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Rebuilding YSU Baseball: Part One

A RENEWED INTEREST AND THE MAN BEHIND IT ALL

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LAST SPRING, THE YSU BASEBALL TEAM WON A CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND AN NCAA TOURNAMENT GAME IN AN INCREDIBLE TWO-WEEK LATE-SEASON STRETCH. IN TURN, THE PROGRAM — WHICH HAS STRUGGLED FOR THE PAST DECADE — IS ON THE RISE. AS YSU IS SET TO BEGIN ITS 2015 SEASON ON FEB. 13, THE JAMBAR TELLS A TWO-PART STORY OF HOW HEAD COACH STEVE GILLISPIE HAS REBUILT THE PENGUINS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. HERE'S PART ONE.

It's definitely a change for Steve Gillispie. And it's certainly a welcomed one.

Nowadays, when the three-year Youngstown State University baseball coach logs into his Beeghly Center office computer every morning, there's usually always something for him to read — something for him to consider.

"We've recently seen a ton of emails from kids interested in the program," he said.

That surge of interest in YSU baseball began last June.



Although the YSU baseball team is just 136-305 since 2007, the Penguins won the Horizon League tournament (celebrating above) and an NCAA Regional game to close the 2014 season. In turn, the program has received a significant boost in its rebuilding plan, which began in July 2012.

It followed a magical late-May run in which the Penguins — who ended the 2014 regular season with a 12-36

record — suddenly reeled-off four straight victories to win the Horizon League conference tournament. Then, as

heavy underdogs, YSU miraculously defeated Indiana State University (35-18) in an NCAA Regional game before

bowing out to Stanford University.

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Trade Center and Regional Chamber to Expand to 10 Counties

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The International Trade Assistance Center at Youngstown State University and the Youngstown Regional Chamber are going to increase international trade in a 10 county area.

The Youngstown Regional Chamber is a nonprofit organization that provides business services to companies to promote growth in the Mahoning Valley.

The Chamber's Economic Development Division, in addition, provides a broad range of expert, confidential and proven economic development services to assist companies in the Trumbull and Mahoning Counties.

Some of the services include identification of available buildings or land sites for use, securing state and local incentives and obtaining strategic information for companies.

Sarah Boyarko, vice president of economic development, business retention & expansion at the Youngstown Regional Chamber, explained that the two organizations began this cooperation so that companies would have access to more manufacturers throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Boyarko said the two groups then developed a list of contacts in this 10 county region that companies can utilize for further growth. At this point, they have only released information on contacts in Mahoning and Trumbull, but this will expand to the other eight counties shortly.

"We expanded [the list] to make sure that we can provide confirmed information in a ten county region, and that's why

we looked at the '10 county initiatives around exporting' and included multiple counties in Ohio and western Pennsylvania," she said. There is already a work force effort in that region that supports these efforts, and now there will be a supply chain and export strategy. You have strength in numbers."

Boyarko explained that collaborating with the International Trade Agency strengthens both services, saves their clients' time and opens the door for additional initiatives in the future.



Mousa Kassis

"Rather than each of us sending out a survey or each of us knocking on doors, we thought if there was a joint effort we would certainly be saving our local firms a lot of time," she said. "We wouldn't have to meet with YSU on one occasion and us on a separate occasion. Everything would be combined. In doing so, we also thought, when we get those inquiries, the likelihood of a company making an investment here is much greater if we can provide a regional pic-

ture of the suppliers of the customers we can work with. We always include everything in the tech belt region."

Boyarko said she, along with the other members in the Economic Development Division, are developing a supply chain strategy — a strategy that creates a thorough, end-to-end chain of information, capital and other resources between various cooperating entities.

"The reason we are doing that is because we are frequently contacted by companies outside of the area, whether that's on a national or international basis, and they are looking for opportunities to work with our local manufacturers," she said.

The Youngstown Regional Chamber has a Retention and Expansion program, where staff meets with companies to discuss the details of what their companies offer as a product and the challenges they may face. This has played a large role in assuring accurate data for this initiative.

"We've been gathering all that information for over the past 20 years, and we continue to do that. It's very important that we know what our companies do on a local level. We're not just going to send them a list of companies that might meet their needs, or are within that specific industry, but specific information about the product that they manufacture," Boyarko said. "We're not wasting anyone's time in just sending a list of companies and have no idea what they make. We want to make sure all of our information is confirmed and qualified

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REORGANIZATION UNLIKELY, but Colleges Look to INCREASE COLLABORATION

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Two committees evaluating opportunities for collaboration between the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the College for Creative Arts and Communication and the Beeghly College of Education are unlikely to recommend reorganizing the colleges.

Martin Abraham, interim provost at Youngstown State University, said he initially thought that reorganization might make sense, but the committees' findings suggest it doesn't need to be prioritized.

