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## VOTING AND POLLS



First Presbyterian Church acts as a polling place.

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## Election Day draws near

By Christopher Gillett  
The Jambar

Voter registration for the 2022 midterm elections is over, however, for some voters who cannot make it in person on Election Day, there are other options like absentee voting and early voting.

For those interested in voting early in Mahoning County, visit the Board of Elections at 345 Oak Hill Ave. in Youngstown with proper identification. Those interested in an absentee ballot can go to the same address or to the Mahoning County Board of Elections website. After completing an absentee ballot, it can be dropped off at the mailbox outside of

the Board of Elections. There are also guides at the William F. Maag Jr. Library.

Students registered in Ohio can find voting precincts at the Ohio precinct and polling location website or go to the Ohio Secretary of State's website and click on your county. Those who registered at Youngstown State University will either be at First Presbyterian Church on 201 Wick Ave. just south of the YSU Campus Lofts, or at the Eugenia Atkinson Recreation Center on 903 Otis Ave. in Youngstown. To find out which one, go to one of the above websites.

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## Diwali activities lights up YSU

By Elizabeth Coss  
The Jambar

With candles lit and colors adorned, students of Youngstown State University celebrated Diwali — a predominantly Hindu holiday — with rituals from across the world.

Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is said to represent the triumph of good over evil according to Manev Desai, a freshman premedical biological sciences major from India, who organized the celebration.

“Today we worship the goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Along with worshiping her, we believe that she betrothes us with prosperity for all year long,” Desai said. “We need wealth to start a new career, we need wealth to start a new startup, we need wealth to start a new business and we need wealth to get by — to get through — in day to day activities.”

On Lakshmi Puja, the third day of Diwali, students gathered in the President's Suite of Kilcawley Center to honor the goddess Lakshmi through rituals. Each day of

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Other states have individual websites, which can be found through the federal government’s website.

Ohio is using new congressional districts because of the 2020 census. According to a map from CNN, Mahoning County is now at the northern edge of Ohio’s sixth congressional district stretching south along the West Virginia border, ending at Washington County.

Voters can also participate in the election through working at the polls. Thomas McCabe, the director of the Mahoning County Board of Elections, started working at the polls when he was a political science major at YSU. He explained how students can become poll workers.

“If you want to be a poll worker for Mahoning County, we hire 848 poll workers for Election Day and half of those are Republicans and half of those are Democrats. We’re always looking for younger people to get involved within the system,” McCabe said.

Poll workers will be required to work the whole voting day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and will make around \$150 for the day. The Board of Elections will also write notices for professors that students will be working the polls on Election Day. If interested, call the Mahoning County

Board of Elections at (330)783-2474.

Some students are poll watching for Election Day. Penny Wells, Executive Director of Mahoning Sojourn to the Past, helps with voter registration and poll watching. Wells said poll watching acts as a form of voter protection.

“Poll watching is simply people who go and observe [voting],” Wells said. “They stay mainly on the outside to make sure that nobody is intimidated, nobody is threatened in any way. [It is] totally non-violent, just giving a person to call if they see anything that seems irregular.”

Britney Bailey, a YSU senior general studies and business major, said what got her interested in poll watching.

“On [the] YSU campus, I [have] helped registered people to vote for the upcoming Election every spring and every fall and I want to get more involved in it. I wanted to see if I could work the polls at some point and poll watching or monitoring is something I can do there,” Bailey said.

Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past does activism through voter registration and educating students on the civil rights movement. To learn more about the organization, go to its website.

If interested in becoming involved with the Sojourn Project, contact Penny Wells at pennywells@sbcglobal.net.



Sign outside the Mahoning Board of Elections.

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Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed.

High: 55°F	High: 59°F	High: 63°F	High: 63°F	High: 62°F	High: 64°F	High: 62°F
Low: 32°F	Low: 35°F	Low: 38°F	Low: 46°F	Low: 49°F	Low: 38°F	Low: 47°F
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5%	3%	2%	7%	64%	55%	1%



Partly Cloudy



Fair



Fair



Partly Cloudy



Scattered  
Showers



Mostly Cloudy



Partly Cloudy

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# Falling leaves, cool breeze, Cushwa reeks

By Shianna Gibbons  
The Jambar

Students of Youngstown State University complain of strong sewage smells around central campus.

John Hyden, assistant vice president of Facilities Maintenance, said the sewer systems under the central campus are outdated.

“If you were building a new city today, you would have separate sewers. You’d have storm sewers, which would handle all the rainwater and the runoff water on the ground,” Hyden said. “Then you’d have your sanitary sewer system that handles all the toilets and all the dirty water coming out of the buildings.”

The sewer system under campus is a combined sewer system. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s website, a combined sewer system handles rainwater runoff, domestic sewage and industrial wastewater in one pipe. Hyden said this system was put in place before becoming a campus.

“On campus, at one time, was a city block. There were houses all along Arlington Street, Lincoln Avenue, Elm

and Bryson streets, and [those] sanitary sewers run throughout the middle of campus and are unfortunately combined sewers,” Hyden said. “There’s actually sewage that runs through from Beeghly Hall to Kilcawley Center [of] what used to be Elm and Bryson Street.”

