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Provost Initiates Program Review

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Youngstown State University is set to undergo its first comprehensive program review process in more than a decade.

In a process laid out by a committee that met over the summer, programs will submit self-evaluations to their respective colleges by Jan. 15. The evaluations will undergo an internal review at the college level by Feb. 15. An external review will be conducted at the university level by seven committees consisting of six faculty members each. Then, the results will be evaluated by an Academic Senate committee and presented to the provost in May.

Provost Martin Abraham said the process has to be faculty driven in order to succeed.

"Nobody knows the program better than them," Abraham said. "They're going to find the places they can do better. They're going to identify the solutions. They're going to implement the solutions. They're going to do the assessment to determine that those solutions are effective."

He said the function of the administration is only to make sure the process continues.

The university comprises more than 100 programs. In the first year, about 20 percent of the programs will undergo a full program review. The rest will undergo what Abraham is

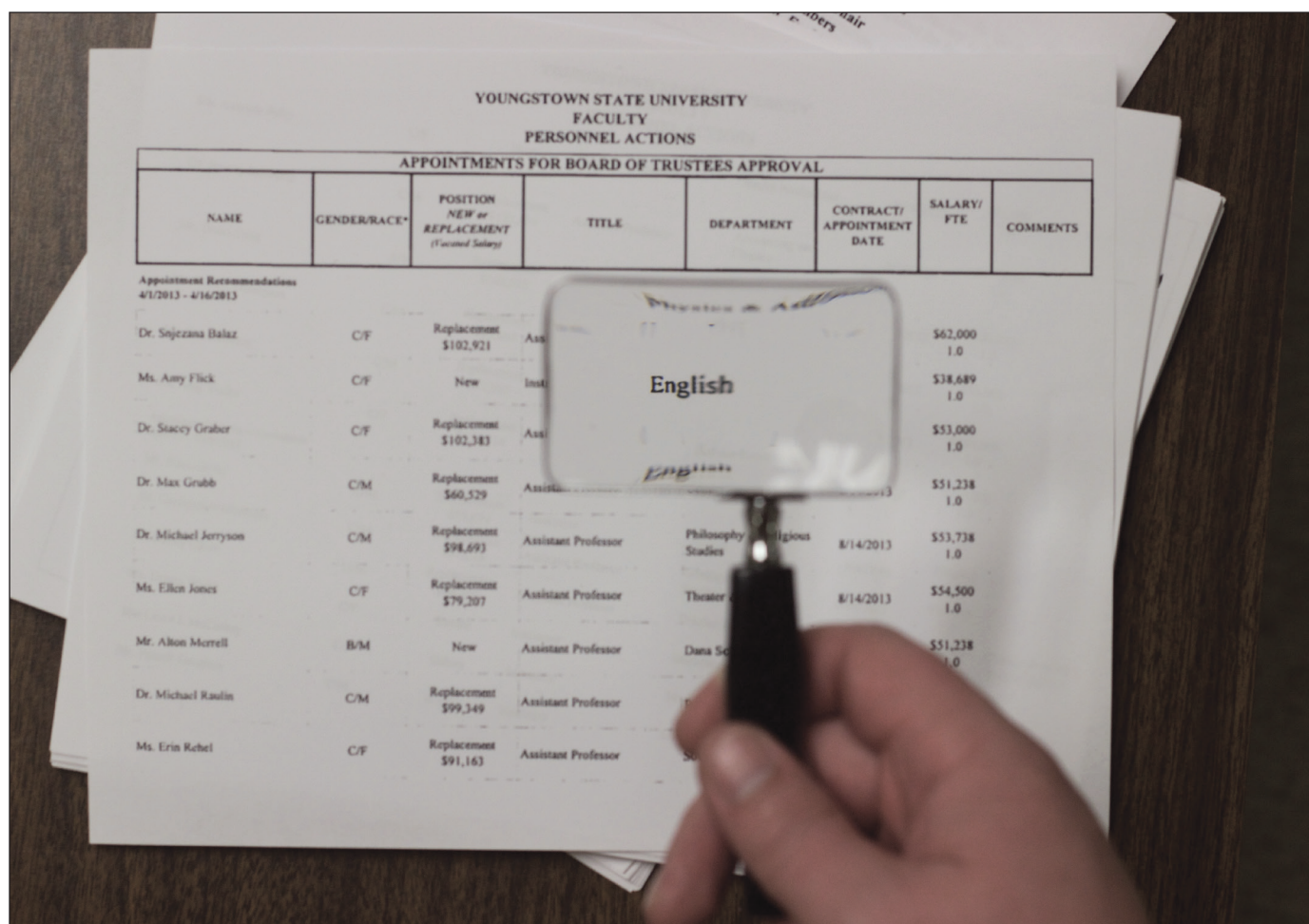


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calling an abbreviated review process.

"The timeline is the same for everybody, but the level of information within the process is going to be different, with 20 percent doing the full blown process and the rest of them doing only touching on a couple of those items," Abraham said.

