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Jeff Wormley demonstrates the new functions on the Ellucian Experience.

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A portal to an Ellucian Experience

By Shianna Gibbons
The Jambar

Students, faculty and staff may have noticed a message on the Penguin Portal website to switch to the replacement, Ellucian Experience.

Jeff Wormley, the project manager, said the Ellucian Experience is still the Penguin Portal but with a different design. However, external forces are the reason for the change.

"The current software that hosts Penguin Portal is being 'end-of-life' by the company that owns it," Wormley said. "We want to be off the old portal by March 1, 2024."

Ellucian Experience will have every feature the old Penguin Portal had but with a few new features. Rather than one page with different links, anyone can customize it to fit their needs using "cards."

Cards are viewable links anyone can place on the dashboard for quick access, Wormley said. Cards can

be pinned and locked into place and can have different functions. Some different cards include a live weather view from WKBN, students' grades, course schedules or a To-Do list card.

"Ellucian Experience allows you to pick what you want as cards on your [dashboard]," Wormley said. "If there's something you don't ever use, don't put it on your wall. [The cards] allow you to pick what you want to use instead of scrolling through 75 links pages."

Wormley also said the marketing team managed the aesthetic design of the Ellucian Experience.

"There's a lot more vibrant colors, photos and images than before," Wormley said. "Now, there's actually photos that relate to the cards, and it looks a lot more friendly. Marketing and Communications [department] take care of branding and IT takes care of how it works."

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Zoldan Center receives \$325,000 donation

By Christopher Gillett
The Jambar

Jocelyne Linsalata, a member of the Youngstown State University board of trustees, donated \$325,000 to the YSU Foundation for the creation of the Zoldan Family Student Center.

Linsalata said she donated funds because she believes it's time for an upgraded vision of Kilcawley Center.

"[Kilcawley has] served the students well. It's served the university well for many many years. I believe in [former] President Tressel and his board, their vision to enhance and upgrade it, to do some rebuilds. I think the timing is right for that," Linsalata said.

Before her donation and appointment as a national trustee in June, Linsalata attended YSU, earning her bachelor's degree in 1974, a master's degree in 1980 and served as a trustee on the YSU Foundation for over 15 years.

Linsalata said student centers are the "hearts" of universities and related that importance to her time as a YSU student.

"The student center is essentially the heart of a university and the existing student center in Kilcawley ... is where I went as a student," Linsalata said. "I was — like many students at that time — a commuter student. So, it basically was for meals and to meet friends for social events."

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Penguin Portal

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During the summer, Ellucian Experience went live and student-focus groups were held to modify and make more user-friendly edits.

Rosalyn Donaldson, director of IT Training Services and academic continuity team manager, said the student-focus groups were beneficial in moving the project forward.

“There were probably 20 students that met with us in a big group. We asked them several questions, they responded and they kind of tore it apart, which is what we expected and wanted them to do,” Donaldson said. “It was exciting

feedback and [the students] all liked the flexibility.”

Despite the Ellucian Experience being available, IT is still improving the user experience. Donaldson said there will be about nine different focus groups based on different departments on campus.

“If you’re working with student-centric areas, we wanted those people to be together because maybe they could bounce ideas off one another,” Donaldson said.

According to Wormley, the project has been in the works since spring and was less expensive than anticipated.

“[The software for Ellucian Experience] was part of a bundle that the university was already buying anyway. So, there’s very minimal software cost, and

we saved money,” Wormley said. “Anytime we implement anything there’s a labor cost but the team was really efficient and did a good job. So, it’s actually a lot less than we expected.”

Donaldson said Ellucian Experience has a video and resources available to help students, faculty and staff navigate the website. Donaldson also said she doesn’t envision any trouble as it’s more user-friendly, but IT Training Services can help individuals also.

If students, faculty or staff experience any problems relating to the website or their devices, the IT Service Desk is located on the first floor of Kilcawley Center behind Jamba Juice.



Jeff Wormley demonstrates the new functions on the Ellucian Experience.

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Low: 61°F	Low: 49°F	Low: 45°F	Low: 42°F	Low: 39°F	Low: 35°F	Low: 47°F
Chance of precip: 25%	Chance of precip: 84%	Chance of precip: 84%	Chance of precip: 40%	Chance of precip: 55%	Chance of precip: 13%	Chance of precip: 17%



Partly Cloudy



Scattered Showers



Scattered Showers



Rain



Overcast



Partly Cloudy



Overcast

Information courtesy of accuweather.com

On-campus motor vehicle thefts raise concern

By Jillian McIntosh
The Jambar

Three incidents of motor vehicle theft have been reported at Youngstown State University since January.

A student reported a missing vehicle at the University Courtyard Apartments on Sept. 2.

According to the police report, the student had left the vehicle unlocked with the keys inside at the M32 lot. Security footage captured two unknown suspects — one wearing a gray hoodie and the other wearing a yellow hoodie — who drove away in the vehicle by opening the door.

YSU Police Chief Shawn Varso is responsible for safety, protection and crime prevention on campus. He said unlocked vehicles are at risk of theft.

“It’s an easy opportunity for someone to get a hold of a car,” Varso said. “It’s the second time that the car was left unlocked and the keys were in the vehicle.”

Varso said the main purpose of the YSU Police Department is to prevent crime on campus.

“Our officers will go through the lots periodically checking in,” Varso said. “We are looking for individuals who look out of place, [and] who just happen to be walking around a lot.”

