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By Meredith Siegel

Stereotypes negatively affect many people and can even create barriers for students. Because of this, a professor of COMM 3030 had her students break out the Facebook page “BG4Unity” to combat stereotypes and online negativity.

Lisa Hanasono teaches the class, aiming to teach students about persuasive communication.

Hanasono brings this skill online to talk about stereotypes college students face every day. They take pictures of students holding up pieces of paper with stereotypes they wrote down, which also include ways they break the stereotypes.

This could be about student organizations, like fraternities and sororities; age; gender; race and culture; sexual identities; health; majors and mental illness.

BG4Unity started on Facebook out of a rise of bullying and hate speech online.

“Our community was really moved in a negative way by some horrible messages that were being shared on social media. There was a rise in a particular social platform that was called Yik Yak, where people could post things anonymously,” Hanasono said. “So sometimes the very nature of the technologies were lending themselves to facilitate nasty communication… We realized there was a need to address this negativity that was being spread on social media.”

Hanasono and her class have two goals in mind for this project. “We're trying to help people use social media to challenge stereotypes and discrimination,” the professor said. “We're trying to use social media for good, as opposed to hate. But we also tried to provide a sense of hope for people who may be targeted.”

Carillon Young, a junior communication major, is currently taking this class. She chose to challenge stereotypes about race and culture. She will be posting with her group next week. “We went out and our goal was to persuade as many people as possible to take a BG4Unity snapshot. It was a great experience, and I actually had a lot of fun going out and talking to students about the purpose and impact this campaign has on our community,” Young said.

Hanasono and the class that helped her develop BG4Unity wanted to localize this project to the University. “What we decided to do was make BG4Unity a community-based project, so what that means is identifying a local issue in our BG area and trying to figure out how we can use our class concepts and our knowledge for good to address (hate speech and bullying online),” Hanasono said.

Drew Ashby-King, a University student, took this class in 2015, and gave some perspective on the class project. “I think that the students that are a part of this course do make an impact. Each semester students are encouraging their friends to like and follow the BG4Unity pages; therefore, the messages and pictures are being shared to a larger and larger portion of the BGSU and local community,” Ashby-King said. “I also think that having those positive messages online and having folks share how they defy stereotypes can truly help the individuals who see the messages, but they may never actually tell anyone how much it effected them.”

Hanasono speaks about social media and diversity issues at a Not In Our Town panel.

As a 1975 Homecoming Activity, BGSU students danced their way into the Guinness Book of World Records with the “world’s longest snake dance.” 3,376 people formed the “longest conga line.”
Trump’s environmental pick needs to do research

By Chase Bachman
Columnist

Last Wednesday, President Trump’s pick for his top environmental official, Kathleen Hartnett White, was grilled in a senate hearing that was cringe-worthy at best. Her responses were reminiscent of a student trying to write a research paper on a topic they know nothing about.

“I’m not a scientist, but in my personal capacity, I have many questions that remain unanswered by current climate policy,” Hartnett White said.

Hartnett White did not define herself as a climate change skeptic, but she presented herself as such. Rather than researching climate change studies before the hearing, she seemed completely uninformed about basic environmental science terminology, such as rising ocean temperatures.

It seemed as if Hartnett White intentionally avoided research that was the product of the last presidential administration.

“I view this report really as the product of the last administration, not of this president,” Hartnett White said.

Rather than trusting in climate scientists, Hartnett White refused to believe research from the last administration is objective, despite hundreds of studies confirming human contribution to climate change. She did recognize the possibility of some human contribution: “the extent to which I think is very uncertain.”

Hartnett White has accused the past administration of being biased when it comes to climate policy. Yet, she isn’t even scientifically literate enough to know if those studies are trustworthy.

A senator asked her if she would rely on scientists to give her a concrete answer about climate change, and she replied “No, I’ve had that question for a very long time.”

In other words, Hartnett White has questioned the validity of climate change for a while. However, she hasn’t taken it upon herself to seek out an answer to her own question. That is a huge red flag when it comes to picking a national environmental advisor.

When asked about humanity’s contribution to the rise of global ocean temperatures, Hartnett White’s response was extremely disheartening. In her own words, she “doesn’t have even much layman’s study on the issue.”

Hartnett White is the former head of the Texas Council on Environmental Quality. She was also being considered to be the head of the EPA but lacked the credentials. In October 2017, she provided a stance on climate change, which I believe shows her bias towards more relaxed environmental protection policies.