"They've looked at ways to get better, and they've determined that there are many things that we could be doing that would allow us to get better, but that reorganization is probably not a critical path activity at this time," Abraham said. "So given the fact that it's not the most critical thing for us to do ... we probably don't need to be doing it now, and we could be doing all those other things that are going to incentivize and promote collaboration."

Joseph Mosca, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, is chairing a committee composed of faculty within the affected departments. He said they found that reorganization wouldn't affect interdepartmental cooperation.

"We've discussed the academic relationships and the synergies that exist within departments, between departments, and between colleges," Mosca said. "The conclusion is that those synergies and relationships will continue to exist regardless of whether or not there is a reorganization."

Julia Gergits, chair of the English department at YSU, is chairing the other committee, which is composed of the 16 department chairs within the three colleges. Gergits said reorganization is unlikely, but the goal of increasing synergy between the three colleges still remains.

"The goal of having us all talk about ways to improve the connections between the colleges and the interconnections between departments, so even though the administrative structures may not change, the colleges are working with each other more tightly and talking about ways to expand that," she said. "The goal of reaching across departments is still there."

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YSU Math Professor on Sleep: 8 Hours are Important

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After conducting extensive research on rapid eye movement sleep, Youngstown State University mathematics professor Alicia Prieto-Langarica has an important message for college students — one that could have a substantial impact on their studies.

“If students were to get the suggested eight hours of sleep, I can guarantee that a student’s scholarly potential would increase dramatically,” she said.

Prieto-Langarica — who recently co-authored an

article called “The Effects of Thermoregulation on Human Sleep Patterns” — helped construct a mathematical model of the human sleep/wake schedule and determined that body temperature can affect our sleeping.

Thermoregulation is a process that is constantly happening in the human body; it’s what allows the body to maintain a steady core temperature. During REM sleep, though, the body does not thermoregulate and is susceptible to becoming uncomfortably hot or cold — an occurrence that could make for a bad night’s sleep.

That’s why — as Prieto-Langarica explained — nightly body temperature is so important.

Her research suggests that the temperature between a sleeper and the sheets should be around 82

degrees Fahrenheit. If students can achieve this ideal sleeping condition, they should be able to fall asleep faster and stay asleep longer — successfully achieving two full cycles of REM while avoiding the groggy feeling that follows a restless night.

As YSU continues to establish itself as an urban research hub, projects — like Prieto-Langarica’s study on thermoregulation and REM sleep — become increasingly noteworthy.

Though she didn’t develop a passion for numbers and modeling until high school, Prieto-Langarica eventually earned a PhD in mathematics from the University of Texas. It was this passion that led to her success in a typically male-dominated field.

“Women are not really seen in the world of scholarly mathematics,” she said.

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Abraham echoed these comments.

“The conversations about collaborations, developments, new opportunities, all of the things that restructuring was intended to achieve, those conversations have happened, they’re happening with a great deal of vigor,” Abraham said.

Mosca said the work the committees are doing is building off existing collaborations.

“There are many synergies and collaborations that already exist, and I think that those will continue to naturally grow and naturally occur as people share their interests with each other,” Mosca said.

Gergits said there had been advancements made in increasing communication across departments and colleges.

“It’s easy to get wrapped up in your own department’s world, and part of the commitment was to try to move ourselves out of that,” she said. “Once we all started talking to each other and hearing more from each other

on that, we were able to work our way through to really interesting and fruitful conversations and realize that we had a lot in common.”

She also noted that declining budgets impose constraints on any discussions of new initiatives.

“If you decide to put together a whole new initiative on anything, suddenly you have to have resources to do that. Part of this is moving really carefully because there aren’t a lot of resources right now,” Gergits said. “So it’s got to be initiatives we can do with current resources or where we can get grants, so they have to be very carefully thought through.”

The committees will submit their reports to Abraham by the end of the month.

“I’m expecting to get their thoughts on how we move forward to increase our collaboration, our interdisciplinary opportunities, and those types of activities,” Abraham said.

