldn’t want it, but if someone else does, sure. Go ahead, do what you want.”

For information on the organization, visit its website at createdequal.org. For more information on the Planned Parenthood Generation Action on campus, visit its website at plannedparenthoodaction.org



Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

Messages written in chalk express thoughts about abortion.



Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar

Students discuss abortion with protesters.

COVID-19 update: Masks off!

By Sydney Stalneckner
The Jambar

As of March 23, masks are no longer required in classrooms. This follows the decision announced Feb. 24 to lift the mask mandate in any non-classroom space.

Youngstown State University President Jim Tressel sent a campus wide email to announce the change.

YSU made the decision after monitoring guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and working “closely with the Youngstown and Mahoning County health departments” according to the email.

Despite the change, some students, faculty and staff may feel safer while wearing a mask. Tressel suggests respecting other people’s decisions regarding their health.

“We urge all members of our YSU community to be respectful of the decisions of others and continue to take any necessary precautions against COVID-19,” Tressel stated in the email.

Last week, YSU had four reported cases of COVID-19. The cases consisted of one employee, two off-campus students and one on-campus student.

Two people were tested through YSU’s asymptomatic testing program, but neither tested positive.

Stay safe, Penguins!

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sure that they're properly stored.”

The main focus of the addition will be the two-story gallery space where the museum will display large pieces of art, some of which will be visible from Wick Avenue.

“We’re calling it the Grand Gallery. This is where we’ll be able to show large paintings, large works of art,” Zona said. “It’s going to be a beautiful gallery with a lot of light coming in.”

He is eager for passersby to be able to take in what The Butler has to offer.

“The other side of this particular layer is a narrow gallery with a large window facing Wick Avenue, and that’s where we’ll be able to show large paintings and sculptures. We own a ceramic sculpture that eventually will be shown in this case as well,” he said. “But we also are looking forward to being able to show a painting by Paul Jenkins, which we have, which is an enormous work. It’s beautiful — it’s going to make Wick Avenue glow.”

The addition, which will be four floors, is being built on Wick Avenue — half aboveground and half underground. Zona was frustrated by the delays that kept construction from continuing for so long.

Between weather delays, necessary inspections and land issues, construction has been delayed for longer

than Zona ever expected.

The land issues were the most tedious to overcome.

“There have been a few delays. One was part of the design of the building would go across state property, and so while it’s Youngstown State University, it is state property,” he said.

University President Jim Tressel spoke as to why it was an easy decision to enter into a land-swap deal with The Butler.

“YSU land is owned by the state of Ohio, and so we cannot give away land. It’s just something we’re not allowed to do, give away the people’s land. And so we needed to come up with a way that we could prove to the state that it was a positive thing for all involved,” Tressel said. “Obviously, we spoke highly of what The Butler’s intentions were and how it would enhance the wonderful museum.”

Tressel sees the construction as a way for students to think more about The Butler as they walk past the hole on campus.

“When there’s construction going on, it kind of brings attention. And you know, as you’re coming across that bridge, so many of our students come across that Wick Avenue parking deck, hopefully, they’ll notice progress,” Tressel said. “I’m just hoping it raises the awareness for our students to take advantage of this great opportunity we have on our campus.”

Tressel is eager for The Butler’s collection to be stored

in-house.

“I think the neat thing for The Butler is [that] it’s really going to enhance their story because they have so many pieces that they rotate in exhibits, and they really run out of storage,” he said.

Nicholas Katz, who sits on the board of trustees for The Butler, sees the expansion as an homage to Zona’s vision.

“One thing that [the expansion] means to me is fulfilling the dream of director Zona to expand the viewing spaces at The Butler and also to secure more space for storage for the works that they have,” Katz said. “He’s been such an important force at The Butler and so powerful in promoting The Butler and increasing its reputation around the world.”

Zona is most hopeful that more students will come to The Butler after the new gallery opens. He spoke of his penchant for studying in the galleries of the museum when he was a student at YSU and wishes more Penguins would do the same.

“There’s nothing like it in the country,” he said. “It’s a who’s who of American art. I always tell people to walk through the public galleries is like walking through the history of America. I really want our students and faculty to take advantage of it.”

Delays to the project have deferred speculation for when the addition will be finished. The Butler remains open to the public while construction continues.

SGA to hold presidential debate

3 pairs of candidates run for president and executive vice president

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

Student Government Association will host a presidential debate from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24 the Schwebel Lounge in Kilcawley Center.

The candidates for president and executive vice president include: Gianna Battaglia and Faith Marscio; Niko Mastorides and Maguire Franko; Jeremy Demarco and Alexa Kurimski.

SGA sent an email detailing the debate March 22.

“Join us to learn more about their platforms and ask questions about their plans to lead the student body,” the email stated.

All students are welcome to watch the debate. It will also be live streamed on SGA’s Instagram @ysu_sga and on YouTube.

Starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, SGA election polls will open for eligible voters and close Wednesday, April 6. Voters will be notified through email when polls open with instructions for online voting.