Varso said YSU community members can report suspicious activity by contacting or going to the police department.

“We rely on our students, faculty and staff to call us if they see something,” Varso said. “If you do see somebody walking around a lot, pulling on door handles — that’s suspicious — we should know about that.”

According to Varso, one of the higher risk areas for theft is the M70 lot.

“We’ve actually had some thefts occur in the M70 lot, which is the large tailgate lot right across from the stadium,” Varso said. “It’s just the theft of convenience. These individuals will walk through parking lots, and they will look in vehicles that are open.”

Vehicles with money, technology or other personal belongings visible are at a higher risk of theft. Varso said he advises students to take time to check locked doors, and have no visible valuables.

“Make sure you don’t have that out. Then take another minute to walk around the car, make sure the doors are locked,” Varso said.

Faith Gregory, a sophomore psychology major, said she reported an incident of theft in the M71 lot last August.

“I was in class ... my sister went in and she forgot to lock my car,” Gregory said. “There were two women, I believe, that came into my car and just ransacked it.”

Gregory said she also had her gas cap stolen in the Wick Avenue M30 Parking Deck the following Monday.

Varso said three individuals were identified and prosecuted last year.

“The type of crime it is, usually a misdemeanor offense, in some cases they’re given a couple days in jail or they are given probation,” Varso said.

Danny O’Connell, director of Support Services, is involved in parking and auxiliary services. He said parking services find doors open or vehicles operating unattended.

“Recently, we found a faculty’s car that was still running,” said O’Connell. “When we see things like that ... we find out who’s vehicle it was and let them know and they can move the car. I lock the car and shut it off.”

There are safety measures built in the parking decks for crime prevention.

“Our first phase went into two parking garages at the time, and we stained the concrete white and put the LED lights,” said O’Connell. “The second phase was to go around all the parking lots and change the [lights] out.”

O’Connell said the cameras in lots do not prevent crime entirely.

“It’s really impractical to have cameras all through the parking garage,” O’Connell said. “It’s such an expense ... Usually a camera would help us find something after the fact.”

Contact 330-941-1515 for student security services, which are available 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The M70 parking lot is located across from Stambaugh Stadium.

Zoldan Center

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Announced in January, the Zoldan Center project to replace Kilcawley Center will begin demolition in summer 2024. YSU has contracted Strollo Architects, Inc. who previously designed the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Paul McFadden, president of the YSU Foundation, said the Zoldan Center spawned from the idea of a new Kilcawley.

“The Zoldan Center morphed after the idea of ‘We needed a new Kilcawley.’ Now, Kilcawley [Center] has served us so well. It was built in the mid to late 1960s [and] it’s been added onto three times,” McFadden said. “Kilcawley’s been wonderful for our students, but it’s just tired. It’s not an efficient set up anymore, and times have changed.”

The new center will be named after the Zoldan Family, the owners of Phantom Fireworks, after they gave an initial \$5 million donation for its creation.

Another donation came from the Gelbman Foundation, which gave \$1.5 million and will have a

multi-purpose room named after the Gelbman family to replace the Chestnut Room.

The Hynes-Finnegan Foundation also gave \$450,000 and will have entrances in the Zoldan Center named after each surname.

The Zoldan Center will also include a wall dedicated to Kilcawley Center, its former donors and previous student centers.

The total cost of the Zoldan Center will be somewhere around \$45 million, with the YSU Foundation’s goal to raise \$20 million for it. With the donations, the foundation is about halfway toward that goal. McFadden said the YSU Foundation will have to reach out to less familiar donors.

“The second [half of fundraising is] always the toughest, cause we’ve already gone to the closest friends we have. Now, we’ve got to reach out and really roll up our sleeves to meet some new donors that we think can help us with this. So, we’re halfway, and we’ll get the second half done,” McFadden said.

To learn more about the YSU Foundation, go to its website.



Photo by Christopher Gillett / The Jambar

The YSU Foundation is located in Melnick Hall on Wick Ave.

Coach Barnes taking leave of absence

By John Ostapowicz and Cameron Niemi
The Jambar

John Barnes, head coach of Youngstown State University’s women’s basketball team, announced Oct. 2 he will take a leave of absence to focus on family matters.

Associate head coach John Nicholais will serve as acting head coach in Barnes’ absence. The duo of Nicholais and Barnes have been coaching since 2013.

Nicholais previously coached as an assistant at the Division II level with Drury University from 2008-2013 before signing with the Penguins.

Before coaching for Drury, he was also an assistant coach

at Glenville State University from 2003-2008.

Before the season starts Nov. 8 against Xavier University, Nicholais said he’d ensure the culture will remain normal, despite Barnes’ leave.

“We just want to move forward and the team knows that we have objects and things we need to get covered,” Nicholais said. “We’re trying to move forward the best we can.”

According to the Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Ron Strollo, there is no timeline on when Barnes could return.

“We are going to move forward and he needs to do what’s best for his family and himself and we need to take care of the student-athletes,” Strollo said.



Coach John Barnes. Photo courtesy of ysusports.com

News Brief

The voter registration deadline for the upcoming Ohio election is Tuesday, Oct. 10.

On the state ballot for Nov. 7 are two referendums — Issue 1 and Issue 2. Issue 1, if passed, would protect reproductive rights — including access to abortion — in Ohio’s constitution. Issue 2, if passed, would legalize recreational marijuana use for those 21 and over, as well as its sale, possession, growth and taxation.

