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AN 'OTHERWORDLY' ECLIPSE

By Molly Burke
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An estimated 30 million people from Mexico to Canada watched April 8's total solar eclipse, including the Youngstown State University community.

Hundreds gathered at the parking lot of Foxconn EV System LLC in Lordstown for an event hosted with YSU's Ward Beecher Planetarium. Patrick Durrell, an astronomy professor and the director of the planetarium, said the crowd was in awe watching the once-in-a-lifetime event.

"It was just the sense of awe from people," Durrell said. "Just a couple minutes before totality, you could clearly tell it was darker, and then people started to realize it was really happening. When totality hits, it's such a big difference."

Totality occurs when the moon completely covers the sun. Durrell said he's seen partial eclipses and shown photos of total eclipses in his classes, but none could capture the thrill of seeing it in real life.

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A composite photo of the eclipse's phases (top). Hundreds gathered at Foxconn to view the total solar eclipse (bottom).

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“As a scientist, I don’t even know how to express myself. All I could say is it was absolutely awesome,” Durrell said. “It was really something to see. I was dumbfounded.”

Another highlight for Durrell was seeing the sun’s solar prominences during totality.

“What struck me was when the moon covered, you also got to see some of the solar prominences — these are hot regions of gas that are erupting off the surface of the sun. I’ve seen them in pictures. I didn’t know how bright they would be during the eclipse,” Durrell said.

Attendees could receive eclipse glasses and look at the eclipse through filtered telescopes. Durrell said the event was meant to be more accessible for those who didn’t want to drive far.

“We didn’t see as long of a total eclipse, it was just under a minute and a half there ... but it was easier for people to get to, and it was a very good event,” Durrell said. “A lot of people seemed to really enjoy themselves. They had their chairs, they were all decked out, some of them took some great pictures.”

Student Activities hosted a bus trip to Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, where around 45 students got to speak with scientists and see the eclipse in totality for almost four minutes from NASA’s Total Eclipse Festival 2024.

Faith Marsico, a graduate assistant for programming and reservations of Stu-

dent Activities said she learned about the different phases of the eclipse from NASA’s broadcast.

“I learned from the NASA officials’ broadcast what the little beads as the eclipse is coming into the totality are — they’re called Baily’s beads,” Marscio said. “I loved being able to listen to the broadcast while watching the eclipse because they told us when we could take our glasses off, when we could put them back on.”

Donald Vanhorn, a senior sports broadcasting telecommunications major, went on the bus trip and said his favorite part was experiencing the eclipse’s effects.

“It wasn’t complete darkness like at midnight, but it was like that darkness after sunset at like three in the afternoon,” Vanhorn said. “It was like 65 degrees in normal time, but once it started to get darker, it cooled down to almost 50 degrees. So, I felt that chill. It was almost like an eerie experience, a good kind of eerie I would say.”

YSU’s chapter of Society of Physics Students hosted a viewing event at Geneva Township Park in Lake Village, Geneva. Amanda Keating, vice president of SPS, said around 30 people came to the beach to see the solar event.

“Everyone was cheering and screaming, and we were freaking out because almost none of us have seen anything like this before,” Keating said.

Keating was worried clouds would block the view, but they moved away just in time. She said the experience was

emotional and “magical.”

“I was in near tears about it. It was such a beautiful moment for me,” Keating said. “I had never felt more close to a group of people in my life.”

Several university offices and YSU affiliates, such as the YSU Foundation, closed early for the eclipse. While the Office of the President did not close, YSU President Bill Johnson stated he stepped out to watch.

“We did not close, but I did get to see at least part of it. It was a very surreal experience,” Johnson stated.



Photo by Dylan Lux / The Jambar
Planetary engineer Curt Spivey speaks at Foxconn.

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

High: 73°F	High: 52°F	High: 59°F	High: 70°F	High: 79°F	High: 74°F	High: 75°F
Low: 47°F	Low: 40°F	Low: 45°F	Low: 54°F	Low: 56°F	Low: 59°F	Low: 54°F
Chance of precip: 97%	Chance of precip: 91%	Chance of precip: 0%	Chance of precip: 25%	Chance of precip: 25%	Chance of precip: 59%	Chance of precip: 1%



Thunderstorms



Rain



Partly Cloudy



A Few Clouds



A Few Clouds



Rain



Fair

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SGA officials elected for fall 2024

By **Nicholas Bianco**
Jambar Contributor

Youngstown State University's Student Government Association had its fall 2024 election April 2 and 3. President Jordan Pintar and Executive Vice President Sofia Myers were re-elected.

Pintar and Meyer's selected vice president for financial affairs, Francesco McElrath; vice president for public relations, Alyssa Oswald; and chief of staff, Rayvin Gorrell, assumed their positions following Pintar and Meyer's reappointment.

Over 25 college representatives and academic senators were elected across the Williamson College of Business Administration; College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; Cliffe College of Creative Arts; Bitonte College of Health and Human Services; Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education; and College of Graduate Studies.

Pintar said SGA plans to continue its 2023 initiatives for the 2024-2025 academic year, such as putting a commons area in the green space between DeBarthol Hall and Lincoln Avenue.

"We're looking at getting a real green space proposal down pat," Pintar said. "Over the summer is going to be a great time to finalize that."

SGA plans bring Project DAWN to campus, an opioid overdose prevention program started by the Ohio Department of Health. DAWN stands for Deaths Avoided With Naloxone.

Pintar said Project DAWN will allow students to get CPR, Naloxone and automated external defibrillator training.

"Just bringing better training to begin with," Pintar said. "We've been talking with some people from our health and human services department on campus."

Pintar said SGA is looking to expand connections to Yogo Bike Share, an e-bike rental program in Youngstown.

"We're going to look at what we can do

to maybe bring them closer to campus so that students have access to those bikes," Pintar said.

In addition to continuing support for the Penguin Pantry, SGA will be looking at ways to improve food insecurity on campus, such as adding more options in vending machines around campus.

According to Pintar, SGA discussed ways to expand the budget with YSU President Bill Johnson. While Johnson didn't specify if he would help, Pintar said she is excited for what the future holds for the SGA.

"We have an administrative budget and a general budget. Our administrative budget is what runs all of our inner workings, and our general budget is what funds all of the student orgs," Pintar said. "We're looking to see what we can do to get some more money back to that, so that we can fund student organizations and events more."

Pintar said Academic Senate positions and representative positions in the Cliffe

College of Creative Arts and College of Graduate Studies still need filled.

Brayden Melia, SGA elections chair, said he was able to have an amendment passed that lowered the required hours needed for a student to serve in an executive student government position from 47 hours to 40.

"I noticed that there were a few requirements that didn't seem fair, which revolved around the amount of credit hours required to hold an executive position on student government," Melia said. "I wanted to expand opportunities for students."

The executive board positions of parliamentarian, vice president for student life and vice president for assessment and enrichment will be decided during a meeting at 4 p.m. on April 22 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Full results for the election can be seen on SGA's Instagram page at @ysu_sga.

Riley Jarrett named volleyball head coach

By **John Ostapowicz**
The Jambar

The search for a new head coach of the Youngstown State University women's volleyball team concluded April 6 with the hiring of Riley Jarrett.