Students running for SGA office in 2022-23:			
Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education: Representative Candidates: Dominic Adams Alexis Blessing Bronson DeAngelo Allyson Greco Samuel Miller Alexander Papa Jordan Pintar Noah Subramanian Brock Tegtmeier Guy Tepsick Emily Vero Julia Williams	Academic Senate Candidate: Jonathan Beckner Bitonte College of Health & Human Services: Representative Candidates: Abigail Andre Alyssa Fillion Jesiah Harris Ashley James Andrew Miller Abigail Milton Jessica St. Laurent Cassidy Unger Jalaeia Winston	Cliffe College of Creative Arts: Representative Candidates: Shirley Hill Kyle Zimmerman Academic Senate Candidate: Kyle Zimmerman Science, Technology, Engineering & Math: Representative Candidates: Austin Browne Elsa Khan Ruby Kodiah Timothy McClelland Dakota Obermiyer Nicholas Peskor Sydney Rippee	Academic Senate Candidate: Austin Browne Williamson College of Business Administration: Representative Candidates: Olivia Foster Alysa Oswald Academic Sente Candidate: Leon Daugherty

A NEW TYPE OF CURRENCY

Cryptocurrency becomes a valuable investment

By Shianna Gibbons
Jambar contributor

Bitcoin took the world by storm in 2009 and cryptocurrency's popularity is increasing as its potential solidifies. With the increasing value and popularity, it is important to understand exactly what cryptocurrency is.

Albert Sumell, Youngstown State University economics professor, said there are two unique attributes that separate cryptocurrency from traditional currencies.

"It is digital. There is no physical or tangible version of the currency," Sumell said. "A second attribute is that it's decentralized. There is no central authority that can manipulate or determine the value of that currency."

Cryptocurrency is a general term for all purely digital and decentralized currency. The most well-known cryptocurrency is bitcoin. According to its website, bitcoin is defined as cash for the internet.

Sumell said cryptocurrency's digital presence differs from traditional online banking.

"[Online banking] could be digital transactions, but there is always a dollar or coin equivalent," Sumell said. "There is the potential for cryptocurrencies to have direct peer-to-peer transactions that do not involve an intermediary that would take some percentage."

Feng "George" Yu, YSU associate professor in computer science and information systems, said due to cryptocurrency's digital nature, it is very easy for anyone who has access to the internet to get involved with cryptocurrency.

"Almost everyone can participate in cryptocurrency in two ways. You can do crypto mining, and there are a lot of tutorials online and available. The tools for cryptocurrency are well developed and widely available," Yu said. "If you want to trade, there are many trading platforms available — you just have to create an account and link your bank account."

The second attribute of cryptocurrency is that there

is no governing body or country that can influence the value of cryptocurrency.

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies' value depends on the supply and demand of that particular cryptocurrency, Sumell said, and the same is true with traditional currency and other goods or services.

"[Cryptocurrency] is based on a market value," Sumell said. "With the most well-known, bitcoin, there is a fixed supply, and what determines the overall price is whatever people are willing to buy and sell that particular cryptocurrency for."

However, without the centralization of cryptocurrency, the value becomes subject to more instability. Sumell said the price of bitcoin is constantly changing.

"[Cryptocurrency] is less stable and more volatile than a traditional currency," Sumell said. "With bitcoin, in a year it went from \$6,000 to \$60,000, then down to \$42,000. Large fluctuations in a short amount of time."

Sumell said that as an investment this can be a good thing, but its usage as a currency warrants concern.

"If you buy at a low price and then sell at a high price [it is good], but it presents a great risk. You do not know [whether] the price is going to go up or down," Sumell said. "But as a currency, that is generally not good — that is not something people look for in a currency."

Yu said those wishing to use cryptocurrency should learn about it and the technology surrounding it, and investment should be taken with caution.

"Since the cryptocurrency market is volatile and still developing, I also recommend to be cautious and keep learning if one wants to trade or invest in this market," Yu said.

While some find the lack of a governing body a positive attribute of cryptocurrency, others say that, and the pseudonymity users have on the trading platforms, are pitfalls.

According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, cryptocurrency has been associated with scams, heists,



Photo courtesy of unsplash.com

Cryptocurrency isn't popular enough to replace traditional currency, but that isn't stopping its popularity.

trafficking and other illegal activities. However, pseudonymity and the lack of a central authority to oversee transactions make it difficult to stop illicit transactions.

Alan Tomhave, YSU philosophy professor and chair of humanities and social sciences, said a regulatory body and accountability would mitigate harms associated with cryptocurrency.

"The people who are in control and make sure that the cryptocurrency is working properly have an obligation to keep an eye on who is using it," Tomhave said. "Otherwise, you are creating a tool that can be used to engage in moral wrong or the conditions that allow for this to occur."

Tomhave said decentralization has historically been used for good, which makes it a difficult line to draw when weighing the harms and benefits of cryptocurrency.

"We have seen cryptocurrency used to send money to Ukraine to pay for humanitarian aid, equipment or to help fight the Russian army. This is a good cause," Tomhave said.

The Biden administration recently started discussing potential ideas to regulate cryptocurrency to mitigate harms and expand the benefits.

Yu said the blockchain that cryptocurrency uses can protect users from fraud. The blockchain is a distributed database to keep a record of the different transactions between different parties.

"Consensus is that when A transfers money to B, the A has to broadcast the message to everyone in the blockchain, and those involved need to verify this. This will avoid the fraud within the blockchain," Yu said.

Sumell said with cryptocurrency's growing popularity and the constant advancement of technology, cryptocurrency is not going away anytime soon.

"Cryptocurrencies will be around for the long-term because of the potential advantages associated with them and how well known they are now," Sumell said.

News brief: Pre-Veterinary Society

On Feb. 19, the Youngstown State Pre-Veterinary Society attended the Midwestern Veterinary Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

The MVC is an event for veterinarians and affiliates to learn about a broad range of topics relevant to veterinary medicine, to explore new surgical and medical

procedures and to share knowledge and comradery with fellow attending veterinarians.