According to Ohio’s EPA website, combined sewers are banned from being built in any new waste management project. Existing combined sewers are regulated to prevent overflow and pollution.

Hyden said the city of Youngstown has been slowly disconnecting buildings from the combined sewer system in areas around campus.

“They incrementally tried to separate them. They separated some down on the south end of Ward Beecher at Lincoln Avenue within the last five or ten years,” Hyden said. “On Wick Avenue they separated some of them, but it is something that’s probably going to take them another 30 years to get them all separated.”

Nicholas Geraci, a junior exercise science major, said the sewage smell is hard to bear and is becoming unavoidable.

“The first time [I smelt it] was in front of Cushwa

[Hall]. The second time was by Fifth Avenue,” Geraci said. “It’s like right between Moser and Cushwa, and it’s unpleasant to walk around campus. When the wind blows in your face on your way to class, and you get a whiff of it, it’s not very fun.”

Aylene Cruz, an undecided freshman, decided to ask the YSU app if other students had noticed the smell too.

“Since the semester started, the smell has been pretty consistent and strong,” Cruz said. “If it’s out of [YSU’s] hands, I’ll just have to suck it up — if it were up to me — I would want something done.”

Hyden said during periods with no rain, the smell is a little more pungent, but there is nothing YSU can do to combat the smell.

“It’s certain times of the year, usually when we haven’t had a lot of rain, you start smelling it. When we have rain, it dilutes the sanitary sewage and washes out the pipes to a certain degree,” Hyden said. “What can be done about it? I’m not sure — short of repiping Youngstown — that you’re going to solve [the smell].”



Steaming manhole in downtown Youngstown.

Photo by Shianna Gibbons / The Jambar



# It's all about mindset and behavior

By Natalie Lasky  
The Jambar

John Hope Bryant, an entrepreneur and author, visited Youngstown State University to speak to students about his life experiences in the financial industry during the Thomas Colloquium Lecture Series in Williamson College of Business Administration.

During the afternoon session Oct. 13, Bryant opened up about his views on mindsets and how mindsets can be valuable assets to students' finances.

Trey Turner, a senior journalism major, was the moderator for Bryant's lecture. Turner said he looked forward to the event and hosting the discussions.

"John Hope Bryant is coming to the [WCBA], to lead a student panel discussion or to lead a discussion about just financial literacy and how it has impacted his life because he's very successful in that video ... my job tonight is to be the moderator, asking all the questions for him, so that they can be answered for [you all] to know and then open it up to the students at the end," Turner said.

Bryant also said mindsets dictate a person's behavior and that being aware of the mindset a person is in can change one's perception of profit and making money.

Bryant went on to tell the students he loved math, as

well as the only time a person should not listen to what the numbers say.

"We are our own worst enemy and our best asset. We stand in our way. No one can hurt you more perfectly or more beautifully than yourself."

— John Hope Bryant,  
entrepreneur and author

"[I am going to] tell you that I love math because it does not have an opinion. The only time [I am going to] tell you to ignore [math] is in a relationship — whether [it is spouses] or boyfriend, girlfriend or fiancé or busi-

ness partnership, employer, any kind of structured relationship," Bryant said.

Bryant also explained how rainbows follow storms and how rainbows would not exist without the storm first, how life impacts everyone differently and the mindset a person has can drastically change the outcome of the storm.

Bryant said the most important aspect students should know about their current mindset is that each person is their biggest asset.

"We are our own worst enemy and our best asset. We stand in our own way. No one can hurt you more perfectly or more beautifully than yourself. So, if you can get out of your own way, and be open minded to different points of view ... if you stand in your own way no one can hurt you more perfectly. So, we are our own worst enemies," Bryant said. "What I was really saying there is if it is about putting food on the table and a roof over your head, [which] is called sustenance, poverty, then that is something the state should try and keep watching but all other poverty is a mindset. So just change your mindset and you change your life."

For more information on YSU's Lecture Series, visit its website.

# Equity in and out of the classroom

By Jessica Stamp  
The Jambar

Students had the chance to meet Jamila Lyiscott and learn about culturally inclusive communications Oct. 20 in the Rossi Room of Kilcawley Center. The event was put together by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Lyiscott, a professional communicator and author, spoke to Youngstown State University students about how the background of education has a darker cultural history.

"I'll be doing a keynote that will be focusing on the ways that education and schooling and teaching is rooted in legacies of colonialism and that contributes to racial inequity," Lyiscott said.

Lyiscott mentioned her book, "Black Appetite. White Food: Issues of Race, Voice and Justice Within and Beyond the Classroom," during the presentation because of its significance of white privilege's impact toward students of color and its effect on them in and out of school.

"I want students — particularly students of color — to

be mindful of how to advocate for the kind of schooling environments that they deserve," Lyiscott said. "To make sure that they have the tools for reflecting on exposing and acting against anything that contributes to racial inequity and racial harmony."

Another point Lyiscott focused on was colonialism. Lyiscott wanted to point out how present and dangerous its effects are for students of different backgrounds and to inform those students how valuable they are in the classroom.

