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Computer-generated photo of what Kilcawley Center could look like.

Photo courtesy of Joy Polkabila Byers

Kilcawley renovation updates

By **Samantha Smith**
The Jambar

In the December board of trustees meeting, the path was cleared and the resolution to approve renovations at Kilcawley Center was passed.

Joy Polkabila Byers, associate vice president of Student Experience, explained what this means and what's next in the process of renovating the building.

"We are in the phase of assessing the capability to raise the funds needed for a new student center. We're committed to making sure that the university, community and to our students [that] the board of trustees [are doing] this with as much private funds as possible," Byers said.

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Y-CAHT combats human trafficking

By **Christopher Gillett**
The Jambar

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and the Youngstown State University Coalition Against Human Trafficking, a student organization, is starting its club meetings.

Sociology professor Susan Laird, the founder and academic advisor of Y-CAHT who studies human trafficking in Ohio, explained human trafficking.

"It's modern-day slavery," Laird said. "There are three elements that must be involved in any situation in order for it to be considered human trafficking: force, fraud or coercion."

Laird said illicit slavery from human trafficking is worth billions of dollars and impacts many people, especially women. It's done for either sex or labor. Laird said the best way to combat it is education and awareness.

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Byers explained how long the renovation process will take and how long the center will be closed once renovations start.

“A timeframe would be about a year and a half, in order to gather the information to go out, to find the architects, to start the project and then ... whenever we’re officially done with the drawing stage and we’re ready to move forward and start the demolition,” Byers said. “We’re roughly [estimating to be] about two and a half years that the student center will be down.”

The layout of the building will be looked over until finances are allocated. Byers said the Student Union has taken inspiration from other universities and different areas of campus that could also be improved.

“We’re still trying to determine exactly what [future renovations] could look like. I know we have looked at some other universities to look at some of the academic services and where they could be located to meet the needs of students as well,” Byers said. “We’ve explored looking at the [William F. Maag Jr. Library] and seeing what that space could provide and almost having an option of different places for students if it’s academic purpose versus a more social and engaged purpose for campus.”

When the center is closed, Byers said the university will make accommodations for students, such as providing al-



More generated photos of Kilcawley center.

Photos courtesy of Joy Polkbla Byers

ternative plans for events usually hosted in Kilcawley and areas for students to continue working while the center is under construction.

A website for students to give feedback and recommendations about Kilcawley is delayed. Byers said once some of the renovation’s campaign is completed, the website will be launched.

Byers also said she is excited for the future of Kilcawley and students should be as well.

“[The renovation is] something to be really excited about and I know it’s something — a long time — we’ve been waiting on. There’s a need for campus to making sure that, if that’s our heart of campus is what we call our student center, then we need to make sure that we have it be what students want it to be,” Byers said.

If students have any feedback or questions about Kilcawley, they can email Byers at jlbyers@ysu.edu or call at (330) 941-2242.

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Low: 26°F	Low: 28°F	Low: 36°F	Low: 28°F	Low: 22°F	Low: 38°F	Low: 12°F
Chance of precip: 96%	Chance of precip: 68%	Chance of precip: 80%	Chance of precip: 67%	Chance of precip: 25%	Chance of precip: 55%	Chance of precip: 25%



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HONORING THE AMATEUR RADIO STATION

K8YSU commemorates Norm Into Jr.

By Molly Burke
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's amateur radio station, K8YSU, was dedicated on Jan. 21 in Moser Hall during a ceremony honoring benefactor and founder Albert "Norm" Into Jr.

Despite being established over 40 years ago, the club mainly operated in a small closet until this year. A generous donation from Into Jr. allowed for expansion, new equipment and a refurbished room on the third floor of Moser.

Halfway through the six and a half year process of relocating the club, Into Jr. passed away on Feb. 9, 2019.

Wim Steelant, dean of Science Technology Engineering Mathematics College, was a featured speaker at the dedication ceremony. Steelant met Into Jr. before his passing and said he set out to find a space worthy of K8YSU.

"About five years ago, I had the pleasure to meet Norm for the first time. I just listened to the passion that came out of Norm ... everything had to do with amateur

radio," Steelant said. "From the moment I left there ... I said 'we're on a mission, buddy. We've got to get out of that closet and we're going to get a real space going that is worthy of K8YSU.'"

At the dedication, students, staff and family members of Into Jr. spoke fondly of his life. Brian Nord of the YSU Foundation said he wanted to show gratitude for Into Jr. and his family.

"This is a great memory and what a great gift. What a great legacy here. Thanks so much to Norm for this," Nord said.

Nord also gave special thanks to Norm Into Jr.'s wife, Frances Into, who said she appreciated the hard work of family, friends and colleagues.

"You've all been so, so powerfully important to making Norm's dream come true. I thank you very much," Frances Into said.

Frank Sole, director of the amateur radio club, said Norm Into Jr.'s contributions have created many opportunities for members of the club.

"Norm Into [Jr.] was one of the founding fathers of K8YSU. He gave YSU the equipment," Sole said. "It's ba-

sically a resource on campus where students can come and operate amateur radio equipment, talk to people all over the world, try different experiments, build different things."

K8YSU is licensed by the Federal Communications Commissions. Sole said the licensure allows students to interact with all licensed amateur radio stations, participate in nationwide competitions, and serve as a vital resource to the Youngstown community.

"If amateur radio goes away tomorrow, the community loses a very important resource, if nothing else, in the emergency world. We're like the minute-minute communications. We come out of the woods with our own stuff, no taxpayer dollars at all, and it doesn't cost the community a cent when there's a problem," Sole said.