“I am not at all persuaded by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) science that we are standing on some precipice,” Hartnett White told The Washington Post last October, referring to the urgency to combat global warming. “We’re not standing on a cliff from which we are about to fall off.”

The national environmental advisor doesn’t necessarily need to be a scientist, but they definitely need to be scientifically literate. It’s hard to imagine Hartnett White passing the science portion on the OGT, let alone a college entrance exam. It’s her personal choice to deny global warming – but she should at least have the knowledge to back her claims up.

Jay Crawford mentors students

By Chase Bachman
Columnist

In April of this year, the iconic cable sports network ESPN finally faced the consequences of biting off more than they could chew.

As the company spent millions of dollars for the broadcasting rights to football games, they lost millions of subscribers who favored streaming content online and looked to save money. They had to make cuts. ESPN was forced to write a big check to more than 100 employees and claim them as a loss.

Beloved personalities such as Trent Dilfer, Danny Kanell and Northwest Ohio native Jay Crawford were all cut a check and dropped from the company. How each of these personalities is spending their time is up to their discretion, just as long as they don’t work in the media. As part of the layoffs, Crawford and others agreed to a non-compete clause in their contract, prohibiting them from working at another network such as FOX Sports or NBCSports.

Jay Crawford, a 1983 graduate of Sandusky Perkins High School and 1987 graduate of Bowling Green State University, has chosen to spend part of his time as an executive-in-residence at the University, sharing his wealth of knowledge with the young minds in Bowling Green.

The 52-year-old sportscaster has had a very notable career as the host of ESPN’s First Take with personalities Skip Bayless and Stephen A. Smith, as well as brief tenure as an anchor for SportsCenter. Now, Crawford is spending a week out of each month of the school year at his alma mater helping to develop students in the world of sports and broadcasting.

That’s where I came in. As a regular guest on WBGU-FM’s sports talk show For The Win, I was a part of a great entertaining environment that talked about sports. We had colorful topics, entertaining segments and a show that brought in celebrity guests. The celebrity guest in this case was Jay Crawford. The hosts and other regulars on the show were ecstatic at the fact that we had a guest who was a personality on ESPN and was verified on Twitter. This made us incredibly anxious, nervous and especially excited.

Jay Crawford was nothing short of the best guest we have had on our show, and probably the best guest with which I’ll interact in a long time. One look at him and a career in television made perfect sense. His personality, intellect and charm all contributed to making one of the best guests in Bowling Green sports radio history. That all sounds like a lot of puffery, exaggeration and hyperbole, but how many college students in America can say they were on a show with Jay Crawford? At this point in Bowling Green, only five including myself.
Critics need critical thinking

By Adam Gretsinger
Copy Chief

When I think of professional critics, I think of the film “Ratatouille” and its food critic character, Anton Ego. Blunt, cynical and extremely prejudiced against the film’s restaurant, the critic first comes across as a straight-up antagonist to the rat-chef main character, but when Ego’s taste of Remy’s food takes his mind back to his childhood, Ego sets aside his pessimistic leanings to give the restaurant a five-star rating. He even gives this rating after learning his meal had been planned and cooked by rats, placing the objective result above everything else.

Mark Walton from the news organization GameStop, on the other hand, gave “Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze,” a game that received a 9.0 user rating on Metacritic and received many 9 and 8 ratings by professionals for its inventive level designs and solid gameplay, a 6/10 rating because he said it didn’t innovate enough with its level design and was therefore “dull and derivative.”

Every form of entertainment has a loose, but influential, community of critics who work to signal to uninformed potential audience members an answer to the eternal question — is something good or bad, and why is it so? While many critics successfully make these logical distinctions between good and bad media; however, many others burn their critical ethos by answering a different set of questions — how well can I generate attention for myself or get out of putting in effort for something I don’t want to do?

The ideas of subtlety and nuance in reviewing games, movies or any type of media are sidelined more and more often for the sake of creating entertainment out of appraisals. This trend of reaction-based entertainment is not anything new: Roger Ebert became known for being one of the harshest film critics in the business, and Gordon Ramsay grew famous for ripping into cooks and establishments. However, while both Ramsay and Ebert drew ratings out of tough words, they came from places of authority: Ramsay being a skilled chef and restaurateur and Ebert having won a Pulitzer Prize in Criticism. Their authority to criticize came from experience or analytical expertise, and their reason for criticism came from desires to improve the works in their fields by pointing out bad practices.