"It's important that we know how to truly affirm and value all students of [all] backgrounds because in our nation, when we talk about access, when we talk about equity in schools. Sometimes we forget that access needs to mean that everybody in the space is valued and validated for their cultures and identities and not necessarily just conform to one identity," Lyiscott said.

Carol Bennett, assistant provost for the Office of the DEI, said Lyiscott can give students the tools to teach them how to look at internal problems that need to be addressed.

"[Lyiscott] uses her academic intellect and her creativity as a spoken word artist to talk about how lan-

guage and communication ... can hinder an individual in the classroom, especially if you use a colonizing language that is oppressing people," Bennett said. "[Lyiscott] provides strategies on how to circumvent that."

Bennett also said she hopes students can learn from Lyiscott and have the ability to speak out in a classroom setting if there was something said by a professor in an offensive manner.

Susan Mooror, assistant director for Multicultural and Outreach Services for the Office of the DEI, wanted to bring more awareness to cultural discussions and believed students could learn from Lyiscott's expertise.

"[Lyiscott] could bring a great insight to [intercultural communications]," Mooror said. "[the Office of the DEI] wants to bring light on diversity issues and discussions and it's only going to make our whole university campus stronger."

The DEI is hoping to bring more speakers like Lyiscott to YSU to give voice to an individual's experience and how it can shape people's worldview.

Lyiscott appreciated being able to come to YSU to talk about these types of conversations.





Manager of Glenwood Fresh Market, Susan Payton.

Photo by Henry Shorr / Jambar Contributor

# YNDC offers options to YSU students

By Henry Shorr  
Jambar Contributor

Students at Youngstown State University are improving Mahoning Valley neighborhoods through work with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation.

Part of the role students have had with the YNDC recently has been helping set up the fresh market in the newly renovated Neighborhood Retail Plaza at Glenwood Avenue and Canfield Road. Ian Beniston, executive director of the YNDC, explained the work that has gone into refurbishing the building.

"That building was vacant and fire-damaged for a number of years, and now we're putting the finishing touches on it. It'll have five businesses in it," Beniston said. "I would say [there were] 50 or more of YSU students that participated in that project, helping clean the building out over a period of years and get it to where it is now."

Beniston said there are five businesses that will run out of the newly developed building, including the fresh market, a youth organization and an urgent care.

Susan Payton, Manager of the Glenwood Fresh Market, said there are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved.

"There's a lot of different brackets of students who could benefit from [volunteering]. Social workers could benefit from that — coming here, giving their time because a lot of folks are looking for help and they don't sometimes know where to find it," Payton said. "It's re-

ally like, how can I as a student benefit by talking to clients that [are] relevant to the major that I'm in? I would love it if I had students that would be interested to come here and talk to clients, get to know them and benefit from this program itself."

The YNDC, which started in 2009, revitalizes and develops neighborhoods around Youngstown. Beniston said they are focused on bringing life back to every part of Youngstown neighborhoods — including housing services, neighborhood cleanups, data collection and commercial stabilization.

"It's neighborhood stabilization, so a lot of it revolves around housing and housing quality," Beniston said. "[We're] doing a lot of neighborhood cleanup activity; whether that be working with neighborhood groups to clean up vacant properties, clean vacant lots, plant trees, do things that add value to the neighborhood."

Beniston said much of this work is conducted by interns, many of whom are YSU students. Interns at the YNDC work as canvassers, grant researchers and project leads. Many YSU interns at the YNDC earn full-time jobs at the organization.

"Interns have done everything from working on organizing things like community workdays, where we have volunteers to do work, to most recently this past summer," Beniston said. "We had a YSU intern that participated in our city-wide housing quality survey and he was one of two people that went street-by-street in the city and survey every residential property."

John Bralich, program director at the YSU Center for Applied Geographic Information Systems, connects

many students with the YNDC and other neighborhood development organizations in the Mahoning Valley. He said that internships and volunteer opportunities with community partners like the YNDC are very beneficial for students.

"It's, you know, the opportunity to get your feet wet a little bit and get some experience in the field," Bralich said. "Whether it's something that you do for your job or your career, or just as a volunteer or, you know, be involved in some way that is something as small as a vacant lot cleanup, ... it can make a huge difference in the lives of the residents."

Bralich has worked with Beniston and the YNDC since its inception in 2009 and said the YNDC has made strides in neighborhood development.

"You go from, you know, the like, 4,500 vacant structures in 2008 to maybe about 1,500 now, and about maybe 650 to 700 of those that need to come down so they can progress," Bralich said. "Students have a role in it — whether it's out just hitting the pavement, surveying properties, engaging residents, you know, canvassing neighborhoods, helping them facilitate the community, things of that nature."

Beniston also emphasized that the YNDC takes applications for paid internships year-round, even when it doesn't have a specific job posting. Students interested in work with the YNDC can email a resume to [info@yndc.org](mailto:info@yndc.org)

To apply to volunteer at the Glenwood Fresh Market, call Susan Payton at (330) 356-3561

# Counseling in the community

By Molly Burke  
The Jambar

For those seeking help with their mental health, the Student Counseling Services are available for all students. Whether it be for balancing the stresses of everyday life, focusing on mindfulness, or dealing with a mental illness, the campus counselors are here to help.

