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96-YEAR-OLD AUDITORIUM RECEIVES RENOVATION



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Located on Fifth Avenue near Wick Park neighborhoods, Stambaugh Auditorium is undergoing an exterior repair.

Upgrading a rocky, historical exterior

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

Coming this summer, Stambaugh Auditorium is getting a grand restoration as it approaches its 100th anniversary in December 2026.

The state of the limestone exterior and staircase is deteriorating from the years of harsh winters, sun, rain and sleet.

JoAnn Stock, chief development officer, said Stambaugh Auditorium's exterior condition is becoming a safety hazard.

"The steps are original, and over the years the ma-

terial has started to deteriorate. They were cracked, they were crumbling and it was turning into a safety hazard," Stock said.

Stock is taking steps to improve the exterior of the building because of its history to the Youngstown community.

"Stambaugh Auditorium is such a landmark in our community," Stock said. "It's up to us to maintain that and its historic site ... with its adjacency to Wick Park and the historic neighborhood."

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Penguins for Life active in its 1st year

By Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

This year, Students for Life of America gained a Youngstown State University branch named Penguins for Life. Students for Life is a national anti-abortion group that is active on college campuses through individual and regional branches. Recently, Penguins for Life held a meeting on apologetics with the regional coordinator of Students for Life and set up a table to convince people of their position.

Senior music performance major Kayla Gilmore is the founder and president of Penguins for Life. She explained the challenges she has faced in organizing the club.

"We've faced a lot of pushback. A lot of people disagree with us, which we expected [them] to. We're continuing to push forward and press on. Organizing a club is not the easiest thing, especially when you're starting from scratch, but luckily I've had a lot of support and a lot of interest, which has been great to see," she said.

Jordan Mormon is the Ohio-Kentucky regional coordinator of Students for Life. He travels around Ohio and Kentucky working with around 90 anti-abortion campus student groups. He came to YSU from Cincinnati to teach apologetics.

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Rain

High: 58°F

Low: 36°F

Chance of precipitation:
62% rain**Fri.**

Rain

High: 48°F

Low: 36°F

Chance of precipitation:
90% rain and snow**Sat.**

Rain

High: 43°F

Low: 33°F

Chance of precipitation:
84% rain and snow**Sun.**

Mostly Cloudy

High: 44°F

Low: 27°F

Chance of precipitation:
25% cloudy**Mon.**

Rain

High: 56°F

Low: 48°F

Chance of precipitation:
43% chance**Tues.**

Rain

High: 69°F

Low: 51°F

Chance of precipitation:
25% rain**Wed.**

Rain

High: 70°F

Low: 52°F

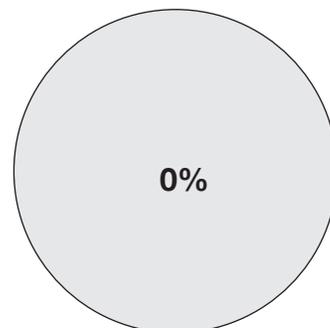
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As stated on the Stambaugh Auditorium website, the project will restore doors and iron while replacing the staircase and promenade. It will also include a wheelchair accessible ramp, exterior lighting and cleaning of the exterior facade.

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Stock said there was some patch work to the stairs as

a temporary fix a couple of years ago, but the upkeep of the auditorium's interior was the main focus.

"The board of directors decided that we needed to replace [the stairs] and make improvements that will hopefully last for the next 100 years," Stock said. "We wanted to rejuvenate the entire exterior of the building."

The total cost of the project is \$4.1 million, and about \$500,000 more is needed to complete the project.

"We've raised the bulk of it through the support of our local foundations, and we received \$1.4 million through the state capital budget process," Stock said.

Stock said they hope to finish by mid-June 2022 with the last of the funds raised and final construction that needs to be completed.

There is a committee set up making requests to donors and the general community asking for donations. On the Stambaugh Auditorium website, under the support section, is a page with information about the restoration along with how individuals can donate to help support and complete the project.

Any donated amount is welcome and accepted.

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"I teach people how to dialogue civilly with people about the issue of abortion," he said. "A lot of it, the Students for Life of America provided for me. A lot of it comes from my own formation, just on my own time reading and dialoguing with people. I was involved with Students for Life when I was in college, so I received a lot of the apologetics trainings and things. I'm pretty well educated on the issue and Students for Life does a good

job providing me with that information."

Austin Browne, junior electrical engineering major and club member, explained exactly what apologetics is for him and how he uses it.

"In the case that a disagreement might arise or some sort of conversation around the topic, it's just so that people are better equipped to defend what they believe in an intelligent way," he said. "[I use apologetics in] any place that the issue of abortion arises where there's people obviously that are pro-life and people that are pro-choice. So then me and the

rest of the group, being pro-life, we can use whatever we learned during training to maybe better articulate our beliefs to people that believe otherwise."

Mormon explained what got him to continue with Students for Life after he graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

"I've always been pretty passionately pro-life growing up due to personal reasons. I got involved with Students for Life because I'm from the greater Cincinnati area and they needed an Ohio-Kentucky Regional Coordinator. I was in between

jobs, so I went for it," he said.

The club's activity was also the week after the organization Created Equal staged an anti-abortion protest on campus. According to Penguins for Life, it was not affiliated with the protest. Mormon was even unfamiliar with the organization, emphasizing that Students for Life does not deploy "graphic imagery" in its activism like that of the protest.

If interested in Penguins for Life, contact it on Instagram @penguinsforlifeysu

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Intergenerational center hosts kick-off event

By Michael Jurus
The Jambar

A soon-to-be named new center created by a partnership between Youngstown State University and Ohio Living invites the community to join them to kick off the start of their journey, and the start of all new experiences many students do not get to have with the older generations.

Tiffany Hughes, an associate professor at YSU with a background in aging studies and public health, is an employee of Ohio Living.

“I’ve been on their long-term care facility boards, and currently I’m also on the professional advisory committee for the home, health and hospice division that currently runs the senior center,” Hughes said.

This center will not only provide programming and services to seniors through the senior center, but it will now offer services, intergenerationally, to bring the community together. Through the center, seniors and YSU students will get the chance to socialize and to better understand each other.

“The senior center, until now, has been a traditional senior center that primarily focuses on programming and services for just older adults, but the purpose of our new center is to provide more intergenerational programming where the seniors can interact with YSU students,” Hughes said.

This event is being held to announce the partnership and what it will provide to the community. Hughes said she hopes the event will get people excited about the center. Many people, such as Nicole Balog-Bickerstaff, are already excited.

Hughes invited Balog-Bickerstaff, a graduate student in health sciences, to be a part of the events’ planning committee.

“I’ve worked with her professionally for a while now, and when she asked if I wanted to be a part of the planning committee, I was very excited,” Balog-Bickerstaff said.

Balog-Bickerstaff has also worked with Ohio Living in the past and said she enjoyed her work with the organization as well. She said this center will provide many intergenerational opportunities to YSU students, as well as the surrounding community.