Walton was entirely within his rights to hold his opinion; however, his criticism, instead of pointing out the negative aspects of the work, amounted to voicing a desire for “Donkey Kong” to play like a different game. In his review, he mentioned he preferred the swift, momentum-based “Rayman: Legends” and the three-dimensional “Super Mario 3D World” to the gorilla platformer because of how they mixed up traditional platforming conventions with puzzles and “clever new ideas.” Because he saw nothing “Donkey Kong” did as inventive or resembling his other preferred games, he rated it worse: he ripped into the game for what it was not, not what it was, despite the fact that “none of its levels (were) bad.”

Whether Walton intended to stir up attention for his work is up for debate, but the result of his review was that he received much more attention for it by rating it so lowly.

But at least Walton appeared to play through the game, compared to the Oscar voting panel in its treatment of the best animated feature category over the years. To those not aware of the story, voters for that awards show have repeatedly given away the statue for best animated feature to movies despite the fact not every one of the panelists watched the entrees. Stories by Amid Amidi for Cartoon Brew have highlighted voter’s comments, and at least for the 2014 awards, three of them said they did not watch the films up for the award. One voter said he refused to watch any of them, had no interests to watch them because he was an adult and only got near them when he took his child to see them, taking phone calls outside while the film played.

Another film I recently watched received paltry scores from people who said they couldn’t be bothered to pay attention to it; they played on their phones instead.

Whether writing for an incensed audience’s reaction (and therefore more clicks), or writing to get a paycheck from their hour-and-a-half of work, critics have and will make bad reviews and expect their opinions to be respected. These are not the practices of all critics, but their presence in the world of entertainment should not be tolerated, even in their limited size. Comment on bad reviews, respectfully, so that organizations know they should employ more critics like Anton Ego, and not what Anton Ego was thought to be.
New eatery shakes up the Falcon’s Nest

By April Leygraaf

Steak ‘n Shake is the latest eatery to be added to the Falcon’s Nest this past August. Steak ‘n Shake replaced Steak Escape, which was previously the lowest performing eatery in the Falcon’s Nest.

“The previous brand in that location had been in place for almost 15 years, sales and popularity had been in a continuous decline since the last renovation in 12/13,” Mike Paulus, the BGSU Dining director, said.

Steak ‘n Shake was chosen as the new option when a recent survey showed students favored a burger option in the Union. Other perks to Steak ‘n Shake are its popularity and cheap prices. Students can get a burger and fries for under $4, and the milkshakes are a reasonable price, too.

According to Paulus, Steak ‘n Shake is performing as expected and has already outperformed Steak Escape by more than double. Sales peaked at the start of the semester and have remained stable ever since. The new addition has also kept up with the budget of the Falcon’s Nest and has increased consumer satisfaction.

“BGSU dining will participate in specials and limited time offers as offered by the franchise,” Paulus said.

Because the Steak ‘n Shake in the Union is not a full restaurant, it offers a limited menu. However, new additions to the menu will be considered as they are introduced by Steak ‘n Shake.

However, not everyone is impressed with the new addition.

“I think Steak Escape, to me, had higher quality food, and you got more for your money. Steak ‘n Shake gives you small burgers for a high price and the shakes, there’s not much variety,” sophomore Braden Thatcher said.

The selection of eateries in the Falcon’s Nest is determined by a combination of financial performance and student satisfaction. Every year students are invited to complete a survey for BGSU Dining. The survey is a large determinant in what eateries stay or leave.

According to the Steak ‘n Shake website, the Steak ‘n Shake brand has been around for over 80 years and got its start in Normal, Illinois. The franchise now has 544 locations in the U.S. and Europe. Steak ‘n Shake at the Falcon’s Nest is open Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
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Rockets beat Falcons in I-75 showdown

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons football team was defeated by the Toledo Rockets 66-37 on Wednesday night in the Battle of I-75.

“It’s extremely disheartening,” Falcons head coach Mike Jinks said. “Coming into the season, one of the things we talked about was taking care of our home schedule, and we did exactly the opposite.”