This is due to concerns that having each program go through the entire process could overwhelm the review committees and limit the effectiveness of the procedure. Kevin Ball, associate provost for academic programs and planning, said the committee also recognized that certain programs could take a few

years to get themselves up to speed.

"If there's a particular kind of data that you're gathering, it's hard to just say we'll do that and we'll have meaningful results in a month," Ball said.

Ball said the deans will play a major role in determining which programs are ready to undergo the full process this

year and which programs may need to wait a year or two.

"We thought that was appropriate in that the deans and the colleges best know those programs and where they're at," Ball said.

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OH WOW! Silly Science Sunday



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Volunteers try out the walking on water exhibit at last year's Silly Science Sunday.

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The Roger and Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology as part of Silly Science Sunday.

The fifth annual Silly Science Sunday is being held downtown on Sunday to educate children and get kids out-

side for Nickelodeon's World-wide Day of Play.

For Suzanne Barbati, president and executive director of OH WOW!, September can be pretty slow for business with children going back to school.

"We picked September to

have this big event to get a lot of people downtown and to get a lot of people in OH WOW!," Barbati said.

The free street festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will have booths from many different areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Every booth will have a hands-on activity.

"We want to showcase local and regional STEM based educators, organizations and businesses and groups," Barbati said.

Although the street fair is aimed at ages zero to 14, there will be something interesting for everyone.

"[There will be] something for children of all ages, from the very young to the very mature," Barbati said.

The Youngstown Phantoms will be sharpening ice skates, NASA will bring space suits for children to try on and OH WOW! will host a 'walking on water' station. The street fair will also include 3D printers, drones, robotics, photo booths, stage shows, demos and much more.

Ray Beiersdorfer, professor in YSU's department of geological and environmental sciences, will be the star of "Dr. Ray's

Amazing Sideshow of Science." He said his show is intended to entertain, educate and amaze.

"With faster-than-the-blink-of-an-eye feats that must be seen to be believed, you will journey around Earth's spheres — atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere and lithosphere. Science facts and carnival flair meet head-on," Beiersdorfer said.

Attendees will also get a first look at OH WOW!'s newest exhibit.

"We'll be unveiling our new exhibit, 'Kids in the Kitchen,' which is still under construction," Barbati said.

The street fair is meant to be a fun experience for the whole family, but Barbati also wants to encourage the younger generation to take an interest in science fields to fill the gap baby boomers are leaving behind.

"There's a lot of baby boomers, like me, retiring from the workforce. So how do we fill that gap? We fill that gap by letting people know what it takes to be successful in those areas and give them the resources to do it," Barbati said.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Connects Communities at YSU

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Youngstown State University is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with several events and activities planned around campus and the community.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 each year, celebrating the contributions Hispanic and Latino Americans have made to the United States.

YSU has participated in National Hispanic Heritage Month for several years. This year the theme is "Celebrating and Connecting Communities."

The Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee coordinates the celebrations and events at YSU through the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Ana Torres, interim library coordinator at YSU, is a member of the planning committee.

"This is a celebration that brings all Hispanics together beyond just being able to all speak Spanish together," Torres said.

Various events will cel-

brate Hispanic food, music and family. Well-known speakers like Soledad O'Brien will focus on specific majors and interests.

The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday in the rotunda at the Mahoning County Courthouse with a showing of the flags representing 22 Hispanic countries. President Tressel will be in attendance and Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, professor in the department of philosophy and religious studies, will deliver the keynote address.

Alicia Prieto Langarica, assistant professor in the department of mathematics and statistics, has been chair of the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee for three years. She implemented a colloquium series to bring together notable Hispanic scientists and mathematicians.

"The number of Hispanics and Latinos that actually hold Ph.D.'s in mathematics is quite small," Prieto Langarica said. "So, I wanted to bring them to the YSU campus to be noted."

Imelda M. Florez-Vazquez, a program specialist at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, will present a lecture entitled "Shaping Public Policy Using Math," and



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A performer sang at last year's Hispanic Heritage Month opening ceremony.

Luis Nunez-Betancourt, a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Virginia, will deliver a talk called "An Interplay Between Abstract and Applied Math."

As of 2015, YSU has students and faculty on campus from Puerto Rico, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, Honduras, Cuba and Colombia. The Youngstown community has a relatively small, primarily Puerto Rican, Hispanic population.

Torres said the commit-

tee wants to involve students in planning the events and expose them to Hispanic culture.

"We want to have as many students in the committee as we can because they are the future leaders that will bring awareness to the community," Torres said. "We want [them] to become involved with the main purpose of these events, which is to introduce the culture and tradition that is part of Hispanic life."

Having participated in National Hispanic Heritage Month events nationwide, Bruno Serrano of the YSU Latino Student Organization and Rookery Radio's Radio en Espanol holds up the celebration as a valuable cultural exchange.

"I ... think it is important to educate the community not only about our culture, but also our contribution and goals as residents and citizens of this country," Serrano said.