Anne Lally, assistant director of Student Counseling Services and licensed professional clinical counselor, said the counseling services offer short-term counseling.

“[Counseling Service] is a free service. It’s also confidential. That means that no one knows you have an appointment or the content of what’s discussed in the appointment,” Lally said. “The exception to confidentiality is if you were to tell your counselor that you were going to harm yourself or others. We would intervene for your sake or the other’s.”

In short-term counseling, students can set goals for what they hope to improve on and decide on the amount of time they may need to reach their goals. Lally said

some mental health issues may take more time to treat than others.

“One of the things about short-term counseling that I think is sometimes misconstrued, is that students may think they only need to be seen two or three times and they’re done, but that’s not the case. It’s very individual for each student client that sees us,” Lally said.

The Student Counseling Services have three counselors. Psychologist Ann Jaronski and Katie Stephens, a licensed professional clinical counselor, also work with Lally in aiding students.

For booking appointments, Lally said it is best to schedule ahead. However, there are walk-in opportunities every semester.

“We prefer, and it’s probably optimal for them, to schedule in advance. They walk in to schedule or call to schedule, but the walk-in [appointment] hours are during finals week. So, if a student wants to seek counseling during finals week they can just walk into our office,” Lally said.

According to Lally, the number one reason students seek counseling at Youngstown State University is anx-

iety. She said there are many ways counseling can help students who may face this issue, but there are some services not offered.

“[Anxiety] is something we can certainly help our students with by looking at strategies and how to manage that in a healthy way. There are occasions when it would be in the best interest to be seen weekly and for a prolonged period of time. By looking at our website, you can see the things that we do not do counseling for,” Lally said.

Some students are reluctant to go to counseling. Lally also said the Student Counseling Services are a safe place for any student, and any care received is not reported on a student’s educational record.

“It’s an opportunity for our students to connect. Many of our students live on campus, this is home to them. This is something that should be offered to them so that they have a comfortable, safe place to talk,” Lally said.

The Student Counseling Services are located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center in room 2110. For more information, visit the Student Counseling Services website.



Student counseling services are located in room 2110 of Kilcawley Center.

Photo by Molly Burke / The Jambar



## GROUNDWORK AND GREENERY



Trails will receive restorations and improvements for hikers.

Photo by Natalie Lasky / The Jambar

# Mill Creek MetroParks to upgrade trails

By Natalie Lasky  
The Jambar

Mill Creek MetroParks has been a part of the Youngstown community since 1891. The park has been utilized by all types of occupations, but renovations are right around the bend.

Jamie Yohman, community engagement director of the park, said the West Newport Trail closure will go from the West Newport Wetlands parking lot to the Newport Dam for approximately 45 days.

"We are doing a restoration and a new portrayal, and it is really a trail rehabilitation project, and that is earthwork installation of stormwater conduit installation of aggregate trail surface and some other miscellaneous items, and it is going to be improved upon from the Lake Newport wetlands parking lot to the Lake Newport Dam," Yohman said.

The cost of the repairs is projected to be around

\$175,000 for replacement of the sewage and stormwater conduit, along with improving the trail surface, the trail will be widened and will have a layer of aggregate material, like gravel, put down.

The park offers a number of trails for all levels of athletics. The park is also utilized by those taking a stroll and those who like to challenge themselves to rough terrain and cross country races.

The trail's renovations have a link to Youngstown State University through the Beeghly family, who donated the money after noticing the trail needed work done. Jeff Hedrich, the president and lead brand strategist for the Prodigal Company, explained the Beeghly family's personal connection to the park.

"I was at a Mill Creek luncheon where they celebrated people helping the park and was one of the members of the Beeghly family which a lot of youngsters know of course. They, I think, gave a \$1.5 million contribution to redo this trail," Hedrich said.

Hedrich said he likes to use the trails at least three to four times a week and every time he has family come from out of town, they always talk about how beautiful the park is.

Lydia Noble, a sophomore engineering major at YSU, said she loves to spend her free time at the park. Over the years, she said she has gained a lot of great memories at the park and her favorite part of the park is the trails.

Noble also said she is excited for the park to be upgrading its trails as she felt the trails have needed repairs for some time.

"I mean, hearing that the trail closure is for maintenance to the park, I am generally happy about that. I am glad to see that the park is being serviced the way that it needs to be," Noble said.

For more information about Mill Creek MetroParks closures or upcoming events, go to its website.



## Diwali

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“In India, everyone celebrates ... Diwali is like a festival, usually Hindu’s celebrate, but it is a holy day of celebrating and this is a festival of lights and so many colors,” Mohd said.

Diwali is celebrated by believers of Hinduism, Sikhism and Jainism in many countries around the world, and international students from India, Nepal, Pakistan and Bangladesh gathered to recognize cultural differences through foods and speakers.

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Joshi also said during Tihar, gifts, known as “tika,” would be given to brothers out of respect and to honor them over the five-day period, alongside worshipping the deities to promote wealth and prosperity.

Tihar and Diwali both focus on honoring the deities for their blessings bestowed upon believers over the five-day festival.

Students ended the nightly celebrations after a ritual where individuals would ring a bell and hold a tray with the symbol of peace upon the tray, with offerings for the deities on top, followed by dancing, singing and trying a variety of cultural foods from countries like India and Nepal.