To register or learn about registration, go to the Ohio Secretary of State’s website.

Cleaning up campus

By **Matt Sotlar**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's Student Government Association held its first Campus Cleanup of the year Sept. 27.

At 3 p.m., around 25 SGA representatives and student volunteers gathered outside Kilcawley Center near the Daniel H. Becker Family Fountain Commons to walk around campus and pick up litter.

Junior philosophy and anthropology major Jordan Pintar is the executive vice president for SGA and coordinator of the Campus Cleanup. She said although this was the first cleanup of the fall semester, SGA began the cleanups at the end of the spring semester.

"Toward the end of the year, we had a lot of student complaints about seeing trash on the outskirts of campus," Pintar said.

As a result, SGA began to sponsor Campus Cleanups.

Volunteers could attend two sessions, which were from 3 to 4 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Students also had the

opportunity to stay for the entire two hours. Student volunteers and SGA representatives were split into groups and dispersed around campus with garbage bags, gloves and trash pickers.

Pintar said the event was a great way for students to both socialize and clean up YSU.

"[Students] get to meet other volunteers while they're out there picking up trash and making sure our environment is clean and suitable for everyone to live in," Pintar said.

Sofia Myers, a junior political science major and SGA vice president for student life, said she attended the cleanup because students deserve a litter-free campus.

"It's important for students to have a clean campus to walk on," Myers said. "It looks nice and it feels nice to have a clean environment. It's just better for nature in general."

Vice President of Financial Affairs and information technology senior Nick Bezzarro said he believes that student involvement is the most efficient way to keep YSU clean.

"I see a lot of trash around campus," Bezzarro said. "We would benefit from people cleaning up after themselves."

There are also student-based organizations that are dedicated to improving the environment around campus, including YSUscape, an organization geared towards improving the YSU campus and the greater Youngstown area by convening campus and citywide resources.

Pintar said SGA will host more cleanups in October and November. Pintar said those interested should be on the lookout for important updates via social media and campus bulletins.

"We send [updates] across campus through PenguinPulse and on a lot of social media, as well as the TVs around campus," Pintar said.

Students interested in joining SGA or participating in a Campus Cleanup can visit the SGA website, sga.ysu.edu, or its Instagram, [@ysu_sga](https://www.instagram.com/ysu_sga).

Dress for success with JCPenney

By **Sydney Fairbanks**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University students looking for professional attire can purchase some for a discount at the biannual JCPenney Suit Up Event on Oct. 8 at the Eastwood Mall in Niles. Students can receive up to 50% off on dress apparel, shoes and accessories.

The JCPenney Suit Up Event first came to the Penguin campus fall 2018. The event happens every semester, and allows students to build a professional wardrobe in preparation for future jobs.

Upon arriving at JCPenney, students check in with YSU's career staff with a valid YSU ID and receive a coupon and a merchandise list to know what is included.

The coupon is for 30% off the entire purchase. As long as all items are checked out in one purchase, students can bring any family members and friends with them to reap the benefits as well.

Students buying suits can be measured and fitted, and students wanting headshots can visit the beauty station

to get their hair and makeup done for a discount. Headshots are not included in the deal but can be taken or scheduled ahead while the event is taking place.

Christina O'Connell, director of the Williamson College of Business Administration's Center for Career Management, said she heard about JCPenney's deal from a discussion board with the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

O'Connell reached out to JCPenney to see how she could bring the program to YSU and expand the opportunity for students to purchase affordable, professional clothing.

"I've watched students walk out with one or two suits for between 100 and 200 dollars — that's the suit, the jacket, the belt, the shoes, the socks, everything," O'Connell said.

Students can benefit from the program even if they don't need a full suit. The coupon for the event will also include business casual clothing such as dress pants, blouses, shoes and undergarments.

Judin Balella is a graduate assistant at the Center for

Career Management. Balella said he encourages students to take advantage of the deal because it's important to look the part.

"In any major you're in, in any year, [you] still need professional clothing for future interviews, weddings, events [or] a nice dinner. The fact that YSU provides that opportunity to students — not just for their careers, but also for their personal lives — makes this event truly outstanding," Balella said.

O'Connell said JCPenney makes preparing for the event easy.

"The career offices here at YSU have to promote it. That includes social media promotions to make sure the Marketing and Communication Office receives it, ensuring that posters are displayed around the buildings, [and] providing fliers with the information as well as the merchandise listings," O'Connell said.

The Suit Up Event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 8, at the Eastwood Mall in Niles. For more information, contact the Eastwood Mall JCPenney at 330-544-1331.

Fitting women into the equation

By Molly Burke
The Jambar

The Association for Women in Mathematics is an organization that aims to create a sense of community among female math students at Youngstown State University.

Junior integrated math education major, Lucy Allen, is the president of AWM. She said the club's mission is to encourage women to be interested in math, but anyone is welcome.

"The main mission of AWM is just to encourage girls and women to actively pursue and be interested in the topic of math in school as well as careers in the future," Allen said. "[It's] really an association for everyone. You don't have to be a math major. You don't have to be a woman. There's no restrictions to join."

There is a \$10 fee to join AWM and members will receive a mug and cords for graduation.

In addition to organizing volunteer opportunities, workshops, study sessions, trivia nights and more, Allen says AWM connects students with each other and with professionals in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"[We have] academic and professional meetings where we learn how to use LaTeX and learn good planning skills to be a good student, as well as get some input from the STEM college — what we can do as STEM majors to build our career and prepare for the future," Allen said.