The club also offers morse code classes and teaches students how to operate equipment. Sole said this helps students who want to become individually licensed in the future.

For more information on the amateur radio club, contact Sole at fgsole@gmail.com.



Frank Sole speaking about K8YSU's development over the years.

Photo by Elizabeth Coss / The Jambar

In remembrance

In remembrance of journalism major Kylearia M. Day, and graduate student Jedidiah Affum. The Jambar's thoughts are with you and your loved ones.

Y-CAHT

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“I’m ever amazed at the number of folks that will say to me ‘Well we don’t have that problem here,’” Laird said.

Y-CAHT combats human trafficking through events like freedom walks, which are marches to bring awareness to the issue and the club is planning a walk for April.

Alongside community events, the club’s members work to help one another, make connections and donate essentials to survivors.

Gabrielle Shimko, a senior social work major and the secretary for Y-CAHT, said she enjoyed the connections the club brought her from meetings and events.

“It’s [about] making a lot of strong connections with the club, and just having each other’s back when one person’s down, that’ll lift them up. And also the walks, I like being able to go out into the community,” Shimko said.

While many people are familiar with human trafficking, there are many misconceptions about it. Laird said inaccuracies make it harder to study trafficking.

“As long as people support the myths and don’t look beneath the surface it makes [studying] almost impossible,” Laird said.

According to Laird, strangers kidnapping victims to traffic them is rare, and perpetrators are commonly the victim’s family or friends.

“Family is the number one trafficker in the country. [It’s] family members trafficking family members, especially adults trafficking kids,” Laird said. “Especially in the sex trade — this is not about somebody getting taken, it happens but it’s so rare.”

Many victims are manipulated into exploitation due to poverty or abuse. Laird said because many LGBTQ youth are shunned, they are vulnerable to manipulation.

“We identify [LGBTQ youths] as special populations because these are typical-

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— **Susan Laird**,
Sociology professor and academic advisor of Y-CAHT

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Susan Laird speaks on human trafficking.

Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

ly youth that when they come out to family they find themselves thrown out of the homes, so now they’re on the street. They find themselves ostracized by a lot of folks in our community,” Laird said.

According to Laird, perpetrators marking chosen cars with zip ties or fliers has never been verified in Ohio. The organization Polaris lists the zip tie claim as a myth. Another common claim is traffickers avoid people with tattoos due to their discernibility. However, Laird said perpetrators will use tattoos for that reason.

“Tattoos are one the things traffickers often use to identify their victims and keep track of them,” Laird said.

According to The Associated Press, traffickers brand identifiable tattoos to control victims. Laird said barcodes or identifiable terms are also used on victims.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is (888) 373-7888. Laird recommended supporting Polaris and Shared Hope, organizations which study and combat the issue.

If interested in Y-CAHT, find it at @ysu_caht on Instagram and ysu.caht@gmail.com. Meetings are every other Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Bresnahan Suite at Kilcawley Center. The next meeting will be Feb. 8.

News Brief

Women Retirees of YSU offers scholarship

The scholarship committee of the Women Retirees of Youngstown State University is accepting applications through March 1, 2023.

The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, junior female student who maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen and be enrolled in a degree-seeking program.

Information about the scholarship is available at YSU’s website on its scholarship page. Application forms may be printed from the website or picked up at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships located on the second floor of Meshel Hall at YSU.

Midway with SGA

By Shianna Gibbons
The Jambar

It's about midway through the academic year, and the Student Government Association executives are working on their campaign promises.

Nickiforos Mastorides and Maguire Franko, the president and vice president of SGA, ran for office in the spring of 2022 with four main initiatives. These initiatives focused on student voice and administration transparency, food insecurity on the campus and community level, mental health services and a cohesive platform for academic advising.

Beyond the original initiatives, Mastorides and Franko added a fifth initiative, the Make It Happen campaign.

"The goal of [Make It Happen] was to really initiate engagement with the student voice, and it'll give them a platform to directly affect our campaign," Mastorides said.

Mastorides said students mentioned wanting electric scooters on campus. SGA has spoken to YoGo Bike Share, which has recently moved into the Youngstown area.

"We talked with [YoGo Bike Share], and they said [Youngstown State University] is a potential docking site for those electric bikes in the future here. We're really excited for that partnership," Mastorides said.

Mastorides and Franko said to increase transparency, they've been inviting administrators to attend and speak at SGA body meetings. SGA also recently launched a new social media campaign connecting students directly to administrators.

"We just started a social media campaign where we are allowing students to fill in a question box on our Instagram story to ask different administrators," Mastorides said. "Our first interview was with President Tressel. We got nine or 10 different questions, and then we'll be releasing all of that soon. Every month, we're hoping to meet with a different administrator and give students an opportunity to ask questions."

The second initiative aimed to tackle food insecurity on the campus and community level. Franko said the Penguin Pantry was started by the previous administration, and SGA was able to build upon the original idea.

"When we were forming our initiatives [we saw] that we could give it better legs by moving it out of SGA's ownership," Franko said. "We moved it to the Dean of

Students, and they've done a wonderful job with the relocation. They've got a lot of graduate assistants to help out. They're getting a lot of donations, and they're getting a lot more curb appeal."

SGA also hosted a week-long event for Swipe Out Hunger. Mastorides said this was a success.

"Through Swipe Out Hunger, we were able to raise \$1,500 for students, and all of that is going directly to the Penguin Pantry in Cushwa," Mastorides said. "We were able to donate around 15 blankets to the rescue mission, engage with students through different learning events and we were able to donate over 400 swipes."