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YSU students celebrate Diwali.



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The Baja Racing Team in Greenville, Arizona.

Photo courtesy of Jared Bryarly

# Baja Racing takes YSU by storm

By John Ostapowicz  
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Baja Racing is a collegiate off-road vehicle competition hosted by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The events are held in three different locations throughout the United States, of which one Youngstown State University organization partakes.

Youngstown State's Baja Racing Team is split into three different divisions, consisting of a frame and ergonomics division which focuses on the tubular structure of the car. The powertrain division handles the engine work all the way to the wheels. The final division, the suspension division, handles steering, brakes and the overall mobility of the car.

From there, the work is divided between the three divisions to make sure that everyone stays organized. The team consists of 11 seniors as well as nine underclassmen who help out, but will move up into senior design.

"We have seen in results [in] 2015, the more people that are involved they can continue on what the previous team has done and can learn from their mistakes," Bryarly said.

The entirety of the car is custom built in-house and almost everything is designed by the team, but parts required to build the car are donated by the team's sponsors.

The Baja Racing Team competes in a series of events consisting of dynamic and static events which challenge both the team and the car itself. The dynamic events in-

clude hill climb, tractor pull, a suspension race, a maneuverability race and an endurance race. The static events include design presentation, sales presentation and a cost report.

The two current team captains, senior Jared Bryarly and senior Katie Chludzinski, are both mechanical engineering majors.

Bryarly joined the Baja Racing Team in 2019, his freshman year. His interest in the club was sparked when he saw the Baja Racing Team at a student organization fair.

Bryarly uses his background knowledge of sheet metal work and fabrication to help design and build the cars which directly correlates what the team is about.

"I was able to jump in and get to work on some of the manufacturing side of the team and slowly became more and more involved on the team," Bryarly said.

Chludzinski joined shortly after Bryarly in 2019. She started working in a fabrication shop during high school. Where her boss was the captain of the team at the time.

"He talked me into it before I even went to college and knew that going into school that Baja Racing was something I wanted to do," Chludzinski said.

Before the Baja Racing Team took off, it was just a club. Over the years, the team has worked and competed in numerous competitions in order to earn one of the top spots internationally.

The first competition Bryarly competed in, the team placed 78 out of 80. Shortly after Chludzinski joined the

team, she worked with Bryarly to get the team where it is today.

As of 2022, the team competed in the third and final race of the season in Green Valley, Arizona at the Caterpillar Peoria Proving Grounds, Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

The four-day international competition consisted of teams from across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Day One of competition started off with the team check-in as well as an engine check and business finals.

Day Two kicked off with a design presentation and technical inspection. Day Three consisted of dynamic events which put the team's car to the test. Day Four of the competition ended with the four-hour long endurance test.

With the completion of the events, the Baja Racing Team finally broke into the top ten finishing ninth overall internationally, making it the best placement of the team to date.

The team placed in the following categories: first in business presentation, second in sled pull, fourth in static events-including the design presentation and sixth in all dynamic events.

With the top ten finish, the Baja Racing Team looks to continue its placements to eventually slip into the top five with competitions scheduled for next semester.

To get in contact with the Baja Team captains about joining the team, reach out to Jared Bryarly at [jsbryarly@student.ysu.edu](mailto:jsbryarly@student.ysu.edu) and Katie Chludzinski at [klchludzinski@student.ysu.edu](mailto:klchludzinski@student.ysu.edu)



# Ready, set, serve: With men's volleyball

By Samantha Smith  
The Jambar

With sports like football, soccer and tennis wrapping up its seasons at the end of fall, Youngstown State University's men's volleyball club's practices are in full swing.

Tyler Wagner, a senior education major and president of the club, explained the upcoming season and how long the club has been running.

"The men's volleyball club is a group of guys who compete in tournaments and scrimmages in the fall. Then we are in a league that we compete in a 12-game season during the spring. It's been going on for almost a decade now," Wagner said.

With the club's season beginning in the spring, it will play near cities including Cleveland and Erie, Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania Ohio Volleyball League. The fall acts as practice time for the team with the club attending a tournament in November this year.

"We have an independent sponsor tournament in No-

vember that we'll be attending. Technically, we're not going to be under a YSU affiliate, we're all just going as a group of guys and going to the tournament," Wagner said. "It's going to be in Indiana, [Pennsylvania]. It's going to basically warm up for the season, see where we're standing and see where we're at."

Connor Bankey, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said participating in the Men's Volleyball Club has been a good experience for him.

"It's pretty fun, positive experience," Bankey said. "I've been playing with [the club] for a year now. It's great to meet new people, make new friends ... a lot of fun."

Wagner also said joining the club made it easier to be a part of the community coming from outside the area.

"I'm from Pennsylvania myself, so coming to YSU, I only knew two people," Wagner said. "Joining the club sports, and this goes for any club sport, not just my own, but you meet a lot of people that you automatically have a shared interest right off the bat. It makes it really easy to get into the community and get into knowing one an-

other."

The club contributes to campus involvement by participating in events such as the Student Organization Fair and a yearly food drive, Wagner said.