Those in YSU's AWM can also get involved with the nationwide non-profit Association for Women in Mathematics.

"Each year we can give out 15 free memberships to the national [AWM], and that is more just kind of something to be a part of for a resume or just to have those connections of universities all over America," Allen said.

The club's vice president is Gabriella Gensamer, a biomedical electrical engineering and math major. She said she joined AWM because women are underrepresented in the math major.

"I decided to join the organization because I honestly love math, but I was getting really sick of being the only girl in a lot of my math classes," Gensamer said. "It's such a welcoming environment and anyone who's looking for that can find it in AWM."

Math professor Alicia Prieto Langarica is the advisor for AWM. She said the club is important because of the

lack of female math majors.

"I teach calculus a lot, and in none of my classes have I ever had more than four or five women in a room of 20 [to] 30 students," Prieto Langarcia said. "In most of my classes, women will not talk very loud, they are more timid ... you can tell, in a room of equal representation, the environment is different and that's nice."

Prieto Langarcia said she faced discrimination working in math because of her gender, so having a community for female math students can help validate unjust experiences.

"Having people that have similar experiences really really helps validate that ... it's always really nice to have some other woman, some other person like you that you can call," Prieto Langarcia said. "Building that community, and validating that these things happen and then making a plan to change things little by little."

The next AWM meeting is at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in Cafaro Hall room 510. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of membership.

For those interested in AWM, reach out to Allen at leallen@student.yzu.edu. For more information and other meeting times, go to the AWM Instagram.

briella Gensamer [right] is the vice president of AWM.



Lucy Allen (left) is the president of AWM. Gabriella Gensamer (right) is the vice president of AWM.

Photos by Molly Burke / The Jambar

Classes get community engagement

By Tala Alsharif
The Jambar

This fall semester introduces students to new community-engaged learning courses.

In community-engaged courses, students and faculty members work with local organizations to identify needs in the community and address them.

One of the university's goals is to be recognized by the Carnegie Foundation and apply for the foundation's elective Classification for Community Engagement.

Associate Provost and Dean of Sokolov Honors College, Amy Cossentino, said the university is reviewing courses submitted by faculty members.

"Our academic senate group began last year receiving applications from faculty for their courses to receive this [community-engaged learning] attribute," Cossentino said.

There are certain elements and characteristics the honors college's committee looks for, to ensure courses are considered a community-engaged learning experience by the Carnegie Foundation.

Some elements include the type of action a student is taking part of, the ability for a student to link the engagement piece to the course, the mutual benefit between students, and community partners and public dialogue — such as presentations — for feedback.

"The characteristics fall into four groups," Cossentino said. "What is the engagement? ... Are the students actively engaged in reflection? We're also looking at rec-

iprocity ... which leads into the fourth bucket, which is public dissemination."

Students who take community-engagement courses are required to complete 20 hours of community engagement per course.

Brian Bonhomme, a history professor, explained there are two courses already certified as community-engaged learning in the history program.

"One of the courses is one that I teach ... Global Environmental History," Bonhomme said. "When the course is offered next, 20 hours of the students' semester will be in community-engaged work."

Bonhomme said last semester, he offered a course where students could choose to take the regular option of the course or the community-engaged option.

"Those who took the community-engagement [option] worked with the YSU recycling [program]," Bonhomme said. "I had an on-campus option ... and an off-campus option, which was the Mahoning County Land Bank."

Bonhomme said he's working with and reaching out to other local environmental organizations for students to collaborate with.

Another course that has recently been certified as community-engaged is History of Ohio taught by associate professor Amy Laurel Fluker.

Students in the course commit to doing community work with local organizations such as cemeteries or historical societies as part of their coursework.

Fluker said her course works with the Trumbull Coun-

ty Historical Society and the Oak Cemetery Association in Warren.

"They came to us ... two years ago asking for help digitizing historical burial records held at the cemetery," Fluker said.

Fluker and members of the Trumbull County Historical Society scanned around 12,000 records for students to digitize.

In students' reflection papers about the community work, they expressed how it was refreshing to be involved in something that serves a purpose.

Bonhomme said students in his class agreed, and also found the work beneficial.

"It benefited them in terms of being able to take what we learned in a classroom ... and see how it actually relates to something in the real world," Bonhomme said.

Anna Morgoine, sophomore nursing major, who was involved in community-engaged learning as part of her Honors Campus Community Partnership seminar, volunteered with the Jewish Community Center for different events, such as a fresh food drive.

"It helped me put into perspective how many people benefit from these organizations," Morgoine stated. "All the community partners work to promote a better ... quality of living, and by volunteering in the fresh food drive we were able to make that possible."

Students interested in community-engagement and volunteering opportunities can visit the YSU Penguin-Pulse website. Students can view community-engaged learning courses under YSU's undergraduate catalog.



Oakwood Cemetery Association President Holly Taylor-Meyer leads students on a tour.

Photo courtesy of Amy Fluker

The Jambar Column

“Fright Season” begins

In honor of spooky season approaching, people are going to be getting their scares in. Haunted houses are a scarily good way to hang out with friends and have a good time.

The Scare Factor has links and addresses to every registered haunted attraction in the U.S., from amusement park attractions, forests and even abandoned buildings.

With 134 attractions, Ohio easily trumps any other state in haunting entertainment.

You can apply filters for attractions that have hayrides, paintball, corn fields and other fun fall festivities. Among Ohio's haunts is the Canfield Scaregrounds, Cedar Point's Halloweekends and Escape Blood Prison at the Ohio State Reformatory.