For expanding mental health services, Mastorides said SGA's goals were difficult to achieve, but it focused on student engagement.

"We wanted to create an on-site opportunity for grad students to do their clinical work as opposed to leaving the university," Mastorides said. "It's a lot more difficult than what we had anticipated. So instead, we've been putting out a lot more student opportunities, different events, with Student Counseling Services throughout the semester."

For more information on SGA, go to its website.

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Nickiforos Mastorides and Maguire Franko after asking President Tressel questions from the student body.

Photos courtesy of the Student Government Association.

CRAFTS AND PROJECTS



At the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County's main branch, participants can create potpourri sachets filled with lavender.

Photo by Jessica Stamp / The Jambar

Learn new activities with the Makers Academy

By Jessica Stamp
The Jambar

Laser engraving, 3D printing and sewing are some of the free activities offered by the Makers Academy hosted by the main branch at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County and Michael Kusalaba Library.

This month at the DIY Space in the main library, the librarians are featuring the use of an iron to create a no-sew potpourri sachet filled with lavender.

At the MakersSpace in the Michael Kusalaba Library, the librarians are featuring the laser engraver. Each location will spotlight a different activity every month for the community to participate in.

Lindsay Platt, supervisor at the Michael Kusalaba Library, said the libraries wanted to offer an assortment of crafts for the community to try with the array of equipment each library provides.

"[The libraries] did two different projects because ... a lot of the equipment is different," Platt said. "Some is

the same but most [are] different, but we also wanted to have some variety and hit on some different interests of different people."

The libraries put together these activities to increase more community involvement and allow people to learn something new. Tracy Harris, the children's youth librarian at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, said it offers something to the public.

"We'd like to show basic skills to get people to come in to know that we have something simple that the public can use," Harris said.

Erin Phemester, chief experience officer at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, said it's nice to have people be able to take their craft home.

Phemester also said the librarians wanted to help people to not be intimidated by the equipment the libraries have through the Makers Academy.

"[Michael Kusalaba Library suggested] looking at the pieces of equipment that people were interested in using, maybe a little bit intimidated by," Phemes-

ter said. "By putting [the Makers Academy] together, it would help people to kind of figure out those pieces that were a challenge."

Harris said the library has received positive feedback from those that participated in the Makers Academy.

"Our response has been amazing. One day we had four in one day which is amazing because that's four one-on-one sessions and that was pretty awesome," Harris said. "We've been really full and busy ... we have more [coming in] everyday."

People can stop in by appointment or come by with their library card.

For February, the main library will feature a laminator and the Michael Kusalaba Library will highlight audio conversion.

Any age can participate and will receive a card to get hole punched at the end of completing the craft. After 10 hole punches, the person will win a prize.

If interested in the Makers Academy, visit the libraries' website at libraryvisit.org or call (330) 744-8636.

Determination pays off for YSU student

By Jazelle Artman
The Jambar

The Outstanding Dietetic Student Award annually recognizes one student in each state that demonstrates leadership within dietetic programs. Youngstown State University student Ashley Chalupka was this year's recipient of the award.

Chalupka received a Bachelor of Science with a focus in dietetics last spring and is currently enrolled in the master's of public health program.

Chalupka also actively participates in student organizations. Chalupka is the president of the Student of Dietetics and a member of the Area Health Education Center for Scholars.

"Dietetics is basically treating disease with nutrition, whether it [is] in a hospital or trying to prevent disease starting with elementary school kids for Head Start programs. Really, nutrition is the basis for living," Chalupka said.

YSU requires a master's program to train students to become dietetics professionals. Students will also have to complete a minimum of 1000 hours of supervised practice or internship and be verified by a program director for 30 to 40 core competencies to take the Ohio state exam to become a registered dietician.

Jeanine Mincher, a health professions professor, said she learned of the award through a community of professional dietetics.

"The award was brought to my attention by Dima Es-

per and Dima is the president of our local dietetics professional group. It's called the Mahoning Valley Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Dima is the president and is also a part-time faculty member in the health professions department and alerted me because she is active in the Ohio Dietetics Association," Mincher said.

Mincher and Esper decided to nominate Chalupka for not only exhibiting excellence within the classroom but for also being a part of many activities outside of class.

"Ashley's an excellent student. She's always at the top of her game. She works very hard. When I've had her in class, she's always well prepared. She's organized and she likes to stay on top of things," Mincher said.

Although past records have not been formally checked, Mincher is unaware of previous winners from the university, making Chalupka the first recipient from YSU.

"There could have been someone who received the award prior to me coming to YSU but I am not sure of it. I can't think of any one who's received this award prior to Ashley," Mincher said. "Definitely, definitely a feather in Ashley's cap and it's very well deserved. We are really proud of her and very happy for her."

Chalupka is projected to graduate in fall 2023 with a master's degree in public health.

"In December, I plan to sit for my [registered dietitian] exam to become a registered dietitian and [possibly] work in the community. [I am] not exactly sure yet. I want to have my own private practice eventually and help clients with weight management," Chalupka said.



Photo by Jazelle Artman / The Jambar

Ashley Chalupka received Outstanding Dietetic Student Award.

Chalupka will attend a ceremony April 14, at Columbus State Community College to receive the award.

Getting involved with Student Organization Fair

By Cassandra Lucyk
The Jambar

With the spring semester starting, Youngstown State University held its semi-annual Student Organization Fair, Jan. 11.