For the Pre-Veterinary Society, attending this conference allowed members to learn about topics ranging from shelter medicine to parasite control in small ruminants. The club said it's grateful to Student Government

Association for funding this experience for club members.

****Editor's note: Submitted to The Jambar by Samantha McCullough, Pre-Veterinary Society public relations officer.**

Securing personal information on social media

By Kyle Ferraro
Jambar contributor

Proper protection on social media accounts should be a top priority for users. Female Youngstown State University students have been the victims of fake Instagram accounts created with their names and photos with erotic external links.

These accounts take pictures from the women's Instagram pages and post them on a made-up PocketStars or OnlyFans account. It's unknown whether these are personal attacks or scams from internet bots. Either way, it's a violation of privacy.

Sydney Stalnecker, a senior English major, experienced someone utilizing her information. She received messages from a friend letting her know what happened. Stalnecker's initial reaction was shock.

"I felt like my privacy was violated," Stalnecker said.

In this situation, there are a few ways to handle it, according to YSU police Chief Shawn Varso. He's heard of similar situations and gave advice on how to deal with them.

"If you are a victim of this incident, first contact whatever the social media platform is and file a report with

them," Varso said.

Stalnecker and another Instagram user who wished to remain anonymous dealt with this set of circumstances themselves and reported the accounts multiple times. After a short time, the accounts were removed.

YSU Information Technology Security Engineer Aaron Merlino and Varso both said it's important to keep social media accounts private and clean of any personal information.

"Try to make sure whatever sphere of influence that we have around our social media group stays as small and as intact as possible to limit the amount of exposure to folks out there that might want to do harm," Merlino said.

Students should be proactive in protecting themselves and their passwords.

"Don't share a lot of information. Precaution is probably one of the best things you can do," Varso said.

Whether these accounts are made by real people or internet bots is difficult to determine. Personal vendettas are thought of as one of the main reasons for the harassment, Merlino said.

"I feel like it was a personal attack, maybe from someone I went to high school with," Stalnecker said.

Scams are a rising difficulty students have to deal with, and there are plenty of signs that can give away a potential scam.

"Whenever you see economic uncertainty, you may see an uptick in scam efforts," Merlino said. "Watch for misspellings, over-politeness, and just if it seems too good to be true, it's probably not true. Another sign is if a specific company reaches out to you with a Gmail address, that isn't legit."

Merlino said to treat any account that doesn't meet the eye test with caution.

Varso said these cases could technically be considered a violation of Ohio's telecommunications harassment statute. This would be a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable with six months in jail and up to \$1,000 in fines if found guilty.

"The problem is trying to find who did it," Varso said. "It's very difficult to find evidence and prove they're guilty of the crime."

****Editor's note: Though a member of the editorial team, Stalnecker did not contribute to the editing process of the story.**

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CLASSY AND ELEGANT

Glitz and glam at Guin Gala

C. Aileen Blaine
The Jambar

Don a dress or slip on some slacks and join the Youngstown State University American Marketing Association and the YSU Advertising Club for the Guin Gala next month.

Sarah Crowe, marketing management junior and president of YSU AMA, said the gala is meant to provide students with an opportunity to dress up and enjoy a catered dinner and live music.

It's also a way to spread the idea of collaborative efforts between student organizations and clubs on campus.

"In the business college, it seems like everyone's against one another. That's not the purpose of being a part of a student organization," Crowe said. "We think it should be more of a team-type of thing. Everyone should be supporting one another."

Any student can come, regardless of their major. Alumni, faculty and staff are also welcome to attend.

"It's just an opportunity for students to come and get dressed up and have a nice dinner with some live music," Crowe said.

Tom Kopnick, a junior finance major and YSU AMA

treasurer, said the gala has the potential to set a new social tradition as the university recovers from the effects of the pandemic.

"A lot of campus clubs don't have a lot of participation — a lot of students come to class and then leave," he said. "[We want to] help rebuild that campus life after COVID."

Bianca McDonald, a senior finance major, is the market chair of YSU AMA. She said it's been difficult for many clubs to garner participation, and AMA wants the gala to serve as a point of interest to those who might be looking for something to do.

"Even before COVID, everyone's like, 'There's nothing to do, Youngstown State doesn't do anything, there's no fun,'" she said. "This is us trying to start a new tradition, and for us to have something fun to do."

The event isn't just a sit-down dinner. Though it's a formal dress and cocktail attire event, the club officers want guests to enjoy themselves above all else.

"We'll have lots of things just to celebrate the end of the year and to also show some support for student organizations in the business college," Crowe said. "We're just really looking forward to hosting this event, and we hope that you can come out and celebrate with us."

Corey Cobb-Davis, a marketing management junior

and YSU AMA secretary, said one of the things he's most looking forward to is the music, but he's also excited to see the event have a positive impact on the student body at YSU.

"I'm really down for the culture. I hope that we can influence the lives of our campus peers and make it something really memorable," he said.

Beyond hosting a good time, the gala also serves the purpose of putting the recently revived AMA chapter back on the map. The organization is always open to accepting new members regardless of major.

"The greatest thing about AMA is that we really emphasize the community. We hang out — we're friends," Crowe said.

The Guin Gala will take place at 6 p.m. April 8 at the Youngstown Country Club. Tickets cost \$27 and can be purchased through Eventbrite or via a QR code on flyers across campus. Ticket sales end March 28.

Those interested in checking out the YSU American Marketing Association are welcome to attend the weekly meetings, held 4 p.m. Thursdays in Williamson Hall's room 2205.

