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Academic Senate approves changes to GER

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NEWS EDITOR

The required domain courses for all university undergraduate programs have been reduced from 11 to nine, with courses in the approved selected topics recategorized as part of a complete restructuring of the General Education Requirements at Youngstown State University.

The approval came after debate over GER specifications consumed the Academic Senate meeting on Wednesday.

Tod Porter, chairman of the General Education Committee and chairman and professor of economics, presented the revised version of the requirements before the Senate body for approval.

Modifications included name changes to the domain and subcategory names. Creative and Liberal Arts was changed to Arts and Humanities, Responsible Citizenship was changed to Social and Personal Awareness, and Sustainability was defined as Environmental Sustainability.

Concerns were raised that YSU was turning into a technical school by diluting the GER courses required. Arguments suggested that reducing the GER courses would focus course study into the areas of the student's major and minor and limit the breadth of the student education.

The Environmental Sustainability subcategory created concern for Darrell Wallace, assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering. He said that the focus of sustainability should not be limited to the environment.

Tod Porter responded by saying that students brought forth suggestions concerning global warming and sustaining resources. Adding the environmental name was a "more accurately reflection of the category's intent."

Wallace also mentioned that the current GER courses seem to be lopsided, with the focus being on humanities. He said that if a student has a major and/or minor in one of the humanities, then the

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(Left) Chet Cooper, chairman of the YSU Academic Senate, calls a motion for a vote during Wednesday's Academic Senate meeting in DeBartolo Hall. The Senate ultimately approved changes to the General Education Requirements.

(Right) Tod Porter, chairman of the General Education Committee, answers faculty questions in regards to specific concerns about GER modifications. Several faculty members questioned whether the changes should be passed. Photos by Josh Stipanovich/The Jambar.



Chris "Beaver" Dawson melts the ends of a paracord bracelet. he is the Vice president of the Armed Forces Student Association, criminal justice senior and a soldier in the National Guard. Photo by Joe Giesy/The Jambar.

Military students adjust to military life

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

One week, Paul Hageman carried his textbooks as a student on Youngstown State University's campus. The next week, he carried victims of Hurricane Katrina out of New Orleans as part of one of the National Guard's largest disaster responses in history.

Hageman, a senior at YSU, joined the National Guard soon after his

high school graduation in 2003 and enrolled at YSU two years later, the same year Hurricane Katrina struck the southern United States.

In the five years since his return from Louisiana, Hageman has gone overseas for a year and a half and nearly completed a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree.

He is 11 credit hours away from his degree but must make the choice to re-enlist and deploy in August, or take his last two classes in the fall and graduate.

For many of the 300 active and former military members, juggling schoolwork and the oath they have taken to protect the country can be one of the toughest demands any YSU student could ever face.

"It's a transition, but getting into it you know what's going to happen," Chris "Beaver" Dawson said about trying to balance the two.

Beaver is on active reserve in the National Guard, with a summer left until he finishes his degree in crimi-

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WCBA receives international reaccreditation

Patrick Donovan
REPORTER

The Williamson College of Business Administration has been reaccredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International.

The college, which celebrates the 40th anniversary of its Master of Business Administration program this year, is again part of the less than 5 percent of business schools worldwide to qualify for the international recognition. The reaccreditation was announced during a Wednesday press conference.

"Today we celebrate the success of the Williamson College of Business and the quality of the professional education provided to our students, the teaching and research accomplishments of our faculty, and our partnerships with the regional community," said WCBA Dean Betty Jo Licata.

Founded in 1916, the AACSB consists of nearly 1,200 education institutions, businesses and other organizations in 78 countries. AACSB accreditation is distinction sought after by most business schools.

"As an AACSB-accredited business school we have been able to differentiate ourselves from other schools around the country and around the world," Licata said.

In order to maintain the accreditation, the business program must undergo extensive reviews every five years and

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YSU gains financial strength to refinance University Courtyard debts

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

Youngstown State University will refinance the \$20.8 million debt and \$3.1 million deficit it has accrued on the University Courtyard Apartments. The fixed interest rate expires in May 2012.

The YSU Foundation gave the loan guarantee when the banks wouldn't loan the money to the University Housing Corporation alone, even with the support of the university.

In 1997, when research on apartment-style living began, the university

didn't have the financial strength to guarantee the loan.

"If students were at risk, we want to be out of this," said YSU Foundation President C. Reid Schmutz.

The YSU Foundation is roughly 83 percent scholarships.

"We got in because the banks said they wouldn't loan money without the guarantee," Schmutz said.

He added that the foundation didn't want students to not experience apartment-style living.

By refinancing, the foundation will be spared of any financial risk.

The facility, which holds more than 400 beds, was opened in 2003 during the fall semester. Since opening, it has

been near full occupancy every semester.

The plan is to finance using long-term 20- or 30-year bonds.

Eugene Grilli, vice president for Finance and Administration, said the refinancing was "basically, a good move," as it will maintain a fixed interest on the debt without any significant deviations for the apartments.

"We're essentially refunding existing debt," Grilli said.

By refinancing, Grilli said that the university would be back on track with the original goal of achieving full operational control of its housing property.

The plan is a positive move for student residents as well.

Jack Fahey, interim vice president for Student Affairs and ombudsperson, said some students have expressed that high rent is a problem.

"By the university financing the apartments, this should mean keeping the interest rates down so that we can keep their rent as low as we can," Fahey said. "We've been anticipating this for years, and now is the best time to make this happen."

Fahey said the apartments have been on the university's books, and there will be no change in the overall debt.

"We will no longer need the [YSU]

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YSU students mean business

Kacy Standohar
REPORTER

Eight students returned to Youngstown State University from the American Marketing Association's International Collegiate Conference in New Orleans with awards and renewed inspiration in marketing and business.

The YSU-AMA chapter led by co-presidents Richard Trimbur and Alana Kane received various awards including Outstanding Performance, Outstanding Professional Development and an award for their efforts toward the AMA Saves Lives campaign.

The international AMA, a professional association for individuals and organizations developing marketing worldwide, hosted the three-day conference that ended March 26.

Trimbur and Kane worked closely to put together a chapter with goals and a chapter plan that touches on professional development, community service, social events, communication, marketing and finance.

"Throughout the year, we tried to hold unique events that would not only fulfill each of these areas, but would set us apart from other chapters," Trimbur said.

Kane and Trimbur said the biggest part of planning was coming up with the chapter



YSU-AMA members that participated in a recent conference in New Orleans, stand in front of the group's exhibit. Photo courtesy of YSU-AMA.

goals. The most exciting aspect of the conference for Trimbur was meeting new people.

"It was exciting to have the opportunity to meet with 1,300 marketing students from across the country," he said. "You already have a common ground to approach these students because everyone has a true interest in marketing."

For Kane, the most exciting part of the trip to New Orleans was the exhibit competition, in which the YSU-AMA placed in the top eight.

"For this competition, 40 chapters make an interactive exhibit for all the attendees to see. It is really fun to see people participate in your exhibit and see all of your hard work pay off," Kane said.

According to the YSU

American Marketing Association's newsletter, "40 chapters are able to present their yearly goals and accomplishments in a display. As marketers, the competition heavily relies on creativeness, interaction and what other students think of the exhibit."

Along with the exhibit competition, students at the conference were able to attend speaking sessions and team-building seminars, gain knowledge, learn ideas from other chapters, network and ultimately be inspired to further their education.

Kane and Trimbur are most proud of the Outstanding Overall Performance award, which was awarded to the YSU chapter for meeting its strategic goals and plans.

The YSU chapter achieved

this with fundraising, community service efforts and hosting multiple events with professional speakers. YSU-AMA members arranged a speaker to visit once a month.

The AMA also partnered with members of the John Carroll University AMA to visit a speaker at the Cleveland Cavaliers organization.

Trimbur was pleased with the chapter's overall performance and he believes it shows that their chapter "was able to set obtainable goals and accomplish those over the course of the year."