Online RN-BSN Program Caters to Working Nurses

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As the baby boomers' age demands for nurses in the United States, Youngstown State University intends to relieve it through its online RN-BSN program.

Nancy Wagner, chair of the nursing department at YSU, said the shortage is affecting hospitals across the state.

"Even in the Youngstown area, some of the hospitals have mandated their staff to work overtime," Wagner said.

Although having a Bachelor of Science in nursing is not a state requirement, many hospitals are recommending that registered nurses complete their BSN within five years.

Wagner wrote a grant proposal last spring with the assistance of Cindy Shields, assistant professor and BSN program coordinator, and Molly Roche, RN-BSN program coordinator, seeking \$182,984 in hopes of moving the program to a strictly online model.

The RN-BSN program was one of YSU's first nursing programs. It is strictly online now, but it began on campus then became a hybrid program to accommodate working nurses.

Taking into consideration that most nurses in the RN-BSN program worked full time and look-

ing at what other programs in the area were doing, it wasn't a hard decision to move to the online only model.

"We found that a lot of the programs that were really growing were going fully online," Wagner said.

Wagner is hoping to increase nursing enrollment at YSU by 25 percent because students will be able to complete their RN-BSN online.

"Some like being in class, some like being online so we just decided that we felt like the benefits of being online outweigh those that want to come to class, because it's just really difficult for them to get here before or after work," Wagner said.

She said the program will not be too different from a traditional on-campus program.

A new course called Nursing Informatics will be added at the beginning of the program to prepare students for the online program by teaching them how to do a podcast, how to load a PowerPoint and other skills they will need.

"It will help them get used to the online environment while talking about nursing issues as well," Wagner said.

In addition to expanding the online RN-BSN program, the grant funds will be used to boost advertisement, boost recruitment, update the website, buy educational materials and hire a new RN-BSN clinical

coordinator to help faculty with advisement responsibilities and recruitment.

To fulfill the requirements for the grant, Wagner had to reach out to another institution such as a hospital to provide nursing students with a place to complete their clinical course.

"Some schools have partnered with community agencies. We've partnered with St. Elizabeth Youngstown," Wagner said.

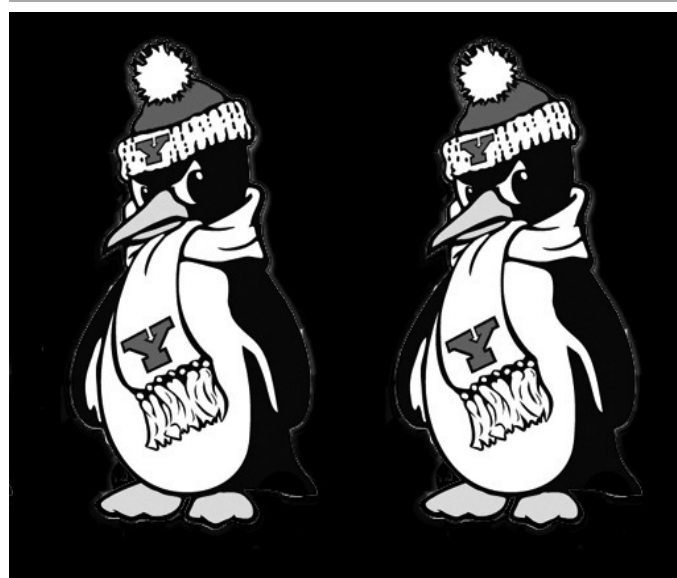
Maraline Kubik, public relations specialist for Mercy Health, said St. Elizabeth Health Center is not currently experiencing a nursing shortage, but they are expecting positions to open up in the near future.

"I don't know that we'd say we're expecting a shortage, but we're expecting to have a need to fill many positions, both because of people retiring and because of the growth of our organization," Kubik said.

The Nurse Education Grant Program supported by The Ohio Board of Education calls for grant proposals every two years. Wagner proposed the exact amount estimated to grow the RN-BSN program and was awarded one of 16 grants from \$2,987,012 the Ohio Board of Education allotted.

"We feel really fortunate that we were awarded this grant. It's an honor to receive this funding," Wagner said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Tested by YSU Students

Students in an honors class on the Holocaust taught by Helene Sinnreich are working on a project to help develop and test a website for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The project will help the museum build a fully functional site. The students will also collect articles and post them onto the website as part of a large-scale data collection project.

McDonough "GOTTA HAVE IT!" Exhibit/Auction Begins Sept. 18

The McDonough Museum of Art will present an exhibition that features more than 100 works from artists all around the world that have previously been featured in the museum. These pieces have been donated for an auction that will be held Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. The auction is being held in celebration of the museum's 25th birthday, and all proceeds will go to the John J. McDonough Trust.

PROVOST INITIATES FRONT

Abraham said there will be a five-year cycle with 20 percent of the programs undergoing the full review each year. He said after programs undergo the full review, they will identify places where they can do better and take steps to correct them in the intervening years.