For more information, contact Sarah Crowe at secrowe@student.ysu.edu or Makayla Pappas at mpappas@student.ysu.edu



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YSU American Marketing Association and the Advertising Club are hosting the Guin Gala on April 8 at the Youngstown Country Club.

Highlighted activities include:

Cash bar (ages 21+)
Photo booth
50/50 basket raffle
Chinese auction
Live jazz music
DJ MazeFaze

Greek Sing to ring in spring

By Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

Greek Sing is coming up this April and will see Youngstown State University's fraternities and sororities battle it out on the floorboards of Stambaugh Auditorium in a duel of the voices. Only one will win.

The competition will involve each fraternity or sorority performing one or multiple songs while dancing. The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges who will rank the singing and choreography. The event started in 1952, and this will mark its 69th year.

Among those performing is Sigma Alpha Epsilon member and sophomore mechanical engineering major James Desharnais. He joined SAE during his freshman year at the behest of one of his room assistants and has been involved with the fraternity for three semesters. He is SAE's song chair for Greek Sing. He explained the challenges SAE has dealt with in preparing and practicing for the competition.

"I would say the biggest challenge is scheduling everything together. So, making sure that everyone can

get off of work or if someone gets hurt being able to get them healthy and healed while still having them learn everything along with us," he said.

Sororities are also joining in. Taylor Sebastiano is a sophomore biology pre-med major and member of Delta Zeta. She joined the sorority during the pandemic after she learned about it through email. She explained what she enjoyed the most about it.

"I would say [I enjoy] that they have a different theme every year. That way you kind of work together and you're like, 'We should do these songs, this would be a cool dance move to do.' I know we have some former cheerleaders, and we're thinking about different stunts, and it's just really cool to see how people can bring back things they've done in the past and show you that they have that hidden talent," she said.

Some students will be participating for the first time, like sophomore history major Alexander Papa. He is the vice president of health and safety for the Interfraternity Council and a member of Sigma Chi. Papa became involved with Sigma Chi in spring 2021.

"It is pretty competitive. So, I know, for example, we

have an outside dance instructor helping us do the stuff for the musical," he said. "We all pick themes, like certain different musicals to perform ... and everyone [in the fraternity] picks them. They're voted on."

The Interfraternity Council coordinates bids for new members of fraternities and organizes events like Greek Sing. The sorority equivalent is the Pan-Hellenic Council. Papa became involved after the previous vice president of health and safety resigned. He explained how he brought his previous experience doing part time legal work with his father to work with the council and in his fraternity.

"I come from a family of lawyers," he said. "I do part time legal work for my dad, so I've really helped them work on the bylaws and constitutions of the organizations."

If interested in getting involved with Greek Life, contact Carrie Anderson at clanderson@ysu.edu

Greek Sing will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Stambaugh Auditorium and is free to the public.

Local quartet jazzes up the YSU community

By Kara Boerio
Jambar contributor

The Ian Kinnaman Quartet is a group with ties to Youngstown State University and continues to remain local by playing twice monthly at Noble Creature Cask House.

The quartet is composed of YSU alumni: bass player Ian Kinnaman and guitar player Dave Lynn, as well as two current YSU students: trumpet player Darren Thompson and drummer Owen Davis.

Kinnaman graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education from YSU in 2020 and created the group in May 2021.

Being a musician throughout college gives students a chance to practice their skills but can create challenges since it's a big-time commitment, he said.

"My philosophy in college was just play as much as [possible]. I did a bunch of ensembles, joined as many groups outside as I could," Kinnaman said.

Belonging to multiple groups in college

will create challenges in students' day-to-day schedules, but getting involved will improve their skills as professional musicians.

"It's definitely going to get [them] more than focusing solely on the course load in [their] other classes, like playing is super important, any chance [they] get," he said.

Kinnaman looks to musicians in New York City for influence, and he said infusing elements of that sound into his music has helped the quartet develop a strong following.

Thompson, a senior jazz trumpet performance major, decided to join this group because of the level of musicianship surrounding him.

"One of my great professors at YSU told me that I never want to be the greatest person in a band, and I always want to be feeling like I always have stuff to work on," he said. "And in this group, I definitely do."

Thompson said he has a good ear and is good at taking criticism, which he believes

are strengths as a professional musician.

Lynn, who graduated from YSU in 2004 with a jazz performance degree, said the reason he's a professional musician is because he doesn't get discouraged.

"The only thing that makes me good is probably I could sit there and stink at something longer and I don't give up, I just keep on doing it until I get better at it," he said.

Davis, a senior jazz performance major, is passionate about music because it's one of the few art forms that allows him to express creativity and emotion in his work.

"I know some people can look at a painting or a sculpture and it can be a powerful thing for them, but for me, it's more the auditory, makes it way more emotional," he said.

Davis said he tries to keep his ears open and listen to all the musicians around him so he can respond accordingly.

"The music that I play — there's something very exciting about not knowing anything about what's going to happen

and just throwing yourself into the void that is performing," he said.

Dave Morgan, a professor at the Dana School of Music, has inspired these musicians and is fascinated by all styles of music.