“First of all, free breakfast. I know that’s not the most important reason, but that’s always a good reason. Second of all, we’re having an expert in the intergenerational field come and talk about intergenerational learning, so that will be a very exciting presentation to hear from her,” Balog-Bickerstaff said.

Different organizations will attend the event to give YSU students and other members of the community a chance to learn about volunteering opportunities around Youngstown and to get a chance to work with each other.

There will be plenty of interactive activities at the event, including a raffle and chances to meet new people. The name of the new center will also be announced at the event.

“Ohio Living had a contest, and both YSU students and community members were invited to participate to name the new senior center, and they are announcing the winner, so if you entered for the contest, I highly encourage you to come see if you won. The person who won is going to get a gift card,” Balog-Bickerstaff said.

Not only will this center be a way for people of different generations to socialize, but according to Mona Mangiarelli, the director of the senior center, this can change the way people view other generations.

“I think that [it’s] breaking down the ageisms on both ends because, I mean, you hear some negative remarks, you know the youth talking about seniors in the community as well as the seniors talking about [the] youth in the community. I think it’s a great opportunity for them to be like, you know, well, ‘That’s not our community as a whole,’” Mangiarelli said.

This event will be hosted from 9 a.m.-1 p.m Monday, April 18, in McKay Auditorium in Beeghly Hall. At the event, YSU and Ohio Living will host a light breakfast, announce the winner of the name contest, host a presentation by Joann Montepare and provide information tables of organizations for intergenerational learning.

Pre-Veterinary Society offers affordable clinic for community

By Victoria Olayiwola
The Jambar

The Pre-Veterinary Society at Youngstown State University opens a clinic once every semester, providing learning opportunities for pre-veterinary students while giving back to the community.

The establishment of the society was solidified with the help of Heather Lorimer — the society’s advisor — and Tina Costarella, who worked hand-in-hand with a couple of students who were planning to get into veterinary school.

Samantha McCullough, the public relations officer for the club, talked about the general overview of the upcoming spring

clinic.

“We have people for the spring clinic, and we hope to have a lot more because people are re-registering their dogs and other animals as to get vaccinations like rabies and get tested for things like heartworm. It is just, like, a way to make it more affordable for the community,” McCullough said.

One of the events the society hosts, McCullough said, is the spring clinic.

“Our biggest club activity that is open to the public is the clinic. We have other activities like the monthly meeting that is always held, so if anyone is interested, feel free to email me at [my] YSU email or Elizabeth Chiarello, who is the president

of the club,” she said. “The club also tends to go to the table events YSU puts on, so feel free to walk up and talk to us during table events.”

McCullough detailed the purpose of the clinic and expanded on the type of animals that could benefit from its services.

“One of the goals of this clinic at YSU is to get as many animals cared for in the area as the pre-vet clinic can and also, the services provided by this society helps to express the importance of getting vaccinations for all animals and having them fixed,” McCullough said. “We don’t only see cats and dogs, but we come across other animals like rabbits and other sorts.”

The clinic welcomes clients from all ar-

eas, near and far.

“People who live in Youngstown and around, like, Cleveland, Canfield and Boardman also come around the clinic with their animals because we get people to write out addresses and everything so that we have information of both the client and patient,” she said.

The Marjorie Hartman Family Foundation Pet Clinic will be hosted by the YSU Pre-Veterinary Society and Buster’s Brigade from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 23 at Lot M32, located on the corner of Adams and Walnut streets.

Maag Library, Labendz collaborate for Yom Hashoah

By Henry Shorr
The Jambar

Maag Library will be collaborating with Jacob Labendz, director of the Center for Judaic and Holocaust studies, for April's Movie at Maag event to commemorate Yom Hashoah. The Czech film "The Distant Journey" will be shown and accompanied by a talk from Labendz.

Colleen Duchon, the reference librarian at Maag, helped to start the Movies at Maag series in the fall to give students an on-campus event where they could safely socialize.

"Once a month, we'd have a poll and students will be able to kind of pick whatever movie they want to watch and — the first in September and October — we actually projected the movies onto the side of The Butler," Duchon said. "It was just a fun thing that we did. And then because it was successful, we decided we'd do it through spring as well."

Maag showed movies for Valentine's Day and Women's History Month, and now it is working with Labendz to showcase, not just this historic film, but also Labendz' knowledge on the movie and the Holocaust.

According to Labendz, "The Distant Journey" by Alfréd Radok was one of the first movies about the Holocaust. Filmed in 1949, it weaves in real footage from Theresienstadt with a love narrative of a Jewish woman being ripped from her gentile lover. He went further

into why this film is so important in the context of Holocaust media.

Labendz spoke on how this film evokes a visceral, emotional response by weaving a narrative in with documentary footage shot during the liberation of the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

"They're skinny — showing, like, the limits of representation in some ways. Okay, so here's documentary footage, but what does it really teach us? What do we see? How do you entertain the experiences of the people in those films?" Labendz said.

Labendz described the parallels between what is in this film and what is happening in today's world.

"I think, interestingly, with the question of what totalitarianism and fascism do to communities and families, how it rips families apart, created new divisions where divisions may not have existed before, explored how class privilege also affected people's experiences, and that the end, I think, offers a somewhat problematic salvific idea of the redemption of Jews," Labendz said.

He continued by laying out some of the more problematic points of this film.

"The salvation of Jews by this sort of broader Czechoslovak Christian community, which film scholar Judith Donnison, at least, has pointed out was a bit of a trope that the Jewish woman would be rescued for the romantic love of a Christian man, so it's not an unproblematic film. But it's fascinating and very important," he said.

Duchon explained why collaborating with Labendz

for this screening was so important to her.

"Dr. Labendz is going to be leaving shortly. We really wanted to do something to honor him and because Holocaust Memorial Day is at the end of April, we thought we could combine those two things," she said. "We could give him an opportunity to really showcase his knowledge and his understanding of the information, and he's done lectures on the movie before. So we kind of felt like it was just a perfect pairing of making it educational and also getting to collaborate with him and the Center for Holocaust studies."

Duchon, who took a Holocaust studies course when she was majoring in history at Youngstown State University, believes it is an important topic for everyone to have some knowledge in, so she is happy to be able to facilitate not only the showing of this film, but also the talk from Labendz.

"['The Distant Journey'] was the first dramatization of the Holocaust. It was actually filmed in Theresienstadt, so you know ... it's going to give people a different look at the Holocaust movies that are more, like, Americanized and more current," she said. "Even if I wasn't, you know, co-hosting this with him or co-sponsoring this event with him, I want to come to this just because, you know, he's an expert, and he's going to be able to give really, really interesting information about this."

The film will be shown at 6 p.m. April 27 at Maag Library. For more information, go to the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation's website.