"It makes me feel like [Trimbur] and I did a great job at leading the group and doing what we set out to do. We wanted to improve the chapter, and I think we accomplished this in many ways," Kane said.

The AMA added a new category in honor of the AMA Saves Lives project to increase organ donor awareness.

The YSU-AMA received this award for its "Stop Breaking Hearts and Save One" event. The main focus of this event was to encourage students to sign up as organ donors. They received a heart-shaped cookie for doing so.

The YSU chapter gained 60 new organ donors, but the achievements didn't stop there. Two other members of the YSU-AMA, Laura Hanley and Abby Coppock, participated in the Northwestern Mutual Sales Competition against 50 other participants.

Kane and Trimbur share the

same goals for next year. They are excited about this year's successes but ambitious and eager for next year's conference.

The entire group hopes to take top prize next year, as well as gain more members.

"We hope to increase the membership of the YSU-AMA so that we are able to accomplish more than we ever thought possible," Trimbur said.

He attributed a lot of the group's success to support from Williamson College of Business Administration Dean Betty Jo Licata, Interim Associate Provost Charles Singler and the YSU Student Government Association for helping fund the trip.

Kane echoed her co-president's goals for next year.

"We had a hard time maintaining our membership this year, so I hope that students really see how much they can gain from being in a student organization," Kane said.

She said returning members are excited to continue the organization.

"The YSU-AMA is not only for marketing majors. We are accepting of all majors on campus," Trimbur said.

Trimbur said the AMA is perfect for any students interested in building a resume that would impress any future employer.

"This conference is one of the best memories and opportunities I have had at YSU," Kane said.

Support Services director leads fraternal organization

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

Most likely donning a red Youngstown State University polo, Danny O'Connell serves Youngstown State University as director of Support Services. Outside of campus, O'Connell is the Midwest director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternal organization, which promotes a united Ireland. The organization was founded in 1836, and O'Connell has been a member for "a number of years." The largest organization of its kind, the AOH has more than 40,000 members and is growing. O'Connell joined the AOH after a friend showed interest.

"We had both been to Ireland, and they recruited us," he said. O'Connell said the AOH has some religious and political views, but for the most part works to solve the issues causing a divided Ireland.

He explained that a class struggle between Protestants and Catholics exists in Ireland.

"We are in favor of a united Ireland," O'Connell said. "We don't support violence."

The AOH also worked to raise scholarship money, about \$50,000-\$77,000 a year, for various organizations.

On St. Patrick's Day this year, O'Connell was invited to the White House for the annual holiday reception. Since the early-1990s, it's been a tradition for a representative from Ireland to present the president with a bowl of shamrocks (which are destroyed shortly after for security reasons). This was the first year that O'Connell had been invited to the event.

"How I got invited is a little bit of a mystery," O'Connell said.

Normally, only the president of the AOH is invited to the event, along with politicians from Ireland and the U.S., and supporters of the president.

Highlights of O'Connell's evening included shaking hands with President Barack Obama and having the opportunity to speak with Vice President Joe Biden. Mike Tomlin, head coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers, was also in attendance.

"I was in awe of the crowd," O'Connell said.

Every year, O'Connell tries to make a trip out to Ireland for the re-enactment of the Peace March, which annually commemorates those who marched in the peaceful protest turned massacre now known as Bloody Sunday.

O'Connell also got to speak with some of the family members of those who had been killed.

"It was a feeling of closure for these families after 39 years," he said.

Throughout his time as a member of the AOH, O'Connell has had the opportunity to meet people important to the promotion of a united Ireland, speak his viewpoints in front of crowds and travel. O'Connell has also worked to address immigration issues in Ireland.

O'Connell said the highlight of one of his trips was having the opportunity to meet John Hume, an Irish politician and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

O'Connell said he plans to continue his involvement with AOH and possibly become president in the future.



Vice President Joe Biden and YSU's Danny O'Connell spoke at the White House's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Photo courtesy of Danny O'Connell.

Big screen flexes its 3-D muscles

Chelsea Telega
REPORTER

With the growing availability of movies in the home, the development of digitally enhanced films is a major way of drawing crowds back to theaters.

Viewers of a 3-D film are essentially part of the movie, as the scenes are constructed around them.

A recent study showed that an audience watching a 3-D Blu-ray film was 12 percent more likely to stay focused on the film than an audience watching a regular Blu-ray film, according to Mindlab International.

In the past, 3-D movie glasses were recognizable by their two-toned colorful lenses. In modern films, however, the varied colors are not needed for the 3-D effect.

The new glasses are monochromatic and pick up a certain direction of light. One lens lets in vertical light waves, while the other lets in horizontal light waves, which allows only certain aspects of the film to appear 3-D.

Moviemakers hope to someday produce a 3-D film that audiences can watch without the help of these glasses.

Art Byrd, local movie producer and instructor at Youngstown State University, said the glasses are an essential part of the 3-D movie experience.

"I wasn't bothered by wearing the glasses. That was actually kind of fun," Byrd said. "It's almost like you're playing with your senses. When you're trying to manipulate no glasses, it kind of takes away from it."

Despite liking the glasses, Byrd said he could live without 3-D films.

"To me, it's more of a gimmick than a story enhancer," Byrd said. "Basically, I like it. But I like it done well."

Other 3-D viewers have differing opinions about the experience.

YSU senior Tyler Landis critiques films on his blog. Landis said he looks for storyline, character depiction and

good narrative in a film, not simply the 3-D enhancement.

"No one seems to care about characters and a good story anymore. Now, it's all mass-produced garbage that is highly profitable and instantly forgettable," Landis said.

Byrd added that 3-D movies are trying to emulate the experience of a roller coaster ride, "like you're going to Cedar Point."

"Movies can't be an amusement park, and that is what is happening with 3-D," he said.

Byrd said he expects more out of his 3-D adventure.

"3-D shouldn't be about what is going to happen. It should be about what is happening. That's what movies are. You're going somewhere that you would not be able to go on your own," Byrd said.

While Landis said 3-D film has a strong future, he added that it might be for the wrong reasons.

"The problem now is that it's mostly being used as a selling point," Landis said. "When filmmakers start utilizing it correctly by blending strong technical aspects together with a tight story and strong characters, it can become something great."

YSU English professor Rick Shale said he has high hopes for the future of 3-D films.

"There were people who used to think that sound was a passing fad," Shale said. "My

guess is that this is going to stick. I'm fascinated with what they are doing."

Shale added that he's noticed a correlation between the economy and the amount of 3-D movie releases.

"Sudden popularity of 3-D seems to coincide with times when the film industry is threatened or in crisis," Shale said.

The Regal Movie Theaters in Boardman, Austintown and Niles all charge \$13 for their 3-D movies, which is \$3.50 more than the normal ticket price. A 3-D movie at Cinemark Tinseltown USA in Boardman costs \$12.75. Cinemark Movies 8 in Boardman charges \$2 more than each normal ticket price.

More bad news for the theater industry arises with the growing popularity of 3-D televisions. Viewers can watch regular movies, as well as experience the virtual reality of 3-D movies, in the comfort of their own homes.

LG Cinema has released a less complicated 3-D TV, which includes movie theater-like glasses that do not need batteries. Other companies, such as Sony and Toshiba, sell battery-powered glasses separate from the television that a viewer can purchase.

"People don't go to theaters anymore. There are so many ways to experience a movie nowadays," Shale said.

Campus Connection

What are your thoughts on 3-D movies?



"They are expensive, and that's why I don't take my girlfriend." Alex Brown, sophomore



"I've never been to a 3-D movie yet. I would like to go." Ashley Kent, freshman

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must also demonstrate its commitment to the 21 AACSB quality standards.

"Students enrolled in and faculty teaching in the WCBA are part of a program that meets the most rigorous global standards that exist for business schools," said Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Students responded to the

WCBA's reaccreditation as well.