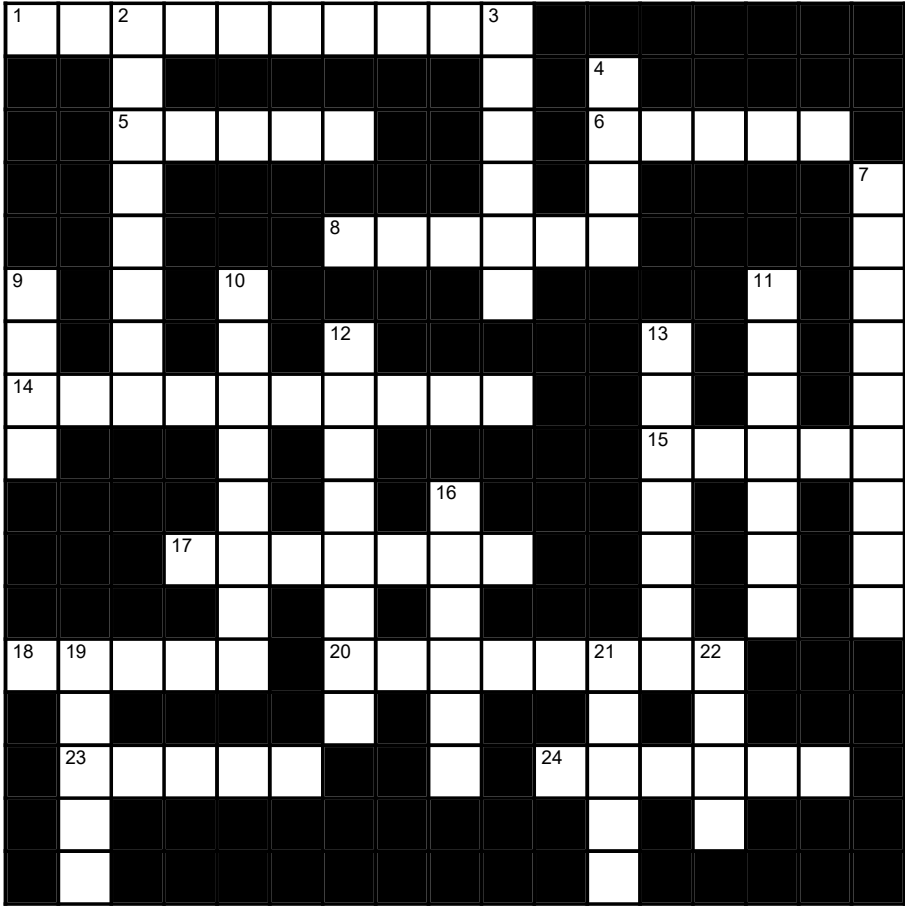
Morgan had teachers who showed him the way to a wonderful life as a professional musician and he is open to sharing this gift with his students.

"I just remember the 18-year-old me, and try to be present with everyone and help each person I work with find their own voice and realize their artistic dreams," Morgan said. "I love nothing better than seeing former students doing great things out in the world."

He wants his students to be well-rounded musicians and to develop a good ear and a great sense of rhythm. Morgan believes if a student is willing to do the work, they can acquire the level of proficiency needed for a music career.

Crossword Puzzle

Media Madness



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Sudoku



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1 XOXO...
5 Spiderman's true identity
6 Stefan's brother on TVD
8 What's new ... Doo
14 Lost a shoe, found a prince
15 The most beautiful girl in town
17 Tony Stark
18 Anatomy
20 "The day I died was the day I started to live."
23 The vampire slayer
24 Defender of Gotham
- Down**
2 Kryptonite is his kryptonite
3 Lex, Superman's rival
4 Ed, Edd, n ...
7 "Are you ready, kids?"
9 I love
10 Mother of dragons
11 Bazinga!
12 Mars, private investigator
13 The teenage witch
16 No one's neck is as incredibly thick as ...
19 Leader of the Teen Titans
21 Restored the heart of Te Fiti
22 "Can you help me find my son?"

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The Jambar Column

A moral dilemma: Helping others while protecting yourself

As children, many of us were taught to treat others the way we want to be treated and to help those in need. As we grew, we were taught to be wary — wary of the unknown, containing innumerable dangers, wary of things that seemed too good to be true, for likely they were. This conundrum poses the question: How can we help others without possibly endangering ourselves in the process?

Children are taught to never take candy from strangers, to never get into a car with a strange adult even if they claim to be a friend. But they are also taught to help — to help parents in the kitchen, stray animals or an elderly person cross the street. These contrasting lessons are now at war inside the minds of adults as we are sometimes forced to make the choice between helping others and protecting ourselves.

This moral dilemma came to mind one night as I was driving home from Youngstown State University, through a rather unsafe part of town, and saw a couple slowly, limpingly, making their



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way across the road in front of me. I was concerned if they would even be able to make their way across, dreading what would happen if they were to fall.

Would I, a 22-year-old woman, alone in the dark of night, pull off to the side of the road in a dangerous part of town to help a couple, only to see they were faking the limp as an attempt to rob an unsuspecting samaritan?

Would I — could I — keep driving past someone that appeared to be hurt? My heart would insist I help, but my head would scream that it was a trap, to listen to logic and run from potential danger, concern for others be damned.

I hate that a scenario like this is even a question. I abhor the idea that I would walk away from people that needed my

help. But mostly, I resent the people that put me in the position to even consider not stopping — leaving someone helpless, stranded — when I could have helped them. The people who take advantage of the generosity of others' goodwill.

Youngstown, dubbed "Crimetown," or "Bombtown," USA, as a result of mob activity in the mid-20th century, has since evolved from mob activity to sex trafficking. According to the 2020 Human Trafficking report from the Office of the Attorney General, Ohio ranks among the 10 worst states for human trafficking. It is not wrong to be cautious — pausing to balance potential risks does not make you a coward — the simple fact is, we live in a dangerous world.