Dental Hygiene Majors Host Austintown Students

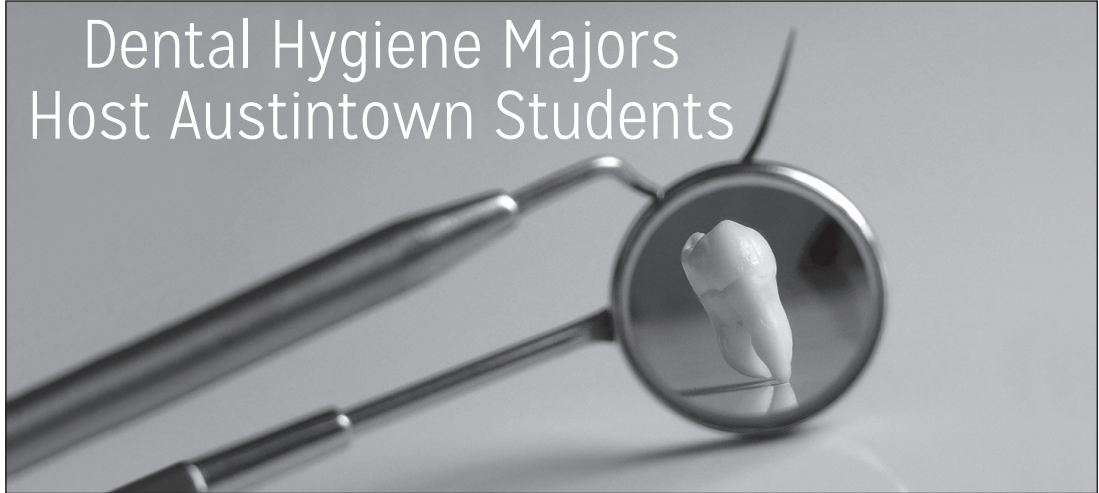


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On Wednesday, the senior dental hygiene students at Youngstown State University will provide a group of special-needs students from Austintown Middle School with a lesson on oral health.

Ruth Palich, who instructs the dental public health class at YSU, outlined the event.

“Our students are going to be providing a tour of our clinic, a dental health lesson, and also some one-on-one instruction on oral health with the [Austintown] students, and then we’ve arranged for them each to have a goodie bag to take home with them with all

kinds of supplies,” Palich said.

Palich said the mother of a student in her class, who is an aide in the classroom at Austintown Middle School, got in touch with the program to see if they would be able to host the students.

She sees it as an opportunity for her students to improve upon their dental public hygiene experience.

“We’re doing it in conjunction with their dental public health class,” Palich said. “It will tie in nicely because the students are required through the semester to do a classroom presentation, so this sort of prepares them for that experience.”



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Dana Chamber Orchestra Concert

Youngstown State University's Dana Chamber Orchestra concert will be held Sunday Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. in Stambaugh Auditorium. Pieces by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Barber will be played. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students, and free for anyone with a valid YSU ID.

VITA Program Provides Free Tax Preparation

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at Youngstown State University will be providing income tax preparation for free. These sessions will be held in Williamson Hall and begin Saturday Feb. 7, running through April 11. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance at 330-941-2507

so that companies outside of the area are getting an accurate list to make sure that we are saving their time."

Boyarko said that there are nearly 50 firms in Mahoning and Trumbull counties that are internationally owned. Along with Mousa Kassis, the international trade adviser at ITAC, the Chamber will parlay this to further assist their initiative

"We look to see how can we better leverage those relationships and how can those companies work with us," she said. "We've included Mousa in the ITAC office on all of those ventures that are on our end, and he does the same thing."

Boyarko said that Kassis wants to use this initiative to further bolster international exports among the companies they assist. The Youngstown Regional Chamber frequently works with Kassis on local level companies that are looking to export.

"What's in our 10 county region, how can we work together, how can we build on the current momentum because we have received quite a bit of positive press and rankings at the national level around exporting. We're looking to build on those existing rankings or successes over the last few years," she said. "I think overall this will make us an extremely aggressive and strong region around exporting, and the fact that we've got ... in those 10 counties, their city and county leadership in addition to state and federal legislative leaderships. It's a positive opportunity all around."

The ITAC supports four counties in Ohio, and Erie, Crawford, Beaver, Mercer, Lawrence and Butler in Pennsylvania, while the Chamber only supports Mahoning and Trumbull.

A survey will be out the first week of February to manufacturers and distributors in the 10 county regions. All of the information on the survey will remain confidential to that county.



A water main broke Monday evening next to Fedor Hall. Maintenance crews worked to repair the break, though were not able to stop the basement of Fedor from experiencing residual flooding.

Does Gender Socialization Lead to Inequity Among Sexes?

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Society may play just as important of a role as biology in determining the way humans express their genders.

Nicole Mullins, exercise science professor at Youngstown State University, participated in a lecture last November and authored a 20-page paper in the magazine "The Physical Educator" called "Rethink Pink." Her publication calls attention to the disparity between males and females caused mainly through gender socialization, which is defined as the gender a person identifies themselves as a result of interactions from society.

For example, since pink is associated with femininity, most men avoid the color.

In a study including men ranging from ages 17-96, none selected pink as their favorite color. Instead, 20 percent of the men said that pink was their

least favorite, suggesting men tend to avoid feminine associations.

A bias towards particular colors is a small example of a much larger and more complex issue, according to Mullins.

"This is about far more than color," Mullins said.

The soft color acts as a visual representation to suggest girls are associated with delicacy rather than strength.

"Girls are being slathered in pink," Mullins said.

Diana Palardy, director of women's studies at YSU, said she believes the issue plays a large role in the inequalities experienced between the genders.