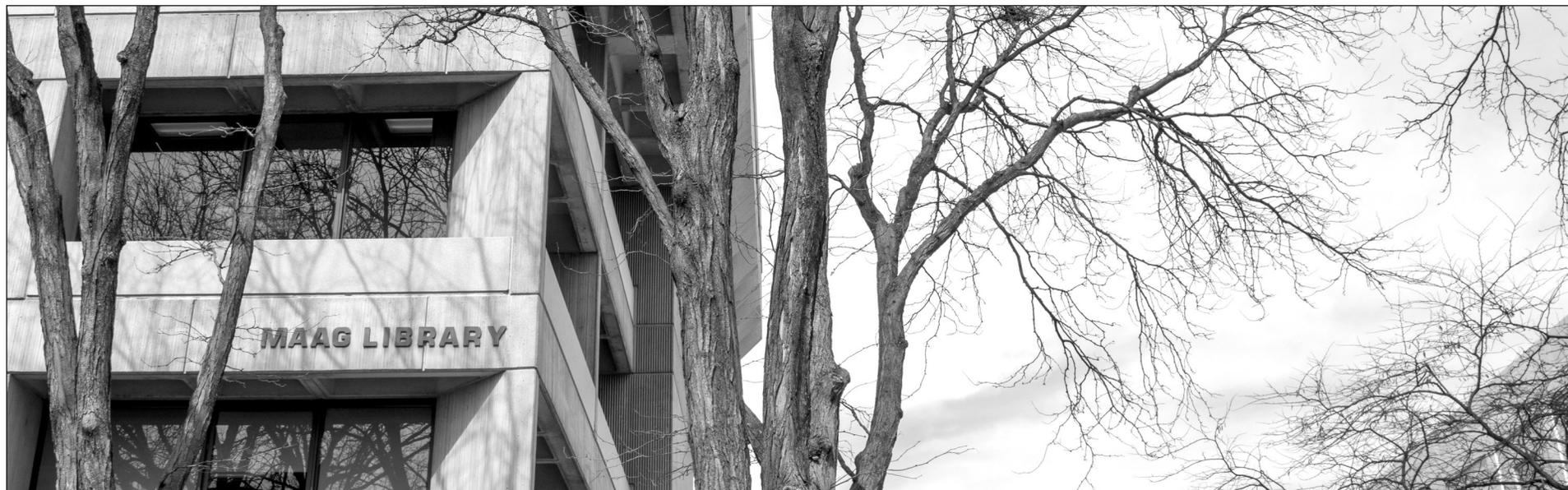


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"The Distant Journey" surrounds a woman affected by the Holocaust and is being played on April 27.

Mental health in the workplace

By Jillian McIntosh
The Jambar

Mental Health America reported that 19.86% of adults are experiencing a diagnosed mental, behavioral or emotional disorder. Youngstown State University officials advise students on preserving their mental health as professionals.

Jake Protivnak is a professor and graduate counseling program director at YSU. He said graduate students can prioritize their mental health when choosing a job.

“It’s not just about getting the job, but getting a job at a company or business that is the right type of culture and environment to support you as a person,” he said. “I think it’s really important for students to consider when you’re looking for a job.”

Protivnak said a workplace that creates and promotes a culture supporting physical and mental wellness

would benefit those struggling with depression.

Graduate student Morgan Fisher is a first-year clinical mental health counseling student in the graduate studies program. She said it is important for an employer to take mental health seriously.

“If an employer is dismissive of their employees’ mental health, there is a good chance they will only make it worse,” she said. “If someone is struggling with their mental health, it is important that they feel heard and supported.”

Changed behavior or thoughts are immediate warning signs of depression that everyone should be aware of.

According to Fisher, fatigue, headaches and changes in appetite and sleep are also signs that an individual may have depression.

Protivnak said adults struggling with depression should seek support.

“I encourage people to reach out and speak with someone,” he said. “Ideally, someone should be connected to a mental health professional for counseling.”

He said individuals who find counseling intimidating should talk to a trusted professional such as a professor.

There are many resources available for students.

The Student Counseling Center, located in Kilcawley Center, offers free, short-term counseling services. The counseling center also hosts group events relating to mental health, such as managing stress and anxiety workshops.

Health care is also available at the Mercy Health Clinic, located on Wick Avenue. The cost of student services is included in the student health fee of university tuition.

If someone is in crisis, they can call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or text the Crisis Text Line 741-741.

When free speech turns offensive

By Shianna Gibbons
Jambar contributor

Universities and colleges are melting pots for people with different backgrounds, hobbies, beliefs, morals and goals. This allows for exchanging different ideas, but when those ideas are offensive or harmful to some, it may be valuable to know how to respond.

Universities and colleges follow state rules regarding the First Amendment’s protection of free speech, expression, thought and assembly. Youngstown State University’s campus free speech policy (3356-4-21), protects this right and defines some guidelines.

Free speech and expression are common values found in the marketplace of ideas. This philosophical concept encourages expressing ideas and civil engagement with others about different or competing ideas.

Alan Tomhave, YSU philosophy professor and chair of humanities and social sciences, said campuses allow the marketplace of ideas to occur in two ways.

“[First], universities and colleges allow for ideas to be put out there and discussed by students and faculty and their justifications,” Tomhave said. “[Second] is that universities and colleges produce new ideas. They engage in discussions on new

and developing topics.”

The marketplace of ideas depends on the principle that people will engage civilly and be receptive to other ideas.

“The rules that are suggested is that there is respectful dialogue. We should be engaging in civil discourse,” Tomhave said. “Another rule is to look at the ideas and the justifications for those ideas. Whatever the justifications are, is where the back and forth discussion takes place.”

While civil discourse is the goal, this can be harder to accomplish when discussing controversial topics. Joy Tang, associate professor in psychological sciences and counseling, said this could be attributed to identity and politics.

“Controversial topics, especially those pertaining to politics and culture, are deeply ingrained in our identity,” Tang said. “When we voice an opposing view, we might be attacked not only on the opinion, but also on who we are as people. This makes these topics difficult to discuss.”

If the discussion turns sour or if someone is behaving antagonistically, Tang said there are a few ways to go about the situation.

“Hear them out, let them know you are listening to what they are saying. Often, people do not feel like they’re being heard, and this leads to more intense discussions,” Tang said.

However, Tang said this is not always the case.

“If that person is perpetually aggressive, it may not be the time to engage with that person. Also, it is important to self-reflect on our responses,” Tang said.

Nicole Kent-Strollo, dean of students and ombudsperson, said students who feel offended or possibly triggered by something they see or hear on campus have a few options.

“[First], remove yourself from the situation the best you can,” Kent-Strollo said. “Then we want people to be able to reach out to us. Then we can give them guidance or go forward with different options and allow us to help them the best we can.”

Rose McClurkin, a sophomore majoring in political science who works tables for Planned Parenthood Generation Action, said civil engagement and education is the goal.

“We have a lot of demonstrations and tabling on campus. We want people to learn, we want to engage people in a productive way, and it is important to be kind to everyone,” McClurkin said.

McClurkin said being respectful in every situation is essential.

“The YSU app seems to be like the most toxic social media site,” McClurkin said. “Being nice and respectful to each other [is important] because the conversations

and compromises are never going to be made if we cannot make contact with each other in the hallways.”