The club practices Mondays, Wednesdays and occasionally Fridays from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the gym courts of the Stambaugh Stadium.

In total, there are 18 players in the club, but numbers will decline after the fall semester because of graduating seniors. Wagner said the club ideally tries to have up to 20 players during a season.

If interested in joining or have questions about the club, contact YSU's Club Sports at [clubsport@ysu.edu](mailto:clubsport@ysu.edu) or Tyler Wagner, president of the volleyball club, at [tjwagner@student.ysu.edu](mailto:tjwagner@student.ysu.edu). To see the club's game schedule and highlights, visit its Instagram at [@ysu\\_mensvolleyball](https://www.instagram.com/ysu_mensvolleyball).

*Editor's note: Michael Sheehan, the head copy editor at The Jambar, is a member of the Men's Volleyball Club. He has abstained from the editorial process on this specific story.*



The men's volleyball club practicing.

Photo by Samantha Smith / The Jambar



# Students share spooky plans



**Serenity Muresan, Studio Major, Freshman:**

“There are two parties, so I’m going to be a pirate for one of them and a fairy for another,” Muresan said. “If you’re going out, obviously stay in groups to stay safe and to keep track of everybody.”



**Sam Nabring, Music Education Major, Freshman:**

“I have a costume, I’m dressing up as Slash,” Nabring said. “Stay safe, and don’t do anything stupid.”



**Dalton Dykes, Theatre Studies Major, Senior:**

“I’m either going out with my niece, some walking her around for trick-or-treating or we’re going to see about putting together a little party here in Spotlight [Theatre],”



**Liam Donnelly, Graphic Designer Major, Sophomore:**

“I’m probably just going to hand out some candy while my sister goes trick-or-treating,”



**Ronnie Owens, Graphic Design Major, Senior:**

“I was going to dress as Scarface, and then I was thinking of doing Two-Face, but then I thought of how much of the makeup you have to do,” Owens said. “I might come up with something simple.”



# The Jambar Column

## Halloween: Past and future frights

As fall nears its end, one of the most exciting times of the year approaches: Halloween.

There are a plentiful amount of fun activities to do for Halloween, whether it be pumpkin carving, handing out candy — or eating candy — and watching Halloween movies by a fireplace.

I really enjoy handing out candy to trick-or-treaters. I never had trick-or-treaters growing up as I live in the suburbs, so I'll be handing out candy at my boyfriend's house this year.

When I was 12-years-old, I handed out candy for the first time at my friend's house. The look of joy on children's faces when given candy made me the most excited.

Another part of Halloween that fuels my excitement are seasonal movies. I love watching movies such as "Hocus Pocus" and "Halloweentown." My two favorite Halloween movies are "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "Hubie Halloween," which is a hilarious film starring Adam Sandler. I also really like "Edward Scissorhands" because nothing beats a Tim Burton film.

Despite loving Halloween movies, I'm not one to watch horror films since I suffer from vivid nightmares. The horror films that gave me the most nightmares were the "Insidious" movies.

I always look forward to pumpkin carving during this season. I have been drawing animation-style art since I was 13-years-old. Pumpkin carving is just another art form, even though it's harder than drawing and takes more time and focus.

When I was a little girl, I would start off carving something simple, such as a smiley face, into a pumpkin. As I got old-



Hailey Rogenski

er and began getting into art, I wanted to challenge myself by trying more difficult carvings. One of my favorite carvings I did was of Jack Skellington from "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Unfortunately, my dog ate the pumpkin and I didn't have a chance to put it in the front yard that year.

I have always been in love with Halloween. I would host Halloween parties every year growing up.

When I was 9-years-old, I got a scary pumpkin mask from the store. During a party that year, my mom wore the mask and jumped out of the woods with a leaf blower and scared everyone. I ran away along with them even though I knew it was mom because I didn't want to ruin the surprise.

The best Halloween party I've had was in 2011 when my grandfather put together a hayride and drove us down the country roads near my house.

I took pride in hosting those Halloween parties, so I always put tons of effort into dressing up. It's fun to dress up for Halloween, whether it's for a party or not because being able to be someone else for a day is what makes Halloween special.

Unfortunately, I have not decided on what costume to wear this year, but I would like to do a couples costume with my boo.

Have a happy Halloween, 'Guins! In the meantime, I'm going to keep brainstorming some costume ideas.

# The Jambar Editorial

## Free Brittney

Brittney Griner lost her appeal this week and was sentenced to nine years in a Russian penal colony.

Griner, a WNBA basketball player for the Phoenix Mercury, pled guilty to illegally bringing a THC cartridge for a vape pen into Russia. The timing of her detention, however, led people to believe it was politically motivated.

Griner's detention occurred as America was ramping up its effort to aid Ukrainian war efforts. Putin was clearly trying to send a diplomatic message to America that there would be consequences.

Some may have forgotten this even happened, as it was in the earliest parts of the current Russo-Ukraine conflict, but its implications are far-reaching. If the U.S. allows other countries to hold its citizens because of trumped-up charges, who's to say it couldn't happen again?

Fear and lack of rationale spread while thousands of Ukrainian citizens were killed in a seemingly unjust war while an American woman was detained — and now not allowed an appeal for her case — struck the nation as a plotted personal attack that fueled an online firestorm.