"Most societies have some form of gender socialization, in varying degrees. What is detrimental is when there are negative associations attached to certain behavior that is considered 'feminine,'" Palardy said. "It is also problematic when they consider that these characteristics are necessarily inherent to women, as if all females will necessarily exhibit these behaviors just because they are women."

Mullins has suggested that gender socialization occurs even before a child is born.

It is common for expecting couples to hold parties when revealing the gender of their future child.

According to sociology professor Amanda Fehlbaum, these gender-revealing parties aren't revealing a baby's gender — it's revealing their sex.

"Gender is something that happens over time," Fehlbaum said. "It's based on behaviors and social interactions, while sex is biological."

The lack of distinction between gender and sex constricts people to conform under the stereotypical gender roles of their biological sex.

Parents, family, friends and other environmental factors shape the limiting stereotypical

roles of women and men.

In Mullins' paper, she suggests that caregivers and media influence young girls to sit and play with dolls while boys engage in sports. She also highlights resistant attitudes within society toward gender expression outside of the traditional roles.

"Few people teach girls [how to throw a football], or they don't teach them with the same expectations [as boys]. It's okay for a girl to throw a football badly, but it's embarrassing if a boy does it," Mullins said.

Because of this disparity, many women do not have the same learning opportunities — or expectations — as men.

While the fluidity of gender expression is an issue that is slowly gaining more acceptance, some may be skeptical as to the findings of those promoting a more careful look at child rearing, and it is unlikely the representation of gender roles in the media will change any time soon.

"Why does a girl want that [doll]? Because every girl around them has one. Why does every girl have one? Because that's what their parents buy them," Mullins said. "That's what the media promotes."

In her paper, Mullins explains that both USA Today and The New York Times feature male athletes at least five times more than female athletes.

This skewed media coverage leads to inequality within genders and discourages women's athletics.

"We don't have gender equity," Mullins said.

Mullins has advice for everyone, especially those considering raising children.

"Watch the derogatory comments that we make [towards women]. Have high expectations for both men and women in sports," Mullins said. "Expose both boys and girls to a variety of sports. Let kids have the choice."

2015-2016 Financial Aid Awareness Week

Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2015-2016 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the YSU Institutional Aid Application is **February 15, 2015.**

*Please join us for our third annual Financial Aid Night on campus. Students and parents are invited to participate in this great opportunity to learn the basics about applying for financial aid. Our professional financial aid counselors will be on hand to assist with online applications. Register online for the event at www.ysu.edu/finaid/night. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Kilcawley Center Chestnut room.***

The following is a list of dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

Monday, January 26, 2015	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 27, 2015	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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From Canvas to Skin: Special Effects Makeup Club Comes to YSU



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What started out as a way to make new and exciting Halloween costumes turned into a passion for creating creatures and characters of all sorts for Nick Chicone, a freshman graphic design major at Youngstown State University.

Chicone's passion is for special effects makeup, like the kind displayed in the SyFy hit series "FaceOff," where contestants from all over the nation compete to create the most outrageous and realistic costume makeup.

"I started looking up different ways to make costumes and then on the Internet I saw special effects makeup," Chicone said. "Through YouTube, I watched videos and eventually printed out some instructions on how to make zombie prosthetics ... at the end, I had these pieces I could wear and they looked so cool. I probably had to be around 15. It just grew from there."

Rachell Joy, layout design artist at YSU, is also an artist who takes her pieces from the canvas to the human body via special effects and theatrical makeup.

"I've been doing makeup for 15 years, and I have to say that theater makeup and special effects makeup is much more challenging than regular makeup, for sure," Joy said. "You're doing makeup for a character that must be created for your audience. It has to morph the character into a production. In the community theater that I work at, we put on a play of 'The Little Mermaid,' so we had to make people into fish. We also had to do makeup ... where we made people look 70 and cre-

ate wrinkles on people who are nowhere close to old."

While special effects makeup is extremely difficult and time consuming, Chicone said it's something that any artist can learn to do with the right amount of money, tools and motivation.

"It's a very complex process. I watch videos and have a bunch of books on how to do this kind of makeup. I've spent so much money teaching myself how to do this makeup," Chicone said. "It's a trial and error thing. Once you have that down, you can learn to do what the contestants do on 'FaceOff.' It definitely takes talent, but it can be learned."

Joy said that although the hobby can be an expensive one, it's one that has its perks.

"Get involved with your community theaters, volunteer your time to study underneath someone who has experience," Joy said. "Even with the Internet now, there's tons of how-to videos that are out there that they can watch. People need to be aware that it's not a cheap hobby. Theatrical makeup costs a lot of money, but it's very rewarding. It helps to be creative — there is always more than one way to create an effect."

Chicone and Joy are creating a special effects makeup club at YSU for students who are interested in learning about the craft. The group's first meeting will be held on Jan. 28 from 4-5 p.m. in 2020 Cochran Room in Kilcawley Center.