There is even a haunted attraction in a cave. The Lewisburg Haunted Cave holds the Guinness World Record for the longest walk through underground attraction. Housing around 30,000 live bats, this is an attraction you do not want to miss.

I can remember as a child going to Cedar Point frequently with my family. I remember being petrified of all of the actors and crying my eyes out.

A couple of years ago, I went back and had the complete opposite experience. I have no idea why I thought anyone dressed up in masks were the scariest



Alison Butz

thing ever, but I overcame that fear, apparently.

Ticketleap's blog has already ranked the scariest attractions for this year's haunt season. One attraction on its top five list is Wells Township's Haunted House, which has ties to the Civil War and the storage of soldier's bodies. Paranormal experts have claimed this building to be active with energy and haunts.

One of the haunted attractions that I am excited to go and see this year is the Factory of Terror located in Canton.

This place claims to be the world's longest indoor haunt and has awards to back it up. Winning three Guinness World Records, the 160,000-square-foot abandoned aluminum foundry contains five haunts, ax throwing and five themed bars.

The haunted season spooks me, mostly because I get scared very easily. At the same time, it excites me because it's a way to tell myself that I was able to go out and face this terrifying thing.

By far, my least favorite spooky thing to see at these attractions are clowns. I have always been terrified, and could not tell you the reason why other than just because.

Quote of the Week

“All strange and terrible events are welcome,
But comforts we despise.”

— William Shakespeare,
English playwright and poet

The Jambar Editorial

The greatest movies of all time

From film noir to blockbuster cinema, The Jambar is ranking movies this week in an analytical top-five list.

Criteria consists of three main elements: actor performance, cinematography and script writing.

At No. 5, the 1939 classic “The Wizard of Oz,” directed by Victor Fleming takes the spot with notable actress Judy Garland as Dorothy.

Contrary to popular belief, “The Wizard of Oz” was not the first color film produced but instead was the first to use color as a storytelling element.

An example of this is the depiction of Kansas as a dull and gloomy place, only to be swept away into “Munchkin Land” with vibrant hues demonstrating a happy place. We see Dorothy skip down the yellow brick road where she meets friends who are references to her brothers back home.

The movie feels ahead of its time and paved the way for several color films which followed.

A surprise entry at No. 4 is the 1995 thriller “Se7en,” directed by David Fincher. It follows two detectives — portrayed by Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt — solving a crime which relates to the seven deadly sins.

“Se7en” won 29 awards and was nominated for an Oscar in 1996 for Best Film Editing but lost to “Apollo 13.”

Throughout the movie, character development is in each crime scene. The camera angles and messages left by the killer give the audience clues to where the detectives will find the perpetrator.

With constant twists and turns that keep viewers on the edge of their seats, the infamous line during the climax — “What’s in the box?” — conveys emotions

most thrillers and dramas lack.

The 1994 crime and drama film “Pulp Fiction,” directed by Quentin Tarantino comes in at No. 3. The movie was nominated for seven Oscars in 1995 and walked away with one.

Samuel L. Jackson, John Travolta and Uma Thurman have great chemistry throughout and we see Travolta's character grow from shy and conservative to happy and carefree toward the rising action of the film.

Although the movie jumps around and occurs at different points of the day, it all comes together for a well-written and entertaining movie.

At the No. 2 spot is one of the most historically accurate films ever produced, “Saving Private Ryan.” The movie was released in 1998 and directed by Stephen Spielberg, with notable actors such as Tom Hanks and Vin Diesel.

The soldiers storming the beaches of Normandy is one of the most emotionally striking scenes in cinematography.

Snagging the top spot at No. 1 is 1968's “2001: A Space Odyssey,” directed by Stanley Kubrick. Arguably the most highly regarded movie in pop culture, it is still referenced in movies and TV shows such as “Barbie,” “Blade Runner 2049” and “The Simpsons.”

Released at the height of the Cold War and the U.S. attempt to land on the moon, the sci-fi film shows what would happen if we relied solely on technology. The crew embarks on a journey in the “Discovery One” in which HAL 9000, an artificially intelligent crewmate, takes over and eventually terminates the crew.

The visually pleasing film won an Academy Award for Best Effects/Special Visual Effects in 1969.

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Christopher breaks school record

By Madeline Hippeard
The Jambar

Senior Hunter Christopher broke the five-mile school record for the Youngstown State University men's cross country team Sept. 29 after crossing the finish line of the Blue Race at the Joe Piane Notre Dame Invitational with a time of 23:50.5.

Christopher also held the previous school record, which was 24:13.

After the race at the Joe Piane Notre Dame Invitational, Christopher became the first runner in YSU history to run five miles in under 24 minutes. Christopher placed 14th overall in the race.

Christopher said he's proud of breaking the record since his entire family was there to watch.

"My brother was there racing for a different school, and my mom and dad made the trip," Christopher said. "As soon as I crossed the line, that's what I thought about."

Two other Penguins placed in the top 100 runners in the five-mile. Senior Ryan Meadows earned 60th place with a time of 24:32.3. Junior Thomas Caputo raced a

25:01.1, which earned him 96th place.

Senior Tyler Clark also ran for the 'Guins with a time of 25:16.3, along with junior Tobias Jones, who ran a time of 25:20.0.

This was the second time in program history the men's team was invited to participate in the Blue Race, the first of which was in 1995.