We also need to think about the domestic response to the situation. Vicious comments have been circulating social media pertaining to Griner's race, sexual

orientation and gender. These commenters correctly point out that Griner broke Russian law, but does the punishment truly fit the crime? It's hard to justify a nine-year sentence for less than a gram of cannabis oil.

In Ohio, less than 100 grams of cannabis does not result in imprisonment. It's a misdemeanor charge with about a \$150 fine. Griner, who was sentenced to nine years, would have needed to carry around 40,000 grams of cannabis — and this would have only been an eight-year sentence in Ohio, according to the website, NORML.

One might wonder if it was LeBron James, or another NBA star instead of Griner who was detained, how much the government would be willing to do to bring him back. Is the US spending as much effort to aid Griner as it would be in helping James?

Russia's modus operandi during this conflict has been an attempt to return to pre-NATO world relations, where conquest and taking political prisoners was a norm. Nobody wants World War 3, but America could be doing more to keep its citizens out of Russian prison camps.

The phrase "Justice for Brittney Griner" has become an online presence no one can ignore, except, — of course, — U.S. government officials.

## Quote of the Week

"Even God cannot change the past."

— Agathon  
Athenian tragedy poet



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# Volleyball drops the ball

By Kathryn Rogers-Vadala  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University volleyball team returned to Beeghly Center following a three-match homestand, battling the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Oct. 21 and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Oct. 22.

First at Wisconsin-Green Bay, Youngstown State dropped the match in three straight sets. It was looking for a victorious rematch after falling in four sets to the Phoenix earlier in the season.

Youngstown State struggled on the defensive end as Wisconsin-Green Bay outscored the Penguins 12 blocks to four. Sophomore Julia Sell led the charge, contributing three of Youngstown State's four blocks.

Offensively, sophomore Paula Gursching earned a

team-high 18 kills, while senior Josi Borum and freshman Abbie Householder each contributed five kills. The Penguins posted 26 attack errors compared to the Phoenix's nine, despite spiking only four less kills.

Additional contributors to the match included sophomore Isabel Shaefbauer who assisted 19 of the team's 34 kills, while senior Isidora Sisic led the defense with 11 digs.

The following day, Youngstown State would turn things around as it defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee three sets to one, Oct. 22.

The Penguins dominated from the service line, earning eight more aces than the Panthers. Sisic posted four, while Householder and freshman Cameron George each listed two.

Borum remains untouched leading Division I in triple-doubles going into the final weeks of the 2022 sea-

son. Borum was one dig shy from her ninth for the season as she recorded 25 assists, nine digs, and 14 kills for a .482 attack percentage.

Gursching added a double-double to the victory with a team-high 22 kills and 10 digs, while Householder noted nine kills and a team-high 14 digs.

The Penguins now hold a record of 10-13 overall and 4-8 in Horizon League play, heading into a tough four-match road trip. The team's stamina will be tested as it plays three of these matches all within the next five days.

The Youngstown State volleyball team will first head to Indiana, competing against Purdue University Fort Wayne Oct. 28, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on Oct. 29 and finishing up closer to home versus Cleveland State University on Nov. 1.

# Racquet action in the midwest

By Cameron Stubbs  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's and women's tennis teams both hit the road as the teams competed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regionals Oct. 20 to Oct 22.

The men swung their racquets to Champaign, Illinois while the women took their topspin to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Starting off in Illinois, the men began with singles matches as junior David Alvarez Moreno and sophomore Nathan Favier both claimed victories for the Penguins.

The first win of the day came in three sets as Favier defeated DePaul University junior Lars Minsaas 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.

Moreno gained the second victory of the day as he beat out Marquette University junior Ian Brady 1-6, 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles matches, the teams of sophomores Clement Mainguy and Harry Fouzas, and senior Laurentiu Mandocescu and Fouzas each brought home victories.

Mainguy and Fouzas conquered the University of Notre Dame's senior and freshman duo of Matt Haplin and

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Evan Lee 8-5.

Mandocescu and Favier took down Northwestern University's team of junior Gleb Blekher and sopho-

more Felix Nordby 8-7.

Up north in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the women's team sent four members of the squad to do battle.

Junior Jessica Stanmore and freshman Julia Marko each came away with a win in the singles matches.

Stanmore also defeated Chicago State University freshman Ethal Li in singles play, 7-5, 6-1.

Marko secured the second singles win versus Wildcat's junior Aino Alkio 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

In the doubles matches, the only victory secured was from the team of Stanmore and freshman Lili Minich, taking on the Cougars team of Li and graduate student Kristina Pukhaeva 8-4.

A busy weekend is ahead for both tennis teams as part of the men's team will be back on the courts Oct. 28 to Oct. 30 as they will battle at the Viking Invitational hosted by Cleveland State University.

The other half of the team will travel to Ithaca, New York to participate in the International Tennis Federal Future M15 on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30.

The women will swing over to the Indoor Toledo Rocket Invite hosted by The University of Toledo on Oct. 28 and Oct. 29.

Stay up to date on all the singles and doubles matches on [ysusports.com](http://ysusports.com).



