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FIREWORKS SALES UP, INJURIES DOWN



BP oil spill inspires protests from students

Kaely Hawkins
REPORTER

Since the April 20 BP oil spill, many have formulated opinions on how BP and the U.S. government are handling the situation in the Gulf of Mexico.

Some Youngstown State University students believe BP and the government are doing all they can; others think they should be working harder.

"The need for money is succeeding over the need to take care of the land," said YSU student Pamela Tarajcak.

Tarajcak said she believes the government is doing all it can, but BP is not doing enough.

"BP is trying nothing," Tarajcak said.

YSU student Levi Dixie said he believes the blame should not be put on President Barack Obama or the government at all.

"The president had nothing to do with it. It wasn't his rig, so I think people should stop blaming him. He's got a million other things to worry about; he can't be focused on just one thing," Dixie said.

YSU student Elyse Gessler said she feels like BP is not working hard enough to clean the ocean.

"The technology that they use to harvest the oil is just greater than the technology they're using to try and fix it," Gessler said.

Jeffrey Dick, a professor of geological and environmental sciences, has worked "in oil production in the Gulf for several years." He said the situation in the Gulf is "very unfortunate and [a] preventable situation."

Dick said oil production in the North Sea and Arctic requires interceptor wells in case of a blowout, like the one that occurred in the Gulf. These interceptor wells would help prevent a major oil spill in those waters.

Some students have protested at local BP stations and have started Facebook groups in protest of the company.

"[My family and I] used to be very loyal BP users," said YSU student Sara Post. "We were going with what was an established company that we could trust."

Now Post doesn't trust BP and takes her business elsewhere.

However, Dixie said he doesn't think boycotting

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-Jeffrey Dick

BP will solve anything.

"I don't see the point in boycotting, and it seems to be counterproductive to what we want," Dixie said, adding that he didn't know how the company would afford Gulf cleanup with revenue lost from protests and boycotts.

Dick, however, has an opposing view.

"I would encourage people to boycott BP because that's one way to get the message across," Dick said.

Post participated in a local BP protest and recalled community support for the event, including passerby honking horns and giving the protesters thumbs up. Others, though, attempted to belittle the protesters.

"There were a couple of people who stopped and gave us a hard time, but I think that comes with the territory," she said.

After the protest, Post organized a Facebook group, Youngstown Area BP Protesters. The group has 24 members.

However, with the recent progress that BP has made to stop the flow of oil into the Gulf, Post has suspended activity and is waiting to see what happens next.

"We don't want to make a fuss just to make a fuss," Post said.

Although students are concerned about the areas affected by the oil spill, some weren't concerned about the oil spill's effect on the Mahoning Valley.

Gessler said she believes only area residents planning Gulf Coast vacations would be affected by the oil spill. Dick agreed that vacationing to the Gulf Coast would not be favorable right now. He added that this incident would likely make people think about the country's dependence on oil.

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Centennial Campaign clears \$53 million mark

Dan Pompili
NEWS EDITOR

The sun has officially set on Youngstown State University's Centennial Campaign, and the university is \$53 million better for it.

The official closure came Tuesday evening at a tribute dinner for President David C. Sweet, when YSU alumnus Alan W. Cope of Salem presented the final donation to the campaign.

Cope's \$20,000 contribution — above and beyond an earlier donation — put YSU over the top of a \$2.4 million challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich.

In all, the campaign exceeded its \$43 million goal by more than \$10 million. Six gifts of \$1 million or more and 58 gifts of at least \$100,000 contributed to the campaign's success.

Local businessman and philanthropist Anthony Lariccia contributed a \$4 million gift, the largest from one person in YSU's history. The family of Warren P. Williamson contributed \$5 million, the largest single contribution in YSU's history.

The new Williamson College of Business Administration building received the largest percentage of campaign funds, more than 30 percent, for a total of \$15,968,166. The goal for the project was \$16 million.

Scholarships and endowments was the second highest recipient, claiming \$13.9 million, nearly double its \$7 million goal.

"That clearly shows how committed our donors are to directly helping our students," said Catherine Cala, YSU director of development.

According to a press release, Paul McFadden, chief development officer, said funds allocated to that cause would help YSU develop endowments for undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty positions and other academic considerations.

Lariccia, chairman of the Centennial Campaign Cabinet, said of McFadden, "Paul and President David Sweet were the real workhorses ... they did all the work with the donors. I only orchestrated the music."