Caleb Queen, coordinator of Student Involvement at YSU, explained what the fair is about.

"The Student Organization Fair is held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. We have about 180 student organizations on campus, and we allow them to reserve a table for the event," Queen said. "Students can come through and learn about an organization, what they do and what their meetings look like. It's just a way for students to get involved on campus, and find members of organizations that they might be interested in."

Queen also explained how students can get their organization involved in the fair.

"We send out a sign-up link once we've determined how much space we have," Queen said. "Students sign up and as time goes by, we give students opportunities to cancel. We also have a waitlist, that way if someone cancels others have an opportunity to participate."

Sofia Myers, a freshman political science major, explained the importance of stu-

dent organizations as a member of the Student Government Association.

"We really want to bridge the gap between the administrative side of things versus students," Myers said. "We want everyone's voices to be heard, and we want to make YSU overall a better place and give students a more positive experience while they're here."

Jordan Pintar, a sophomore philosophy and anthropology major, explained why SGA was at the fair.

"Our booth is Student Government, I am on the executive team and I'm the parliamentarian. We're just out here talking to the students, recruiting representatives and potentially senators," Pintar said.

Kendra Bradley, a freshman pre-dental hygiene major, said why she joined her organization, SGA.

"I joined because I feel like voices are silenced when it comes to the younger generations, so it gets our word out there and we're able to help people that feel like they're smaller. We create a voice for the people that feel like they do not have one or are not able to say what they need," Bradley said.

The next Student Organization Fair will be held in fall 2023. For more information about the Student Organization Fair and upcoming events, visit YSU's events webpage or contact Queen at mcqueen@ysu.edu.

Below surface level

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

Minerals, fossils and crystals fill the Clarence R. Smith Mineral Museum in Moser Hall at Youngstown State University.

Opening to the public in 2001, the museum's collection is largely credited to its donors and father-and-son duo, Clarence R. Smith Sr. and Jr.

Before the museum's opening, the Smith family was collecting a variety of minerals from around the world in the 1960s. Stefanie Hudzik, the museum specialist, explained the collection's early history.

"Clarence [Smith] Sr. was a Youngstown native and came from very humble beginnings and built himself into a very accomplished businessman. It wasn't until the last decade of his life that he really got into mineral collecting," Hudzik said. "[Smith Sr.] had so many of them that he was able to display them at his personal property."

Ikram Khawaja, a geology professor at YSU, took interest in the collection. The two shared common joy over minerals and Smith Sr. allowed specimens in the collection to be used for academic purposes.

"At the time the geology program didn't have hand specimens to pass around to students. Smith [Sr.] was like, 'That's so cool, go for it,' and gave [Khawaja] a box of minerals, who took them to YSU and he presented with [the minerals]."

After Smith Sr.'s passing in the 70s, his son moved the collection to Adamas Jewelry and Gifts to be on display, but Khawaja stayed in touch with the family, and convinced them to donate to the university by the 1990s.

During the summer of 2022, the collections ultra-violet display was upgraded and more artifacts were added, with newer additions coming from the museum's storage.

Hudzik, who has been working with the museum since 2018, said she has been reorganizing the museum's extended collection

and wants more of the stored pieces out on display.

"I found a bunch of drawers with fluorescent minerals in them ... a lot of them did have very bright fluorescents so we opened the case up and filled it to the brim up," Hudzik said. "I would like to do that with a few more cases, our fossil collection, specifically. We have a lot more fossils in storage and I think it would be neat to put them out here."

Coming to YSU in 2013 for her masters' degree with a biology education focus, the history of the museum ties to Hudzik herself. She explained some of her own connections to the location.

"When I was a kid in the 90s, I saw this [collection] on display at Adamas [Jewelry and Gifts in Boardman, Ohio] ... it's kind of neat that I saw this as a kid and now we've come full circle and here I am," Hudzik said. "It's been really fun to bring [opportunities] in with my education background."