The Penguins raced against 17 teams in the Blue Race, four of which are nationally ranked in the top 25 teams across the country.

The 'Guins placed 16th overall with 379 points.

The women's team also participated in the 5K Gold Race.

Graduate student Morgan Cole was the first lady 'Guin to cross the finish line with a time of 17:09.5, which earned her a fourth place finish.

Cole was recently named the Horizon League Cross Country women's runner of the week, after a top 10 finish at the Penn State Spiked Shoe Invitational. Cole competed against 74 other runners, most of whom were from Power Five conferences.

Cole said she is proud of her top finishes this year, especially since she has been running for Youngstown

State for five years.

"I am old. I am a fifth-year [student] this year, so I feel like the mindset going in is, 'I have the experience, I have nothing to lose,'" Cole said. "Last one, best one."

Also racing for the lady 'Guins was senior Alyssa Deeds, who finished 38th with a time of 18:16.8 while senior Hannah Wagner finished 103rd with a time of 19:21.4.

Sophomore Malena Cybak and freshman Grace Rhoades finished 109th and 110th with times of 19:30.8 and 19:32.1, respectively.

Out of 18 competing schools in the Gold Race, the lady 'Guins took 13th place overall with 336 points.

Both the men's and women's teams will return to action Oct. 7 when they compete in the Bill Lennox Slippery Rock Invitational in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

The women's team will compete in the 6K, which is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. The men's team will compete in the 8K, which is scheduled after the women's race at 11:15 a.m.

To find more information and view the results of the meet, visit ysusports.com.

Women's soccer earns tough win on the road

By Dylan Lux
The Jambar

After a two-game losing stretch, the Youngstown State University women's soccer team returned to the win column on the road against Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The team entered the weekend with a 5-5-1 overall record and a 1-3 conference record before its Sept. 30 matchup in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Mastodons entered the game undefeated in conference play, at 2-0-2.

The game also saw two highly ranked goalies, graduate student Samantha Castaneda of Purdue Fort Wayne and YSU senior Brooklynn Kirkpatrick, who are first and second respectively in total saves this season.

In the first half of play, the Penguins saw an early strike from graduate student Regan LaVigna, as she scored unassisted in the 10th minute of the contest.

LaVigna said the Penguins' early lead established the team's confidence for the remainder of the matchup.

"It was awesome ... putting the goal on the board early definitely gave us confidence throughout the whole game, setting the standard extremely high right off the bat," LaVigna said.

LaVigna's score gave the Penguins a 1-0 lead in the matchup against Purdue Fort Wayne, which is how the last three games between the Penguins and the Mastodons ended.

At the 31-minute mark, Morgan Reitano, graduate student forward for the Mastodons, found the equalizer as she netted her fifth goal of the season from a header.

Early in the second half, the Penguins capitalized on another scoring opportunity.

In the 54th minute, junior Elis Klein Spindola found the back of the net off a cross from her teammate, sophomore Chloe Weiland, to give the Penguins a 2-1 lead.

The team's lead would remain for the rest of the contest, giving YSU their second victory in conference play.

The Penguins took 12 total shots and had six shots on goal. Kirkpatrick had seven saves in the contest.

Head coach Brian Shrum credited the good shot opportunities the team was getting to weekly practice.

"[We're] working at it every day in practice ... there's kids staying after to work on their technique and executing things," Shrum said. "Just keep getting better every day, that's what it is."

With the roadwin, YSU moved to 2-3 in the Horizon League and 6-5-1 overall. The team's conference record

moves to seventh.

Shrum said the win was vital for the team to stay in the competition for the Horizon League Championship.

"It keeps us in the race ... we needed three points to stay in it, and there's a lot of teams right in the middle," Shrum said. "Every game is important, and every game there's three points on the line."

The Penguins' next contest takes them to Cleveland State University at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 in Cleveland.

Shrum said road trips are a challenge for the team — one the team is always ready to face.

"The uncomfortability of being on the road," Shrum said. "You gotta go away, you sit on a bus ... people don't realize how much travel affects players' legs and fatigue levels."

The Vikings currently sit in tenth in the Horizon League with a 0-3-2 record.

After their matchup with Cleveland State, the Penguins will face Oakland University at 1 p.m. Oct. 8 at Farmers National Bank Field.

Both games will be streaming live on ESPN+. For stats, scores and more regarding the YSU women's soccer team, visit ysusports.com.

Volleyball hits a road bump

By Cameron Niemi
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's volleyball team hosted two of the top teams in the Horizon League. On Sept. 27, the University of Wisconsin Green-Bay came to town and the Penguins were defeated 3-0.

The team falls to 1-5 in the Horizon League but has 12 conference games to bounce back before tournament time.

Sophomore Abbie Householder led the team with 10 kills and had two blocks. Fifth-year senior Josi Borum had 11 assists, four kills and led the team in aces with two.

After going down 2-0, the lady 'Guins attempted a comeback in the third set. The team found itself down 24-16 and rallied back with five-straight points. The team eventually lost the final set, 25-21.

On Oct. 28, the Penguins hosted the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. YSU lost with a final score of 3-1.

Junior Jazmin Vergara led the team with 15 kills and Householder had 12. Borum had 22 assists and senior Isabel Schaeffbauer added 20.

The Panthers jumped out to an early 2-0 set lead. In the third set, the Penguins would fight back and secure a 25-21 win to force a fourth set.