He said at his previous institution they identified a course that students took during their junior year that many struggled with. The faculty determined that students were expected to remember how to use a software package that was taught during the first semester freshman year, and not used again until second semester junior year. They decided to incorporate the package into all the classes, and a few years later they found that students weren't struggling with that particular course anymore.

"This is what program review is intended to do," Abraham said.

Abraham said regular program review is standard practice at other universities, and we should have been doing it all along.

"We've never done program review in my time at YSU," Abraham

said. "That's a problem." Ball shared this opinion.

"It's what effective programs and effective universities do, so we need to be doing that," Ball said.

He said program review is also a critical component of the accreditation process.

"One of the requirements for reaccreditation is that the programs at the university participate in a regular system of program review," Ball said. "So not only is program review best practice — and that's why we need to be doing it, because it is best practice — but the added impetus is that the Higher Learning Commission is going to be looking [to see] that we have something in place."

The University was prepared to conduct a program review in 2007, but Provost Robert Herbert passed away and the plans were put on hold.

Ball said the lack of a permanent provost and turnover in the administration is part of why program review hasn't happened in the intervening eight years.

"I think a lot of that uncertainty meant that a lot of attention went in other directions," Ball said. "It's only been over the last couple years when things have settled down a little bit that we've gotten back on track."

OH WOW! FRONT

Barbati said STEM isn't just about becoming a doctor or engineer, there are a lot of areas they're looking to showcase at Silly Science Sunday.

"We're trying to get some of the trades down here, the pipe fitters, the plumbers," Barbati said. "I mean those things all take skill and we just want to provide an opportunity for people who wouldn't normally see that kind of thing."

Last year around 2,000 people attended Silly Science Sunday and OH WOW! is looking to double it this year.

"We're looking to have 5,000 people," Barbati said. OH WOW! is not just look-

ing to boost its own business, the event will bring thousands to the downtown area and many local restaurants will be open.

"We're really promoting the local food industry as well," Barbati said.

For students needing more volunteer hours, OH WOW! is looking for a few more volunteers to set up and clean up during the three hours before and after the event.

"It's a fun way to get volunteer hours," Barbati said. "Volunteers get a free t-shirt, breakfast and lunch."

Sponsors include the Youngstown State University College of STEM, 3D Vision Technologies, Youngstown Phantoms, Home Depot, NASA and America Makes.



Soledad O'Brien spoke at Stambaugh Auditorium last night for the third Centofanti Annual Symposium. She talked about how her diverse background provided her with a unique perspective that informed her career in journalism and her desire to pursue meaningful stories that effect change. She signed copies of her two books following the lecture.

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YSU Alum Uses Stage Play to Prove Recovery is Possible



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“While addiction is prevalent in many communities, recovery is possible.”

That is the message that YSU alum Markus Douglas would like to send with his stage play “The Journey Home.”

“The Journey Home” focuses on the cast members’ personal experiences with drug addiction and recovery. The play was performed on Sept. 12 at the Southwoods Executive

Centre.

Douglas is a social worker in the substance abuse field at the Veteran’s Administration in Youngstown, meaning he has up close experience dealing with addiction.

The idea for the play stemmed from Douglas’ desire to put recovery out in the open. What he needed most for the performance though, was a cast of people.

“I didn’t need anyone with acting experience, just people who were willing to share their story,” Douglas said.

“The Journey Home” differs from standard theater produc-

tions because the stories being told are personal accounts of the cast members. This method of performance grants the audience the opportunity to encounter the realities of addiction and its effects on the cast members’ lives.

Altogether, the performers share a combined 72 years of recovery. The audience has the opportunity to ask them questions after the show about their individual journeys with battling addiction and finding recovery.

After seeing how the performance evoked an emotional reaction from the crowd after

their first show last June, Douglas and the cast were amazed and inspired to continue sharing the show.

“People came out of the audience in tears to hug and thank the cast,” Douglas said.

Douglas’ past stage plays addressed issues specific to adolescents and their struggles. The plays focused on issues including child abuse, self-esteem, gang violence and AIDS.

He said that he would like to add different components to the show each year so that audience members viewing each time can take away something new. Next year there will be

three new journeys to follow.

“It’s the show that provides hope — that provides knowledge about the problem that is shattering our communities,” Douglas said.

“The Journey Home” will be performed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Southwoods Executive Centre located at 100 DeBartolo Place, Youngstown. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic at either the Austintown or Youngstown locations, or by contacting Markus Douglas at 330-507-5162.

Bubble Soccer: Get Bumped



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Students participate in a game of Bubble Soccer in Stambaugh Stadium. YSU is one of the first schools in Ohio to offer this activity.

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A soccer ball bursts between a pair of scrambling strikers. As one player dashes to intercept the ball, their efforts are brought to an abrupt stop when an opponent smashes into them head first, sending them violently crashing into the hardwood gym floor. No penalty is called, and no injuries are sustained. The grounded player wobbles to their feet — a giant plastic bubble engulfing the totality of their torso — and returns to the chase. This is no ordi-

nary game of soccer. This is Bubble Soccer.