Following Aline Scott's resignation in February, Jarrett has become the 11th head coach in program history. She joins YSU after four seasons at West Liberty University, a Division II program in West Liberty, West Virginia.

Jarrett leaves WLU with the highest career win percentage in program history, as she helped the Hilltoppers win over 64% of their matches. In its 2023 season, WLU went 23-10 overall and secured its third straight 20-win season with Jarrett at the helm. The 23 victories are tied for the fourth-most in program history.

Ron Strollo, executive director of YSU's Intercollegiate Athletics, stated Jarrett embodies all the qualities YSU needed for its volleyball program.

"[Jarrett] has successful head coaching experience at West Liberty. She has ties to the region even before her coaching career," Strollo stated. "We're excited about our future with [Jarrett] leading our program."

From 2020 to 2023, WLU won 65 contests and appeared in two NCAA Division II Tournaments. The Hilltoppers also appeared in all nine regional rankings over three seasons.

On the individual level, Jarrett coached two NCAA Division II All-Americans and a two-time Mountain East Conference Libero of the Year.

Jarrett graduated from The University of Mount Union in Alliance in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in sports

business. There, she started all four years as a setter on Mount Union's volleyball team.

At Mount Union, she was named a two-time all-conference honoree at the Division III level and ranks in the top-10 in career hitting percentage, career assists and career assists per set.

Jarrett left the program with 917 assists, two triple-doubles and was named to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference First Team and American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region Honorable Mention.

Although Jarrett began coaching at WLU, she also coached the men's and women's volleyball programs at Pennsylvania State University at Erie for seven months. As an undergraduate student, she served as head volleyball coach for the 15-year-old junior Olympic team at the Tri-State Volleyball Academy.



Photo courtesy of West Liberty Athletics

Jarrett is the 11th coach of the YSU volleyball team.

Man's mechanical best friend

By **Matthew Sotlar**
The Jambar

Youngstown State University alumnus and roboticist Andrew Morgan visited campus April 5 in the Rossi Room of Kilcawley Center with his artificially intelligent robotic dog, Spot.

Morgan is a research scientist at Boston Dynamics AI Institute. After giving a brief presentation on the history of robotics and the Boston Dynamics, he presented Spot, which is built similar to a real dog but has a grabbable claw in place of a head.

Morgan said robotic dogs mainly rely on cameras and sensors for movement and interaction.

“As Spot is moving around, he is actually mapping out his environment,” Morgan said. “He has five different cameras on him, two in the front, one on each side and then one in the back. So, as he interacts and moves, he is actually getting a 3-D map and is moving amongst the environment according to that map.”

Spot, whose model name is Rex, lifted squeeze toys, moved chairs, ran, dodged obstacles and stood up after being pushed over. Similar robots designed by the institute can also dance to music.

As one of many robotic dogs constructed by Boston Dynamics, Morgan said robots like Spot are usually made for factories and other labor-intensive areas.

“Typically, these type of Spot robots are very often seen in factories and settings that are very, maybe dangerous or mundane or maybe dirty,” Morgan said. “In a factory

setting, you will have maybe some robots checking the valves or taking temperature readings of different bearings to make sure a machine is not going to fail.”

The concept of dynamic locomotion with robots dates back over 40 years. Morgan said Boston Dynamics is constantly working towards upgrading Spot and other robots.

“We actually have around 20 of these Spots around the institute that are used for various things, usually trying to make robots smarter. So, maybe realizing some sort of service tasks [such as] going into the kitchen and maybe interacting with the dishes, things like that,” Morgan said.

Morgan said the company aims to create and research robots like Spot to make more advanced robots in the future.

“The institute is working on some of the future challenges that we see,” Morgan said. “We’re really interested in athleticism. Kind of high-level ideas of trying to figure out what makes a robot of the future more advanced and more performative.”

Morgan said he hopes to see robots being used more in the workforce.

“We as roboticists, we want to continue to see robots actually being used out there making jobs safer, and as a roboticist, we are really interested in sort of that science behind human motion, animal motion and things like that,” Morgan said.

Morgan graduated from YSU in 2017 with a degree in electrical engineering and computer science. He attended Yale University for his Ph.D. in robotics in 2019.

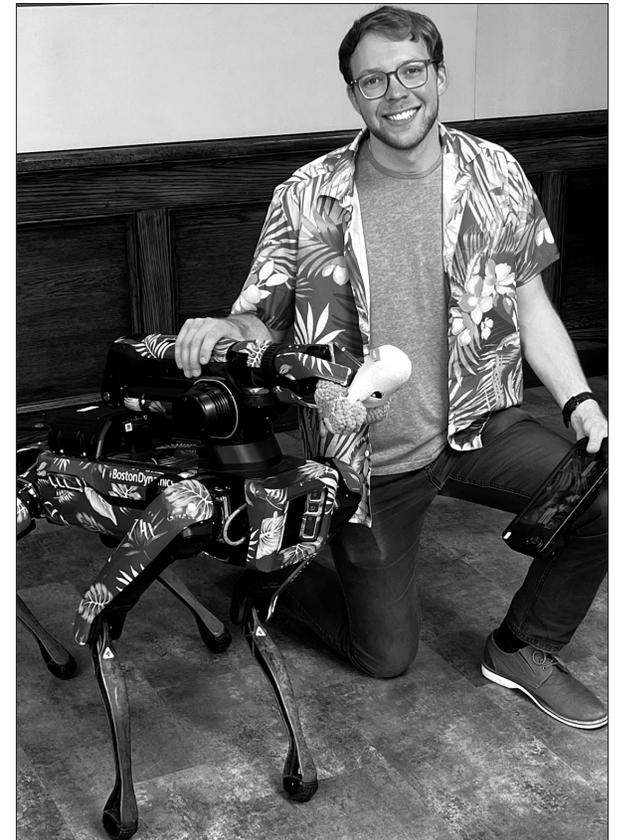


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Morgan poses with Spot.

Staying safe while crossing the street

By **Daniel Shapiro**
Jambar Contributor

There have been numerous complaints across campus about the safety of students using crosswalks at Youngstown State University.

Some crosswalks of concern are on Wick Avenue, Rayen Avenue near Williamson Hall and at the corner of Fifth and Rayen avenues.

Alexis Curtis, a criminal justice major, said she was almost hit by a car while crossing the street.

“[It was at a] crosswalk over by the bookstore, right by Lincoln [Avenue]. They were going to make a right turn, and I was trying to cross,” Curtis said. “Then, they turned, and I had to back up

in order not be hit.”

Curtis also said students need to pay attention while making turns, which is her biggest concern about the safety of crosswalks.

“Mainly just cars making right turns and paying attention,” Curtis said.

Curtis came up with a suggestion for the university to improve safety for students who are confused about crossing the street when cars turn right on red.

“Include turning lights — just so maybe that will give them time, rather than going when people are trying to be in the crosswalk,” Curtis said.

Danny O’Connell, director of Support Services, said students should be responsible while crossing the street.

“What’s important is, A, you cross at

the appropriate places. B, when there are devices to aid the crosses, make sure you use them,” O’Connell said.