The Campaign, conceived by Sweet in 2004, had 14 areas of focus, all with specific objectives.

Goals were also set for the annual fund — YSU's annual giving campaign, which solicits gifts from alumni — new engineering and science labs and undesignated allocations.

The undesignated contributions come from donors who need to present their gifts to the university at a certain time but call back at a later date to specify the allocation of that gift. Approximately \$174,160 is undesignated.

Of the 14 designations, more than half achieved 90 percent or better of its goals. Many exceeded 100 percent, and the Rich Center raised more than 255 percent of its \$1 million goal.

Of the other seven items, three had no es-

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Water parks bring disease, CDC reports

Alaina Cardon
REPORTER

Contracting an illness is not the first thing a person considers when visiting a water park. The water is clear, the sun is hot and the chlorine can be smelled from a mile away.

Even though this disinfecting agent seemingly stays embedded in your hair and skin, people still risk exposure to cryptosporidiosis.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Cryptosporidiosis is a diarrheal disease caused by microscopic parasites of the genus cryptosporidium." The several species of cryptosporidium infect humans and many types of animals.

This parasite subsists in water used for recreational purposes because it is "protected by an outer shell that

allows it to survive outside the body for long periods of time and makes it very resistant to chlorine disinfection," according to the CDC.

Cryptosporidium causes more than half of the reported cases of waterborne illnesses associated with swimming in chlorinated public pools. This parasite can also be found in drinking water in the United States. No treatment for this disease exists. A person should wait to return to public water for at least two weeks after symptoms have cleared up.

"I will still go to water parks without being too worried about picking something up," said Brooke Robinson, a Youngstown State University student. "I'm not purposely getting any of the water in my mouth and swallowing it, so I'll probably just try to be extra careful now."

The best way to help hinder

the spread of the parasite is to not swim if experiencing diarrhea, showering yourself and children before swimming and keeping an eye on children's swimwear. Children should wear special swimwear that keeps contents from leaking out where it may come into contact with others.

"I never liked water parks to begin with. I hate the way they smell, and I think they are just a cesspool for disease and germs. This just further confirms my distaste for water parks," said YSU student Andrea Graham.

However, John Wolshuck, manager of Castaway Bay at Cedar Point in Sandusky, said water quality is one of the indoor water park's main safety concerns.

Wolshuck said the park employs several specially trained

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The waterpark shown does not necessarily reflect the content of the story.

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NEWS BRIEFS

MBA information sessions set for June 28

On Monday, the Williamson College of Business Administration will offer three Master of Business Administration information sessions. The sessions will be held in the Cafaro Suite of Williamson Hall at 4:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. For application information, contact Monique Bradford at 330-941-3069 or mbradford@ysu.edu.

High school students participate in Ohio Business Week

This week, Ohio high school students participated in Ohio Business Week, held on the YSU campus. The program, which began Sunday and will continue until Saturday, is open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. More than 70 students took part in the program this year. Students learned business skills and concepts from local and regional business leaders and engaged in various entrepreneurship activities. Advisers and guest speakers, representing small and large businesses in the state, were also featured.

POLICE BRIEFS

Art sculpture found on sidewalk

On Sunday, an officer on patrol discovered an art sculpture on the Spring Street sidewalk near Bliss Hall. The piece now resides in the YSU Police Department property room.

Student reports sweatshirt missing

On Monday, a student reported a sweatshirt missing. The student said he left the room and discovered the sweatshirt missing upon his return.

Fire alarm sounds in university apartments

On Sunday, a fire alarm sounded in the University Courtyard Apartments. When police officers arrived at the building, they spotted smoke coming from the hallway. Officers determined that a resident left food unattended, which caused smoke to reach the hallway and set off the alarm. The room was not damaged, and no one was harmed.

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"We should really be working on other energy forms," Dick said.

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aquatic technicians who manually check water quality and ensure it falls within defined safety parameters before opening water attractions to the public. These parameters exceed those set by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Ride Safety Inspection.

Follow-up testing occurs every two hours during the park's hours of operation. These tests verify that automated chemical control systems, which monitor pH and disinfectant levels and add necessary chemicals, are functioning correctly.

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established goals and three out of the remaining four achieved at least half of their goals. Funding for engineering and science labs reached \$828,500, only 27.6 percent of its goal.