Bubble Soccer is a form of soccer played while running around in oversized bubbles. The objective of the game is the same as soccer, to win by scoring the most goals within four five-minute quarters. However, there aren’t any goalies in this game and time will not be stopped unless there are injuries.

Joe Conroy, coordinator of Intramural and Club Sports, was inspired to try the sport at Youngstown State University after seeing the game displayed at a club sports conference.

“We look at it as a growing activity and will get more popular across the country as the year goes on ... YSU is one of the first schools in Ohio to begin this program,” Conroy said.

The first meeting was held Tuesday at the gym inside Stambaugh Stadium.

In total, 60 students have signed up. These 60 students have been split into six teams of 10.

Dan Schaefer, an intern and overseer of the game, stated that the game is currently not available outside of intramural league play.

“We’re sort of in a testing

phase with the game right now. We’re at a place where we’re totally in control and can change whatever we need to change about the way the game is played,” Schaefer said.

Bubble Soccer was an event introduced during the IGNITE event for incoming freshmen. It was used as an entertaining way for new students to get to know each other and get immediately involved with campus life.

Tyler Hovanec, a junior and current player of the game, said that his love for soccer made him want to join the activity.

While the game will likely appeal to soccer players, its unusual play style and the humorous, large plastic ball participants wear may also draw students who otherwise might avoid group sports.

“The world’s best soccer player could come here and play and not have any distinct advantage because bubble ball isn’t normal soccer ... it’s very much its own game,” Schaefer said.

The next game will be played Tuesday and will be held in one of the three connected gyms on the second floor of Stambaugh Stadium.

EDITORIAL

Don't Read This Article

Seriously, put the paper down. We're not kidding. It's making you worse at your job.

A study conducted by the Harvard Business Review and Arianna Huffington determined that watching just three minutes of negative news in the morning can make you 27 percent more likely to report being unhappy six to eight hours later.

They cited a literature review by James K. Harter, Frank L. Schmidt and Corey L. M. Keyes published in 2003 by the American Psychological Association that ties well being in the workplace to positive business outcomes, concluding that watching the news makes you less productive.

Just reading that has probably sent you into a spiral of overwhelming despair, leaving you unable to maintain your basic personal hygiene habits let alone commit yourself to a full class load and the soul-crushing part-time job you toil at to keep yourself from drowning in student loan debt.

If you didn't heed our warnings and are still reading, that's on you.

It's worth noting that

their control group watched three minutes of news that focused on positive solutions — like a story about a 70-year-old man who received his GED certificate after failing several times — so it's possible those stories made the control group happier. But they are basing their conclusion on a previous study conducted by Martin Seligman at the University of Pennsylvania that found negative news reports negatively impacted consumers' moods.

But we already know the score. That's why our Arts and Entertainment and Sports stories are printed in glorious Technicolor and you have to read the news in dour black and white. We're here to kill your vibe.

You could read the study as insinuating that reading the news makes you a less effective drone for your corporate overlords. Workers need to pretend the world is a happy and positive place to boost productivity and increase profits so CEO salaries can keep ballooning while median wages remain stagnant. Look at that, negative news worked its way into that last sentence almost by accident.

But, there is another way

to read the study. News needs to focus on agents of change trying to improve negative scenarios. Otherwise consumers get the impression that they are helpless. The problems are too big for them to be able to affect the outcome.

There are times when we can't put a positive spin on things. Life for adjunct professors sucks. Student debt is piling up. The toilet paper on campus is woefully inadequate.

But when possible, we at The Jambar try to focus on the positives. Yeah, we need a grocery store, but SGA approved an initiative to help people living on campus get to the store. There are a lot of abandoned buildings and parking lots downtown, but Kent State students are envisioning new uses. Women don't achieve the same level of success men do in business, but the Youngstown Business Incubator is working to change that.

So maybe you shouldn't put down The Jambar. Yeah, you might come across a problem at YSU that seems unsolvable, but ignorance isn't bliss, and maybe you're the one that has a solution. If you are we'll write about you.

Facebook is Finally Working on a 'Dislike' Button

By Sarah Parvini

Los Angeles Times

(TNS)

The "dislike" button you've been waiting for is finally coming to Facebook.

During a town hall Tuesday, Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said Facebook is responding to years of demand from users who simply aren't satisfied with the "like" button alone.

Zuckerberg didn't confirm whether the feature would officially be called "dislike" or specify when it would be rolled out. The Menlo Park, Calif., company had resisted developing a "dislike" button for years because Zuckerberg wanted to avoid a Reddit-style system of upvoting or downvoting posts.

"That doesn't seem like

the kind of community that we want to create," he said during the Q-and-A at Facebook's headquarters, which was streamed live on Zuckerberg's Facebook page. "You don't want to go through the process of sharing some moment that was important to you in your day and have someone downvote it."

People want the button because they need other ways to "express empathy" beyond liking a post, he said. If someone posts about a death in the family, for example, users want an option other than clicking "like."

"Not every moment is a good moment," Zuckerberg said.