The free speech policy on campus is extended to social media sites such as the YSU app. Students have used this space to discuss campus activities and debated issues such as the mask policy and abortion protests, but the conversation is not always civil.

Tang said there is a psychological theory called individuation that occurs when we have online discussions instead of in-person discussions.

“Individuation is the idea that people feel like their personal identity is removed. They feel that the regular constraints on moral behavior [are] removed as well,” Tang said. “In online situations, we feel like we are not going to be held accountable, and that gives some incentive to be antagonistic as much as they wish.”

Kent-Strollo said her office’s goal is to be proactive in reaching out to students when they feel distressed.

“We have staff that monitors the app to look out for students. If a student seems to be targeted or expresses that they are clearly hurting, we reach out to them,” Kent-Strollo said. “It is never about censoring anything, but it is about looking out for people on our campus.”

WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Military women share their experiences

By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

For Women's History Month, Youngstown State University's Office of Veterans Affairs spoke about women in the military and female veterans shared their experiences.

Jaesson Lujan, coordinator of Veterans Affairs, explained what the main goal for the office is.

"The Veterans Resources Center enhances the academic, professional and individual success of veterans, service members and their families," he said. "We're steadfastly committed to supporting our military community in all areas of higher education to include military education benefits, academic success, graduation, career and professional development and overall well-being."

Lujan explained that out of the six military branches, the Air Force has the highest number of women.

"The Air Force has the highest proportion of females — they're about 21%," he said. "That's about 4 to 5 points higher than the rest of the other branches. It's usually

about 17% comprised of women."

In statistics provided by the Office of Veteran Affairs, it is stated that female veterans attain their degrees at higher rates than male veterans. Lujan explained why he believes this to be true.

"Women have historically been at a disadvantage in the military. Just to gain entry into the military and to try to climb up the ranks, they probably had to fight a little bit harder," he said. "I think that that level of resiliency is kind of baked into their DNA through military service and I think that that just extends on and into their academic pursuits and pretty much everything else in life."

Areli Davis, a senior majoring in construction engineering technology, detailed her time in the Marine Corps.

"It was a lot of work to do. It was very difficult. Getting there was probably the worst of it, but once I was in, I didn't want to leave. Definitely a second family," she said.

Jayna Vilsack, a senior majoring in social work, detailed her experience with the Army Reserves.

"I was in a long time ago. I went in '97, so it was a lot different than what it is now," she said. "I would say it

was a little bit tough at times, but it wasn't terrible. I had a good group of people in my basic training and all that with me and [they] welcomed me pretty well."

Shaiyla Hakeem, a graduate student majoring in clinical health counseling, explained what it is like managing school and being in the Army Reserves.

"Since I started school, I've always been involved with the reserves. It's hard to manage civilian life and military life," she said.

Lujan detailed why he thinks it's important to see more women in the military and promote the growth in numbers.

"Our society has come a long way. Women have historically been kind of pigeonholed and ushered into certain segments, certain jobs," he said. "That's unfair and you don't want to do that to anybody. It's good that women are being able to broaden their horizons, go do things that they previously weren't allowed to do."

For more information about the Office of Veteran Affairs, visit its building on Wick Avenue or check out its website at ysu.edu/veterans-affairs

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Students to monkey around at Go Ape

By Kyle Ferraro
Jambar contributor

A day of treetop fun is promised for students April 16. Youngstown State University's Adventure Recreation team is taking students and interested faculty and staff to the Go Ape Zipline & Adventure Park in Cleveland.

Go Ape is a high-ropes course 50 feet in the air that includes zip lines, Tarzan swings and obstacles advertised as exciting.

R.J. Markowitz, coordinator of Adventure Rec at YSU, is organizing the trip. This is the first time the Adventure Rec team will visit Go Ape.

"It has always been something we have talked about," Markowitz said. "But it always depends on student interest. We are always trying to provide something new and something different along with the old favorites."

Markowitz said all transportation will be provided, as well as necessary equipment like rappelling gloves.

This trip has a maximum limit of 15 people. It's open to all members of the YSU Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. This includes all stu-

"We ensure that everyone who comes to Go Ape has the training and skills to complete a treetop activity," Budden said. "For the safety of everyone, we require all participants to read and sign our wavier before you 'Go Ape.'"

— Jason Budden,
chief operating officer

dents and any faculty and staff who have paid memberships. The trek to Go Ape will be a great way to meet like-minded individuals, Markowitz said.

"College is the time when you're supposed to step outside your comfort zone," Markowitz said. "You don't want to look back and say, 'I wish I would've done this.'"

Matthew Mazei, a sophomore criminal justice major, loves the idea of attending this trip.

"Going on this trip sounds like it'd be

a lot of fun," Mazei said. "I've grown up climbing trees and have been zip lining before, so going up with other YSU students should be fun."

Mazei isn't worried about any safety concerns that may come with this obstacle course.

"All of the employees there take their job seriously and will teach us all the right ways to go through the course," Mazei said.

Jason Budden, chief operating officer at Go Ape, said the safety of guests is top priority.

"We ensure that everyone who comes to Go Ape has the training and skills to complete a treetop activity," Budden said. "For the safety of everyone, we require all participants to read and sign our waiver before you 'Go Ape.'"

All of the Go Ape courses are inspected by staff through regular audits and the use of third-party Association for Challenge Course Technology certified inspectors, Budden said.

In case of emergency, Go Ape team members are properly trained.

"All the staff undergo regular training in terms of dealing with an emergency. We also have a rescue-trained staff member at the site at all times," Budden said.

The course will take around two hours to finish. The buses will leave campus at 10 a.m. and are expected to return between 4-5 p.m.

To register, search Campus Recreation on the YSU website and click on the store tab. The registration deadline is 3 p.m. April 14, and the cost is \$70.



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Chicago artist showcases printing process

By C. Aileen Blaine
The Jambar

For those who are hard-pressed to learn more about the printmaking process, the latest Red Press Collaborative live showcase is here to scratch that itch. Youngstown State University's visual and dramatic arts department is hosting a week-long printmaking program featuring guest artist Richard Repasky.

The Chicago-based lithographer combines his passions for the history of graphic art and parody to educate and share his experiences with young artists across the country.

"A lot of [my inspiration] is things that I find funny or cryptically autobiographical. There's a lot of parody in my love for graphic art and the lithographers of the early 20th century," he said.

Repasky came to the Youngstown area at the request of fine arts department professor Joseph D'Uva. The two have known each other for over 20 years, since they met at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago as students. Though the invite came in 2019, the pandemic put a hold on Repasky's arrival to the university as a featured artist under the Red Press Collaborative.

As the first in-person collaborative program since 2019, D'Uva said it's good to be able to provide students with an intimate atmosphere to see firsthand how art is made.

"We tried to do one virtually last year, and it was difficult to do," he said. "It wasn't as fun. The students didn't get the nice personal interaction with the artist — that's the main part."