It is not paranoia when you hear the sound of footsteps behind you on campus at night to glance over your shoulder once or twice. It is not irrational to drive past your own home, adding an additional trip around the neighborhood, to ensure the car that has followed you the last three

turns is merely on its way home as well, not tailing you to find out where you live. Nothing that could possibly keep you safe should be written off as paranoia, and you mustn't allow yourself to write off what you feel in your gut, right or wrong.

I long for the time my grandparents spoke about when they left their homes unlocked without fear of being robbed. I wish there were no need for safety seminars offering tips on how to stay safe on campus at night. And I wish, so deeply, that if someone appeared to be in need of help, any passerby could immediately offer it without fear.

We have to remind ourselves that genuine human compassion does still exist in this world of dark manipulation, because how could we step a foot out the door otherwise? Help where you can, protect those who cannot protect themselves and show compassion to those who need it, but listen to your gut and be wary of possible danger.

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The Jambar Editorial

Congress protecting our sunshine?

Each year as we hurtle through space on this giant green and blue rock, we are faced with the consequences of the social construction we call time. Time is what we base nearly every decision of our lives on. Twice each year, in our little corner of the universe, we find ourselves faced with a deconstruction of our realities in the form of daylight saving time.

It's entirely possible that the extra hour of sleep we gain in November is what keeps us coming back to this arbitrary tradition, as if we were beholden to it by a Stockholm syndrome-esque sense of loyalty. But many of us would agree that the pitch-black night sky before our evening classes even begin quickly breaks any illusion.

The United States first adopted daylight saving time March 19, 1918, but even then it faced disapproval. It was

pushed aside until former-President Franklin Roosevelt implemented "war time" from February 1942 until September 1945 as a way to cut fuel costs. It wasn't until the passage of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 that what we know as the 2 a.m. switcheroo came into fruition.

It seems that our on-again, off-again relationship with time will soon come to a close yet again. On March 15, the Senate approved the Sunshine Protection Act which, when enacted in 2023, would make daylight saving time permanent. Supporters of the bill cite "brighter afternoons and more economic activity" as benefits to the act, according to an article published by Reuters. However, the bill's struggling in the House of Representatives as Congress members view the matter as trivial in the wake of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

There's nothing stopping us from crossing our fingers on the matter, regardless of which side you're on. While there hasn't been congressional mention of how this extended evening hour will impact those with Seasonal Affective Disorder, the extra golden hour certainly stands to help those who struggle with a perceived winter bedtime of 5 p.m.

Gone will be the days of waking up disoriented because the sun's not in its usual spot in our windows, of chasing down every last clock in our homes to ensure time is relatively synced. While our winter mornings won't see light until nearly 9 a.m., at least the faintest tint of blue will linger in the sky as we crawl out of classes and work at 6 p.m.

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-Alfred, Lord Tennyson, In Memoriam A.H.H.

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RUNNING CIRCLES AROUND THE COMPETITION

Molly Radcliffe sets new Penguin record

By John Ostapowicz

The Jambar

The Youngstown State University track & field team made its outdoor season debut Saturday, March 19, at the Maryland Invitational.

The highlight of the day was freshman thrower Molly Radcliffe as she set a new school record in the women's discus throw with a distance of 48.02 meters.

The previous record was held by former Penguin Alison Roth with a distance of 47.58 meters set in 2012.

The Penguins were able to take the top spots in the men's javelin throw with senior thrower Noah Drudy recording a 62.93-meter mark to earn the top throw in the event. Freshman thrower Weston McLain made his Penguin debut and logged a personal-best distance of 58.50 meters to take the second spot.

In the men's shot put, junior thrower Dominic Perry took the top spot with a 16.56-meter throw. Junior thrower Zach Gray was able to earn the second-place nod with a 16.16-meter launch.

Helping the Penguins sweep, Radcliffe threw a personal-best of 14.68 meters. Sophomore thrower Lauren Sheehan threw 12.97-meters to earn a fifth-place nod.

Youngstown State continued its dominant performance. Two Penguins were able to place in the top three in the men's hammer throw. Gary led the event as he logged a 52.09-meter throw for the top effort of the day. Sophomore thrower Austin Clay posted a 44.80 for

third place.

In the women's hammer throw, Radcliffe was the Penguins' best finisher with a personal-best of 47.86 meters for a sixth-place finish.

Gray finished out the day by earning his third top three finish of the afternoon in the men's discus event with a 46.46-meter throw.

Because of his efforts in the throwing events, Gray was named the Horizon League Track & Field Player of the Week. His countless hours and months of practice allowed him to compete at a high level and to be named to the high honor.

"I feel like I'm not deserving of the award as a lot of people broke records this weekend, but I am thankful for the opportunity," Gray said.

Gray has excelled in throwing events over the past years, earning him the title Horizon League Co-Freshman of the Year in field events. His hard work and effort has made him a dominant force.

"I spend most of my time doing drills as well as hitting the weight room, which allows me to get in the mindset to do my best at my events," Gray said.

In the running events, senior distance runner C.J. Schumacher finished third in the men's 1500-meter run with a time of 4:04.66. Behind him was senior distance runner Mikel Lagaras as he set a new personal best with a time of 4:04.80 to finish fourth in the event.

In the men's 400-meter dash, sophomore sprinter

Ryan Laird placed third with a personal-best mark of 50.57 seconds. In the 800-meter, freshman distance runner Evan Alten made his Penguin outdoor debut and placed third with a time of 1:56.52.

Freshman distance runner Brody Rupe and sophomore distance runner Jack Aulbach both logged personal-best times in the men's 3000-meter to finish the event in the top four. Rupe finished third with a time of 9:10.59 while Aulbach placed fourth with 9:24.54.