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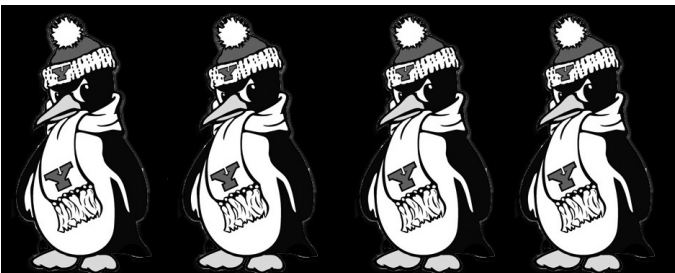
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Language "Buriers"

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Last week, I was sitting in one of my classes when a discussion broke out about the correct way to address a gay couple. Many different, so-called acceptable words and phrases were thrown out from my classmates before the conversation began to get hostile. The disagreement between where the line was drawn between politically correct and something that was rude or offensive became blurred.

Thus, the question entered my train of thought. Is today's culture becoming too politically correct? And with that, is it actually progressing us as a society, or actually regressing us, especially within the millennial generation?

Pretty deep stuff, right? It has become so normal for conversations to be completely altered by the adjustment of words or phrases to make sure that offensive language toward a particular group or person is removed. I challenge you to go one day without

taking two to three seconds in a conversation to quickly think about what you are about to say and determine if it is politically correct or offensive. We all self-censor. Don't worry, you are not alone.

It has been instilled into our brains that being cautious concerning our language is the correct thing to do when talking about particular groups or people to allow them to feel safe, wanted and accepted. Our culture has changed the meaning of derogatory words and phrases so drastically that we now may not even realize that we're offending someone! But is that truly our fault? Was it our decision as a collective generation to decide what was going to be treated as offensive? No.

Jerry Seinfeld once expressed his concern about the millennial generation in an interview on ESPN Radio. Saying that the generation doesn't even know what they are talking about and are so quick to throw out the phrases "that's racist," or "that's sexist" or even "that's prejudice." And to be completely honest, I agree with him and even

consider myself to be one of those young adults that occasionally use those. He even goes as far as saying he won't do shows on college campuses anymore due to the fact that our generation does not think his jokes are funny because they aren't politically correct.

Hearing that made me want to change my ways. No, I'm not saying be a bigoted idiot and purposely offend everyone around you, but I do want to see the world progress as a combined culture and not regress. My thought is that if we continue to become more and more afraid of offending people, soon, our society won't be able to say anything at all.

So, whether you agree with me that we are becoming too politically correct, or you see where others are coming from, I urge you to take a look at your speech habits and make a decision. Are you freeing your mind and speaking openly but still attempting to not offend on purpose, or are you stifling your own expression out of the fear that some wayward phrase will crumble an eavesdropper's psyche?

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Trump, Traficant and the Power of Pugnacious Politicians



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Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump speaks to supporters aboard the USS Iowa battleship in Los Angeles on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015.

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It's a common thought that in order for politicians to be successful in America, they must be likeable. They must diplomatically soothe the mob with words of understanding and intelligence, and become everyone's friend and no one's enemy.

Donald Trump may be proving this belief wrong.

Despite being voted the least likeable and most dishonest Republican candidate in Fox News polls, Trump has jumped from a meager 3 percent in March 2015 to a 25 percent voter approval plurality this month.

The next closest Republican candidate is Ben Carson, who trails behind Trump with barely half of his points, at a 12 percent rating. Surprisingly, Carson is voted as the most likeable candidate in the Republican

race.

All of this means that if the Republican Party held a primary election right now, Donald Trump would become the GOP candidate for the 2016 presidential race, and the most likeable politician would lose his candidacy to the least likeable.

This is not the first time a politician that many characterized as abrasive and dishonest has captured the votes of the working middle class.

James Traficant, who served as the Mahoning County sheriff and then as a member of the House of Representatives from 1985 to 2002, was famous for his vulgarity, arrogance, flamboyancy and very bad haircut.

Bertram de Souza, a columnist for the *Vindicator* who wrote about Traficant substantially during his

political years, was one of the first people to make the comparison between the two politicians.

"Both have a strong base of support based on their personalities," he pointed out. "Both are very bombastic and don't sound like a scripted politician."

Not sounding like a scripted politician helped Traficant and Trump rise quickly above the rest of their political competition. Voters were — and approval ratings suggest still are — tired of the mainstream political gamesmanship. Traficant, like Trump, appealed to the mainstream voters by acting in a way opposite mainstream politicians.

William Binning of the YSU political science department expounded on Traficant's appeal to voters.

"[Traficant] expressed, at least for his constituents, the general discontent over the economic conditions . . . and he expressed it in the way they wanted it. He

spoke it in their voice," Binning said.

As a representative, Traficant did not shy away from being disliked for his views or actions. He was often characterized as an independent but brash senator and had an uncanny sense of how to work with the media and the people.

Trump, like Traficant, doesn't rely on polls or speechwriters to work with the American public. He even refuses to use teleprompters, preferring instead to "speak from the heart," as de Souza put it.