"It's pretty amazing to be affiliated with such a prestigious organization. I feel very good about earning my degree here," said junior marketing major Nick Carrabbia.

Carrabbia said he is confident in the program. He said that despite the slow economy, he'll be able to find a job after

graduation based on the WCBA's reputation.

"As long as I continue to study hard, I think when I graduate I should be able to find a job relatively easy. The professors here really prepare us and push us to excel in everything we do," he said.

The college enrolls more than 1,800 undergraduates at YSU.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'La Perichole' opera planned for mid-April

Offenbach's "La Perichole," a comic opera, will be performed from April 14 to 17 in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater. Thursday through Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday matinee performance is at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for YSU students with valid ID, \$15 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff, and high school and college students from other universities. Reserve tickets by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for a minimal fee.

Grad school information session offered

The School of Graduate Studies and Research will host a Graduate Program Information Session on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the main floor atrium of Williamson Hall. Graduate program directors and representatives from the School of Graduate Studies and Research will be available to answer questions. For more information, call 330-941-2515 or email ajurmsonjefries@ysu.edu.

Renowned guitarist to perform in Bliss

Florian Larousse, winner of the 2009 Guitarr Foundation of America Competition, will perform on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Bliss Recital Hall. The 22-year-old Larousse began studying guitar at the age of 8. Since then, he's performed on several continents and has won many awards in international competitions. The concert is free and open to the public.

POLICE BRIEFS

Friend's parents assault Kilcawley House resident

On Monday, an officer reported to Kilcawley House in reference to an assault. The victim, a male student, had a friend staying with him for three days. The friend's parents showed up at the dorm looking for their son and entered the victim's room. An altercation occurred between the victim and the friend's parents. It became physical when the father "had his fingers all in the victim's face," and the mother slapped the victim twice, according to the police report. The victim's friend returned to apologize. The incident was recorded on camera and will be reviewed. Suspects will be issued trespass warnings upon contact.

Police find man with hospital wristband lying on sidewalk

While near the corner of Fifth and Lincoln avenues on Sunday, a YSU Police officer noticed a man lying face up on the sidewalk, with his pants at his knees. The officer approached the unresponsive man, who was wearing a hospital wristband. Police later discovered that the man had voluntarily left St. Elizabeth Health Center before his treatment was complete. He was transported to Northside Medical Center since he assaulted a nurse at St. Elizabeth's.

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Foundation as a guarantee," Fahey said.

Schmutz said the YSU Foundation's target date to get out of the agreement is when the fixed interest rate expires in May 2012, but this could change at anytime.

"We could wait until September 2012," Schmutz said.

Originally, the university planned to take on more projects with the University Housing Corporation. Fahey said that, at this point, it's too soon to tell if there will be more projects with UHC.

Ambling Management Company operates the University Courtyard Apartments, and the university plans to retain these services.

Additional reporting by Lamar Salter.

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nal justice at YSU. He has about four years left on his contract with the National Guard and plans to extend his contract so he can eventually retire from the National Guard.

He enlisted during his senior year in high school after the events of 9/11. Hageman and Beaver once served together and now act as president and vice president of the Armed Forces Student Association at YSU.

"It sets us apart from many other normal students," Beaver said about being a student in the military. He said the payoff is a lot of extra pride.

The dual life of soldier students has proved both advantageous and problematic for active military personnel.

"I gained a lot of discipline from the military," said Justin Butt, a YSU senior majoring in communications and an active Army soldier. He said if he had never been in the military, he would probably be one of those students who do not attend class as much.

Butt said the leadership skills he gained in the military have helped him with his classes and schoolwork, as well as dealing with group situations.

Butt is enrolled in the ROTC program at YSU as part of his Green to Gold program and said his prior military experience has helped him mentor other ROTC members who have not yet served.

Tony Spirito, a senior criminal justice major and AFSA member, came to YSU after he retired from the Army. He said he constantly got yanked from school and could not complete a degree while enlisted.

It is not good for the student or university when a student has to drop, but faculty members are helpful if students go

through the right channels, Beaver said.

Hageman said there is a lot of juggling around involved because of military training and deployment, but professors often understand.

Beaver said he has been able to plan YSU enrollment around when he knows he will be deployed, just so he doesn't have to start a semester just to drop it halfway through.

Jim Olive, director of the Office of Veterans Affairs at YSU, said he would like to see military students not held responsible when they have to drop out of the semester or miss class for military duty. He planned a committee to address that problem.

The Office of Veterans Affairs recruits military students to YSU and assists active military students along with those who have served and are now attending YSU.

Olive said the office does not track data on the students they help. In the two years he has been talking to and observing students, he has noticed a lot of military personnel migrate toward majors in engineering or criminal justice.

"I think it's because of the training they receive in the military," Olive said. "A lot of them are mechanically trained, a lot of them have that propensity to do well in that field."

Beaver said he is a mechanic in the National Guard because he does not want to do the same thing in the military as he does when he is not there.

Olive, who served two years active military and six years in the reserves, said today's military is highly technical, requiring more education on the part of soldiers.

"These people are highly trained, and when they come out, they can have their edu-

cation funded for and they already know a lot, so it's a really good match between military training and university training," Olive said.

Olive said soldiers are hands-on people who like to stay active because they are so active in the military.

Olive said a college education can aid soldiers who plan on a civilian career after leaving the service and can allow for advancement in the ranks for current military personnel.

Butt enrolled at YSU after three years in the U.S. Army as part of the Green to Gold program that allows enlisted Army soldiers to gain a four-year degree and return to the Army as an officer.

He said he pursued a major in communications and public relations.

"A lot of my classes make me think out of the box, not straight from the textbook, and think around problems," Butt said.

Butt said he uses his G.I. Bill for housing and to pay for his degree. He also works at Undergraduate Admissions as a tour guide for the university.

Right now, soldiers can receive some military incentives from the branch they serve under and they also receive money from the G.I. Bill to aid them while attending school.

Obtaining a college degree has also been made easier by the Ohio G.I. Promise that was recently enacted to allow honorably discharged veterans and active military personnel to receive in-state tuition from any Ohio public university as long as the student lived in Ohio before the first day of the semester.

Olive said Ohio public universities do not put the proper resources into using the G.I. Promise into a recruiting incentive to get more soldiers at YSU like they should be.

Olive said Veterans Affairs and the Armed Forces Student Association are raising money through the sale of T-shirts and some events during Military Appreciation Week at the end of May to raise money for veterans who do not qualify for special military financial aid.

They are also participating in the upcoming Relay for Life in Youngstown to show support for cancer survivors.

The former and current soldiers at YSU come together for a variety of reasons.

"There is a feeling you belong to something bigger than yourself," Olive said.

He said even family members participate in events to show support for their loved ones.

"When you serve, your family serves," Olive said.

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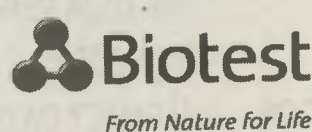
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Long live the king ... or at least his language

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It's official. The English language has been laid to rest next to the three Germanic tribes who brought it to Britain during the fifth century A.D.

It's the death of the "king's" language as we know it. Words are being reduced to letters and phrases to acronyms, and it's all thanks to the human mind.

As technology grows, so do the shortcuts in communication. We agree with Writing Center coordinator Angela Messenger, who said technology "may be detrimental to our language."

Looks like the cat wasn't curiosity's only victim.

Access to the Internet can be achieved anywhere from thousands of Wi-Fi areas and satellites that power our smartphones, and it's continuing to grow.

While we can only ride the coattails of the rise in our own technological innovations, we must keep grasp of the building blocks of society.

The LOL's and the G2G's can be tolerated in conventional Internet language, but certainly the line can be drawn in realistic circumstances.

Students are submitting essays with little to no punctuation, and graduates are turning in cover letters with grammar that rivals a second-grade student.

There have even been serious debates over allowing teachers to actually teach SMS text messaging in the classrooms.