In the fourth set, Milwaukee took a 22-12 lead. Youngstown responded with its own run and made it 23-20. The Panthers won the next two points and secured the win over the Penguins.

Head coach Aline Scott spoke on the four-straight losses, what the team learned and how it can improve.

"We played against four good opponents. We didn't perform the way we expected in terms of skill execution and that's what we have been trying to polish this week," Scott said. "We really have to be able to perform the skill at a higher level."

Despite losing four consecutive games, the lady 'Guins still have plenty of games remaining in the season.

Freshman Jocelyn Jourdan spoke highly about her teammates ability to bounce back from these past few games with the conference still wide open.

"No one is gonna give up," Jourdan said. "We can bounce back and as long as we show up in games how we practice. We will be fine."

Youngstown State will have four straight away games.

The team will first travel to Indiana for two separate games at 6 p.m. Oct. 6, to play the University of Purdue Fort Wayne, then at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7, against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

For more information on the games, visit ysusports.com or watch the game on ESPN+.



Photo by Dylan Lux / The Jambar
Senior Isabel Schaeffbauer sets up.

Penguins defeated at the UNI-Dome

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

With two weeks to prepare against Missouri Valley Conference opponent, University of Northern Iowa, the Youngstown State University football team hit the road and traveled to the UNI-Dome on Sept. 30.

Both teams combined for 85 points of total offense en route to a 44-41 loss for Youngstown State.

To open the first quarter, the Penguins started back deep in their own territory before senior quarterback Mitch Davidson threw a 61-yard pass to senior wide receiver Bryce Oliver.

The offense went three-and-out, which led to redshirt freshman kicker Andrew Lastovka to score the first points for YSU three minutes into the game.

With another opportunity for the Penguins, Davidson scored on a six-yard keeper to the left sideline, which put the team up 10-0.

UNI retaliated with a touchdown of its own with over two minutes left in the first quarter, with a 13-yard pass from redshirt quarterback senior Theo Day to junior tight end Layne Pryor, to put the Panthers on the board.

The Panthers' offense went on to score three straight

unanswered touchdowns and a 20-0 scoring run.

A field goal by Penguin sophomore Clay Medvec on the 38 yard-line, concluded the Panthers 20-point run.

In response to the offensive battle, head coach Doug Phillips felt there were a lot of positives for the Penguins moving forward.

"When we talk about complimentary football, we jump out 10-0 and when [Northern Iowa] starts scoring points, that's when our offense has to score a lot of points," Phillips said. "There were two times in the second quarter where we had two three-and-outs and an interception."

Starting the second half, Northern Iowa senior kicker Matthew Cook added three points to make the score 23-13 in the early minutes of the third quarter.

Youngstown State's offense trotted back on the field with great field position after a blocked punt by sophomore Deamontae Diggs, who returned it to the UNI nine-yard line.

Davidson handed the ball off to senior Dra Rushton to put the Penguins within three points.

YSU would score on back-to-back drives to grab a 27-23 lead in the final minutes of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, 35 points of offense led to the

Penguins' attempt to score with under a minute left in the fourth.

The team came up short 44-41, despite a five-yard touchdown pass by Davidson to sophomore Luke Henely to conclude the game.

Youngstown State's offense controlled possession but gave up 436 yards of total offense. For Davidson, he finished the game 30-of-40 for 322 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Despite the loss, the offensive-line allowed only one sack throughout the duration of the game.

The Penguins fell to 2-2 overall on the season and 0-1 in conference play.

The football team will be back in action at Stambaugh Stadium at 6 p.m. Oct. 7 against the fifth-ranked Southern Illinois University.

In response to taking on the undefeated Salukis, Oliver said he knows the significance of the game and what it means to the team.

"We're going to approach this week the right way and prepare the right way and hopefully the results will show in our favor on Saturday," Oliver said.

The game will be streamed live on ESPN+ and can be listened to on 570 WKBN.

Penguins' golf seasons continue

By Marissa Masano
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's and women's golf teams continued their fall seasons at two separate invitationals.

The men traveled to the Virtues Golf Club in Nashport on Sept. 25 and 26 and competed in the Virtues Intercollegiate hosted by Miami University.

The team finished tied for 13th with Robert Morris University and earned a three round team total of 883. At the end of the first round, the Penguins finished with a score of 290 and tied for eighth.

The team had a 299 second round total to end the first day. The team found itself tied for 14th, heading into the second day of the invitational. The Penguins' third-round score was 294.

The top finisher for the Penguins was redshirt senior Dean Austalosh, who tied for 12th with a career-best, three-round score of 212. In the opening round, the redshirt senior had a career-low, four-under-par 68. Within the opener, he had 12 pars and five birdies.

Austalosh's second round featured ten pars and four birdies, totaling 73. To close the invitational, 13 pars and three birdies accompanied his final round of 71. Austalosh ended the invitational, being tied for 6th in pars with 35 total.

The next finisher for the Penguins was senior Justin Atkinson, whose three-round total of 219 placed him tied for 38th. The senior opened the invitational with an even par of 72, including 12 pars, two birdies and an eagle.

He had a second round of 75 and final round of 72, which featured 10 pars and four birdies. The senior tied for 7th in pars on the individual leaderboard with 34.

Graduate student Cole Christman debuted for the first time this season. He finished tied for 62nd with a three-round total of 225. Christman's first round of 73 included 14 pars and two birdies. The second and third round scores for the graduate student were 75 and 77, respectively.