O’Connell said he’s seen many students ignore the High Intensity Activated CrossWalk buttons that notify cars they will cross, which is a safety precaution put in by the university.

“I see people standing and they don’t push the buttons for the HAWK,” O’Connell said.

In order to use the HAWK buttons correctly, the button must be pressed, then pedestrians should wait until the yellow light blinks and make sure cars stop.

According to O’Connell, a difference in safety between high schools and colleges is that colleges do not have the signs for drivers to be cautious of crossing stu-

dents.

“[Near] a high school ... they’re well posted,” O’Connell said. “[They’re not at] a college of people who drive in this area for the most part.”

O’Connell also praised the awareness of many students at the university. He said there aren’t many reports filed about accidents.

“As long as the pedestrians are paying attention, and the drivers are paying attention, I think as far as the roadway is set up, and the job the YSU police do is really good,” O’Connell said. “I mean, they get out there, they are seeing, they are visible.”

O’Connell added the improvement of road developments have helped safety in the past decade.

A QUEST for success

By Alex Sorrells
The Jambar

Youngstown State University students presented research for a chance to receive university recognition and scholarships at the QUEST 2024 conference April 2 in Kilcawley Center.

Mollie Hartup, director of Sokolov Honors College, works closely with YSU Bacc-MED students and helps mentor students doing independent projects. Hartup said QUEST helps students with networking and presentational skills.

“It’s just a really great chance for students to have in some cases that first opportunity presenting, which will help them in their presentation skills, help them grow in the confidence of the work that they are doing, so then they will feel more empowered to go out and potentially apply for a conference maybe in their discipline,” Hartup said.

Any student in any major could participate, including graduate students. Hartup said presentations ranged from prairie dog research to an analysis of caffeine consumption on campus.

“It could be quantitative or qualitative research. Oftentimes there is scholarship that isn’t necessarily under the research umbrella but perhaps a music composition,” Hartup said.

Two honors student projects made it to the finalist level and were awarded the Student Small Research Grant by the Office of Research.

“We are very appreciative [for] the Office of Research to have something like that in place so that our students can be eligible for research grants,” Hartup said.

For many participants, QUEST is the first place they’ve presented research and received feedback, which Hartup said can be intimidating.

“No one in the world knows your research better than you. So, getting over that nervous factor of what questions someone might ask you, QUEST is a great opportunity right here at home so to speak, at YSU, to tell the story of your research or your scholarship in a comfortable environment,” Hartup said.

John Paul, a senior mechanical engineering student, gave a presentation at QUEST and said he believes it’s a good opportunity for students in different fields to learn from each other.

“Coming here let us get a lot of different professors to analyze us, not just engineering. We talked to other different majors and it’s kind of cool to see what take they have on our mechanical aspects,” Paul said.

QUEST judges consisted of recruited faculty members who were matched up with their respective discipline.

Andrew Wise, a junior biochemistry major, said he attended QUEST to support other biochemistry students showing their presentations.

“You probably picked your major for a reason,” Wise said. “Go see what the students that are also in your major are doing and what possible career that could lead you to and maybe you’ll find another peak interest to lead you to your next step.”

Haziq Rabbani, a senior biology major in the BaccMED program, gave an oral presentation. He said informing people on new topics was his favorite part of the conference.

“I love taking questions because I feel like it’s a great opportunity to inform people, and they might have known nothing about what I was presenting before I gave the presentation,” Rabbani said. “They can come away with something, and maybe that can be important to them down the line.”

The Community Engagement Symposium is a similar event that will take place from 12 to 5 p.m. on April 16 in Maag Library and Kilcawley Center. Students can register through Penguin Pulse until April 11.



Guests listen to and ask presenters questions (left). Rabbani presents to an audience (right).

Honoring success on the dance floor

By Molly Burke
Jambar Contributor

After a long year of excelling in the classroom, volunteering for others and engaging with the community, Youngstown State University students gathered for the Sokolov Honors College's annual Honors Formal on April 5 in Stambaugh Auditorium.

A \$25 ticket guaranteed dinner, dancing and a chance to participate in a basket raffle. With over 200 tickets sold and the raffle, the starry-night themed event raised \$2,250 for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

Treasurer for the Sokolov Honors Trustees is Caitlyn Sapp, a senior exercise science and psychology major and an honors teaching assistant. Sapp said the event invited campus to celebrate with honors students and commemorate their success.

"We invite all of our students, and we even invite them to bring whoever they want," Sapp said. "It's just a celebration. It's just a chance for us to be together ... to be surrounded by other honors students outside the classroom, outside of that strict environment, just to have some fun."

Guests participating in the basket raffle could enter to win coffee baskets, Chick-Fil-A gift cards, a wine basket and more. Big-ticket items included a two-night stay in a New Jersey hotel close to New York City and an Ohio State University football helmet.

Junior biology major Gabbrial Perrotta is the president of the trustees and an honors teaching assistant. Perrotta said guests were well fed at the event.

"It was catered by Stambaugh. We had chicken, potatoes, salad, green beans," Perrotta said. "We had a big cookie table this year, which was fun. [We had] cookies from Butter Maid Bakery, Classic Bakery and Sam's Club."

Sapp said while it was a formal event, guests were welcome to come as they are.

"We list it as formal, but we honestly tell everyone to come in whatever they're comfortable in. So, yes, we had people in floor-length ball gowns with their dates having matching ties, matching bow ties," Sapp said. "We also had people come in khakis, jeans and a polo."

Livia Laudermitl, a sophomore integrated language arts education major, is an honors teaching assistant and secretary of the trustees. Laudermitl said the trustees began planning the event at the beginning of spring semester.

"We probably have about 15 to 17 committee members who all come together to [plan the event]," Laudermitl said. "It did take so much work to plan this, and then to see it come together was the best thing."

Laudermitl said the formal is especially important for freshmen to reflect on the success of their first year as a YSU honors student.

"We ask [honors freshmen] to have involvements and volunteer hours and you have to have so many honors classes," Laudermitl said. "Being a full-time student, that takes a lot out of your time. So, having this honors formal is just like, 'I did that, wow.'"

For Perrotta, the highlight of the formal was connecting with students in the classes she assists.

"A lot of our freshmen students were there. So, we got to see them, connect with them, make more friends and tell them what we do on campus," Perrotta said.

Celeste Kapalin, a senior public and professional writing major and honors teaching assistant, went to the formal with friends. Kapalin also was glad to see her students.

"My favorite part of it was getting to hang out with my friends, get to see some of my students there, some of the other [teaching assistants] and honors staff that I've worked with over the past couple years," Kapalin said. "Since I'm graduating, it was just a nice big last honors event to have fun and celebrate being in the honors college and all that it's done for me."



Students dance in the ballroom of Stambaugh Auditorium. (left photo). (From left to right) Presley Bowser, Hannah Crites, Sapp, Perrotta and Laudermitl at the Honors Formal. Photos courtesy of India Gatts (left photo) and Livia Laudermitl (right photo).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A wealth of nutrition is a healthy decision

By Teziah Howard
Jambar Contributor

For some students in college, it's difficult to eat enough healthy foods throughout each day. Whether students purchase from on-campus dining services or make their own food, Youngstown State University offers options for students to stay healthy.