Imagine registering for a foreign language class and having the options of Spanish, Italian and SMS. It sounds like an easy class, but we are losing more than what we're gaining.

Maybe this new technological language will become the new universal form of communication, bridging the gap between cultures and globalizing language forever.

While simplifying our society could possibly bring neighboring cultures together, we will be losing our identities in the process.

TTYL. Or an acronym to that affect.

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A noble profession

Susan Straight
LOS ANGELES TIMES

At a time when teachers and their unions are under fire across the nation, my eldest daughter just had a much-anticipated interview with Teach for America. She will graduate from college in May and hopes to be a teacher in the fall.

She was worried that I'd be disappointed she didn't feel a desire for graduate school.

But I was thrilled. Since graduating from college in 1984, I've taught GED courses, English as a second language, composition at a city college and now writing and literature at a public university. I have loved every year, and I don't think there's a more important profession.

Think about it: We aren't legally mandated to spend as much time with any other kind of person as we are with teachers. An American who graduates from high school has been taught by more than 20 teachers and has spent more than 10,000 hours in their company. It's no wonder almost everyone has a story about a teacher who changed his or her life.

Still, with all the contempt and anger being hurled at teachers right now, it's alarming to be sending a daughter into the crossfire, especially when new teachers are the first to be threatened with pink slips.

The growing scorn for public school teachers is at every level of education. Teachers are blamed for bad test results, for disrespectful students, for failing schools. They are thought to be lazy, draining public coffers with their monthly salaries and pension benefits (although they actually contribute to their pensions like everyone else).

Last fall, a video posted by blogger Shannyn Moore showed Sarah Palin and her daughter Willow confronting a woman protesting during the filming of Palin's reality TV series on a fishing dock in Homer, Alaska. When Palin asks the woman about her profession, she replies that she is a teacher, and Palin and Willow, who is of high school age, exchange knowing looks. Palin turns back to the woman. "Oh, a teacher," she says, her voice oozing condescension.

This kind of conservative contempt for public school teachers began decades ago with white flight (remember the private schools that sprang up in churches and homes during integration in the 1970s?), and it continues today. In Southern California, it can be seen in the flight of so many families to religious schools; not just the traditional Roman Catholic schools but numerous new church-affiliated facilities. I've been told by parents of students who attend private religious schools that public schools are beyond redemption, and they resent their tax dollars subsidizing poor-quality education.

Meanwhile, parents often consider their kids' teachers as mere service providers. Last fall I met a teacher at an exclusive private school on New York's Upper East Side who told me parents pressure her to ignore bad behavior, missed assignments and cheating, in the belief that nothing is more important than their children's success. One of my best friends, a second-grade teacher at the public elementary school I attended, told me about a student who consistently returns math work undone. "I don't do math," he said. "My mom says I don't have to." My friend explained: "The state says you have to do math." But the child was adamant: "My mom says I don't."

A teacher at my youngest daughter's public high school told me parents often call and email to protest assignments. My child just "isn't feeling Dickens," one said. "He needs to be reading something he can relate to."

At the very moment my daughter hopes to become a teacher, Detroit is talking about closing half its public schools. In Rhode Island, teachers are being laid off wholesale. California has issued thousands of pink slips.

All over the world, people sacrifice to send their children to school. Afghan girls are threatened yet still walk to school; Chinese children are sent to schools in faraway cities by parents desperate to give them better lives; Kenyan students study by kerosene lamp in one-room schools built by grateful parents.

Here, access to a free education is an essential part of the American dream. I was sent to kindergarten at 4 by my mother, a Swiss immigrant. She taught me to read when I was 3, worried that the school wouldn't admit me unless I was already literate. I went daily to a kind teacher who let me read advanced books in the corner. I remember her hair, her lips when her mouth moved, and her fingernails. Decades later, she remembers me, and says I told her stories.

I believe it. Because teachers are often therapists, friends, mentors, coaches, sometimes providers of food and school supplies or holders of secrets. And in that way, they are some of the most important people in children's lives.

And sometimes, despite all the disrespect that's out there, teachers are appreciated. Last week, I got an email from a Cambodian-American student from San Bernardino, Calif., who now teaches English in South Korea; she was writing to say thank you.

My students, many of them first-generation immigrants, have brought me gifts and invited me to their weddings and New Year celebrations. I have gotten calls of thanks from their parents. And sometimes they have called me not by my name, but by the most reverent word they could summon: Teacher.

I try to imagine my daughter in a classroom this fall, looking out at the faces of children who are thinking of numbers and letters and secrets. I remember the woman who taught me to form the alphabet, the man who taught me long division. I remember my sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Wolf, playing Cat Stevens songs on the guitar. And I wonder about the children who may one day remember my daughter's teaching, and in what ways she may have changed their lives.

Congress needs to address ca- reer colleges' toxic choices

Seattle Times
MCT

For-profit colleges have successfully marketed a compelling story in which they star front and center as benevolent purveyors of the American dream through education and gainful employment.

The reality is the complete opposite. Former students testified before a U.S. Senate oversight committee this month about exorbitant tuition costs and unfulfilled promises of good jobs. One student spoke of completing a program in video-game design and ending up in the video games section of a Toys R Us.

Solutions include tougher gainful-employment rules crafted by the federal Department of Education. The long-awaited standards would ensure career and vocational programs adequately prepare students for employment.

A key part of the rules requires colleges to consider whether students will actually earn enough to repay their loans. For-profit career colleges enroll about 10 percent of all students but account for 25 percent of federal student aid and 48 percent of all federal student loan defaults. Huge profits are made on federal aid; student success is secondary.

The new rules have run into trouble. The House passed a bill preventing the Education Department from enforcing the rules. Similar legislation is in the Senate.

Washington Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell must be part of the effort blocking the legislation, an unabashed end run around accountability measures.

Federal rules already require career education programs receiving federal student aid to prepare students for "gainful employment in a recognized occupation." But enforcement was based on an honor system, in which institutions checked a box.

The new rules add clarity and structure, but they aren't as tough as career colleges are proclaiming. They would deem a career program ineligible for federal student aid only if less than 35 percent of students are repaying their loans. Plus, students would have to have a debt burden of at least 12 percent of their total income. Programs falling on the wrong side of these rules deserve to be dinged.

For-profit institutions have dispatched scores of lobbyists to Congress to gin up sympathy for their argument that tougher rules decrease educational choices. No, just the toxic ones.

STUDENT GROUP CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR ZOMBIE SURVIVAL



Humans Craig Mihalik and Nick Uroseva, members of the Humans vs. Zombies club at YSU, defend against zombies at a winter game at Boardman Township Park. Photo courtesy of Nick Uroseva.

Chelsea Telega
REPORTER

All across the world, the walking undead are taking over our parks, lurking behind trees and infecting their human hunters. The answer to end the zombie apocalypse: rolled up socks.

A year ago, Youngstown State University students decided to start the city's version of the infamous game Humans vs. Zombies. Junior Nick Uroseva founded the club, which has five other elected officers.

A game of Humans vs. Zombies, or HvZ, consists of a group of people that start as humans. One team member is chosen to start off as a zombie who then attempts to transform each human player into the living dead.

The game is comparable to an extended game of tag.

Uroseva said each game lasts about five hours. Between 15 and 30 players participate in each game, and are equipped with a bandana and a foam dart gun or rolled up socks.

The game has been played on more than 200 campuses in the U.S. alone. Eight of the members of the Youngstown division plan to travel to Penn State University this weekend to participate in a competition with more than 200 students from various schools.

The Youngstown chapter of the organization has not been granted permission to practice the game on campus. All games that the group has hosted have been held at local parks around the area, such as Boardman and Austintown Township Parks and Wick Park in Youngstown.

As a measure of compromise with the YSU Police Department, Uroseva and the rest of the organization's members have offered to play the game

using only rolled up socks and marshmallows. No foam dart guns will be necessary to play the game, if permitted, on campus.