The athletic contributions include funding for the new Watson and Tressel Training Site. Athletics reached 99 percent of its \$3 million goal.

Of the six colleges, the College of Fine and Performing Arts fared the best, achieving 114 percent of its \$2 million goal. It raised \$2.28 million. The College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics earned the lowest percentage, or 51.8 percent of its \$2 million goal. STEM raised \$1.03 million.

Overall, the campaign exceeded its goal by 20.6 percent. Intended to reach \$43 million by YSU's 100th anniversary, the campaign had already broken \$46 million at the centennial in October 2008.

McFadden credited YSU Foundation President Reid Schmutz for his part in the campaign's success.

"It was clearly an effort between YSU and the Foundation," McFadden said.

Schmutz could not be reached for comment in time for publication.

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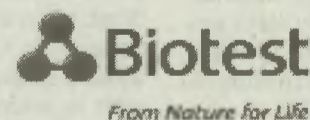
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This is one of those times when America needs to be united in the face of a common enemy. We need to lock arms and say, "We're not going to take it anymore."

The abuse needs to stop, and that message needs to be clear. Sometimes the only way to make a point is to hit someone where it hurts. In this case, it may be David against Goliath, but a jab at British Petroleum's purse strings would probably get their attention.

Everyone is incensed when a foreign referee takes away a soccer goal from the national team. Everyone stood in shock and despair when foreign terrorists attacked and destroyed the World Trade Center towers on 9/11.

But the outrage against a foreign oil company's careless and negligent behavior that has decimated the Gulf of Mexico is less than unanimous.

Their cavalier demeanor and apparent lack of concern for our shores, our animals and birds, our jobs, our resources and the cost to the United States in general is shameful. It shows disdain for a country whose citizens have paid that business billions of dollars.

It may seem idealistic, but imagine for a moment just how much money BP would lose if every American refused for one day to pay them even one red penny.

Some say that would cost them money they could use to fix the problem. Make no mistake: They're an oil company. They have the money.

But think of the hardest lesson you ever learned. It hurt, didn't it? Maybe if BP sees the consequences of their negligence assigned a dollar value, and a high one at that, they'll feel more inclined to right their wrongs and prevent future recurrences. It worked well enough with Exxon after the Valdez spill.

Think about it. Let's hit 'em where it hurts, and make our point. When British taxes became abusive, we boycotted. Why shouldn't it work with abusive oil companies? America has never been anyone's doormat. We're not about to start now. Unite!

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Don't blame Facebook

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A few days ago, a woman whose name I didn't catch spoke to me about turnips, and how her formerly chubby son fashioned a turnip diet that helped him drop 80 pounds but morphed him into an anti-fat zealot who harangues his mum about enjoying a nice slice of cake.

This happens to me often. Complete strangers divulge unsolicited personal information about themselves and their loved ones.

I quite like it. The exchanges provide a small-town vibe in the big city. They're reminders that we're all in this together, this, uh, human condition.

I made a face, though, when I heard about the turnips, which prompted the woman, Irish with a thick brogue, to explain that turnip love is a cultural thing — hers, not mine. A good turnip binge, she suggested, was right up there with "Danny Boy" as a quintessential Irish experience.

I won't forget this woman — not her story nor her other distinguishing characteristics.

Maybe because she was nude. We were in a gym locker room, and she was slathering moisturizer over hummocks of flesh that she slapped around and disparaged. My own hummocks were not exposed, nor would they be. I tried to keep my gaze above the woman's neck. Too much information.

The notion of privacy, or how much is too much when it comes to exposure, might make the top 10 list for differences among cultures, and not just different national cultures. There are generational differences about privacy, gender differences, differences between reality TV show contestants and most of the rest of us.

And then there's Facebook. Everybody's on Facebook. Or if

they're not, they're constantly being told they should be. Facebook as cultural touchstone is a dividing line, a phenomenon now so mainstream that if you're not on Facebook you're thought to be either technologically impaired or so anti-social that you might as well move to a shack off the grid in Idaho and spend your days scrawling angry screeds to newspapers that people actually hold in their hands.

Most of Facebook's more than 400 million users create a profile by answering a few online questions, posting a photo (or many) and soliciting or responding to friend requests. Parents sign up to mortify their children. College students, surely tired of spending money to mail home glossies of frat parties they figure Mom and Dad might enjoy, instead just post everything online. Until they start looking for a job.