Zara Rowlands, a registered dietician, nutritionist and professor of dietetics, said it's important for students to pay attention to the nutritional value of food.

"They may pick up things that are fast food items, and those are not necessarily the best choices," Rowlands said. "You have to look at the quality of food. People think getting a salad is healthy, but they'll pour a bunch of salad dressing on it ... That will take away some of the health benefits."

Kilcawley Center is home to many of campus's dining locations, such as Jamba Juice, Chick-Fil-A, Dunkin' Donuts and more. While many are fast food restaurants, Rowlands said YSU offers enough variety for students to eat healthy.

"There is so much more variety on campus now for students," Rowlands said. "I noticed that Choolaah — which is an Indian restaurant — now has an area in Kilcawley."

Students can look out for healthier menu items at these restaurants to eat healthy while enjoying the convenience of fast food.

For example, Chick-Fil-A's menu offers grilled chicken items that can substitute fried chicken. The grilled chicken sandwich provides a larger serving size and packs more fiber than its fried counterpart.

Fries are a well-known side to assist fast food entrees. Chick-Fil-A's fruit cups can replace fries, as both sides are 125g serving sizes. Fruit cups offer sources of vitamin C and vitamin K, which are beneficial for bone health and the immune system.

Rowlands said for students who are always on the go, fruit serves multiple nutritional purposes.

"There are some fruits that require more prep, but there are lots of vitamins, minerals and fluids from fruit," Rowlands said. "It is the ideal 'fast food,' but it's not fast food."

Food restores vital organs and boosts energy systems, but it is not the only imperative factor to nutrition. Rowlands said it's important to drink lots of water.

"Another thing to worry about is keeping hydrated — not just going for things like coffees, teas and energy drinks," Rowlands said. "Even soda can be dehydrating with all the caffeine and sugar."

When observing the eating habits of her nutrition students, Rowlands said she noticed they often add in a simple and effective snack.

"They pack things, they pack fruit. Fruit is a transportable, high-nutrient, low-calorie food," Rowlands said. "If you want something that is quick, a fruit is perfect."

For those with tight schedules who want to make their own food, Rowlands suggests preparing meals to accommodate.

"One thing I would advise is if you know your schedule is very tight, maybe think about meal prepping and bringing healthy foods that will nourish your body while you're running around on campus," Rowlands said.



There is an athletic fueling station in Beeghly Center.

Kilcawley Center Food Options:

Chick-Fil-A
Choolaah
Dunkin' Donuts
Hissho Sushi
Jamba Juice
Just Baked
PETE's Treats And More
Snack & Chill
The Den
Wendy's
Wild Pie

A holy house of art

By Molly Burke
Jambar Contributor

Youngstown State University's campus is home to one of the oldest churches in the Mahoning Valley. Today, the church no longer houses a congregation but some of Youngstown's finest art pieces.

Located on Wick Avenue across from Bliss Hall, First Christian Church was built in 1933. Eighty years later, the building was repurposed as the Butler Institute of American Art's North Annex.

Joyce Mistovich, director of art education at the Butler, said the church was designed by Otto King, a graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Architects. Visitors can still sit in its pews and gaze at its stained glass windows.

"What we have tried to do with this space is keep it as historically close to what the original structure was as possible," Mistovich said. "It is a challenge upkeeping a space that is close to almost 100 years old ... it's crying for renovation."

The Butler purchased the building in 2013 after First Christian's congregation merged with another church in Boardman. That same year, Poland-based architect Bob Buchanon designed the Bitonte Skywalk to bridge the museum and its new annex.

With its rows of pews and raised floor for an altar, Mistovich said Butler North is perfect for performances, including those hosted by YSU.

"This is not a church anymore, but it serves as a wonderful venue for weddings, concerts, Dana School of Music has concerts here," Mistovich said. "The space is easily able to be rented out."

Butler North's upper level hosts several art exhibits focused around the theme of Americana, featuring carousel horses, textiles, paintings and some of Joseph Butler's own model ships and bell collection. The space that was once the church's choir loft is now home to a wood-carved birds exhibit.

In its ground floor level is the Butler's education wing, where children and adults can take art classes and art teachers can attend workshops. Butler North also hosts the offices of the museum's docents program, which provides volunteer guides to visitors.

Louis Zona, executive director of the Butler,

said years before the Butler purchased the building, YSU used the church's basement for classroom space because it didn't have enough of its own. First Christian's congregation chose between the Butler and YSU when it came to selling the building.

"Both were good options for the university," Zona said. "It was offered to us and the cost was \$400,000, which we were able to raise to acquire the church ... it was an exciting time for me because of the obvious beauty of that church building."

In a late-gothic revival style, the church's walls are made of limestone with wooden arches repeated across the ceiling, where a dozen large chandeliers hang below. Above where an altar used to be is a large stained glass window designed by Henry Lee Willet of Willet Hauser Architectural Glass Co.

While the window has no specific symbolism, Mistovich said it was a highlight for the church and it remains one for the Butler.

"There are 49 panels and they form a checkerboard design ... It alternates between shields, shapes and angelic figures and attitudes of prayer or grace," Mistovich said. "It is this glorious mix of values of blues, accented by some reds and other primary colors that are predominant throughout the compositions of each of those squares of the windows."

Zona said the building has since received several upgrades, including a protective plastic sheet over its window, installed by Willet Hauser.

"The classrooms are first rate," Zona said. "Those galleries are beautiful and beautifully lit. Every which way that you turn to look, we've cleaned it up a little bit."

Mistovich said the Butler also has plans to renovate the basement, which in addition to having classroom space, used to be a cafeteria and meeting area.

"We're looking at making that more of a maker's based, like a steam-based space that will be innermarked for children and adults as well," Mistovich said.

According to Zona, the Butler plans to put a permanent gallery of African American works in Butler North's gallery space.



A view of Butler North's ground level from the former choir loft (top). Wood-carved bird exhibit in Butler North's galleries (bottom).

Photos by Molly Burke / Jambar Contributor

'MOVING ON' FROM CLEVELAND

Bright lights and a pack of 'Cigarettes'

By John Ostapowicz
The Jambar

The Cincinnati-based band Coastal Club will release a new single for the first time in almost four years April 12, titled "Cigarettes."

Coastal Club consists of lead singer and guitarist Alexandre Hirlinger, bassist Avery Benter and drummer David McGuire. The trio has garnered over 20 million listens across streaming platforms.

The band is best known for its single "Honey," which has accumulated 11.3 million streams on Spotify.

Coastal Club debuted its studio EP "~i get nervous sometimes~" on July 24, 2020 and since then, the band has not released any new music. Hirlinger said he assured fans that the band is back from its hiatus.

"It has been a little bit of an unintentional hiatus, but we are excited to release music again," Hirlinger said. "We've had people reaching out to us on Instagram all the time wanting new music and we are excited to finally be able to deliver on that promise."

"Cigarettes" is one of three singles that will be a part of a waterfall release leading up to the band's full length album, with a planned street date for July, 2024.