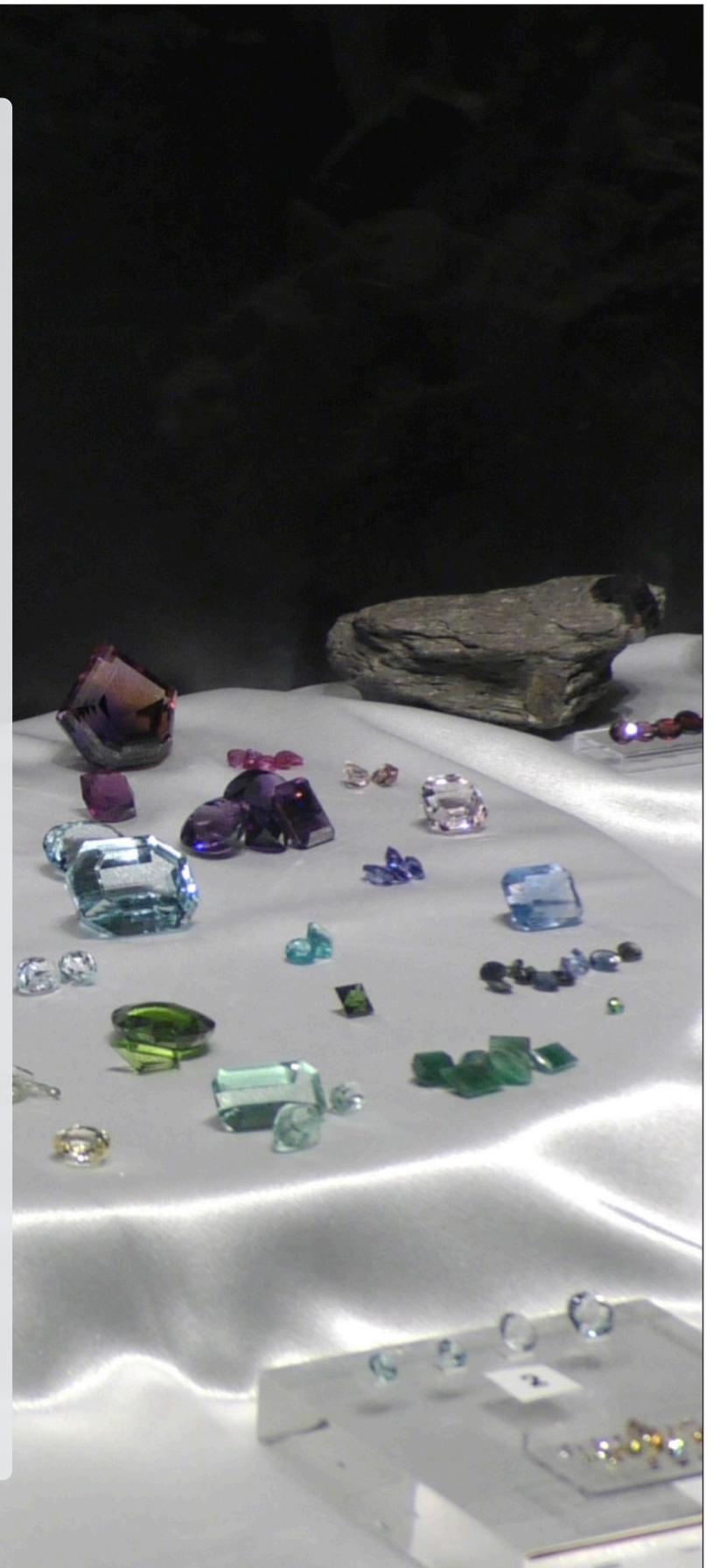
The museum not only acts for viewing, but also serves YSU students. Departments and courses plan activities such as scavenger hunts to explore the collection of over 500 specimens.

Mason Santangelo, a sophomore communications major, said he was interested in the variety of international and local minerals.

"One thing I noticed right off the bat was the different minerals that [the museum has] from other countries like Mexico and Brazil. I was very surprised to see that, I thought it would just be minerals from around here," Santangelo said.

The museum accepts both monetary donations as well as specimens and has a policy on its website.

Admission is free to the public and field trips are offered for the museum, but must be scheduled in advance on the museum's website. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. It is also open from 12 until 6 p.m. on Fridays and from 12 until 4 p.m. on Saturdays.



The museum displays collections provided by the Smith family and other donors.

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 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Tuesdays:
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 Wednesdays:
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The museum displays collections provided by the Smith family and other donors.

Round table of readers

By **Natalie Lasky**
The Jambar

Lit Youngstown, a local literary organization, promotes literature and storytelling in the area. Its partnership with Youngstown State University offers various programs for students to involve students.

Lit Youngstown collaborates with local schools and libraries to bring writing workshops and author visits to students. The organization's mission is to promote a love for reading and writing among all community members, regardless of age or experience.

Development Coordinator of Lit Youngstown and YSU graduate student, Katelyn Urs, explained the type of resources available for people with literary needs at YSU.

"We are the first and only literary arts nonprofit in Youngstown," Urs said. "We offer workshops, book clubs and special events to bring the community together

and celebrate literary arts."

The book club, Food for Thought, met Jan. 12 with the Director of Lit Youngstown, Karen Schubert. She started the club meeting and informed the group of the next book on the club's reading list and reviewed "There There" by Tommy Orange.

"['There There' is] a powerful, thought-provoking novel that delves into important and timely themes," Schubert said. "The next book on the Food for Thought schedule is a collection of essays by Ohio writer Hanif Abdurraqib."

Barbara Brothers, a Food for Thought club member who reviewed the book, spoke to the club about how the book addressed issues modern Native American culture faces.

"The book really made me think about the complexities of modern-day Indigenous life and how it's portrayed in media," Brothers said.

Schubert said the renovations at The Public Library of

Youngstown & Mahoning County are just the beginning of the organization's plans for the literary community.

"I think it's really on the surface here [that] this is a literary community. People love to read, you know, look at the [The Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County] that we've just renovated, [it is] an absolute gem," Schubert said.

In addition to the book club and literary festival, Lit Youngstown hosts a monthly reading series at The Soap Gallery featuring local writers and poets. The organization also offers writing workshops for all ages and skill levels.

One of this year's programs is Writing Intensives: Writing From Memory. The program is designed to develop skills in writing stories through a monthly all-day workshop from January through September.

For more information on Lit Youngstown's events and programs, visit the organization's website or email info@lityoungstown.org.



The Lit Youngstown organization discussed future programs.

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The Jambar Column

Where everybody knows your name

In another installment of “things I love about Youngstown,” I’d like to talk about third spaces.

Our homes are our first spaces and school or work are our second spaces. A third space is a communal gathering place, like a church or shul, a youth group or PTA, a bar or sports league.

Robert D. Putnam wrote about third spaces in “Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community.” Putnam described the decline of social groups and communal gathering spots with the advent of the internet.

Yes, in some ways social media has become a digital third space. However, we still find these “analog” third spaces thriving in smaller cities like Youngstown.