# Women's soccer celebrates senior day

By John Ostapowicz  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's soccer team notched another win during its senior day at Farmers National Bank Field in the Covelli Sports Complex. The Penguins defeated the fifth-seeded Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2-0 on Oct. 22, moving the team into the sixth seed.

The women's soccer team has 10 graduating seniors who were a part of the program when head coach Brian Shrum and assistant coach Josh Green joined the team.

"They came here to make extraordinary leaps and bounds of what we wanted this program to look like and they have done that, it was just a great afternoon to be with them," Shrum said.

The offense got going early in the first half from a perfectly placed header in the top-left corner of the net by

senior Regan LaVigna with an assist from seniors Haley Curtis and Abriana Rondin. With the goal, LaVigna continues to lead the team points.

Freshman Taylor Berry added another goal off a ricocheted shot attempt by Rondin aiding in the Penguins scoring efforts. The goal marked Berry's second of the season.

Berry's stand-out freshman year continues as switching from high-school level to collegiate soccer is not an easy feat, but Berry seamlessly made the transition.

"Coming in as a freshman, it's hard, but these girls push you to be the best and that's all I can ask for and I've grown in ways I didn't think I could," Berry said.

Although the Jaguars outshot the Penguins 16-10, junior Brooklynn Kirkpatrick stood tall in the net, etching yet another notch in her season shutout record putting the total to seven.

Kirkpatrick's efforts earned her the Nike Horizon

League Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season, Oct. 24.

The accolades for the team continued as graduate student Jordan Evans and junior Justine Appolonia were named to the Horizon League Women's Soccer Honorable Mention All-Academic Team, Oct. 25.

The victory marks the most conference wins in program history, surpassing three which was set in 2012 and 2014.

The women's soccer team looked to squeeze into the sixth playoff spot in the Horizon League as the Penguins closed out the regular season by traveling to Moon Township, Pennsylvania to take on Robert Morris University on Oct. 26. For more information check out [ysusports.com](http://ysusports.com)

With the end of the season, the Horizon League Playoffs start Oct. 30. To watch games from all Horizon League opponents check out ESPN+ for more coverage.



YSU women's soccer team celebrates its seniors.

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# Football completes late-quarter comeback

By Kyle Wills  
The Jambar

Despite trailing by 10 points with just over three minutes left in the game, the Youngstown State University football team flew ahead to defeat Western Illinois University 28-27.

The Penguins late-quarter victory improved their record to 4-3 and overall to 2-2 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Senior Jaleel McLaughlin had his second straight 30-carry, 200-yard performance with 207 yards on 31 carries with a touchdown. Junior Mitch Davidson threw for over 200 yards for a third straight game, completing 16 of his 29 passes for 221 yards and a score.

Head coach Doug Phillips credited the growth of the offensive line for the strong running performances.

"The offensive line, from where they started to where they are now, head and shoulder are working in unison, working as a group, a physical group of guys creating holes for Jaleel," Phillips said.

Youngstown State got on the board first, scoring on its opening drive with a 25-yard field goal from senior Colt McFadden.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Leathernecks forced their way into the endzone with two minutes into the second to take a 7-3 lead. However, the Penguins reclaimed the lead, 10-7. Before halftime, McLaughlin rushed his way in for a score after a 14-yard carry.

Western Illinois struck first in the third quarter as it tied the game after a 40-yard field goal with 9:32 left. The Leathernecks took their second lead of the game, 13-10, the next drive with a kick from 30 yards.

Youngstown State's first score of the half came with 8:37 left in the game when junior Dra Rushton took a 14-yard rush for a touchdown. Western Illinois responded quickly, driving 75 yards in 1:24 and capping the drive

with a 25-yard touchdown pass.

The Leathernecks extended their lead to 27-17 on their next drive with a pass from six yards out.

The Penguins started their improbable comeback with 3:05 left as they drove 78 yards. Following a penalty against Youngstown State, Davidson completed a 48-yard pass to red-shirt-freshman Brandon Alexander and then connected with junior Bryce Oliver for 40 yards for the score.

After a muffed snap on the extra-point attempt, senior Paddy Lynch was able to roll out and complete a pass to junior Trenton Gillison for two points to cut the deficit to 27-25.

After forcing a three-and-out on defense, Youngstown State reclaimed possession with 0:50 left on the clock. It was able to drive 58 yards to set up the game-winning 42-yard field goal for McFadden as time expired.

Despite coming out on top, Davidson said the team left numerous plays on the field.

"It's a win, we got out alive, but it's a lot to learn from. There's a lot of plays you wish you could have back, wish you could execute better. After watching it on Sunday and coming into practice [Tuesday], we got to play better. We got to execute the plays that are called.

McFadden was named MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week after nailing both of his field-goal attempts, including the game winner.

Being winners of two straight, senior Caleb Blurr said momentum won't be an advantage for the Penguins.

"We have confidence and we know we can win, but at the same [time], you got to know that this is the next game and whatever we've done in the past, that doesn't matter anymore. We got to focus on this next game," Blurr said.

The football team will look to bring terror to Stambaugh Stadium during Halloween weekend on Oct. 29 to terrorize the University of South Dakota at 2 p.m.