Coastal Club headlined the Beachland Ballroom and Tavern on April 5 in Cleveland to celebrate the three-year anniversary of the music publication, Kind of Consistent.

Riley Furey, founder and editor-in-chief of Kind of Consistent, coordinated the event and invited Coastal Club, Jordan Dean and Liam Brock to perform.

The band played "Cigarettes" as well as other unreleased tracks. Hirlinger said the new single has been in the works for awhile.

"'Cigarettes' is a song we've written and had for awhile. We haven't released it yet out in the world, and we are really excited about it," Hirlinger said.

In response to the performance, Hirlinger said he was thankful for the opportunity to celebrate the publication and play at the Beachland Ballroom for the first time.

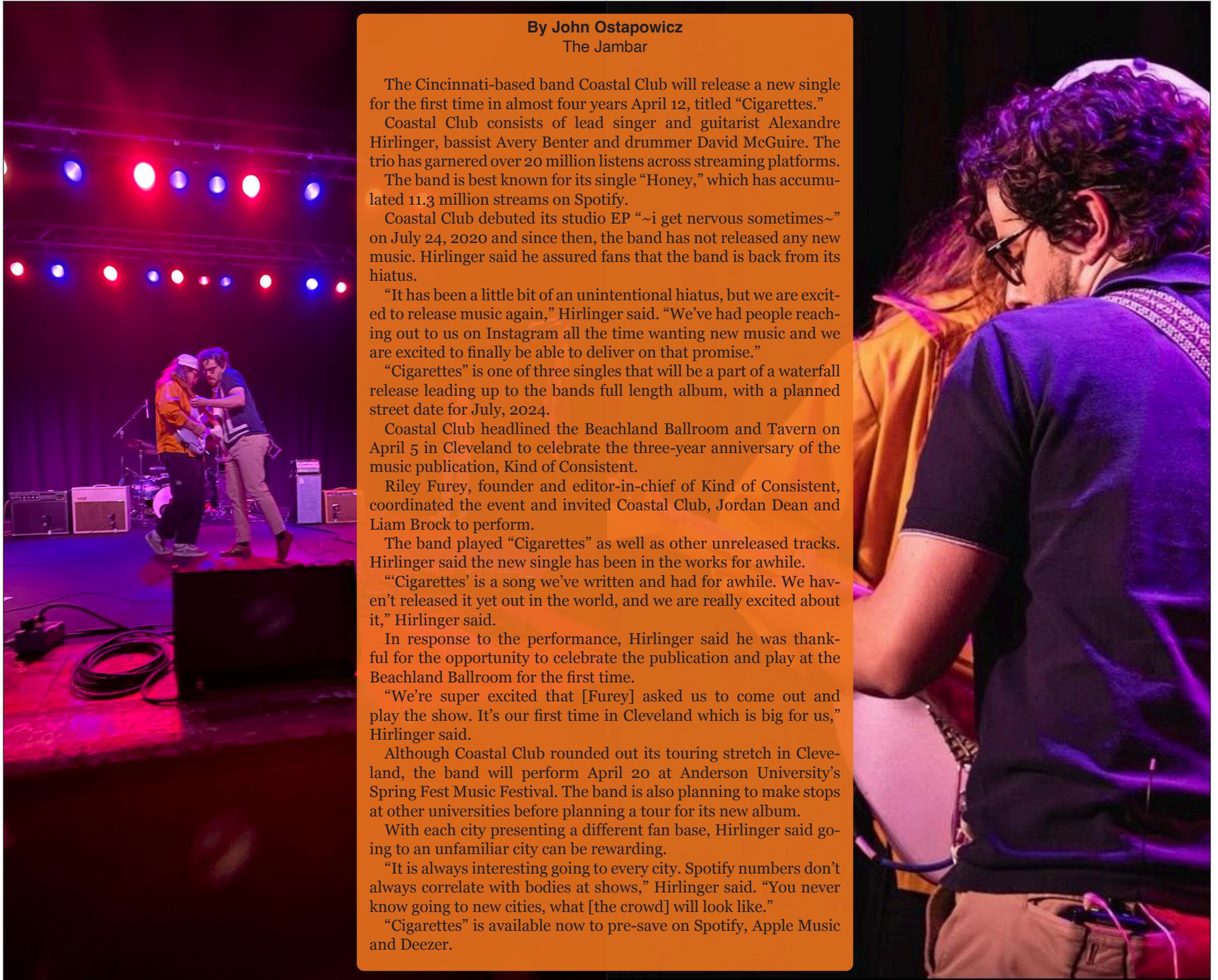
"We're super excited that [Furey] asked us to come out and play the show. It's our first time in Cleveland which is big for us," Hirlinger said.

Although Coastal Club rounded out its touring stretch in Cleveland, the band will perform April 20 at Anderson University's Spring Fest Music Festival. The band is also planning to make stops at other universities before planning a tour for its new album.

With each city presenting a different fan base, Hirlinger said going to an unfamiliar city can be rewarding.

"It is always interesting going to every city. Spotify numbers don't always correlate with bodies at shows," Hirlinger said. "You never know going to new cities, what [the crowd] will look like."

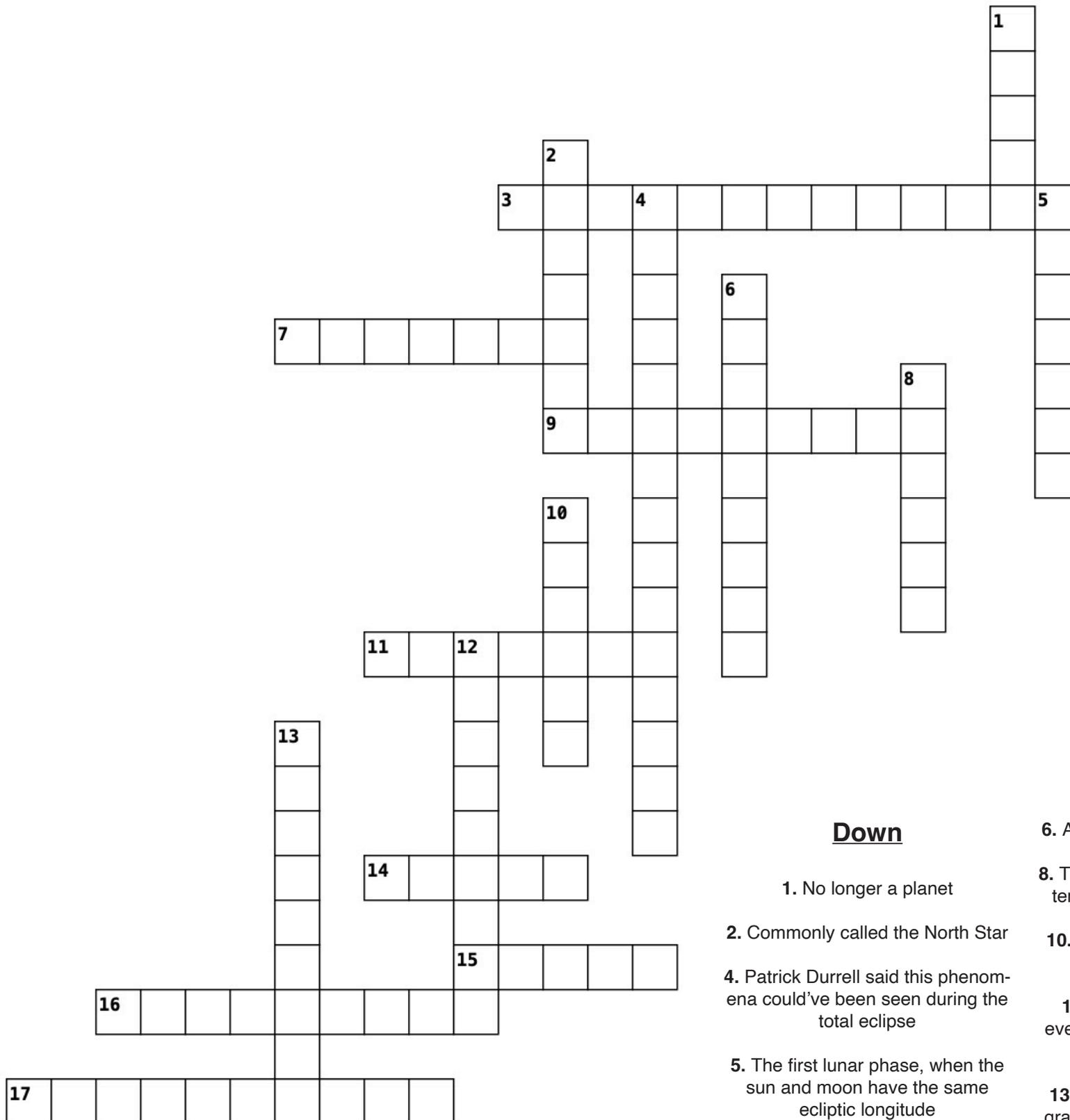
"Cigarettes" is available now to pre-save on Spotify, Apple Music and Deezer.