And unlike the all-volunteer army of tweeters on Twitter, who indiscriminately market their mood swings, political causes and sexual tastes, there is — or was — a feeling on Facebook that posted information was somehow "restricted" to, you know, 2,436 of your closest friends. And maybe their friends too, and their friends' friends, plus Kevin Bacon.

Then issues came to light. Personal data were said to be exposed and vulnerable to random strangers who could use it for voyeurism, marketing or other nefarious reasons.

Shocking. Fingers were pointed. Legislators declared their outrage. An attack ad by California attorney general candidate Kamala Harris accused Chris Kelly, her opponent in the Democratic primary, of "designing the Facebook privacy policy condemned across the country," a charge he denied. And even after a chagrined Facebook instituted, to much fanfare, a simplification and tightening of its privacy settings,

including an option to turn off "instant personalization," the German consumer protection minister Ilse Aigner invoked the evil Big Brotherism of the Nazis and the East German Stasi and declared it not good enough.

Aigner threatened to shut down her personal Facebook account, thereby defriending her 4,334 Facebook pals. Germany, she said, had higher privacy standards "than elsewhere in the world and America."

Aigner and others across the globe, including a reported 27,000 people who deactivated their accounts on the recent Quit Facebook Day, insist that the site has it backward — that consumers should "opt in" to share information rather than change default settings to "opt out."

"(The) onus is on the individual to manage these choices," the website quitfacebookday.com complained.

But isn't managing one's choices simply taking responsibility for one's decisions? Accepting that responsibility might prompt other questions: Is it wise to post photos of that drunken hookup from last weekend's convention in Las Vegas? How about letting everybody in on your Farmville sheep fanaticism? Or the fact that you "got on board" with Bud Light?

Facebook is saying it's up to us how much we want to reveal. And I'm OK with that. Facebook is not Big Brother, nor should it be Big Nanny.

Facebook and its competitors have a responsibility, of course, to post simple, clearly visible notices warning that one is about to enter a High Exposure Zone. After that, it's up to you to decide to cover up, avert your gaze or frolic in the altogether. Otherwise you are in danger of missing out on the joys of social networking, writ large or small.

Like the turnip thing. Who knew?

Give the FCC clear broadband authority

McClatchy-Tribune
MCT

The Federal Communications Commission is looking at consumer-friendly rules that treat broadband access as a common carrier, the way telecommunications companies have been regulated for generations. The effort deserves strong support.

Howling by Internet-service providers is an indication FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski is headed in the right direction. His proposed rules of the road focus on open access to broadband services.

The chairman is making a welcome effort to address a federal-court ruling that existing regulations do not give the FCC authority to write and enforce Net-neutrality directives to the industry.

Genachowski is absolutely right to ensure Internet-service providers do not emerge as gatekeepers with the ability to slow or block the content of commercial competitors — rivals with few options for reaching their customers.

The FCC chairman made it plain in a Washington Post article he favors the narrowest of rules on broadband providers, avoiding burdensome intrusions on rate regulations and network-sharing obligations. He also makes it clear the regulatory effort is not about Internet content or services.

The commission was headed in this direction before the court ruling. The FCC is the proper regulatory environment to oversee broadband-access issues.

Consumers are best protected by clear FCC rules and oversight to prevent interference with broadband access by Internet providers.

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Basketball players teach, inspire younger generation

Simuben Wantatah
REPORTER

Makayla Gasperek has experienced success on and off the court with the women's basketball team, but this year, Gasperek is bringing her senior leadership to a different level.

Gasperek, who will be a senior at Youngstown State University in the fall, received an opportunity some athletes might shrug off: teaching young, avid basketball enthusiasts at this year's summer camp series, held on the YSU campus this week.

"I started playing [sports] in fourth grade. I started playing basketball and softball. I liked basketball a lot more," Gasperek said.

Gasperek was also a high school athlete, playing three

sports as a student at Boardman High School. As a child, some of her favorite athletes included Michael Jordan and Mark McGuire. Gasperek said she understands the impact an adult can have on children.

"I think [this camp] helps introduce [kids] to [the sport] and get them in the mode of shooting and just learning new drills so they can go home and play them with their friends," Gasperek said.

She also started playing basketball at a young age.