"Whether or not you believe he does that, that's how it looks . . . People look at that and say, 'Here's someone who says it like it is,'" de Souza said. "There are a lot of undecided people who don't like politicians, and those are the sort of people who Trump is attracting. [He's] taking stands on issues that affect people personally. Jobs, international competition,

unfair tax laws that hurt the middle class — Traficant stood up and fought the tax laws like that too."

When asked how Trump was able to read the public's concerns so well without conventional polls or advisors, de Souza pointed to the skills Trump developed long before his political career.

"I think Trump is a very, very good salesman. He got his start in real estate, so he had to be good at that anyway. But I think the most successful politicians are the ones who recognize where the crowd is going and charge to the front of the pack to lead them," he said.

Like Traficant, Trump is working the American media system — and polls suggest he's impressively good at it. Despite using divisive and — to some — offensive language regularly, Trump may be touching the same nerve in blue-collar voters that Traficant did years ago.

FDA Approves First-Ever Drug for Women with Low Sexual Desire

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WASHINGTON — After three failed attempts, the libido-boosting drug flibanserin for women finally passed FDA scrutiny on Tuesday to become the first government-approved treatment for the most prevalent sexual disorder affecting women — a lack of sexual desire.

Some 10 percent of U.S. women, roughly 16 million people, suffer from the problem known as "hypoactive sexual desire disorder" and Dr. Sheryl Kingsberg, a clinical psychologist, has seen the distress it can cause.

"I treat hypoactive sexual desire disorder and I have women who are literally in

tears in my office saying, 'why is there nothing for me?'" said Kingsberg, division chief of behavioral medicine at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland.

When the little pink pills hit the market later this year under the name Addyi, flibanserin will provide relief for millions of premenopausal women, helping to improve their lives, relationships and marriages.

By acting on the central nervous system in the brain, Addyi, by Sprout Pharmaceuticals of Raleigh, N.C., will decrease spur the production of dopamine and norepinephrine, neurotransmitters that regulate mood, behavior and sexual excitement.

For women whose low sexual desire isn't the result of relationship problems, a history

of abuse, depression, medical ailments, medication side effects or other non-biologic factors, flibanserin will help restore their sexual appetite.

The drug, also known as the "pink Viagra," should be taken once daily at bedtime to cut the risk of adverse events. Patients who don't see improvement after eight weeks should discontinue treatment.

"It's not for everybody," said Dr. Lisa Larkin, director of the women's health center at the University of Cincinnati. "Not all women who have low desire have a biologic basis. We understand that very clearly. But there's a subgroup of patients where biology really is the issue and it's that group of patients who will be candidates for this medication."

Addyi can cause a severe drop in blood pressure and

a loss of consciousness, risks that increase when taken with alcohol and other medications that impede the drug's breakdown in the body.

"Because of a potentially serious interaction with alcohol, treatment with Addyi will only be available through certified health care professionals and certified pharmacies," said Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "Patients and prescribers should fully understand the risks associated with the use of Addyi before considering treatment."

While the FDA has approved numerous treatments for sexual dysfunction in men, the agency has been accused of gender bias for failing to approve any such medications for females. Previous candidates — including flibanserin

— have been rejected because of a lack of effectiveness and safety concerns. But critics say numerous medications that treat male sexual dysfunction have side effects that are far more dangerous than those posed by Addyi.

"Women have been really suffering in silence with really no treatment options," Larkin said. "We really just have not given women's sexual health the same interest and enthusiasm and I think the approval of this drug will really help in that regard."

Larkin is co-scientific chair of a coalition of flibanserin supporters called "Even the Score," which is made up of health professionals, trade groups and others.

“It’s Definitely Going to be a Challenge for Us” YSU Prepares for St. Francis University



Youngstown State University quarterback Hunter Wells takes a snap from under center in the team’s win against Robert Morris University on Saturday. Wells completed a game winning touch-down pass to l’Tavious Harvin in overtime to give the Penguins a 21-14 lead.

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“We have to start off faster. We started off slow and that played a major role in the game toward the end game. We just have to come out faster this week,” Jody Webb, Youngstown State University’s running back, said.

The YSU football team escaped its game against Robert Morris University by the skin of its teeth. The Penguins needed overtime to come away with a 21-14 win on Saturday.

For the second straight week the Penguins had trouble stopping the run. YSU allowed 325 rushing yards to the University of Pittsburgh and gave up 155 yards to Robert Morris, 152 to Colonials’ running back Rameses Owens.

YSU head coach Bo Pelini

said he thought the team played well versus the run against Robert Morris, but that the tackling has to improve as the season progresses.

“The one long play we blitzed and we missed a gap, and you gotta tackle it for an 8-yard gain and we missed the tackle. Probably the biggest concern for me as far as stopping the run is the yardage after contact,” Pelini said. “We’re there we make contact at the line of scrimmage, and instead of it being second and 10, it’s second and five because we missed a tackle. We put a huge emphasis on tackling — we do it everyday. We need to tackle better and usually sometimes you have that early in the season, but it has to get better.”