Coastal Club performs at the Beachland Ballroom and Tavern in Cleveland

Photo (left) courtesy of Megan Preston and (right) courtesy of Zach Stenger

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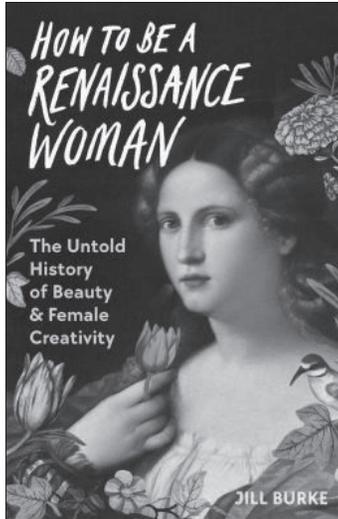
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7. The fifth planet in the solar system
9. The powerful and luminous explosion of a star
11. The first piece of the International Space _____ launched in 1998
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15. The third man in space and the first one to orbit the earth, John _____
16. The science of studying celestial objects
17. A red supergiant star in the Orion constellation, shares a name with a popular Tim Burton movie

Down

1. No longer a planet
2. Commonly called the North Star
4. Patrick Durrell said this phenomena could've been seen during the total eclipse
5. The first lunar phase, when the sun and moon have the same ecliptic longitude
6. A person trained to be aboard a spacecraft
8. The sixth planet in the solar system, it has a moon named Titan
10. The brightest star in the night sky
12. The method of predicting events and persons based on the stars and planets
13. A region of spacetime where gravity is so strong that nothing is capable of escaping

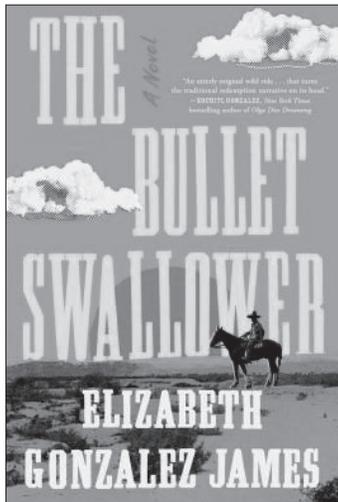
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Nonfiction review

How to Be a Renaissance Woman: the Untold History of Beauty & Female Creativity by Jill Burke

Reveals the long, rich and sometimes dark history of renaissance women. Like today, these women used makeup, hair styles and fashion to rebel against society and reclaim their agency. At the same time, Burke does not shy away from discussing the harmful aspects of renaissance beauty standards and how they still affect women today.



Fiction review

The Bullet Swallower by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

Mixes the classic western genre with magical realism to tell this story about intergenerational trauma and facing the past. Readers follow two perspectives: Antonio Sonoro, an infamous bandito trying to survive and make a future for his family in 1895; and Jaime Sonoro, his movie star grandson living in 1964 who will have to answer for his grandfather's crimes.

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The Jambar Column

Let's talk music

Hopefully, the title gave away what this week's column will be about. Without further delays or awful one-liners, let's boogie into the column.

I like music. If you've ever seen me on campus, you'll probably either notice my flowing mane of curly hair or any one of my super awesome T-shirts. About 98% of them have rock bands or singers on them. I've spent well over \$1,000 on shirts over the years. I am as financially sound as I am humble.

If that wasn't enough, most of my columns discuss music in one way or another. This column was inevitable. Every time I bring up a musician in one of my columns, it's like a bit of subliminal messaging. Who doesn't love that? Certainly not the government.

Who do I like to listen to? I love everything. I mean, I will listen to anything. I grew up on Talking Heads, the Velvet Underground and plenty of jazz and classical music. My grandparents played plenty of polkas, and my aunt introduced me to one of the greatest performers on Earth, Barry Manilow.

As I grew older, I found rock groups like Led Zeppelin, which are a part of me. No joke, I love Led Zeppelin so much I have it tattooed on my arm. Up next is Pink Floyd, the only people I know who don't like Pink Floyd may be foreign to the concept of music. If the reader does not like Pink Floyd, they needn't continue reading.

I'm also a huge fan of the Doors thanks to literally everyone in my family. You can't escape the Lizard King in my family. I also love Journey, ZZ Top, and Lynyrd Skynyrd as every red-blooded American should.

Bob Dylan is the king of music, hands down. There is nobody like Bob Dylan, except maybe Townes Van Zandt, but y'all aren't ready for that Texas trou-



Matthew Sotlar

badour talk. I tip my hat to the great John Prine, Jackson Browne, and Warren Zevon. They're fantastic songwriters and huge inspirations to my writing.

Also across the pond are Rod Stewart and David Bowie, who, along with Elton John, are what I call "The Holy Trinity." I would include Paul McCartney in there, but I believe the Beatles have always had its respective tier in the music ranking system, far beyond any other band.

But I don't just listen to your dad's kind of music, I'm hip. I'm no square. I can safely say that Zach Bryan, after Joni Mitchell and Bob Dylan, is the greatest songwriter alive. Every night I say a little prayer to make sure Zach Bryan wakes up okay. One day I'll see him live. Wait for that column.