The Red Press Collaborative is a program promoting fine art printmaking in the Mahoning Valley and at the university. Visiting guest artists team up with students to create original prints. Previous years' prints and artworks will be on display and available for sale, and proceeds go toward funding abroad courses through YSU and bringing more artists to the school.

"The people from the art department get a chance to get that one-on-one experience," D'Uva said.

This year's program demonstrates various types of printmaking methods, such as intaglio, relief, lithography, screen and digital printing. Repasky's main passion comes out through lithography, which is a method of printing from a flat surface — such as a stone or metal plate — on which the blank surface is ink-repellent and the image is ink-receptive. The unnecessary ink is

then able to be removed without disturbing the image.

In addition to mentoring students on the most effective methods and approaches to creating attention-grabbing works, Repasky also offers some perspective on the realities of being an artist.

"Even in my generation, it wasn't uncommon to have three teaching jobs or a full-time job — that was life, and you tried to make art in whatever fashion you could, wherever you could," he said.

Another issue budding artists may encounter is the high cost of materials and tools, which can hinder the creative process to some degree, according to Repasky. Even finding a space to store equipment and work is no easy matter. But even so, there are many options for artists and creative minds to do what they love, whether it be through contracts or commissions, web design, photography and more.

"If you are absolutely passionate about it, go for it. There are easier ways to make money, but they aren't as rewarding," Repasky said.

As the program is free and open to the public, those interested can observe the showcase from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1:30–4 p.m. April 4–8 in Bliss Hall room 4025.

Printing Services provides resources to Youngstown community

By Kara Boerio
Jambar contributor

Youngstown State University offers a Printing Service office for students, university departments and businesses. It's located in the Salata Complex and provides various services.

The staff works closely with Graphics Services in Kilcawley, which creates printing for student-related events, and Creative Services in Tod Hall, which designs recruitment publications and other events on campus. The staff prints large quantities and full-color or black-and-white copies.

Melissa Schoenfeld, the print supervisor, said the shop recently received two inquiries from students running for student government, and she assisted them with their campaign material.

"We can print postcards, brochures, letterhead, business cards, envelopes [and] we do table tents for events, notecards and forms," Schoenfeld said. "We also print tests, syllabus, syllabi, invita-

tions and mailings."

She said much of what they print is for admissions, and Penguin Preview Day is a significant time of the year for them.

"We have equipment that will collate, staple, stitch and face trim programs," she said.

The equipment is efficient, Schoenfeld said, and reduces the number of working hours it would typically take to do the job.

"That will process a sheet of cardstock that [the] business cards are printed on, and with a touch of a button, it takes that and cuts it all down to the individual cards," she said.

Upon pickup, students and businesses will need to make a payment. They accept checks, credit cards and cash payments.

Chris Duckworth, the print assistant, runs the print jobs and said a student was recently pleased with his senior composition recital booklet.

"I'm proud of this one because he was so happy with it, and it made me feel

good," he said.

Anna Pascarella, manager of print and delivery services, said they rarely see students face-to-face for services as students usually contact them via email.

"We would welcome an opportunity to answer their questions and see exactly what they want [to be] printed," she said.

Students will fill out the charge form with all the specifications and provide the artwork, allowing Printing Services to notify the student if they can run the job.

When students returned to campus, activity picked up in the shop, allowing it to prepare for jobs they hadn't seen due to COVID-19.

"We have some [jobs] we only do once a year," Pascarella said. "The English Festival is one of them."

The office typically has a few students working 10–15 hours a week in the shop. The students help with packaging and taking the finished products to Delivery Services. The printed items are then de-

livered to departments across campus.

"We always have students down here, and we'll always have them," she said.

Pascarella wants students to build their customer-service skills by learning how to plan, answering the phone and greeting customers professionally.

"The students have been a great asset," she said.

Printing Services is fortunate to have stayed in business, Pascarella said, because other colleges had to close their print shops due to COVID-19. In addition, the administrative assistant position was eliminated due to budget cuts, leaving the current staff to absorb the workload.

Pascarella said she is proud of her staff, as they take pride in the work that goes out of the shop.

Printing Services is open from 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions, contact printing services at printingservices@ysu.edu

Letter to the Editor

'Contextualizing the Russian Invasion of Ukraine' Response

There were several good points made by professors Bonhomme, Simonelli and Sracic in their efforts to “contextualize” the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Let me add one which I think comes closer, and is simpler, than any past or contemporary observation can be. This entire situation can be explained as an example of power politics involving both the U.S. and Russia. John Mearsheimer (University of Chicago) is the foremost U.S. academic who insists that “offensive realism” is the name of the game. That is, great powers are never satisfied with “just enough” power, but rather continue to seek more, both to survive and to become a regional hegemon. Russia and the U.S. are perfect examples of this with Ukraine being the tragic victim of this game. For interested readers, there is a new book by M. E. Sarotte, a professor of history at Johns Hopkins University — “Not One Inch: America, Russia, and the Making of the Post-Cold War Stalemate.” The book describes NATO’s eastward expansion after 1991, which all post-Soviet Russian leaders protested every step of the way. But Russia was weak in the 1990s and couldn’t do anything about this. Putin was determined to bring Russia back to a position of strength in the 2000s and beyond. The dean of American Russian studies, George Kennan, as well as many State Department foreign service officers warned back in the 1990s that NATO expansion would eventually lead to tragedy. And it has.

Much has been made of the adept and skillful use of anti-tank weapons by Ukrainian soldiers. This did not happen overnight. The U.S. has been training Ukrainian troops in all manner of weapon use and combat since 2008 (Stephen Bryen, “Ukraine war has exploded NATO’s credibility,” *Asia Times* 17 March 2022). Remember, Russia was not regarded as “aggressive” at this time toward Ukraine. The U.S. also assisted the Ukrainians in the dredging and deepening of their Black Sea ports in preparation for joint NATO-Ukraine naval exercises. All of this could easily be understood as getting Ukraine

ready for NATO membership, certainly by the Russians who didn’t like it one bit.

But Ukraine did not become a NATO member, despite having the “benefits” of U.S. training and weapons stockpiles. Several European members feared Russian reactions if Ukraine membership became a reality. In the meantime, the U.S. was constructing bases in Romania and Bulgaria, allegedly for “anti-ballistic missile” purposes. What’s curious about the base in Romania (Mihail Kogălniceanu) is that it has a full runway capable of handling all sizes of U.S./NATO aircraft. The base was also declared “permanent” in the spring of 2014 at the very moment that Putin decided to seize eastern Ukraine and Crimea.

NATO is hypocritical as well. It claims that it cannot intervene in Ukraine because the country is “not a member of NATO” covered by Article 5 (which does NOT mean that NATO automatically goes to war in the event of an attack on any one member). Bryen sees this rejection as “nonsense” since “NATO military operations have taken place elsewhere involving non-member states and actors.”

Some examples include: Bosnia-Herzegovina (1992-2004), Serbia and Kosovo (1999-today), Operation Active Endeavor, Mediterranean Sea (2001-2016), and the International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan (2002-2014). Clearly, Ukraine turned out not to be a vital national security concern for the U.S. and its NATO allies. It is for Russia, given U.S. and NATO activities in and around Ukraine since 2008.