While I do not have many friends or peers in groups like the Elks or the Shriners, at least everyone I know here has some space they frequent outside of work, school or home. We all have friends or family who are active in their churches, mosques and synagogues. I have friends who belong to rock-climbing gyms that take climbing trips on the weekends with each other.

Recreational sports can be great ways to meet people in your community too. I’ve met people at YSU and around the city who play recreational sports with their friends every week, ranging from conventional to the more obscure. For every three people I’ve met who are in a rec soccer or softball league, I’ve also met someone who rides motocross, does roller derby, or — like me — plays disc golf.

When I moved here, I didn’t know many people my age, so I found a group on Facebook of Youngstown disc golfers since that’s a pastime I’m passionate about. I started attending league nights,



Henry Shorr

where we play for cash, and before I knew it I was a part of the community.

I started playing rounds with people outside of league nights and making friends in the group. Now, I’m able to say

some of my closest friends in town are people I’ve met through the Youngstown Disc Golf Club.

One of those friends and I will also go to Westside Bowl for trivia every Monday. I can be fairly certain when I walk in who will be behind the bar, I will have an idea of who is going to show up for trivia, and I know my man Eric will be up there to stump me with some “this week in history” trivia.

Some of the bars in Youngstown have created some of the best communal spaces I’ve seen. Both Penguin City and Westside Bowl host events or leagues almost every night of the week. Penguin City hosts bar sports leagues like darts, cornhole and a disc golf putting league. Westside Bowl has events like the aforementioned Monday trivia night, but they also host bar bingo, open mics, dance parties and even reggae nights every week.

Spaces like these strengthen our communities. Yes, we have created a more global community through the internet and social media, but sometimes you have to connect with people close to home. It’s good for you and it’s good for your soul.

If you don’t have a space outside of work or home in which you feel comfortable, go out and find one! Or even better yet, make one.

The Jambar Editorial

Social outrage, little change

Thirty-nine. There have been 39 mass shootings in the United States since the start of 2023, according to ABC News. The Gun Violence Archive stated there are an estimated 73 deaths and 165 injuries.

The GVA has also confirmed 39 mass shooting events and defines them as, “[four] or more shot or killed, not including the shooter.”

The U.S. is number one — in mass shootings and gun ownership. The number one cause of death in ages 1-19 is firearms, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Columbine shooting was probably the originator — or at least the biggest wake-up call — for gun reform and control. Columbine and Sandy Hook rocked the U.S. and were the topic of national news for weeks after. Quickly, mass shootings became regular national-level news, and active shooter safety became dinner discussions.

After the Parkland shooting, there was a different reaction. Instead of shock, there was outrage — justified outrage. There were national-level movements and protests like March for Our Lives and the Never Again Movement. Gun reform became a hot and widely debated topic.

But that outrage could only last for so

long. Laws and amendments took precedence. The U.S. was already desensitized to mass shootings, and that trend has only continued.

Now, we merely blink and sigh in disappointment at the news of yet another mass shooting — most times — we don’t even hear about them. What seems to catch public attention is — not the individual lives lost — but rather the details themselves. There are still movements, protests and active debates, but the reality of it all seems to crush any hope for change.

The Monterey Park shooting had the most deaths and injuries of the 39 mass shootings in January. ABC and CBS News have reported at least 11 deaths and nine injuries. The shooting occurred at a dance studio celebrating the Lunar New Year.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom told CBS News that he is renewing his call for stricter gun control and said, “the second amendment is becoming a suicide pact.”

Large crowds are now uncomfortable. Loud noises in educational settings become deafening. Every door and window is marked as a calculated plan of escape. Thirty-nine mass shootings in less than a month. How much worse can it get before change happens?

Quote of the Week

“How youngly he began to serve his country,
How long continu’d.”

— William Shakespeare
English playwright, poet and actor

Crime on campus

By Shianna Gibbons
The Jambar

Emilio Santiago, 25, was arrested Dec. 16 at Youngstown State University for alleged criminal trespassing after claiming he was registered for spring 2023 classes.

YSU police chief Shawn Varso said there is usually a warning before someone is arrested for criminal trespassing.

“If you have no privilege to be on campus — there are public areas on campus — however, the classrooms [and] academic buildings that you don’t really have a privilege to be in unless you are a student or have some business to be there,” Varso said. “[What] we do ... if there is an individual that we’ve identified, that may have had some criminal activity ... we can issue what’s called a criminal trespass warning.”

Varso said individuals are told in person that they can not be on campus. If they’re found on campus without these privileges, they can be arrested for criminal trespassing. Santiago was issued a criminal trespassing warning Dec. 15 and was arrested the next day for violating that warning.

The incident report stated on Dec. 16, around 3 p.m., YSU police received a call from a female student stating, “[There was] a male is in her class that is not a student.”

Officers were then dispatched to Bliss Hall to investigate.

According to the report, officers found Santiago on the third floor of Bliss Hall. Santiago told officers that he was registered for spring classes and thought he could come to classes early. Officers then informed Santiago since it was still the fall semester, he couldn’t be on campus.

The report stated that Santiago knew the female and that she had previously told him to stay away from her.

Varso said Santiago is awaiting trial and is currently going through the Student Code of Conduct. “[Santiago] was taken into custody. He was transported to the Mahoning County jail for processing. He was released later that night on what is called a summons. [He] was given a notice to appear in court the following week,” Varso said. “He is still charged with criminal trespass. He just had his arraignment. So, he will be basically set for trial later on down the line.”