For the future, Uroseva and the rest of the group said they hope to bring the game to the university.

"Optimistically, I'm hoping that we will be able to play the game on campus the way it was originally meant to be played," Uroseva said, adding that the group is working on coordinating a game in the Rec 5 area at YSU.

The YSU Police Department has played a part in keeping the game off campus. Their main objective is to keep the campus safe, and this game could potentially hinder the protected environment that the university strives for.

Police Chief John Gocala recalled a Liberty High School student being hit by one of the foam darts, which consequently broke his skin.

"We originally said that even though they were facsimiles of guns, they could cause harm. We did make some recommendations that, if it was approved, there could be places that were controlled environments to play in," Gocala said.

With the toy ammunition used and the unexpected nature of the ambushes, the police department's biggest concern is that it could cause harm to someone.

"We want to make sure that if someone does something, they do it right," Gocala said. "That it's done safely with some thought process."

The students involved with the club said they are willing to contain the game to a controlled environment, as it is at many other campuses. Since its development, the number of members has drastically increased. The club's mailing list contains 128 registered members, and the Facebook

group has attracted 147 members.

HvZ moderator Vijay Welch has high hopes for the club and has been a part of many great experiences because of it. He has played for the Ohio University division of the game and can vividly recall its impact.

"They have a very strong HvZ presence there. I've been trying for some time to get HvZ on our campus," Welch said.

John Vitullo, another moderator, never expected to enjoy his participation in the club, but now wouldn't have it any other way.

"When I first heard about it, I was kind of hesitant, but there's really nothing else like this game," Vitullo said.

The group typically meets once a month on Saturdays for their games. They would like to start discussing the possibility of a "socks only" game on campus in the fall.

Text language becomes part of modern vocabulary

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"OMG, IMHO that Wag's muffin top is out of control. LOL."

And if you don't understand that statement, just grab an Oxford English Dictionary.

The Oxford English Dictionary recently added a list of new words to its pages, including the popular text messaging phrases LOL (laughing out loud), FYI (for your information) and OMG (oh my God).

The Oxford English Dictionary also included the phrases "muffin top" ("a protuberance of flesh above the waistband of a tight pair of trousers") and "Wag," referring to the wife or girlfriend of a high-profile celebrity.

Although many of the words are generally new expressions, Oxford English Dictionary research found that many have been used in a previous historical setting. The first quotation for OMG was found in a personal letter from 1917, while LOL started in

1960, representing an elderly woman or "little old lady."

Angela Messenger is director of the Writing Center at Youngstown State University, which is devoted to helping students improve their writing. Messenger said she notices slang terms popping up in some students' writing. She said using the letter "u" instead of writing "you" is common.

"They learned that it's faster to just abbreviate that way," she said.

Messenger said she does not see the words OMG or LOL used in essays, but that students often leave out punctuation and apostrophes. She said text messaging may be the root of these problems.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it's doing more damage than just spelling. I think we're probably used to a lot more run-on sentences. In a text, if we don't have a period and a capital letter, that doesn't bother us as much in a text message, and I'm thinking that even question marks get accidentally left off of things and you see that in writing a lot," she said.

Messenger said email is in

a transitional period as well.

"So many people are using Smartphones to even send emails, and sort of changing the way people, I think, communicate at that level. Now you can see the email and instantly respond, where you might take some time when you can sit down at a computer and craft your thoughts a little bit more."

Cynthia Vigliotti, English and linguistics instructor at YSU, commented on the change in language through the years. Vigliotti attributed the change to not only technology, but to the evolution of

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Students tour site of Underground Railroad

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On Saturday, 55 students and community members will take a trip through western Pennsylvania, the same trip slaves once took in the mid-1800s to escape oppression in the South.

The bus trip includes stops in Washington, Pa.; Mercer, Pa.; and Stonesboro, Pa., all of which were integral places in providing safety to escaped slaves.

One stop planned for the trip is the LeMoyne House. The house, located in Washington, Pa., was owned by practicing physicians John Julius LeMoyne and Francis Julius LeMoyne. The two men risked their freedom and wealth to open their home and properties as stops along the Underground Railroad.

Other activities include a lecture by W. Thomas Mainwaring, professor of history at Washington & Jefferson College, as well as a visit to the Dr. James Magoffin House and "Liberia," an area where slaves and Native American

families migrated to for several years until the enactment of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at Youngstown State University, said the trip is the third planned by the university that focuses on the Underground Railroad.

McCarty-Harris took the trip with students in 2009 to Ripley, Ohio, and said the event was popular with students and community members, despite the poor weather conditions.

"Even though ... the weather was crappy, I remember someone saying, 'Well, just imagine the weather back then when [slaves] had to go through these conditions, and ... you kind of see what these individuals had to go through just to take steps to freedom,'" she said.

McCarty-Harris said the goal of the trip is to educate students and community members about different cultures and races.

"I think that's what we're all about, is the collaborations, and one of the things we look through from the diversity

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student would not have a breadth of education.

Other comments concerned why YSU is looking to align with other state universities. Tod Porter said that changing the GER would create "user friendliness" and streamline the course transfer process.

John Sarkissian, professor and chairman of foreign languages and literatures, suggested that GER courses should count for multiple domains if the requirements are met. As it is written in the plan, a course can only count for one domain, and Tod Porter said that is to create diverse courses for students.

Paul Sracic, professor and chairman of political science and the Pre-Law Center, questioned the domain name change of Responsible Citizenship.

Tod Porter replied, saying

that the intent was not to explicitly eliminate citizenship. Requirements include courses in what a citizen should know.

An amendment was presented by political science professors David Porter, Keith Lepak and Sracic to change the name back to Responsible Citizenship and include courses in domestic government, international perspectives, sustainability and well-being.

David Porter said the amendment would be "more reflective of the skills students need to operate as a responsible citizen."

David Porter was concerned that individuals were practicing poor citizenship now and that government courses should be added to the GER.

After debate within the Senate, the motion was defeated 28-17.



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standpoint is, 'How can we bring people of all different races, ethnicities, cultures, experiences together to experience something that's common, to experience history and say, 'How can we learn from this?'" she said.

This year, 55 people signed up for the trip, the maximum allowed.

Ronald Shaklee, geography professor and director of the University Scholars and Honors Program, will also be taking the Ohio Underground Railroad class on a similar trip on Sunday. The Ohio Underground Railroad class is part of the honors program at YSU. It is taught by Vince Shivers, and the curriculum focuses on all aspects of the history of the Underground Railroad and

Ohio's part in it.

Shaklee said he hopes students gain an awareness of the North's role in the abolition of slavery in the U.S.

"Not that people try to hide history, but when they talk about slavery in the United States, they always talk about the South. They rarely talk about the Northern states and the role they played, other than fighting the Civil War," Shaklee said.

The trip was open to YSU students, community members and Youngstown Early College students. McCarty-Harris said she hopes to continue taking the trips in the future.

"It is history and I think it needs to be told," she said. "I think people need to know we have history here."

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communication.

"I think our language has changed considerably throughout my life. A good deal of it has probably been the result of technological advances like texting and IMing, but not all," she said. "I've watched words come and go in our language. When we need a new one, we create it and when we tire of old ones, we let them die. Language is constantly evolving, and I can't imagine wanting it to be any other way. We need for our language to suit our communicative needs and to help us negotiate and navigate our world."