"I encourage anyone who has any interest in learning the craft to stop by," Joy said. "It's an open meeting. There are a bunch of different roles, including makeup artists and models willing to sit for us, that we are hoping to attract. There's a demand for people that do this — give it a try!"



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Underground Pete at Cedars West End

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Have an appetite for a diverse set of musical acts, ranging from progressive pop to impromptu psych? Be in attendance at Cedars West End this Saturday.

Underground Pete Youngstown natives and progressive pop band, will be headlining a show Saturday night at Cedars West End, accompanied by Picnic Day and Lysander.

is comprised of vocalist/guitarist Steven Wright, bassist James Baluck and drummer Chris Bzinak.

"Cedars is probably the best place to play our stuff," Wright said. "I'd like to see more places where music like ours can be played."

The band originally had two members: Wright and Bzinak. The two spent their middle school years jamming together, listening to classic acts like Black Sabbath, Pink Floyd and AC/DC.

Eventually, Wright and Bzinak formed Underground Pete. Wright and Bzinak wrote their music, taking turns, recorded tracks on Garageband and sent them back and forth to one another until completion.

This past September, the duo picked up Baluck as their bassist. This will be Underground Pete's first show since November.



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"I'm just excited to play with the drummer again," Wright said.

Bzinak, now a resident of Columbus, played with Wright and Baluck this past weekend after visiting. Originally planning to do a solo set at Cedars, Wright convinced Bzinak to return for Saturday's gig.

Wright stated that a friend coined their genre as progressive pop. They accepted the label, but tend to have songs with a heavier sound than most pop groups.

David Tamulonis — also

known by his stage name, the Soviet Garlic Admiral — is a founding member of Picnic Day and a multi-instrumentalist. He is double majoring in marketing and graphic design at YSU.

"Our sound is mostly noisy, improvisational instrumentals," Tamulonis said. "We flow from groovy psychedelic jams to noise-heavy ambient soundscapes."

Picnic Day will open the night with their psychedelic, impromptu musical style. The act often takes on guest

performers during their performances, furthering their extremely experimental act.

Chauncey Hay, Picnic Day's other founding member, goes by the stage name of Captain Applesauce.

"My role is guitar liaison, to synth production and noise production," Hay said. "I speak to the music, for the music. Music doesn't."

Saturday's show will be Picnic Day's first time playing at Cedars.

"We are playing with Lysander and Underground Pete," Hay said. "These guys

[are] great, highly reputable and have no signs of gastrointestinal disturbances. Should be a fun show."

Lysander will be co-opening the night. Lysander is a solo project by Zach Scocchera. Scocchera is a member of the Youngstown shoegaze band, Trojan Horse.

Cedars West End is located at 706 Steel Street. Doors open for the show at 10 p.m., and the music begins at 11 p.m. For more information visit cedarsyoungstown.com.

EDITORIAL

Yikkety Yak, Don't Talk Back

Are you a fat guy looking for someone to love? Does the girl in your class have a “bitch face” that you just want to punch? Is the only way you would agree to anal is if your boyfriend is on the receiving end? If this is all something you crave, and you have an inexorable desire to share it anonymously with the Youngstown community, well then reader, Yik Yak is for you.

We know what you're thinking, hypothetical student that we construct in every editorial for the sake of a manufactured counterpoint: “Here comes the fuddy-duddy Jambar to ruin all of our internet fun,” or, alternatively, “Is it really okay to pull some mostly harmless refuse you found on Yik Yak to make a fancy hook in your college editorial?”

The answer to both of these questions is: shut up, we do what we want — First Amendment losers. In all seriousness, though, Yik Yak is a social media beast, the likes of which we have never seen. It provides absolute anonymity, like the popular Internet site 4chan, while simultaneously attaching itself to a close-knit real world community; this, and other apps like it, such as Streetchat, do not seem to be a benign new trend, but do they pose a real threat? Well, the answer is a mixed bag, and Yik Yak comes out looking cleaner than expected.

Yik Yak is the latest smartphone craze, mainly intended for college campuses, allowing users to post anonymously to other users within a 10-mile radius. So, if a user at YSU yaks from Fedor Hall, users across campus will see it. There are no usernames, and there is no accountability for posters, unless authorities become involved of course.

Most of Yik Yak is a direct line into the hundreds to thousands of users' streams of consciousness. Predictably, most Yakers — as they are apparently called — just talk about sex and gossip; other users can like, dislike and comment. If a post is disliked, it will disappear from the thread — employing a type

of democratic censorship.

Some of the more orthodox among us may wag their fingers at all this bawdy talk, but this is in no way the real problem.