Most American elites, at least in public, prefer to use the language and conceptual framework of international “liberalism.” This rests on assumptions of the relative trustworthiness of human beings, the “reform” of states in favor of “democracy,” the workability of international law and institutions, and the slow but steady development of a “global” or cosmopolitan world. These tend to be very popular ideas in American universities, often

animated by very good intentions. Who could be against “peace” and “democracy”? But turn those assumptions around and ask just how well they are working inside America today.

The fact of the matter is that the U.S. runs a kind of global empire with over 700 military bases abroad. Unfortunately, our military has demonstrated that it is incapable of winning wars. But yet we insist on “peace through strength.” “Realist” language today is most apparent in how many elites talk about China and the return of “great power conflict.” We fear losing our power position in the world to a new rising power. That’s always a dangerous situation.

No one can say how the Russian war in Ukraine will turn out. But what is clear is that Russia is a declining great power despite what it is doing at the moment. Its initial military operations on land have proven inept. Its population is absolutely declining. That is not a good recipe for the development of new national wealth relative to military power. But what should be clear is that the efforts of both NATO and the EU to take Ukraine out of Russia’s sphere of influence has backfired terribly, with utter tragedy befalling the Ukrainian people. Mearsheimer said back in 2015 that such efforts would lead to Putin “wrecking Ukraine.” There you have it.

American elites in public do not like discussions of international politics that include references to balances of power and spheres of influence. But the U.S. has long exercised a very clear “sphere of influence” in the entire Western hemisphere, which has its origins in the Monroe Doctrine of the 19th century. We are also the clear “commanders” of NATO. We have always played power politics, and so have the Russians. In this one way, we understand each other very well.

Keith J. Lepak, Associate Professor Emeritus
Politics and International Relations

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Quote of the week

“I sing of brooks,
of blossoms, birds and
bowers: Of April, May, of
June and July-flowers.”

-Robert Herrick, *Hesperides*

The Jambar Editorial

Cutting down to business

Youngstown State University has sunset programs and cut faculty to battle the enrollment decline, which is something every university has coped with for several years now. However, YSU has recently been awarded \$200,000 for one very specific reason: to help fight educator shortages.

According to a Vindicator article, the university is aiming to put this money toward scholarships for students currently studying to become teachers as a lack of educators in the Youngstown area runs deep.

Students studying education at YSU are watching their own educators lose their livelihoods. The message the university is sending to students who want to become teachers is suffering from imbalance. With continuous cuts to faculty how can their future jobs be safe and secure?

The Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education has three faculty who were non-renewed from this year going into next, which only adds to the cuts faculty have already faced at YSU.

YSU “wants” students to pursue education degrees — it seems — with this grant, but how can the university back such a claim when you look at the degrees that are being sunset? The university is sunsetting art education at the master’s level and Italian education at a bachelor’s level.

Students who hear about the grant and scholarships available will be drawn to YSU to study education, but that draw won’t last long when incoming students learn what they want to study isn’t available and professors who have a degree in that field are constantly being cut.

With the university struggling to fight declining enrollment, providing less options for possible students certainly doesn’t help as these students could simply go elsewhere to pursue a degree with similar scholarship opportunities.

This scholarship wasn’t unique to YSU either, as Kent State University received the same grant award to help combat faculty shortages. Unlike YSU, KSU does offer a master’s degree in art education, making the possibility

for students to go elsewhere with more options and the same scholarship opportunities likely.

The draw of being awarded a scholarship or grant to help students pursue a degree is integral in boosting enrollment, but what draw is there if those students are watching the jobs they want be cut time after time?

The grant awarded to these students is well-deserved and a bright spot in regard to everything young educators have been through, especially during the pandemic, where many educators had to teach remotely and fight against never-before-seen learning curves, but students are not ensured a piece of the scholarship pie.

The university is encouraging students to pursue education while consistently turning their backs on the very educators they’ve hired to teach and inspire the next generation.

We as students — studying education and not — must do our best to support our faculty in the hopes they’ll be around long enough to support us.

The Jambar Column

As the season shifts, don’t give bunnies as gifts!

As Easter approaches, we’re bombarded everywhere we go with images of rabbits: Peter Cottontail and his adorable little jacket; the Easter Bunny with his basket of eggs and jelly beans. Springtime means hippity-hoppiters in our yards munching on the newly green grass.

It also means some individuals are overcome with the urge to visit a pet store and purchase a small bun as a surprise gift for a loved one.

While rabbits are without a doubt sweet, loveable and squishable little creatures in every right, they’re also a much larger commitment than an uninitiated person may realize. As a popular choice of pet in the United States, many people assume that they’re easy “starter pets.” However, this couldn’t be farther from reality.



C. Aileen Blaine

— as an example of how extensive proper care can be.

Last month, my little boy decided to eat one of my hair ties. It took two visits to the vet to determine the cause of his drooling and erratic behaviors, all to the tune of a “measly” \$310. Of course, he’s more than worth it for all the sunshine he brings into my life, but for a college student writing for the school newspaper, \$300 is a lot of money!

I happen to be a huge advocate for

free-roaming rabbits. They’re very energetic creatures and very curious. Contrary to popular belief, a cage is no place for a bunny. Their personalities only truly blossom when they have room to explore and exercise. You can train them to use a litterbox, but this takes time, consistency and lots of positive reinforcement. If you wouldn’t keep your cat or dog cooped up in a kennel for an extended period of time, you shouldn’t do so with your rabbit, either.