Unfortunately, I will carry the burden of having never seen Olivia Rodrigo live — although I could have. That's right, I like Olivia Rodrigo. She is a fantastic singer and songwriter. I'm a grown man, but I know every single lyric to every song on her album "GUTS," and I'm proud of that fact.

What albums do I like? "The Velvet Underground and Nico" is my all-time favorite, right after Fleetwood Mac's "Bare Trees." After that is "Meddle" by Pink Floyd. Play the latter album without skipping any songs, it's worth it.

I wish I could write more about music. As a guitarist and pianist, I find making music is conducive to happiness just as much as listening to it. Go out and find new music. There are so many great artists out there. You never know who you'll find.

The Jambar Editorial

Hidden ears in the auto industry

Youngstown State University is a commuter college. According to Preliminary 14th Day Enrollment data from fall 2022, over 96% of YSU students commute to classes.

Some of these commuters likely drive themselves to and from campus, pay car insurance and worry about hitting the curb at the corner of Lincoln and Wick Avenue quite often.

But what if you hit that curb? No harm, no foul — except according to the New York Times, your car may be recording data about how you drive and selling that data to third-party companies — potentially your insurance providers.

The NYT covered the story through a podcast called The Daily, and it said a large number of American drivers expressed they were unaware their cars had been collecting data.

Many drivers said they believed insurance rates spiked or that they had been denied auto coverage because of their "driving behavior."

Kashmir Hill, the NYT reporter who began looking into the drivers' statements, spoke on The Daily and said she initially was "only seeing people really explicitly complaining" about these insurance price hikes from General Motors consumers.

As she began digging more, Hill noticed numerous automakers are employing driving behavior monitoring they say is for "safety," but Hill doesn't believe that's the case.

Data collection in a car can either be activated by an owner through an application or at a dealership. Hill said she believes these applications may have been quietly activated by dealership salespeople.

But why would salespeople turn on data collectors without a consumer's knowledge? Turns out, GM offered employees bonuses if drivers enrolled in programs such as OnStar's Smart Driver service, according to the NYT.

The service can connect any GM vehicle — be it a Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC or Buick — and track their driving behaviors the second a car's ignition starts.

OnStar Smart Driver's website states it's "an optional service" that provides

feedback on driving behavior and encourages "safer driving."

The site further states, "Insights about driving behavior are only shared with an insurance carrier with your explicit consent. If you provide consent to your carrier, they can access the driver score associated with your vehicle's driving behavior data to use the information for quoting purposes."

While some drivers are concerned over insurance rates increasing anywhere from 20% to 50%, the question of how this "data tracking" promotes safety remains in the air.

Hill spoke with Christine Delta Ogden, who explained that her Mercedes was tracked by her late husband. Ogden had filed a restraining order and police report against him for domestic violence.

Despite protections in place, Ogden's husband would repeatedly call and text her, claiming to know where she was and even showed up to her work trip.

Ogden's husband used a linkable application by Mercedes and registered it in his name to track the vehicle's every movement.

While Ogden had judge-ordered car ownership, Mercedes allegedly refused to prevent him from using the location-sharing application.

Ogden had the car's device that allowed internet functions completely removed. The only way she could ensure her safety was to prevent the car from sharing data with the app via the internet.

So, what is your car collecting information on you for?

If data collection is really about safety, wouldn't these companies have respected Ogden's fears? Instead, these data-tracking applications are in an uncomfortable ethical situation, if not a more serious predicament because of how these companies are determining safety.

If dealerships were activating features without a driver's knowledge, the auto industry could be severely impacted as consumer trust could plunge — especially if there are more examples of a driver's personal safety outside a car being placed at risk.

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Birdies waddle through spring season



By Dylan Lux
The Jambar

Following a fall 2023 season with four tournament victories, the Youngstown State University women's golf team began its spring season in February.

The team has traveled to states such as Florida and Kentucky and competed in five different tournaments throughout spring.

YSU began the 2024 season in Melbourne, Florida at the Columbia Classic hosted by Columbia University from Feb. 10 to 12.

Sixteen teams competed in the tournament from 10 conferences throughout the U.S.

Out of the competing teams, Youngstown State finished 11th, with a score of 57-over-par as a team. Yale University finished first at the tournament, with a total score of 871, seven-over-par.

In March, YSU returned to Florida to compete in the Howard University Lady Bison Invitational in Gainesville on March 4 and 5.

Twelve teams competed in the Bison Invitational, and Youngstown State finished fourth place at 72-over-par. The invitational's champion was Georgetown University with a score of 21-over-par.

YSU competed at the Nevel Meade Collegiate hosted by Cleveland State University on March 18 and 19 in Prospect, Kentucky.

Out of 10 teams in the tournament, five were Horizon League teams. Youngstown State finished sixth — in between four other Horizon League opponents.

The University of Detroit Mercy finished ninth while Purdue University Fort Wayne finished eighth. Ahead of the Penguins was Cleveland State in fifth, and Oakland University won the tournament with a 626 total score through two rounds.

To round out the month, the team competed in The Julie hosted by Northern Kentucky University on March 25 and 26.

Six Horizon League teams were featured throughout the 13 total teams competing.

Youngstown State had the highest total of its conference opponents, finishing in eighth. Cleveland State finished sixth, NKU finished fourth, and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay was third.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis was runner-up at the event, while Fort Wayne finished first with a 606 two-round score.

Youngstown State wrapped up the regular season for its home YSU Spring Invitational on April 7 and 8 in Warren.

The tournament hosted five other universities from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

YSU ended Day One of the tournament in first place with a 302 total, but after a 296 second round score from the University of Akron, the Zips took first place, while YSU was runner-up.

The Horizon League Golf Championships will take place April 20 through 22 in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. Live scoring will be available after the start of the championships.

Photos by Dylan Lux / The Jambar

Freshman Neeranuch Prajunpanich lines up a putt during the fall season. Senior Titita Loudtragulngam retrieves her golf ball.

SPRING SWINGIN'

Softball seeks victories on the road

By Marissa Masano
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's softball team continued its Horizon League schedule against Oakland University on April 5 and 6 and Robert Morris University on April 9 and 10.

The Penguins fell to Oakland, 5-4, which ended their 11-game win streak. Graduate student Sara Fessler opened scoring in the top of the first inning, but Oakland's offense took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second.

Tying the game in the top of the third, Fessler scored off senior Jillian Jakse's single to left field.

The Penguins grasped a lead in the fourth and fifth innings. In the fourth, senior Hailey Niederkohr scored off a single from Fessler, and in the fifth, senior Elyssa Imler added a run to make the score 4-2.

In the bottom of the seventh, Oakland

scored three runs to clinch the win.

Fessler was two-for-three at the plate and finished with two runs scored and an RBI.

On April 6, Youngstown State closed out the series with a doubleheader. The Penguins defeated the Golden Grizzlies, 3-1, in game one.

The Penguins combined for 10 hits, as freshman Lydia Wilkerson, fifth-year senior Conchetta Rinaldi, Jakse and Imler had two hits each.

Scoring started at the top of the fourth, as Jakse doubled to left field and allowed Fessler to score for the Penguins. Oakland responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the fourth inning.