On Monday, March 21, nine members of the track & field team were named to the indoor Horizon League Track and Field All-Academic Teams and Academic Honorable Mention teams.

Four members of the men's team were selected for All-Academic status, including senior distance runner Derek Basinger, junior thrower Brock Grundy, Gray and Perry.

In the women's program, junior distance runner Morgan Cole, senior distance runner Natalie Fleming and senior distance runner Nicole Squatrito were selected to the All-Academic Team.

Sophomore multi-eventer Emily Bee and sophomore jumper Nia Williams-Matthews were named to the honorable mention team.

Youngstown State is back in action March 24-26, competing in the three-day North Carolina State Raleigh Relays at the Paul Derr Track and Field Facility.

Bowling goes 6-1 in tournament play

By Cameron Stubbs

The Jambar

The Youngstown State University bowling team returned to action last weekend to participate in the Music City Classic in Nashville, Tennessee.

Youngstown State came into the tournament as the ninth-ranked team in the country.

The first day of the tournament saw successful Baker matches as the Penguins won four of their five matchups. Two of these wins came against top 25 teams as No. 18 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and No. 12 Maryville University fell to Youngstown State.

The only loss of the day came against No. 15 Tulane University as the Penguins finished the day in 14th place with a 4,852 total pinfall.

Day Two of the tournament saw more top-25 matchups as the Penguins took down No. 21 Lewis University

and No. 24 Monmouth University.

The traditional matches on the day were led by seniors Emma Wrenn and Ellie Drescher and freshman Jade Cote, who all averaged over 200 pins each.

Senior Emma Dockery led the team with a total pinfall of 1,023.

"I didn't even know I led the team until later at the hotel" Dockery said, "Let's just try to be the best we can, let's just try to up our RPI so we get a good seed at conference."

Wrenn feels this is the perfect time to continue this hot streak as a team as the season comes down to a close.

"I think this past weekend was the tipping point," Wrenn said, "the Conference, Regionals, and potential Nationals, we're just going to keep our foot on the gas pedal and continue to do what we do."

The single loss came at the hands of the University of Central Missouri. The total pinfall on Day Two was up

from the previous day. Another 4-1 day with the pins falling had the Penguins move up to 11th place in the tournament.

On Day Three, the Penguins matched up against ranked teams in all three of their bracket matches. Wins against No. 22 Lincoln Memorial University and No. 2 University of Nebraska had the Penguins riding high.

The last match against No. 7 Louisiana Tech University was a close loss as the Penguins fell 4.5-3.5.

Overall in the tournament, the Penguins placed 10th, the highest placement in school history.

Up next, the team will head south again this weekend to participate in the Southland Bowling League Championship in Harahan, Louisiana.

Keep track of scores for the three-day tournament on ysusports.com

Women's basketball concludes historic season

By Kyle Wills
The Jambar

Following a stupendous 23-5 regular season from the Youngstown State University women's basketball team, a loss to Oakland University in the quarterfinals of the Horizon League Championship put its season in limbo.

After receiving a first-round bye, the Penguins fell to the Golden Grizzlies 63-52. Senior Lilly Ritz scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds with fellow senior Chelsea Olson close behind with 18 points.

Both combined to score 40 of the team's points as the rest of Youngstown State shot a combined 4-for-21 with sophomore Malia Magestro unable to play with an injury. The team also struggled at the line, shooting 7-for-14.

The women were able to start the game

with a 17-13 lead after the first quarter, but were outscored in the remaining three.

Kahlaijah Dean made her return for Oakland, as she missed the last few games, and scored 18 points to lead the Golden Grizzlies.

Defensively, the women struggled to keep Oakland in check as they shot over 47% from 3-point.

They also lost the turnover battle 13-6.

Following the game, head coach John Barnes cited a key injury as a big blow to the team.

"Not having Malia killed us. She was out with an injury, and what are you going to do? She's our third-leading scorer, probably our most aggressive driving [to the hoop], our best 3-point shooter," Barnes said.

Despite making an early exit from the Horizon League Championship, the

Penguins looked to rewrite their season finish with an accepted invitation to the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Barnes said being able to play in the WNIT is a great opportunity for the team.

"Being able to be in a national tournament with BCS schools is exciting, is an honor, it's a reward, really. Fortunately, we have a great administration that allowed us to host this game, so there's a lot of excitement among the team and the community," Barnes said.

Junior guard Mady Aulbach said the team is trying to stretch out the season as long as possible.

"The biggest thing about this year is we don't want the season to end. The fact that it's March, we're still playing and we get to play in a really good tournament and play a really good team, it's really exciting for us," Aulbach said.

The women took on Kent State University at the Beeghly Center March 16, but fell short to the Flashes 68-59.

Olson scored 11 points in 13 minutes, but an ankle injury in the second quarter forced her out for the rest of the game. Over the next 13 minutes following the injury, Kent State took advantage with a 27-6 run and was ahead by as much as 14.

The Penguins battled back to trim the lead to 5, but couldn't slide ahead. Magestro and Ritz tried to pick up the offensive slack as they finished with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

The women's basketball team closed out its season after achieving many accolades, including tying the most conference wins in program history with 18 and becoming conference champions for the first time in 23 years.

Baseball wins first Big 10 matchup since 1996

By Kyle Wills
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University Penguins opened up Horizon League play this past weekend at Purdue University Fort Wayne. The Penguins battled the weather but came out with a 2-1 series victory.

On Friday, March 18, the Penguins shut out the Mastodons 4-0 on a brilliant pitching performance by redshirt senior Jon Snyder. He picked up his first victory of the season, pitching 6.1 innings, allowing one hit and striking out 10 batters.