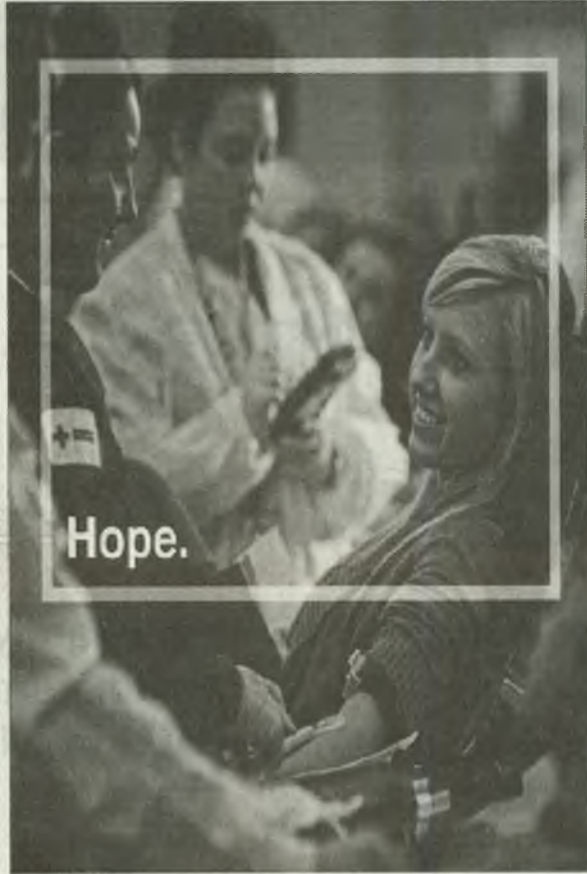
Vigliotti said that slang terms should appear in diction-

aries. She said these phrases mark an important transition period in our English language that should be documented.

"We've been hearing people say OMG and FYI for some time. More recently, we hear speakers saying 'LOL' to one another in place of actually laughing out loud. When a form permeates a language to that extent, it ought to be recorded," she said.

Vigliotti said people are transitioning from using these abbreviations and slang terms solely in digital writing to using them in spoken language.

"A dictionary should reflect the language as it is used, right?" she asked.



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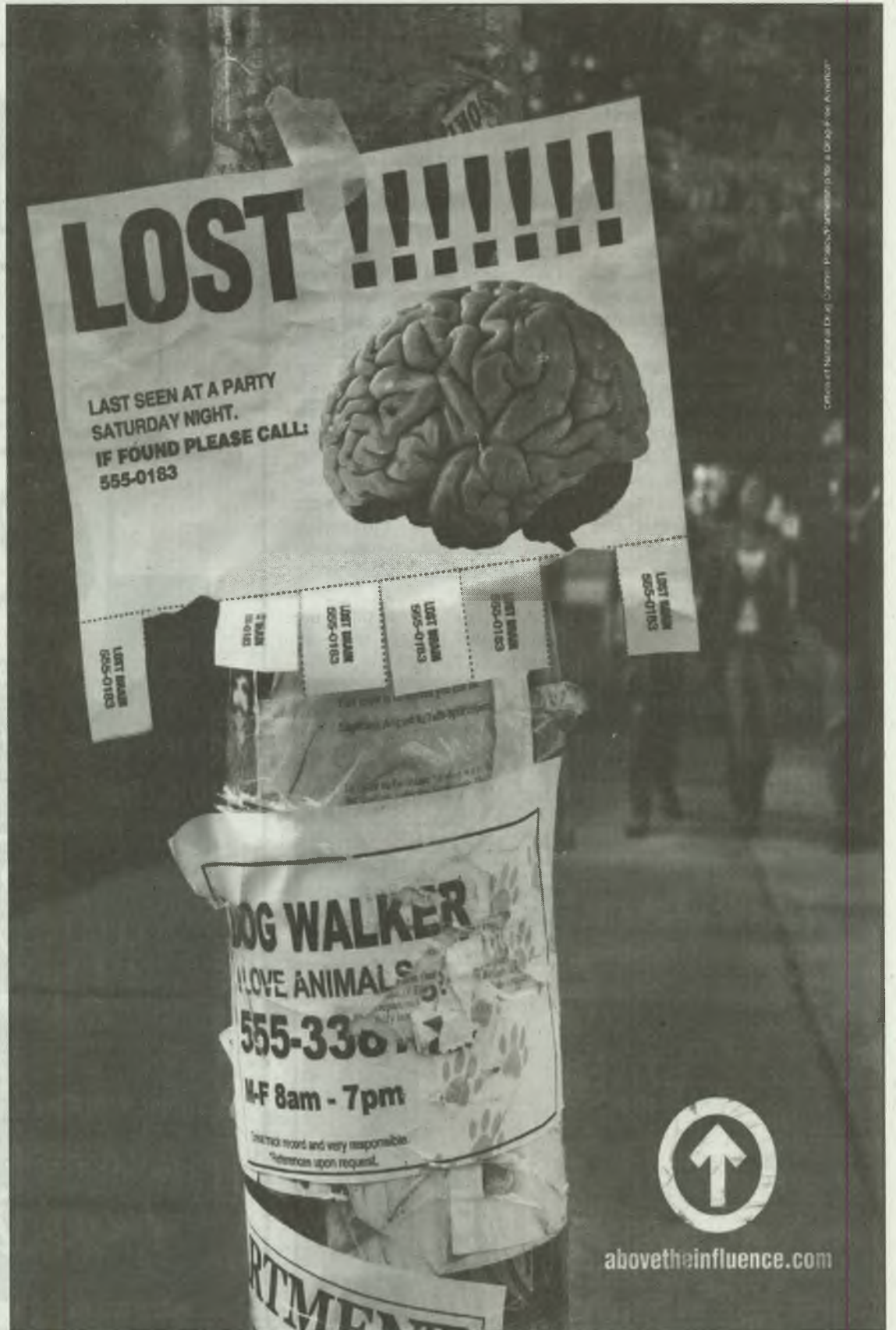
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Shutdown's bite: delayed payments, paychecks

Kathleen Hennessey,
Richard Simon and
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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON Confronting the prospect of failure in last-ditch budget talks, the federal officials have prepared plans to furlough roughly 800,000 employees, freeze processing of some income tax refunds and suspend pay for the military as part of the first government shutdown in 15 years.

Administration officials detailed the shutdown plans Wednesday, stressing their hopes that Congress and the White House would reach a compromise on spending before a midnight deadline on Friday.

Still, the backup plans on how to slow the machinery of government were necessary "from a good government, good housekeeping perspective," said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity when describing internal planning.

The contingency plans described a government that would be hobbled, though not halted completely. Social Security checks would still arrive, but new claims could be delayed. Medicare and Veteran's benefits still would be paid.

The IRS, in the midst of its peak season, would be unable to process paper tax filings, but that would not mean taxpayers could avoid the April 18 deadline. Some environmental cleanup would cease. National parks and the Smithsonian museums would be shuttered. Washington's annual Cherry Blossom parade stands to be canceled.

The preparations come as lawmakers debate how much to cut from federal spending in the remaining six months of the 2011 fiscal year, a fight that is political as well as financial. Democrats have offered an agreement based on \$33 billion in cuts, the largest spending reduction in generations. But

Republicans want more and also want to ensure the cuts hit at top Obama administration priorities.

If talks fail, a shutdown would resound across the country. Airlines, roads, hospitals, schools, food and tourism all have regular contact with a federal employee who may or may not be working next week.

The standard used to determine who works and who doesn't is whether an employee or agency is "necessary for safety of life or protection of property."

That means air traffic controllers would stay on the job and federal prisons operate as usual. Food inspections and border surveillance would continue, as would inspections of nuclear power plants and radiation monitoring, prompted by the Japan nuclear crisis, according to a second administration official.

The federal school lunch program would continue.

Federal law enforcement agencies would be up and running, and many in the military will still be working. Those employees, however, won't be paid for their work until a bill is passed.

"They will be paid once we have money again to pay them," the first senior administration official said.

If a shutdown lasts only a few days, most in the military would receive their full paycheck April 15, officials said. But if a shutdown lasted beyond the mid-April pay period, they would get roughly half of their check on April 15 and have to wait until the next pay period for the rest.

The burden on military families, at a time when troops are deployed on three fronts, was a pointed reminder of how a 2011 shutdown could be markedly different from its infamous predecessors in 1995 and 1996.

Those two shutdowns — a result of a standoff between then-Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Democratic President Bill Clinton — came during a time of relative peace and general prosperity.