\$110 MISSING AFTER KILCAWLEY THEFT:

On Jan. 9, YSU police were called to Kilcawley Center around noon for a reported theft. A YSU staff office manager contacted the police after noticing a total of \$110 missing from three cash drawers and the safe. The incident report stated the student manager counted the drawers and safe the night before, Jan. 8, and in the morning, three student staff workers reported that the drawers were short.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES AND JUVENILES ARRESTED:

YSU police were dispatched to the Enclave parking lot behind Chipotle to a fight in progress Jan. 11. The incident report listed several misdemeanor charges against multiple juveniles at the scene. Charges included disorderly conduct, unlawful restraint and resisting arrest. Arrests did occur at the M-40 lot, where property was damaged, according to police.

STUDENT FILES TELECOMMUNICATIONS HARASSMENT:

On Jan. 11, a YSU student went to the YSU police station to file a menacing report. The student instead filed a telecommunications harassment report against another student who continued to contact them through various social media platforms, despite stating to be left alone. Officers have offered escorting services for the individual.

FIRE ALARM TRIGGERED RESULTS IN INDUCING PANIC REPORT:

An inducing panic report was filed Jan. 10 after fire alarms were triggered in Kilcawley Center. An individual pulled the alarms believing the lever to be a door release. No criminal charges were made.

Contact the YSU Police Department at (330) 941-3527 or visit the department at Clingan Waddell Hall.



Collegiate track teams gather for a meet.

Photo by John Ostapowicz / The Jambar

Track & field goes the distance

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's and women's track & field teams combined to win nine events, break meet records and set personal bests.

For the teams, Jan. 20 was a busy day at the Watts and Tressel Training Site. There were more than 1,800 athletes and 24 universities present at the YSU Collegiate Invitational presented by Southwoods Health.

To start the afternoon, four of the top six spots in the men's long jump were awarded to the Penguins.

For the men, junior Tye Hunt set a new meet record with a leap of 7.57-meters to earn the event title, while senior Jakari Lomax had a personal-best leap of 7.40-meters.

In the women's shot put, junior Lauren Sheehan won the event with a 14.05-meter throw, while senior Zach Gray won the event for the men with a personal-best throw of 17.29-meters, his previous best throw was 16.7.

In the men's pole vault, junior Dorian

Chaigneau tied for first, as the Penguins had two athletes place in the top three of the event. The top three finishers all cleared the bar at 5.23-meters, but Chaigneau cleared the bar on his second attempt.

Senior Erin Bogard led the way for the women, clearing the bar at 4.00-meters to claim the event win.

The Penguins also swept wins in the 60-meter hurdles, with junior Madison Murry securing a first place finish for the women with a time of 8.57 seconds. Sophomore Luke Laubacher won the event for the men with a time of 8.07 seconds.

In the triple jump, junior Nia Williams-Matthews secured the victory with a leap of 12.33-meter. For the men, junior Lonnie Harper took home the title in the high jump with a meet-best performance, 2.02-meter.

With the event win, Matthews was named Nike Horizon League Track and Field Athlete Of The Week on Jan. 24.

The men and women's track & field team will be back in action at the YSU College Mid Major presented by Southwoods Health on Jan. 27.

Bowling gets rolling

By Elizabeth Coss
The Jambar

Following winter break, the bowling team prepared for the 2023 season by striking its way into 5th place in the Sacred Heart University Northeast Classic on Jan. 20 through 22.

On Day One, the women garnered a team-high score of 5,099 across five-straight Baker Matches. The strong finish landed the Penguins in third place by day's end.

Day Two went into Traditional Matches where the women kept the ball rolling, going 3-2.

Junior Kristen Moore stood out for the women placing ninth individually with 1,093 pins downed, bowling an average of 218.6 and was named to Tournament All-Team Second Team.

Day Three brackets started off against Maryville University, where the team struggled to pull off a win, claiming only one of five rounds against the Saints, dropping the team down to sixth overall in the tournament.

The women then faced off against Arkansas State University and were able to climb their way back into the win column, beating the Red Wolves in seven rounds, 4-3.

The Penguins would face off against Maryville for a second time on Day Three to keep hopes alive for finishing in the top five. By day's end, the women secured fifth place beating the Saints in seven rounds, 4-3.

Sophomore Lindsey Ennis joined the starting lineup for the final match against Marysville and said going into the rematch was tough.

"It's always tough whenever you're in those head-to-heads because you're constantly trying not to worry about what the other team is doing, but every frame, every ball that team is throwing completely determines what you have to do next to win," Ennis said.

The bowling team travels this weekend to Arlington, Texas for the Prairie View A&M Invitational on Jan. 27 through Jan. 29. For scores and more on the team, visit ysusports.com.



Photo courtesy of YSU Athletics

The bowling team placed 5th in the Sacred Heart University Northeast Classic.

Women's basketball bounces back on the road

By Cameron Niemi
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team was back home this week, hosting conference rival Robert Morris University on Jan. 16. The Penguins picked up their sixth conference win with a score of 65-48.

Fifth-year senior Lilly Ritz continued to dominate, recording her ninth double-double of the season. Ritz led the Penguins, with 19 points, 14 rebounds and two blocks.

Senior Paige Shy played a big part in the win, scoring 15 points and six rebounds. Shy also led the team in steals with three and added four assists.

Head coach John Barnes talked earlier in the week about sixth-year senior Megan Callahan facing off against her former team.

"Ultimately, Megan wants to win every game equally, she will get ready like she always does," Barnes said.

Callahan played a big game against her former team, scoring 14 points, three rebounds and two assists.