Sophomore infielder Seth Lucero had a career-high three hits and two RBIs to guide the offense. Ian Francis stole home to account for the team's second run of the afternoon while junior infielder Braeden O'Shaughnessy drove in the other RBI in the ninth.

The Penguins were scheduled to play on Saturday afternoon, but the rain canceled the game at Fort Wayne. The two teams had to move to Defiance High School to finish out the series in a doubleheader Sunday, March 20.

In game one, Youngstown State and Purdue Fort Wayne went back and forth, but the Mastodons walked off the Penguins in the bottom of the ninth to take the game 8-7.

Four different players had multiple hits for Youngstown State in the ballgame. Senior outfielder Lucas Nasonti had three RBIs while junior outfielder Andre Good was clutch at the plate, hitting two home runs and tallying three RBIs as well.

Pitching would falter late, however, with four earned runs in the eighth inning and the winning run in the ninth.

The Penguins had a short memory in the nightcap, bouncing back to beat up on the Mastodons following an offensive outburst 12-6. The team had 13 hits, with Braeden O'Shaughnessy tying his career-highs with four hits and three RBIs.

Braeden O'Shaughnessy's brother, Pdraig O'Shaughnessy, added two hits and three RBIs to the offensive performance. Lucero and Nasanti had the remaining two multi-hit showings as Lucero had three and Nasanti had two.

The men then traveled to Penn State

University on Tuesday, March 22, to take on the Nittany Lions. Youngstown State took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the ninth inning, where the score remained final.

The win over Penn State marks the first win against a Big Ten opponent since the 1996 season and the first against the Nittany Lions since 1991.

Sophomore Nick Perez took the ball for the club for his first start of the season, pitching 4.2 innings. In those innings of work, he allowed a lone run on five hits while striking out one.

Redshirt sophomore Kenny Misik, senior Brandon Matthews and redshirt junior Alex Cardona allowed a combined two hits in three innings, and junior Nathan Ball came on the bump in the last inning to record his fifth save.

Youngstown State pitching managed to strand nine runners on base.

Both of the Penguins' runs scored off mishaps as their tying-run in the sixth scored via a fielding error while the winning run scored on a wild pitch.

Head coach Dan Bertolini said he enjoyed the atmosphere of the matchup and was impressed with the defensive

showing from the team.

"That was a great baseball game. I thought we did a great job defensively," Bertolini said. "We made some spectacular plays, Eli Brown had a great play in left field, Braeden O'Shaughnessy diving down the third base line, Jake Ellowitz with a great diving play. We can go top to bottom with just the amount of great plays we made."

After making the adjustment to the bullpen this season after a solid freshman campaign, Bertolini said he was impressed by Perez's first start of the year.

"He commanded his arm, he made some pitches and we made some good plays behind him. He's really pitched well for us this year," Bertolini said.

The baseball team will close March out on the road as it travels to West Virginia University tomorrow, March 25, for a three-game series before making a stop at Michigan State University for a matchup against the Spartans on Wednesday, March 30.

Buffenbarger pitches 3 wins in 1 week

By **Cameron Stubbs**
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University softball team took a short trip west to battle against The University of Chicago-Illinois for a three-game series.

The Penguins took two of the three games during the series.

Game one of the doubleheader saw a nearly flawless execution on both sides of the ball.

Fifth-year Elle Buffenbarger led the team to an 8-0 win, pitching a complete game shutout and allowing just five hits to secure the win.

Junior Megan Turner, who led the offense, hit a solo shot in the third inning. Junior Avery Schumacher and senior Grace Cea also contributed to the cause with doubles of their own.

Game two of the day saw the pitchers struggle as freshman Bree Kohler could only go three innings, allowing four earned runs. Her day was not all bad as she was the main factor on offense for the Penguins and knocked two hits for two RBIs.

Ultimately, the Penguins ended up dropping this game 5-4.

Game three was an offensive showdown. The Penguins pulled out of Illinois with a 7-5 victory. Leading the way was junior Conhetta Rinaldi and freshman Taylor Truran as they both hit home runs.

Buffenbarger pitched another complete game and secured her 11th win of the season.

The Penguins returned home Tuesday and split a doubleheader against St. Bonaventure University.

In game one, Kohler struggled on the mound again and gave up four earned runs in 5.1 innings.

The tight 5-4 loss was a good one for Schumacher, as she knocked in all four of the RBIs.

Game two was another one-run game as the Penguins won 3-2

Pitching was outstanding for both teams as sophomore Sophie Howell only gave up one earned run in five innings. Buffenbarger came on in relief for three innings to close out the game and grab another win.

Buffenbarger was named the Nike Horizon League Pitcher of the Week for her 3-0 effort over the week. Her 2.45 ERA with 15 strikeouts in 20 innings pitched paved the way for the Penguins.

Sophomore Hailey Niederkohr walked it off with a bases loaded single up the middle to win the game.

Schumacher stayed hot with another RBI, totalling five for the day. She was proud of her individual success for the day but didn't let that take away from her teammates.

"It just happened to be that I scored those RBIs," Schumacher stated, "but it could have been anyone else. We're all a team — we play as a team, we win as a team."

Head coach Brian Campbell saw the big day for Schumacher as a relief for other parts of the team that were struggling.

"It gives an opportunity for others to see that [Schumacher's five RBIs] with Hailey lining up behind her today and being able to drive that last run in for us to win it."

The Penguins head up to Michigan to face Oakland University for a three-game series starting today.

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