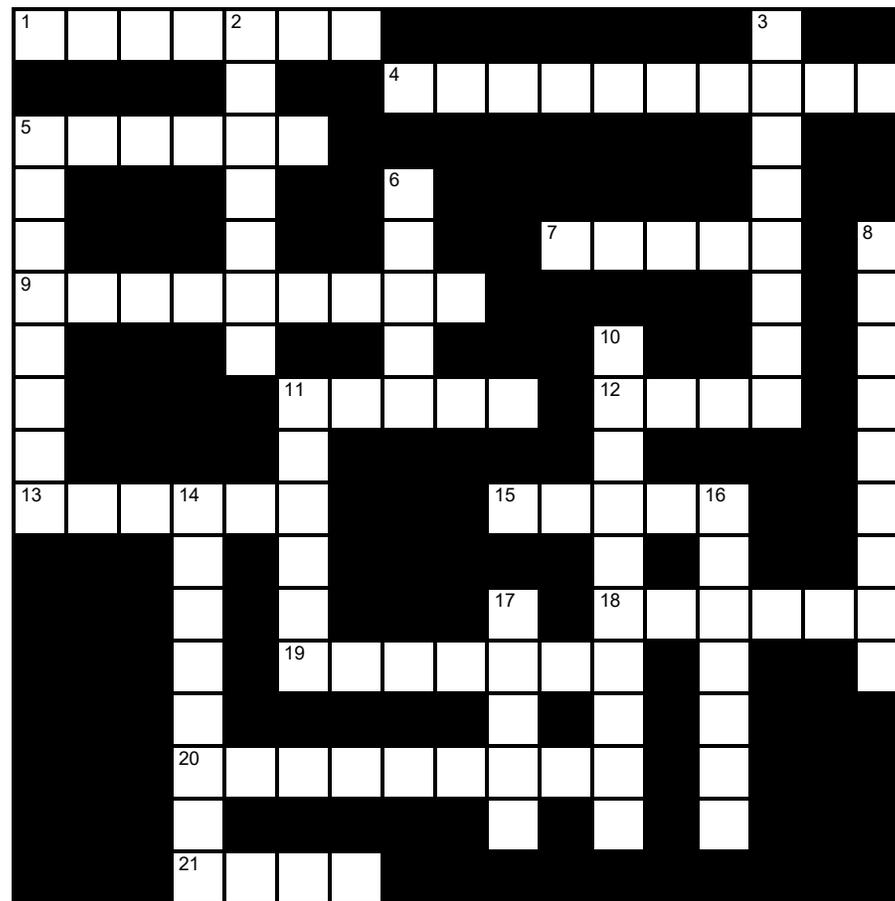
And if you do decide you’re comfortable with a bun prowling about the place, you’ll have to be certain all valuables are out of reach. As much as Covfefe loves to eat hair ties, he loves books, electrical cords, homework and clothes even more. If you don’t want nibbles on your possessions, you’ll have to “bunny-proof” your home — and even then, safety is not al-

ways guaranteed as rabbits are notoriously good at jumping.

If we’re going to discuss bunny maintenance, it would be misleading if I didn’t mention the twice-yearly molt. Yes, much like reptiles and birds, rabbits shed their fluffy coats for the season’s latest style. This means fur everywhere — on your clothes, on your floors and sometimes even in your eyes and mouth. Brushing and grooming takes time and diligence, and some buns are known for absolutely abhorring this process.

I implore those of you who are tempted to pick up a small floofball this Easter to reconsider with these points in mind. While rabbits will always stay cute and fluffy, these qualities come with both a literal and figurative price tag. If you’re uncertain, I suggest sticking to the chocolate variety this Easter.

Crossword: Marching into April



Across

- 1 A plant's flower
- 4 Here comes Peter ...
- 5 An orange vegetable
- 7 Marshmallow treats
- 9 A result of pollen
- 11 The figurehead of Easter
- 12 To dye, eat or both
- 13 Where plants reside
- 15 Stemming from a bulb, this plant comes in a variety of colors
- 18 On Easter morning, children may look for this item
- 19 Frog larvae
- 20 Boasts a vibrant flower before blowing away
- 21 Easter flower

Down

- 2 Bring May flowers
- 3 Muddy footgear
- 5 A purging of the home
- 6 A sign of regrowth
- 8 You can eat this type of bunny
- 10 A sugary treat
- 11 To be worn on your head
- 14 A yellow spring perennial
- 16 The color palette of spring
- 17 One of the first signs of spring

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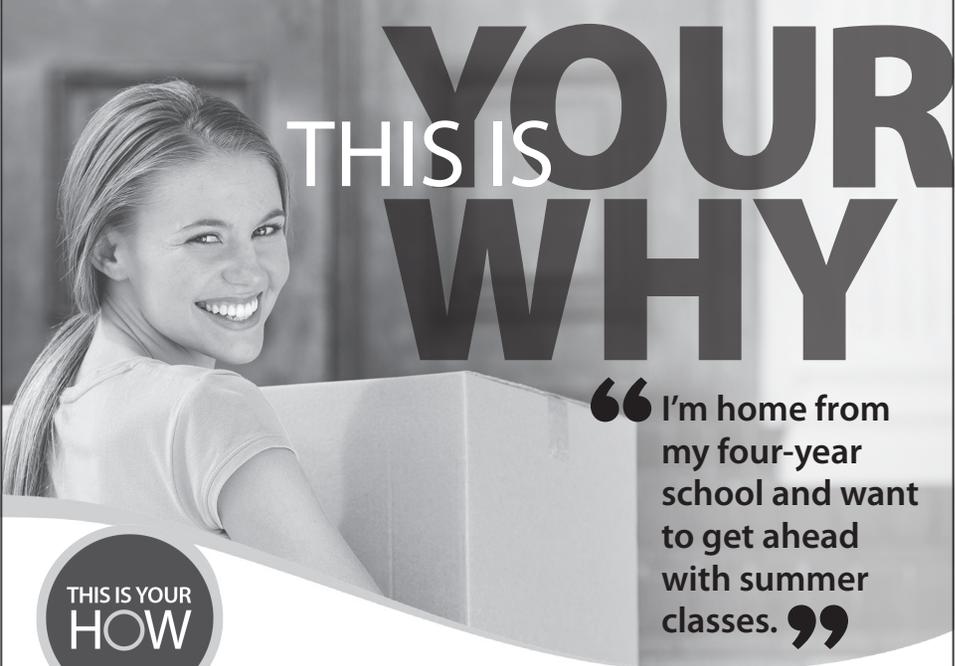
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Penguins planted by Buckeyes, mauled by Panthers

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's baseball team traveled to McLane Stadium at Kobs Field to face off against Michigan State University on March 30. The Penguins fell to the Spartans 12-5 as the team scored seven runs over the first two innings to secure the victory.

Redshirt senior first baseman Pdraig O'Shaughnessy went 2-for-4 with a double and hit his second home run of the season. Junior outfielder Andre Good recorded a two-run double and three RBIs to help the Penguins stay in the competition.

Senior infielder Steven D'Eusanio drove in a run and scored while junior infielder Braeden O'Shaughnessy had a single run, walked and scored twice.

At the mound for Youngstown State, sophomore pitcher Nick Perez surrendered the win by allowing seven runs and three walks over one inning.

Senior pitcher Brandon Matthews was responsible for one run on three hits and struck out a pair of batters over a season-high three innings.

The Penguins took on Oakland University in a three-day series from April 1-3. Youngstown State fell short in the series opener 11-6 as Oakland surged in the middle-innings to secure the win.

Youngstown State fell by one run over four innings, 5-4. Oakland struck back, gaining three runs in the fifth and two in the sixth to edge out the lead 10-4.

Despite the loss, the men's baseball team was able to

hit three home runs as D'Eusanio and senior catcher Dylan Swarmer each hit solo shots. Braeden O'Shaughnessy drilled a two-run blast over the fence to put the Penguins on the board.

D'Eusanio and redshirt freshman infielder Chase Franken each had two hits to pace the Penguins' offense. Franken set a career high with his standout performance.

Redshirt senior Jon Snyder allowed seven runs, six of which were earned on two hits and six walks while striking out five batters over four innings.

In game two on April 2, Youngstown State downed the Golden Grizzlies 4-2 by scoring two runs in the final two innings to break a 2-2 tie.

Freshman utility player Eli Brown hit a one-out single and scored on an RBI single by sophomore infielder Seth Lucero for the Penguins' victory.