Today's battle comes as the econ-

omy is still climbing out of the doldrums and financially strapped states have less ability to fill in for shortfalls in federal funding than they had during the last shutdown.

The senior administration official pointed Wednesday to the potential effects on the shaky recovery. New small business loans would be held up, along with new mortgage guarantees from the Federal Housing Administration.

FHA backs one-third of all home mortgages in the U.S. With a fragile market, a freeze during the springtime home-buying season "will have a significant impact," the official said.

The question of how disruptive a federal shutdown will be depends largely on how long it lasts. White House officials said Medicare can handle payouts for a matter of "months." Federal courts can operate on money from other sources — court fees, largely — for 10 working days. After that, each district will have to decide how to keep the cases moving.

"It gets a little iffy if a shutdown were to last more than two weeks," said Dick Carelli, spokesman for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

The unknown has lawmakers starting to ring alarm bells, particularly those from districts containing large numbers of federal employees.

"I'm afraid that the lights will go out. I'm afraid that government agencies will be shuttered. I'm concerned that people who work on behalf of the federal government, as contractors — small- and medium-sized contractors, disabled veteran contractors — will not get paid," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Democrat from Maryland, who said she represents more than 130,000 federal employees.

As a separate branch of government, Congress has its own shutdown plan, which defines an "essential" employee as someone who helps lawmakers "perform their constitutional duties." That definition will include the elevator operators in the Senate, but not employees at the house staff gym.

It also will ensure there will be plenty of aides around Capitol Hill to help lawmakers wage the battle that is holding up the spending bill.

"They're just toying with the lives of federal employees," said Daniel Sobien, a weather forecaster in Tampa, Fla., and president of the National Weather Service Employees Organization, who described himself as angry that some Republicans are calling for a shutdown.

Like Sobien, 85 percent of the nearly 2 million federal workers live outside the Washington, D.C., area, and often in communities where federal prisons, military bases, hospitals and park anchor the local economy. Roughly 800,000 people visit national parks on an average April day and that tourism generates \$32 million a day to local economies, according to the park service.

Like all things related to the federal government, shutting down places like Yosemite during a busy season is not as simple as hanging a sign. People already camping or hiking in the park would be given a 24 to 48 hours to hike out. People headed in that direction could be left hanging.

"We're getting those calls now — 'What am I supposed to do, I have hotel reservations and airline tickets for next week,' and we can't really advise anybody on what to do on this point," said David Barna a spokesman for National Park Service.

The same question mark is hanging over the 150th anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston, S.C. After 18 months of planning, organizer Jeff Antley is expecting 1,000 Civil War re-enactors from around the world.

But about half the program is on national parkland and may need to be moved if Congress doesn't sort out its political battle.

Antley said he's undaunted. One way or another, "the show will go on," he said.

Senate votes down effort to weaken EPA authority

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WASHINGTON The Senate voted Wednesday against a measure that would have blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from issuing new regulations on greenhouse gasses — a move that further cripples efforts by lawmakers to weaken the agency's regulatory authority.

The measure failed to net the 60 votes needed to pass and the vote, which was 50 for and 50 against, fell largely along party lines.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, whose home state of Kentucky relies heavily on coal production, and lawmakers from other mining and manufacturing states have often clashed with the administration over environmental policy.

McConnell, speaking on the Senate floor Wednesday, said his amendment "would give businesses the certainty that no unelected bureaucrat at the EPA is going to make their efforts to create jobs even more difficult than the administration already has."

McConnell's amendment was based on legislation by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla. It advocates an outright block on the EPA's power to issue new regulations on greenhouse gasses. The amendment, much like the Inhofe bill, would have overturned a scientific finding that heat-trapping gases from fossil fuels are changing the climate in ways that will be harmful to human health and the environment.

The finding was made by the EPA during the George W. Bush administration but was made public by the Obama administration. The finding is also in line with the consensus view of the vast majority of the world's climate experts, the National Academy of Sciences and similar top government science advisory groups in other countries.

Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., along with Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., have similar legislation in the House of Representatives, which is due for a vote

Thursday. Though the Upton-Whitfield measure may pass the Republican-dominated House the legislation may not survive opposition in the other chamber.

Earlier this week, the Office of Management and Budget issued a statement regarding the Upton-Whitfield measure in the House, saying that if the president were presented with that legislation "his senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill."

In a statement, the White House said Wednesday's Senate vote "rejected an approach that would have increased the nation's dependence on oil, contradicted the scientific consensus on global warming, and jeopardized America's ability to lead the world in the clean energy economy."

Several other similar measures in the Senate failed, including an amendment by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., which would have exempted smaller businesses and farms from new EPA greenhouse gas regulations. The EPA has said it has no plan to impose any carbon controls on farms and small businesses.

An amendment by Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., which would have imposed a two-year delay on implementing greenhouse gas emission regulations, also failed.

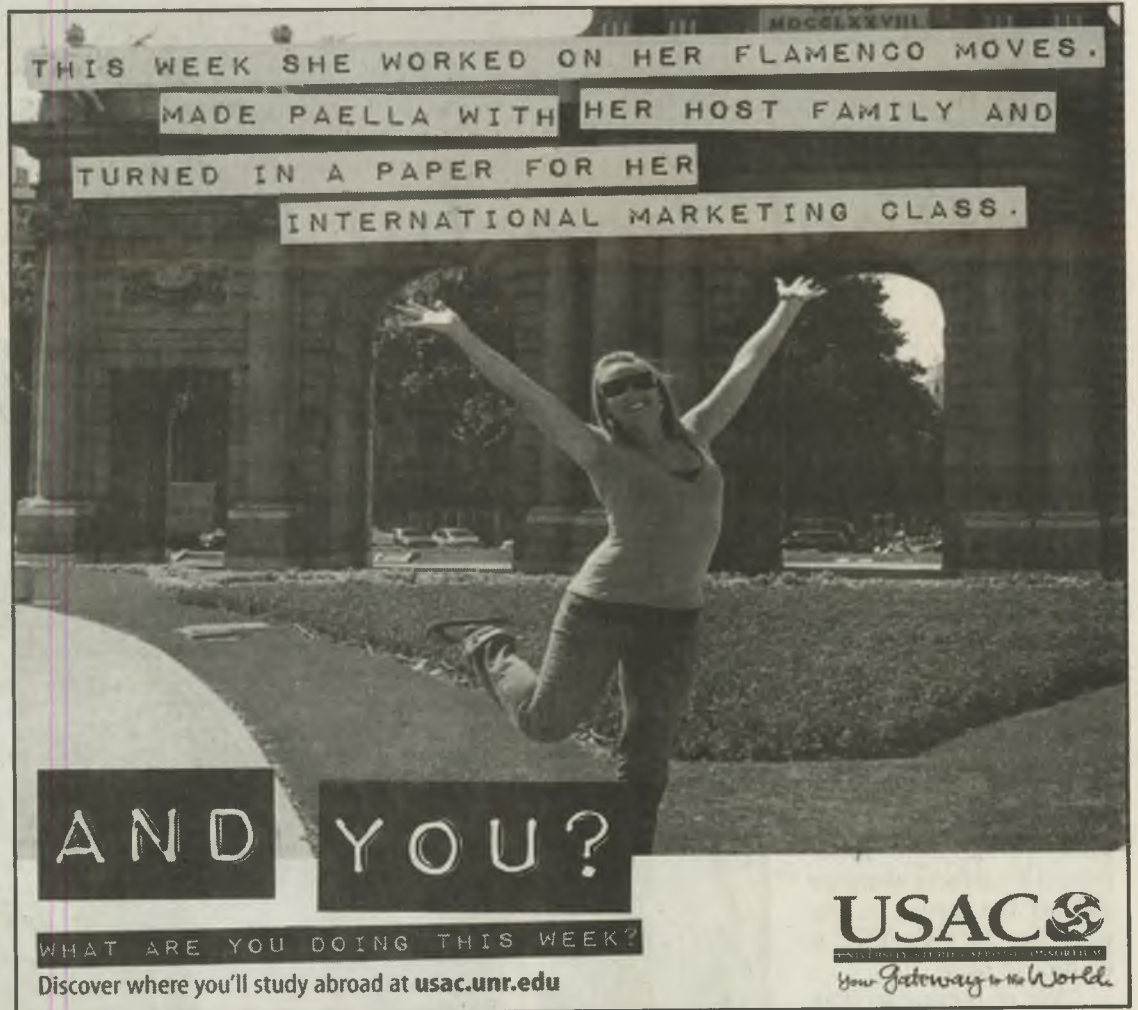
Manufacturing and mining groups, such as the National Mining Association, that have been deeply critical of the EPA expressed disappointment over Wednesday's Senate vote.