The problem is when the users decide to lace their yaks with barbed wire. One of the repercussions of the Yik Yak format is that although users get anonymity, the people they talk about sometimes do not. Under this model, users are theoretically able to throw all sorts of baneful rumors and hate speech about their fellow classmates and professors, usually without fear of retribution.

During a demonstration in response to the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner at Colgate University in New York, several students were actually identified by name and threatened with physical violence. Furthermore, Colgate had a persistent problem with racist rhetoric on Yik Yak.

High school students have also downloaded Yik Yak and added and participated in the same threads as college students. Predictably, their participation has often been in the form of cyber bullying. To be fair, the app creators made geofences that prevent access to the app in certain geographical spaces — high schools — but students can still access the app outside of their schools.

Our intent is not to throw more kindling into the fire that various Internet commentators have been stoking over since Yik Yak's release. We do not condemn Yik Yak wholesale. It is, all things considered, a method of free speech, and banning or removing it entirely would be a non-starter for most. In fact, we disagree with the witch-hunt-esque paranoia and demands to shut down the app that seem to be more frequent than instances of flagrant abuse.

USA Today reviewed posts near Drake University and Iowa State University, where many complained about instances of racism or people being mentioned by name. They, however, found limited to no instances of either.

This means one of two things: the claims were grossly overstated or Yik Yak's method of community regulation and their flagging system — which they claim removes these types of yaks quickly — is working. So, the anecdotes listed above do not seem to point to a trend occurring with Yik Yak, but they do point to a potential threat that should be kept under observation.

So should anything be done about Yik Yak? The go-to advice of “don't be jackasses” is likely to fall on deaf ears, as the most dangerous users are mostly impervious, either due to immaturity or actually just being evil, to such appeals.

Squashing these social media trends is nigh impossible and we do not hope that it is squashed, as they do offer positives as well as negatives.

The creators of Yik Yak have done a laudable job maintaining their app and responding to parents' concerns, as well as helping police in the instances of threats — which happen quite frequently on any forms of social media. Maybe, as it has happened before, this social media trend will either disappear or assimilate; certainly the media nationwide has been laser focusing in on controversies and blowing them out of proportion.

If there is any lesson to be learned over the controversies swirling around Yik Yak it is this: media sensationalism, as well as the moral paragons of universities' and parents' concerns, have been misdirected. This new model of anonymity in close proximity, dangerous though it may be, is here to stay with little doubt.

Yik Yak may actually be the standard critics should hold these new apps to. This trend does have potential to become truly dangerous if new app creators have wanton disregard for regulation. Controlling this trend is far more important than destroying it, and that requires conscious app creators and reasonable dialogue between both sides. So truly, we are probably screwed.

LETTER — TO THE — EDITOR

YSU recently hired a new head football coach, Bo Pelini, whose first act was to profoundly embarrass the university and all those associated with it by indulging in a profanity-filled rant against people at the University of Nebraska. In the course of his vicious attacks he sought out the most demeaning language he could imagine, employing gutter language comparing them to the genitalia of women (“Big Red Today,” Dec. 19, 2014). No one who uses such sexist language — language clearly expressing an overt attitude of disgust toward women — should be employed by YSU, and certainly should never be in a position to foster that attitude in the young men in our athletic programs.

We have now hired a new assistant coach, Ron Brown, who says he is eager to join Pelini because Pelini promotes Christian values. Profane attacks on former colleagues, laced with gross insults to women, do not strike most of us as belonging to the same category as the Christian virtues of kindness, forgiveness and love; but Ron Brown seems to have his own version of Christianity. If you go on YouTube, and are willing to suffer through it, you can find Ron Brown's “sermon” on why Christian men (not women, apparently) should strive for domination. Perhaps I missed a verse, but when I read the Sermon on the Mount, I find Jesus saying blessed are the meek, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers; but nowhere do I find Jesus extolling the “virtue” of domination. Ron Brown's version of Christian fundamentalism insists that “Any other faith outside of Christianity is dead wrong” (“Rapid City Journal,” April 17, 2014) and that those who believe in evolution and do not condemn homosexuality are guilty of wrongs comparable to Jerry Sandusky's sexual abuse of children (Tammy McKeighan, “Fremont Tribune” Nov. 18, 2011). Ron Brown also believes that homosexuality is a terrible sin, and that homosexual activity is the equivalent of lying, cheating and stealing (“Topeka Capital Journal Online,” Feb. 14, 2014). Of course he insists that he would still welcome any homosexual athlete onto his football team — but would strive to “convert” him from his sinful ways: “You put your arms around that person struggling with homosexuality and you help walk with him or her to the truth of Jesus Christ, just as you would any other player involved in any other sin” (Cyd Zeigler, “Huffington Post,” Aug. 6, 2012). And this would apply not only to football players. In a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Column (November 2007) Brown condemned homosexuality among women athletes: “There's nothing heroic about endorsing sin or simply watching it take root without action and exposing it so that there can be confession, repentance and rebirth.” YSU claims that “the university is committed to a campus environment that values all individuals and groups.” But perhaps that commitment is not supposed to cover the athletic department? Ron Brown is and should be free to preach and promote his vile version of fundamentalism, but YSU cannot hire a coach who champions discrimination against gays and lesbians while we also claim to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all our students.