YSU quarterback Hunter Wells struggled against the Colonials. Wells completed 11-27 passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns. YSU receivers had trouble catching passes

and the offensive line allowed two sacks. Pelini said the Penguins must play better around Wells.

“I don’t think we played well around him the other night in the passing game,” Pelini said. “Obviously some drops and things hurt us, and we complete a fairly long one down the field and we’re in motion. Some things happened — we didn’t play well around him. He missed a couple throws. He missed a third down throw, and one on a third down throw late in the game where he should have probably taken his check down, and we probably move the sticks.”

“He’s still growing; he’s still a young player. I think he’s a very good football player and what I like about him is he’s usually pretty accurate. You got to play well around the quarterback too. At times our protection broke down. One time we called the wrong pro-

tection. We put the back on the defensive end for instance, when the back should have been out on the route. Because the back didn’t get out on the route the primary receiver, which the route would have been there, ended up being double covered because the back didn’t get out. It’s little things like that are hurting us.”

The 16th-ranked Penguins will play St. Francis University on Saturday. YSU’s run defense will be tested again this week. Last season, St. Francis running back Khairi Dickson ran for 151 yards against the Penguins in their week four matchup.

“It’s definitely going to be a challenge for us,” Pelini said. “It’s a different running back than we’ve seen the first couple weeks. He’s a little bit more of a scat back, really quick, has great vision. There are times you watch on film and you stop the film thinking it’s going to

be a two or three yard play or no game, and next thing you know he can make guys miss in a small area. Which for us, has been an issue for us. We need to tackle better and really take the technique that we teach to the field.”

YSU defensive tackle Steve Zaborsky said the defense will have to improve in practice this week. He said the Penguins will play one of the “top backs” in the nation.

“You just gotta take the right angles. [That’s] something that we didn’t do quite as well last week and something we’re definitely going to focus on this week. You want to gradually increase your level of play and your consistency,” Zaborsky said. “So I think having another week under our belt to get ready, practice, focus on what we didn’t do well last week or prior weeks, it will help us get ready for the challenge ahead of us.”

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(9) Northern Iowa at Cal Poly

Penguins Prepare for Butler Invitational

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The Youngstown State University volleyball team will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana to compete in the Butler Invitational on Friday.

This will be the final non-conference tournament before the Penguins open their conference schedule at home against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Sept. 24.

The Penguins will compete in a three-game tournament against Butler University, Southern Illinois University and the University of Missouri.

“I think playing Missouri will definitely be a really big challenge for us because they are undefeated so far, and they are obviously very strong. I’m more excited to see how we handle this next weekend going into conference [play],” middle blocker Aly Ryan said.

Nikki Thompson said the team’s chemistry was starting to develop during the Country Financial Redbird Classic. The team lost two out of three matches, but the team beat the University of Toledo for the second time this season.

“We were definitely starting to come together more.

We were starting to pick up on things that we didn’t do very well,” Thompson said. “We’re working more on working together and making sure we’re having fun in the process. Obviously, the Illinois State match was one we wanted to win.”

The Penguins are entering the Butler Invitational with a 5-6 record, and are trying to work out any kinks before YSU begins Horizon League play.

“I thought we played well,” Ryan said. “I don’t think, so far this year, we’ve haven’t gotten into a rhythm yet. We definitely have been playing well together, but I think with some new people in the lineup and having lost our two seniors. We’re still trying to get used to each other. All this non-conference play is just practice and preparing us for the future. I think we’re definitely close to getting into our rhythm. We’ve been getting better, but we still aren’t there yet.”

Last season, YSU averaged 2.35 blocks per set, but this season the Penguins are averaging 1.80 blocks per set. Shannon Watson, one of the players who graduated after last season, led the team in blocks last year. Mark Hardaway, the YSU head volleyball coach, said the front row has to improve for the defense to get better.

“We’re not blocking as well as we did last year, and I feel like our defensive players

are a strength this year, but I think since we’re not doing as good of a job at the net blocking, I think we’ve made the back rows job very hard,” Hardaway said. “The front rows got to get a little more disciplined in our blocking. Until we get to a point where we’re blocking as well as we did last year, our defensive kids are just going to have to pick it up and save us when we screw up in the front row.”

Offensively, the Penguins have been down statistically. While the stats haven’t seen a horrible drop off, YSU is still below last season’s averages in digs, kills and assists. Hardaway said the team needs to be “more consistent” as they get ready for conference play.

“We’re going to have to continue to get better everyday. We only graduated two from last year, the two we graduated were a very big part of everything we did. I still think we aren’t quite in sync yet with a couple of new people. I think we have to stay positive and continue to get better everyday,” Hardaway said. “From an offensive standpoint, we have to take advantage of the opportunities we can get. We had some great opportunities to score points where we haven’t. It means the hitters need to be a little more aggressive when they have one-on-one blocking or an open net. I think they have to be a lot more aggressive.”



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