"There [were] 16 boys in my neighborhood, and I was one of the only girls, so I just kinda jumped in with them," Gasperek said.

Gasperek has given back to her high school by helping out with the Boardman basketball camp, as well as those at other local schools.

Many students may find it difficult to find a balance be-

tween academics and other activities, but Gasperek said she believes "it's not that bad."

"As long as you get your school[work] done and sports, it's not that bad at all," Gasperek said.

Another student-athlete has been motivated to help a younger generation of aspiring basketball players through goodwill and teamwork.

Damian Eargle, who will be a junior at YSU this fall, is a sophomore member of the men's basketball team. Eargle transferred to YSU after one year because of personal reasons after attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"I did good there. I got all conference in my division, but my mom went through cancer, and I wanted to be here to support her," Eargle said.

He began playing at 5 years old. After realizing his passion for the sport, he joined a local team and began to travel. Like Gasperek, Eargle was also a high school athlete. Some of the people he has looked up to and continue to admire are his family members, particularly his eldest brother, Terrell.

"I have three brothers, and I'm the youngest, so looking up to them playing basketball inspired me a lot," Eargle said.

Eargle has participated in many camps and, from fourth through eighth grade, attended basketball camps. This is Eargle's second year helping young athletes at YSU. He said he believes it's important to be a good role model to the younger generation.

"I don't think a lot of college players themselves know how much, when we go out



Students Makayla Gasperek (above) and Damian Eargle (below) participated in this year's summer camp series. Photos by Robert Merz/The Jambar

there, it is amplified to little kids. We have to be on our best behavior every time. It's a big deal that, you know, we don't have knuckle-head athletes [acting up]," Eargle said.

He said it isn't hard for him to stay focused and motivated.

"I love kids, so it's not that hard. They see me doing a good thing. I mean, it's not that hard to stay focused," Eargle said.

He added that although sometimes there may be a child who feels the need to test his patience, standing his ground is not difficult. Eargle also said he understands the importance of giving the children equal attention.

"Never single anybody out. I try to not single [them out]. [I] try to be equal to them. I think I do a good job doing that. Always treat all the kids equal," Eargle said.



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Robert Merz
REPORTER

It's that time of year again: fireworks season. As we celebrate our 234th year of independence, it is important to remember that even the most innocuous-looking fireworks can seriously maim or even kill.

According to the National Council on Fireworks Safety, since 1976, fireworks purchases have increased from 29 million pounds to 265.5 million pounds in 2007, with an estimated revenue of \$930 million.

Due in part to an increased safety campaign, injuries have decreased from 11,100 in 1976 to 9,200 in 2006. Of those injuries in 2006, 5 percent required hospitalization, and 11 resulted in fatality.

Despite the reduction, injuries continue.

Men are three times as likely to be injured as women, and people under 20 years of age sustain nearly half of the reported injuries.

In 2009, most reported injuries were to the hands/fingers (2,300), followed by injuries to the eyes (1,500) and finally head/face/ears (1,400).

Firecrackers cause most injuries, while sparklers account for one-third of injuries for those less than 5 years of age. Between 2000 and 2005, one third of fireworks-related deaths involved professional devices, which had been illegally sold to consumers.

In Ohio, only sparklers, novelties and noisemakers are permitted. Ohio residents may purchase other consumer fireworks, but the purchased items must be taken out of the state within 48 hours. Non-residents may also purchase fireworks in Ohio, agreeing to take the items out of the state within 72 hours.

"The YSU Police Department actively patrols and enforces the law," said Youngstown State University Police Chief John Gocala. "Students caught using illegal fireworks should be aware of that, if caught, they are subject to fine and prosecution. It's simple. They are illegal to possess."

A first offense is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and six-months imprisonment. A second offense is a felony.

"If someone were to throw fireworks at people, then they could be charged with disorderly conduct," Gocala said. "That would result in a \$150 fine and court costs."

Phantom Fireworks, the nation's largest fireworks retailer with 1,200 outlets across the country, is headquartered in Youngstown.

Phantom's customer service representatives are specifically trained to relay fireworks safety information to all customers. All orders include this information.

The following safety tips should be observed when using fireworks of any type:

Use fireworks outdoors only and always keep a bucket of water, a hose or fire extinguisher close by. Never re-light a "dud" firework. Children under 12 years of age should not handle fireworks of any kind.

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