In the top of the fifth, the Penguins scored twice. With bases loaded, Imler scored to give the Penguins a one-run advantage. Imler scored another assurance run from a Niederkohr single to solidify the victory.

On the defensive side, senior Devan Ryan allowed six hits to earn her fifth win

in the season.

In the second game, the Penguins lost to Oakland, 3-0, and only tallied three hits.

Heading into the three-game spread against the Colonials, the Penguins were 10-2 in the Horizon League.

The Penguins swept the Colonials on the road April 9. In the first game of the doubleheader, Youngstown State took a 1-0 victory.

The only run came in the top of the fifth inning when freshman Macy Littler tripled to left field, allowing Imler to score the winning run. The Penguins tallied four total hits throughout the game.

Defensively, the Penguins were strong from the mound with senior Sophie Howell having a complete-game shut-out. Howell only allowed three singles on three-hits with no walks allowed to earn her 15th win of the season.

Youngstown was victorious in the second game, 2-0. Fessler opened scoring for the Penguins with a solo home run in

the top of the first inning — her seventh of the year.

Fessler converted again with a single to left field, allowing Littler to score the Penguins' second run of the day. Fessler finished the game with two hits alongside Littler to lead the team offensively.

Ryan allowed only three hits facing 18 batters and collected her sixth win of the season. The senior secured five scoreless innings before Howell relieved her. Howell went on to face seven batters, striking out four to complete two scoreless innings.

The Penguins will conclude their three-game series with the Colonials at 3 p.m. on April 10. For stats, visit ysusports.com.

Youngstown will pause Horizon League action as the team travels to Morehead State. First pitch is set for 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively on April 16 in a doubleheader against the Eagles.

Men's tennis completes first sweep

By Cameron Niemi
The Jambar

Rounding out March and kicking off April, the Youngstown State University men's tennis team played three straight Horizon League matches on the road.

YSU traveled to play Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on March 29. In the first match, the Jaguars won the match, 4-3, over the Penguins.

The Jaguars took a 1-0 lead as they won the doubles point. Junior Nathan Favier tied the match with a 6-3, 6-3 win in No. 1 doubles. IUPUI took the second singles match and regained the lead, 2-1.

Freshman Onder Balci secured a win in No. 3 singles in the third set, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Junior Harry Fouzas won in No. 4 with a 6-2, 7-6 victory. This gave YSU a 3-2 lead.

IUPUI went on to win two straight singles matches and take the win over YSU.

Youngstown State traveled to Kentucky to take on Northern Kentucky University on March 30. The Norse defeated the Penguins, 4-3, in another tight matchup.

YSU secured two wins in doubles to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

Favier and Balci won their match in No. 1 doubles, 6-4. Fouzas and senior David Alvarez Moreno clinched the doubles point with a 6-1 victory in the third doubles match.

YSU went on to win two singles matches. Sophomore Nishant Dabas won in No. 2 singles, 7-5, 6-2. Fouzas took the No. 4 singles, 6-1, 6-2.

NKU went on to win four singles matches to secure the one-point match win over the Penguins.

Despite two straight losses against conference opponents, the Penguins will see both teams again before the end of the regular season.

The team's match against Le Moyne College was can-

celed on April 4. Youngstown State traveled to Chicago for a match against Chicago State University on April 7.

The Penguins snapped their two-game losing streak in the Windy City and defeated CSU, 6-1. YSU completed its first sweep of the season with the win.

YSU took the doubles point with two wins as Balci and Dabas won their match, 6-3. Favier and senior Asier Pena Ibanez took a 6-4 victory.

The Penguins went on to win five of six singles matches. Dabas, Balci, Fouzas, Alvarez Moreno and Pena Ibanez all won their matches helping the team secure the victory.

With the win, Youngstown State moved to 2-3 in conference play and 8-9 overall on the season. The team currently sits in third place in the Horizon League with three matches left in the season.

Youngstown State will return to the YSU Indoor Tennis Center at 11 a.m. on April 13 against NKU and at 11 a.m. on April 14 against IUPUI for senior night.

Rolling into national semifinals

By Madeline Hippard
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University bowling team will compete in the national semifinals April 12 in Allen Park, Michigan. The team qualified for the tournament following its win at the NCAA Lansing Regional tournament in the National Collegiate Bowling Championship from April 5 and 6.

This is the second time in program history the Penguins will compete in the national semifinals. The team's first appearance was during the 2021 season.

Fifth-year senior Megan Grams said although the Penguins have competed in the Lansing Regional Tournament in the past, the team considers each year a new opportunity for success.

"It's a blessing to be in the NCAA bowling D1," Grams said. "It's still really cool and stuff, but also we do have a very seasoned team. So, at the same time, it's business yet it's a blessing, and we're really excited to be there at the same time."

The 'Guins began the tournament with a 2-0 record on Day One, with wins against Marian University and Maryville University of St. Louis.

During the tradition-

al round against Marian, the two teams remained within a few pins of each other throughout the majority of the match. In the final frame, junior Ellie Drescher bowled a turkey for the 'Guins, helping lead them to a 900-830 victory.

The Penguins continued to overpower the Sabres in the Baker round, defeating them 975-929.

After winning against Marian, Youngstown State defeated Maryville, 2-0.

In the traditional match, the 'Guins trailed until senior Kristen Moore threw a turkey in the tenth frame, sending them to a 1,046-1,036 victory.

Throughout the Baker round, the Penguins and the Saints remained neck and neck. Despite a close match, Youngstown State remained on top, defeating Maryville, 1,025-1,019.

On Day Two of the tournament, the 'Guins

faced the University of Nebraska for the championship.

Youngstown State lost its first match of the tournament in the traditional round, 921-864.

Head coach Doug Kuberski said the Penguins like to keep a simple, straight forward mindset during tournaments.

"We know that no matter who you bowl in this, they're all challenges, they're all battles. These teams are all talented and very well coached and all good teams. We know we have to stay focused and focus on our process and our work and just keep it simple," Kuberski said.

Grams led the Penguins' effort in the traditional round with a high score of 201. Grams was one of two bowlers to break 200 for either team.

The 'Guins trailed for the majority of the Baker match. However, the team fought back to end the Baker round in a 1,003-1,003 tie, forcing a roll off.

Despite its comeback,

Youngstown State was unable to overcome Nebraska in the roll off, resulting in a 138-117 loss.

Although Youngstown State lost the first match against Nebraska, the Penguins were given a final chance to defeat them in a winner-takes-all, best-of-seven Baker match.

Nebraska won the opening game, 168-165, but the 'Guins answered by winning the next three games in the series with scores of 243-234, 199-180 and 157-150. Then, the Huskers won game five, 197-189. Game six in the series was tight, but Youngstown State ultimately came up on top with a score of 173-170.

With four wins under their belts, the Penguins won the best-of-seven Baker match and the Lansing Regional Tournament.

Youngstown State bowling team advances to the national semifinals as one of the four remaining teams in the NCAA National Collegiate Bowling Championship.

Joining the Penguins in the national semifinals are Jacksonville State University, Arkansas State University and Sam Houston State University.



YSU Bowling has clinched a spot in the Final Four for the second time in five years.

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