When you pay your annual tuition to YSU, you are paying approximately \$1,000 into the athletic department. Are you getting your money's worth? If you are a religious bigot, a misogynist and a homophobe, perhaps you will regard it as money well spent. If you are instead someone who believes that YSU should live up to its avowed principles of creating a welcoming environment for all people whatever their religious views, gender or sexual orientation, then probably not. If YSU insists on hiring people who are intolerant of religious views other than their own narrow fundamentalist beliefs, whose angry outbursts include gutter language demeaning to women, and who regard homosexuals as sinners in the same class as thieves and liars and cheats, then we should at least give up the rank hypocrisy of claiming that at YSU we “strive to foster an appreciation of, and respect for, differences among the human race; and celebrate the diversity that enriches the University and the world.”

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REACHING THE 1,000-WIN CLUB IS A BIG-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AT ANY LEVEL

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that Krzyzewski probably has made more in a year than he has in his career but said, “I think that if you're in it for the long haul, like many of us, you're not there for the riches.”

Miles coached with Billy Donovan and Roy Williams in 2011 when the three were involved with the U.S. National team, but he did not yearn to join their fraternity. He said a coach once told him, “Big time is where you are at.”

As for the disparity in salary, Miles said, “I've always made enough to get by. I've coached against some of the guys who have been there, or are there or have done that.”

Miles, who said he will retire after the 2015-16 season, beat Rollie Massimino's Northwood (Florida) team for the NAIA championship in 2012. Massimino, who started his college coaching career at Stony Brook, guided Villanova to the NCAA title in 1985.

McGee used to travel to Long Island to play then-C.W. Post. When the former NBA draft pick started his career at Philadelphia, part of his job description included cleaning tables in the school's cafeteria. On one road trip, the team's pizza order did not include beverages. McGee had the bus stop and crossed the median on a busy roadway to get sodas for the team.

Athletic director Tom Shirley was on the bus at the time. Said Shirley, “He comes back on and says, ‘You think Mike Krzyzewski does this?’”

McGee said he does not know if his success translates to Division I because he has never coached at that level. “Do I have confidence in myself? Of course. Do I think I could do it? Of course, or I wouldn't be doing it.”

The all-time leader for victories at any level of college basketball is 79-year-old Gene Bess, who is in his 45th season at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Former Knick Latrell Sprewell was his most famous player. He has plied his trade in not the best of conditions. There was no home court until 1983. In 1979, the year he won the NJCAA title, the team practiced in a facility with only one usable backboard. The other had been vandalized and there were no funds to replace it.

Bess makes no comparison to his victory total and those in the upper echelon of the sport. “I have great respect for those guys,” he said. “They are impacting huge numbers. I'm doing it here on a considerably less medium. It's good to have those numbers because there are always people sniping at the head coach. All I have to say is look at the numbers.”



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"It put our name out there in a better way, instead of the program being seen as a negative," sophomore outfielder Alex Larivee said. "We turned it into a positive."

It took just 13 days (May 21-June 1), but that improbable stretch has allowed Gillispie to sit comfortably behind his desk on this late-September morning as his YSU baseball program — although just 136-305 since 2007 — is suddenly a desirable destination.

"Since our run, there's been a really positive reception from kids in the region and kids across the country," Gillispie said.

He was quick to point out that the Penguins — unlike his first two years with the program — already had four recruit commitments on Sept. 23.

And it got better. By the end of the early signing period on Nov. 20, a total of seven players signed a National Letter of Intent to join YSU in the fall of 2015.

"There's certainly a better light shining on Youngstown State baseball right now," the 50-year-old coach said.



Steve Gillispie (above) was hired as the YSU baseball head coach in July 2012. Prior to joining the Penguins, he spent 22 years coaching in the college ranks and four years as an MLB scout.

THE RIGHT FIT

Ron Strollo, YSU's executive director of intercollegiate athletics, can't put a finger on exactly what went wrong.

When Rich Pasquale took over the YSU baseball program in 2008, he promptly went 86-187 in four seasons as the Penguins' head coach. He was then fired following a dismal 11-44 season in 2012.

"Sometimes the recruits just don't pan out," Strollo said. "It's hard to say what happened. We had a staff that was working really hard, but things just didn't pan out on the field the way we had hoped."

So, Strollo set out to find a new staff in the spring of 2012. And when Gillispie's résumé emerged, he was blown away.

"When we really talked to people that were around him and knew him, they said all good things about him as a person," Strollo said. "Then his vast experi-

ence really sold him to us."