After the first quarter, the Penguins held a two point lead. In the second quarter, the 'Guins went on a 13-point run and held the Colonials to just seven points. They led at half, 31-19.

By the third quarter, Robert Morris cut the Penguins' lead to eight points. The women had an explosive fourth quarter, scoring 21 points. Ritz and Callahan combined for 15 points.

Despite shooting 16% from beyond the arc, the women held on and secured the 17 point victory at home and improved to a 12-4 overall record.

On Jan 16, the team hosted Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. The women lost a close game that came down to the final seconds by a score of 64-61 and fell to 12-5 for the season.

The Penguins struggled against the Jaguars offensively as they shot 38.9% from the field. They were also outscored in the paint. The top-scorer of the game was IUPUI's Destiny Perkins — she scored 18 points, six assists and two steals.

Youngstown State was led once again by Ritz, she recorded her 10th double-double of the season scoring 15 points and 10 rebounds. Despite recording a double-double, the Jaguars played well defensively and held Ritz to just 6-of-20 from the field.

Junior Malia Magestro had 11 points, four rebounds and five assists. Callahan scored 13 points, three rebounds and two assists. Senior Jen Wendler added five points off the bench.

After the first quarter, the Penguins led by one point, and by halftime, the game was tied up at 32. In the third quarter, the Jaguars jumped to a 6 point lead heading into the fourth.

The 'Guins would find themselves up one with three minutes to go. Then, with little over a minute remaining, IUPUI's Natalie Andersen hit a 3-pointer in the corner to put the Jaguars up by four. The Penguins were not able to come back.

After the loss, Callahan spoke about the two tough upcoming road games.

"Unfortunately we lost, but on the plus side there is so many things that we can learn from this game, we'll definitely watch film on this game and that will prepare us for Green Bay and Milwaukee," Callahan said.

On Jan 20, the women's team traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin to take on the 14-3 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Penguins were victorious by a final score of 63-60 and snapped Green Bay's 11-game win streak.

Four starters scored double digit points in the victory. The 'Guins were led by Ritz who had a bounce-back game shooting 7-of-8 from the field. She finished the game with 14 points and seven rebounds.

Magestro scored 12 points along with four assists. Senior Dena Jarrels had 11 points and five assists. Callahan also scored 11 points, all in the first half, and had three rebounds.

The Penguins went into halftime with a 33-32 lead over Green Bay. Ten of Ritz's 14 points came in the first half.

The women found themselves down one point heading into the fourth. Jarrels would hit a deep 3-pointer with two minutes left in the game that shifted the momentum, putting the Penguins up by two. The 'Guins would hold on to the lead and win by three points.

The Youngstown State women's team would go on to win a key game on the road and picked up its seventh conference win improving to 13-5 for the season.

Despite splitting two games at home, the Penguins are still in a three-way tie for first place in the Horizon League. After defeating Green Bay, the Penguins traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to take on the Panthers on Jan. 22. For more information on that game, check out ysusports.com.

The women will return home Jan. 26 to host Wright State University. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m., and can be listened to on 570 WKBN or watched on ESPN+.

Northern Kentucky University will also be in town Jan. 28. Tipoff is at 1 p.m.



Photo by Elizabeth Coss / The Jambar
Paige Shy scored 15 points against Robert Morris University.

The battle of the Horizon League

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

For the first time since Dec. 21, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team completed a four-game road stretch. Over the span, new records and season-highs were achieved.

The Penguins secured a road game victory, Jan. 19, defeating the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 86-70.

With the win, four players scored in double figures en route to an impressive showing from senior Dwayne Cohill, who scored a game-high 26 points. Adding to the offensive effort, graduate student Malek Green posted 17 points along with eight rebounds.

Defensively, graduate student Adrian Nelson recorded his eighth double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

The men traveled to Milwaukee on Jan. 21, in hopes of continuing their win streak, but fell short to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 88-75.

The Penguins trailed early in the first half, as the Panthers jumped out to a 12-6 lead, before the Youngstown State offense went on a 10-2 scoring run to lead before the half.

Although the Penguins had the lead heading out of the locker room, Milwaukee battled back and shut down the high-powered offense.

Despite the loss, four Penguins scored in double figures, with senior Brandon Rush leading the attack with 19 points. For the fifth time this season, Green recorded a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

The offense showed signs of resurgence, as Cohill had 16 points and seven rebounds along with Nelson nabbing 13 points in the paint.

Toward the end of the game, freshman John Lovelace Jr. got the Penguins within six but could not facilitate a comeback.

With 12 games left in the season, three teams in the Horizon League are fighting for the coveted one seed.

As the battle for the conference starts to ramp up, head coach Jerrod Calhoun said he knows the importance of the upcoming Horizon League games.

"There are a lot of games left, as good as it is right now, it could go south in a hurry if you're not preparing or have some humility," Calhoun said.

With more games underway, Youngstown State improves to 15-6 overall and 7-3 in conference play.

As of Jan. 23, the Youngstown State offense is tied for fifth place with James Madison University in the NCAA standings in total scoring offense, averaging 84.5 points per game, with 21 games played.

In response to what draws the fans to watch the Penguins play, senior Bryce McBride said it's the team's high-flying offense and 3-pointers that catches the eye.

"Everybody loves offense, nobody pays attention to defense that much, when you say Youngstown the first that comes to mind is [we're] averaging 80 something points per game," McBride said.

The men's basketball team is back in action Jan. 27, against Oakland University. For the first time this season, the game will be nationally televised on ESPN2 and can be listened to on 570 WKBN.