With the win, the Penguins tied the series and looked to finish the week strong but ultimately fell apart in game three, losing 14-1. Oakland was able to score six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning along with a five-run eighth inning to put the game away for the Golden Grizzlies.

The game was a pitcher's duel through the first four innings before Oakland turned it around and scored in four straight innings.

The men's baseball team looked to get a win against The Ohio State University on April 5 but fell short 5-4.

Head coach Dan Bertolini thought the team fought back hard and that the only problem was the pitch they gave up in the bottom of the 10th inning.

"I thought we played a good game. We talked — we have to be better and tougher at the plate. I like the way we fought. We came back to tie the game and they scored," Bertolini said.

The team rallied late to overcome a two-run deficit to take the lead in the top of the 10th inning 4-3. The Buckeyes came back in the bottom of the inning with a walk off home run to seal the Penguins' fate.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Lucero hit a go-ahead RBI triple to give Youngstown State the lead. Buckeyes senior infielder Colton Bauer put the dagger in the hearts of Penguins fans after he hit a two-run, home run for the Ohio State victory.

The Penguins traveled to their home stadium at Eastwood Field on April 6 to take on the University of Pittsburgh at the team's home opener. The team would fall 9-1 as the Panthers scored seven runs in the top of the fourth inning.

The game was originally set for 5 p.m. but was moved up to 1 p.m., which had a negative effect on the team.

"It was a tough turn around getting home late last night and having the game bumped up a little bit and we have to play complementary baseball. We have to find ways to eliminate the big innings," Bertolini said.

Youngstown State has been on the road since the season started Feb. 18 and is 10-19 overall.

The men's baseball team is back in action as it takes on Northern Kentucky University in a three-day series from April 8-10.



Photo by John Ostapowicz / The Jambar



Photo Courtesy of YSU Sports Information

Braeden O'Shaughnessy.

Baseball player profile: Braeden O'Shaughnessy #23

Height: 6'3"

Bats/Throws: R/R

Position: IF

Year: Junior

Hometown: Poland, Ohio

Major: Business administration

O'Shaughnessy is enjoying a fantastic junior campaign. Throughout the first 29 games of the 2022 season, he is hitting for a .330 average with four home runs and 20 RBIs. The junior infielder leads the team in all three categories.

In high school, O'Shaughnessy earned eight varsity letters. He was named all-conference in baseball as a sophomore and junior, and scored more than 1,000 points in basketball.

Korin keeps scorin'

By Cameron Stubbs
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's lacrosse team has hit a rough patch, dropping its last three home games and tallying four-straight losses.

The latest matchup was a home game against the Central Michigan University Chippewas.

The Chippewas took sole control of second place in the Mid-American Conference with their win as the Penguins fell to 5-7 for the season.

The 20-11 loss was highlighted by graduate student Ali Korin, who had a team-high six goals on 10 shots. This was her fifth game with four or more goals scored in a contest.

Sophomores Natalie Calandra-Ryan and Lauren Ottensmeyer had two goals apiece to add to the Penguins' attack.

Fifth-year goalie Savannah Clarke got

a full workload, saving 11 goals on 40 shots by the Chippewas.

The Penguins were up 8-5 but surrendered the lead fast as the Chippewas stormed back, netting 13 goals to just three by the Penguins in the second half.

Despite the slow start to the season, Korin said she's found her role.

"It [has] felt good honestly, I had a slow start to the season. I was coming off of an ACL injury," Korin said. "I think I've found my role on the field. The coaches have been awesome, it feels good to be with my teammates and [to] get the ball in the back of the net."

Up next, Korin and the Penguins will hit the road for a 50-minute drive to the University of Akron for a rematch. The Penguins won their last game against the Zips in overtime March 3.

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YSU's lacrosse team gets hyped up before a game.



Sophomore Sophie Howell approaches the mound, getting ready to pitch the ball.

Photo by Cameron Stubbs / The Jambar

Freezing temps lead to ice-cold bats

By Kyle Wills
The Jambar

Following the postponement of the Oakland series last week, the Youngstown State University softball team struggled offensively, recording just seven hits in its three-game series against Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis.

In game one of the doubleheader on Saturday, April 2, the Penguins could only come up with one hit. However, an RBI walk and hit-by-pitch supplied the only two runs they would need.

Fifth-year pitcher Elle Buffenbarger was nearly unhittable as she allowed just one run and two hits while striking out 10 to earn her 13th win of the season.

Buffenbarger credited the mixing of pitches for her dominant performance.

“[Mixing my pitches] helps when the batters swing the bat. [I’m just] trying to do my best, feed balls to the defense. That’s how you get through a complete game,” Buffenbarger said.

In the nightcap, the Penguins had more luck offensively, recording six hits with a solo home run from fellow fifth-year Nikki Saibene. However, the Jaguars swung the hot stick as they notched 14 hits in the 7-2 loss.

Nine hits came off sophomore Sophie Howell who also gave up three runs and walked five in just four innings. Senior Kayla Rutherford came onto the mound to cool down the bats, but was unable to as she gave up four runs through the final three frames.

Head coach Brian Campbell said the inability to make adjustments at the plate contributed to the loss.

“Not making adjustments was probably the biggest thing. You need to make the adjustment in the change of speed that those pitchers were throwing. We need to do a better job of that,” Campbell said.

In game three on Sunday, both teams needed to bundle up for a chilly afternoon. Like the weather, the women’s bats were ice cold as IUPUI would no-hit Youngstown State and claim the series finale 1-0.

Buffenbarger was back on the mound for the women and would go the distance, allowing only three hits and a run while striking out eight. That performance would go to waste, however, as the Jaguars took the series 2-1.

Campbell gave credit to the Jaguars pitching for keeping his team off balance.

“That young lady [IUPUI pitcher Madison Bryant] did a good job against us this weekend. The off-speed pitch and not sitting back, spinning it a little bit. I think we had one ground ball and the rest were fly outs,” Campbell said.

The women woke up the bats as they scored 14 runs between both games of the doubleheader against Niagara University.

In game one, the Penguins were able to pull ahead 4-1 after the first four innings. However, the Purple Eagles crossed the plate three times in the seventh frame to tie the game and force extra innings.

It didn’t take long for Youngstown State to come out victorious as junior outfielder Avrey Schumacher roped a single to right field to score the game-winning run and take the first game 5-4.

Thirty minutes later in game two, the Penguins provided an offensive outburst, scoring nine runs in the 9-2 victory.

Fifth-year outfielder Yazmine Romero went a perfect 4-for-4 to score three runs at the top of the lineup. Junior Megan Turner drove in three runs with one swing of the bat as she hit a three-run home run to left field in the sixth. She would drive in four total in the game.

Freshman Bree Kohler didn’t let Niagara do much as the Purple Eagles could only muster three hits off the New Middletown native in six innings. She also struck out five Niagara batters.

The softball team will be back in action April 8-9 as it travels to Cleveland State University for a three-game series against the Vikings.