Forty-eight-years-old at the time, Gillispie had just completed his 12th season as an assistant coach at Jacksonville State University. However, he'd been in the business for much longer.

Gillispie's first head coaching job came in 1988 with Division II Fort Hayes State. He then assisted at a handful of successful programs from 1990-1997 — including the University of Nebraska and the University of Utah — before becoming a Philadelphia Phillies scout for four years prior to joining JSU in 2001.

"Because of what YSU baseball had recently been, there probably weren't a lot of candidates my age applying for the job that had that many years of experience," Gillispie said. "I think that made me a good fit. Plus, I felt like [YSU] had some things to offer."

Mainly, Eastwood Field in Niles — a minor league stadium where the Penguins play their home games — intrigued Gillispie. So did the Watson and Tressel Training Site on campus. He also saw the wide-ranging educational opportunities that YSU offers

as a strong recruiting tool.

So, approaching 50-years-old and sensing it was "now or never" to become a head coach once again, Gillispie took the YSU job on July 4, 2012. He then hired assistants Kevin Smallcomb and Jason Neal and began the process of rebuilding the Penguins baseball program.

Check out 'Rebuilding YSU Baseball: Part Two' in Thursday's issue of *The Jambar*.

Marcus Keene: Talented Shooter and a Tough Guy

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The Youngstown State University men's basketball team has hit a low point in its season. The team started conference play by losing its first seven games in early January.

One of the few bright spots for the Penguins this season has been the emergence of sophomore shooting guard Marcus Keene. Keene leads the Penguins in scoring averaging 15.7 points per game, which ranks sixth in the Horizon League this season.

A major reason for his scoring success is his lethal 3-point shooting. Keene is tied for first in the Horizon League in 3-pointers made per game (2.9) and is third in 3-point percentage among shooters who have taken over 100 threes this season (42.3 percent).

"I work on my shooting a lot because growing up my dad said if I could be able to dribble, shoot and pass, then I would be able to play some-

where at a Division I college," Keene said. "I take very good pride in being able to knock down open shots from teammates."

Keene grew up in San Antonio, Texas and graduated from Warren High School, where he was the school's all-time leading scorer and averaged 25 points per game his senior season.

Going into his last season of Amateur Athletic Union basketball in Texas, Keene injured his ankle, which he said prevented him from receiving any offers from larger programs. He still received numerous offers from other programs, but ultimately chose YSU because he liked the way the coaches and players interact with each other.

"It felt like a family atmosphere, that's why I came here," Keene said.

Michael Wernicki, assistant coach and recruiting coordinator, said that Keene wasn't on the teams recruiting radar until they noticed Keene at an AAU tournament in Orlando, Florida during his junior season.

"We noticed he was a talented shooter and that he was a tough guy, and that's something you have to have for being a small guy," Wernicki said. "The shooting is definitely something we look for when recruiting."

After committing to YSU, Keene originally thought he was being recruited as a point guard, but when three-time All-Horizon League first teamer Kendrick Perry graduated, Keene took the opportunity to

crack the starting lineup.

"I thought I was just going to be a full-time point here," Keene said. "I thought I was going to have to wait my turn, but when he said that I have a chance to compete at the 2 guard position, I knew that I was going to be able to start."

Since getting to YSU, Keene has been working to improve his game in all areas in hopes of becoming a more complete player.

"I've improved in all as-

pects," Keene said. "Really worked on my defense — coach helped me with my defense — but really becoming stronger and learning the game at this level."

Keene's main focus now is becoming a leader on a team that desperately needs one.

"I need to be able to lead my team," Keene said. "You can improve in all aspects, but in order to become a better player I need to become a better leader."



Shooting guard Marcus Keene (10) is fifth in the Horizon League in 3-point field goal percentage. Keene's 42.3 percent 3-point percentage is the highest by a Penguin since the 2011-2012 season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's Basketball Breaks Losing Streak

The YSU men's basketball team snapped a seven game losing streak with its 77-64 win against the University of Illinois Chicago on Saturday Jan. 24. After trailing 28-26 at halftime, the Penguins scored 51 points in the second half. Forward Bobby Hain led the Penguins in scoring with 21 points. Sophomore guard Marcus Keene shot 66 percent from behind the 3-point line and finished with 19 points.

Women's Tennis Win

The YSU women's tennis team picked up its first win of the spring. The Penguins beat Bowling Green University 7-0 in the singles competition and 2-1 in doubles play. Marta Burak's singles win was her third straight match victory.

Penguins v. Grizzlies

The YSU women's basketball team lost to Oakland University on Saturday Jan. 24. Senior forward Heidi Schlegel gave the Penguins an 79-77 lead with 2:49 remaining in the second half. After back-to-back 3-point shots by Oakland, the Golden Grizzlies took a 83-80 lead and the Penguins were unable to reclaim the lead.