The women competed in the Purple Eagles Invitational on Oct. 1 and 2. The invitational occurred at the Diamond Hawk Golf Course in Cheektowaga, New York. The Lady 'Guins took first place and individually had three top-three finishers.

For head coach Nate Miklos, the ladies' success away from home comes with preparation.

"Throughout the season when we travel, there's a lot more time and thought spent during the practice round [on] how we need to approach each hole during the event. Our players do a phenomenal job. They know their games really well, and they're really good at thinking through and preparing for whatever course we are at," Miklos said.

Youngstown concluded with a score of 913 and won the tournament by 36 shots. In the first and second rounds, the team scored 306 and 305. The Penguins' total of 913 is tied for the seventh-lowest, three-round performance in school history. The second place team was Siena College, with a three-round total of 949.

Freshman Neeranuch Prajunpanich claimed medalist honors for the first time in her career. After carding an opening round of 80, the freshman had second and third round scores of 70 and 71.

Her second round of 70 was two under-par and included four birdies. Additionally, Prajunpanich's third round of 71 was one-under par and featured six birdies.

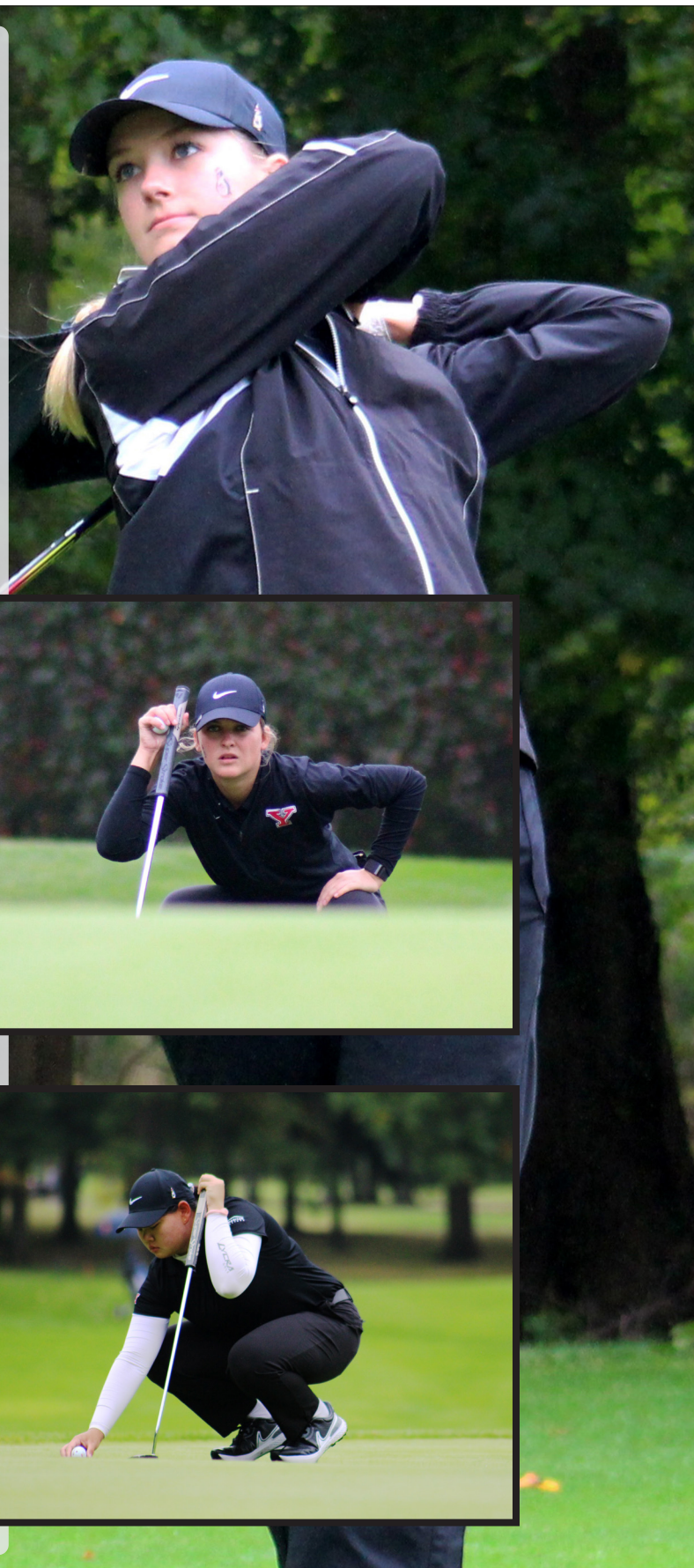
Senior Madie Smithco finished second with a three-round total of 224. Her Sunday first and second-round scores, 73 and 77, had her in first place entering Monday's final round. Smithco finished the tournament with a two-over par 74 including two birdies.

Junior Lizzie Saur finished third with a 299. Saur's opening round 77 included three birdies and in Monday's final round she was even with par through her first 13 holes. Her third round 76 included two birdies.

The men will continue their fall season Oct. 8 through 10 when they travel to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. There, the Penguins will compete in the Bucknell Fall Invitational, hosted by Bucknell University.

After picking up its third victory, the lady 'Guins will travel to Birmingham, Michigan, to compete in the Chippewa Invitational hosted by Central Michigan. The invitational will take place Oct. 16 and 17.

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The women's golf team had the top three finishes at the Purple Eagles Invitational. INSET: Madie Smithco (top) finished second and Neeranuch Prajunpanich (bottom) finished first.