"EPA's ill-considered regulation, if left unchallenged, will drive up electricity costs," National Mining Association President Hal Quinn said in a recent statement.

Health officials and environmental groups waded into the fray and applauded lawmakers who voted against measures that would weaken the EPA's regulatory authority.

"It's all about denying clear science," said David Doniger, climate policy director at the National Resources Defense Council. "Republicans have a lot of power to change the nation's laws, but they can't change the laws of nature."

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One in 24: Baseball hosts just second game of season



Junior first baseman Jeremy Banks leads the Penguins in hits with 28 and is batting .286. Head coach Rich Pasquale attributes this to Banks' hard work and open mind to advice. Photo by Ron Stevens/Sports Information

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SPORTS EDITOR

Midway through the 2011 baseball season, the Penguins have hosted just one game, but on Friday, Youngstown State University will welcome Butler University for a three-game series.

The Bulldogs are fourth in the Horizon League standings with a conference record of 3-3, 11-12 overall.

Leading the team's offense is senior Grant Fillipitch. His 33 hits make him third in the league. Sitting in eighth is Michael Letzter with 30. He is also tied for first in the conference in home runs with four.

The duo has combined for 43 runs and 38 RBIs in 174 at bats.

To render them ineffective, the Penguin pitchers will need to keep them off balance, while the rest of the team plays good defense.

Junior Jeremy Banks and senior Joe Iacobucci lead the Penguins in hits with 28 and 27 respectively, earning their spot among the league's elite as well.

Banks is someone head coach Rich Pasquale can't say enough about due to his toughness, work ethic, ability to refine his swing, consistency at the plate and openness to coaching.

There will be a slight change in the rotation for the series with sophomore lefty Blake Aquadro pitching the first game, senior righthander Phil Klein opening up the doubleheader on Saturday and sophomore Robert Switka

"I know every time we play them it's a battle."

-Rich Pasquale

starting in the finale.

With this, Pasquale said he hopes to be up 1-0 going into Saturday with the "real number one," in a position to win the series, or even it up if need be.

Missing from the lineup is sophomore righthander Kevin McCulloh, who has been moved to the bullpen due to Aquadro's good outings as of late. This will provide the Penguins with reliable relief pitching and someone who could close out the last few innings.

"He's a leader on and off the field. He loves to work, and he always brings 100 percent," Pasquale said.

Not having seen Butler play this season, Pasquale said he's not sure what to expect.

"They won a series at [Valparaiso University] and played [the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee] tough. I know every time we play them it's a battle," Pasquale said.

Pasquale said the Penguins would need to cash in runs by capitalizing on runners in scoring position and trusting their swings.

"[They] can't go at the ball. [They need to] let it come to them and put good swings on it," Pasquale said.

Softball hopeful to play Toledo

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

After being blown out by Wright State University over the weekend, the Youngstown State University softball team looks to get back to winning.

The Penguins were originally scheduled to face the University of Toledo at home on Wednesday but will have to wait until Thursday. Forecasted inclement weather shifted the game to the next day to give YSU a chance to play.

"We're hoping to play [Toledo] so we can get some games in before we head back into conference play," head coach Brian Campbell said.

Campbell said Toledo's young talent is something to look out for, but due to Penguin injuries, the matchup might appear closer on paper.

"We do have some injuries to overcome going into it. Hopefully we can get these kids back on track with the hitting and defense and stuff like that," Campbell said.

After Toledo, the Penguins will travel the next day to face Horizon League foe the University of Illinois at Chicago beginning on Saturday. UIC stands sixth in the conference, two spots ahead of YSU, at 12-14 overall but 3-2 in the conference.

"UIC is a Horizon League team that hits the ball really well," Campbell said. "[Sophomore Devin] Miller has done a pretty good job



Sarah Gabel, a sophomore outfielder, has 21 hits, 9 RBIs, a .333 on base percentage and a .309 batting average. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

keeping the batters off balance. UIC is a pretty good mixture of both experienced and young, but I think they haven't looked on how good they've done so far."

Weekday ballgames are becoming increasingly rare for the Penguins. Last week, all four games scheduled for March 30 at Niagara Uni-

versity and at home against the University of Dayton on March 31 were canceled.

A trip to Robert Morris University was also canceled on March 23. Since then, the Penguins have gone 0-6, all games within the Horizon League. The team has scored only 10 total runs while allowing 47.

While watching film on

opponents, Campbell said he does not believe the missed games have affected the team.

"I don't think it's taking a toll," Campbell said. "The Horizon [League] has a great hitting conference, and that's what it's known for. Lot of pitchers in the conference are going to get hit with groundouts and flyouts."

YSU's pitching staff consists of three freshmen and one sophomore. With little experience, the girls are finding out just how tough the hitting in the conference can be. Still, Campbell said he believes another aspect of the game is more demeaning.

"It comes down to pitch selection. They have to adjust to the umpires' strike zones and stay in their own zone. [They need to] drive the pitches that are there with the pitcher's mistakes. We've been swinging at the pitcher's pitches and not our pitches," Campbell said.

Campbell added that hitters must make the adjustments needed to start scoring more runs per game.

"Our adjustments are to watch the videos and see where [we] want to be in the strike zone. I understand with two strikes you have to protect, but you don't have to go after everything," Campbell said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's golf finishes sixth

The YSU men's golf team finished sixth out of 20 teams competing at Villanova University's Wildcat Invitational on Sunday and Monday at White Manor Country Club. The Penguins finished with an overall score of 612, while the winner scored 579. The University of Delaware took home first place in the two-day event. Spenser Sulzener and Anthony Conn both finished in 13th place, with scores of 149 for the two rounds. Michael Lower finished in 35th with a 153, while Joe Santisi finished in 81st with a 165. Mark Olbrych had a 166, which was good enough for 84th place. YSU will play again Saturday at the Adidas Hoosier Invitational.

Baseball loses at Akron

The YSU baseball team fell to the University of Akron 5-0 on Tuesday afternoon. In the shutout, the Penguins mustered up only five hits. The luck just didn't go YSU's way in the second inning. The Penguins had the bases loaded with one out and couldn't score a run. This led to two unearned runs in the bottom of the second inning. After that, Akron never looked back, adding three more runs onto the team's total. Greg Dissinger had two of YSU's five hits, and Joe Iacobucci extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a single in the eighth inning. The Penguins will play their Eastwood Field opener on Friday at 3 p.m.

SCHEDULES

WOMEN'S TENNIS	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	RUGBY	MEN'S LACROSSE
April 9- @ Butler	April 8- BUTLER	April 9- @ UIC	April 9- LORAIN	April 8- BOWLING GREEN
April 10- @ Wright State	April 9- BUTLER	April 10- @ UIC	April 16- S.R.U. (TBA)	April 16- BUFFALO STATE
April 11- @ Cincinnati	April 12- @ Kent St.	April 12- DETROIT	April 30- @ Ohio Cla.	April 16- FAIRMONT STATE
April 15- CLE. ST.	April 15- @ Valpo	April 13- DETROIT	May 7- Teapot Tourney	April 18- @ Carnegie Mellon