The first quarter saw the Falcons get off to a strong start, with senior wide receiver Teo Redding catching a 57-yard pass from freshman quarterback Jarret Doege, with the extra point from junior kicker Jake Suder. This gave the team the early 7-0 advantage. However, Toledo responded on their next drive with a short rushing touchdown to tie it back up. Near the end of the quarter, Toledo took their first lead of the game with another short touchdown run, giving themselves a 14-7 lead at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, the Falcons came back with a touchdown pass from Doege to freshman running back Andrew Clair, tying the game up once more. Toledo returned the favor on their next possession with another touchdown run. As the half began winding down, Doege and Redding were able to connect once again to even the game up with 4:18 left in the first. However, with just 19 seconds remaining, Toledo grabbed the lead with a short field goal to make it a 24-21 game as the teams headed into the locker rooms.

“We scored touchdowns and we answered,” Jinks said. “It became a shootout, and they had more bullets than we did.”

In the third quarter, it was Toledo that opened up the second half scoring with yet another running touchdown. They had a long touchdown pass on their first play from scrimmage, taking a 38-21 advantage. However, the Falcons would respond on their next possession with a touchdown pass from Doege to junior wide receiver Scott Miller. While there wasn’t much scoring throughout the middle part of the third quarter, Toledo was able to increase their lead with a pair of touchdowns, one on a rush and one on a pass, giving them a 52-28 lead going into the fourth quarter.

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The fourth began with the Falcons starting to chip away at the deficit, with Suder getting another field goal. However, the team was unable to slow down the Toledo offense as they scored a pair of touchdown runs. The Falcons were able to get a touchdown run as time expired. With the game already decided, the team did not kick the extra point as Toledo took the 66-37 win. The Falcons were unable to win a home game this season.

The team will next play Tuesday night, finishing out their season on the road against the Eastern Michigan Eagles.
Falcon basketball falls to SD Cougars

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

The Falcons men’s basketball team hosted and lost to the South Dakota Cougars at the Stroh Center Monday night.

Basketball can be a game of runs and most of the second half was a run for the Cougars, as they shot 57.6 percent in the second including eight stray balls.

“They didn’t get rattled, and that was the thing,” Falcons head coach Michael Huger said. “They stayed together and made some tough shots down the stretch, and I mean that was it. They made their free throws when they had to, but the biggest thing was they hit key shots at key moments when we were on a run to comeback and getting a comeback and getting stops and turnovers, and then they hit a three and that was the difference.”

The main difference maker in this one was Matt Mooney, a junior guard for South Dakota. He was unconscious in the second half as he scored 22 of his 26. The guard rebounded from a poor first half which saw him go two for 12 with a seven for nine from the floor as well as four for five from deep.

“I saw a championship team,” Huger said. “A lot of people don’t realize how good they are. Coming from the summit league they are the champs from last year, and they brought back a lot of those guys from that team and Mooney showed why he’s a first-team, all-conference player. He was able to take over the game late and hit key shots and big threes down the stretch and did was he was supposed to do.”

For the Falcons, it was Dylan Frye, a sophomore guard, leading the way as he put in 23 while grabbing seven boards.

“He came out and played really well tonight,” Huger said. “You know it was just a tough game for us. Going against that experience that they have. We get up, and they didn’t rattle. They didn’t waver at all, and they were able to come back and Dylan was able to keep us in the game.”

Frye wasn’t alone bearing the load, as freshman forward Derek Koch had a double-double.

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The Falcons’ next contest will be a tough one as they will welcome in a perennial tournament participant in the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles on Saturday night.

Hockey rematch against Minnesota

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons hockey team will face the Minnesota State Mavericks on Friday and Saturday night, the second time the teams have matched up for a series this season.

In the series played earlier in the season, the Falcons fell in the first game 4-1 before coming back to win the second game 5-2 to split the series.

“This is our next opponent, and this is our next league series,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “We’re going to prepare, and we’re going to conserve energy knowing that it’s a long way to get there.”

With Minnesota State playing well to begin the season, currently holding a 6-2 conference record, 8-3 overall, the team knows how important the series is for playoff seeding down the road; however, they want to keep the focus on just this series right now.

“We try to look at every game the same,” Bergeron said. “I don’t want to look back at our series against Minnesota State at the February and say, ‘Man, I wish we had done more.’ I don’t look at it that way. Hopefully we’re doing all that we need to do so come the end of February; we’ll be in control no matter who we play against.”

The team is also having a good start to the season as well, as they have a 4-1-3 conference record going into this weekend, 5-3-3 overall.

“We’re just trying to continue the momentum every day,” Bergeron said. “It’s not really from Saturday to Minnesota State; it’s from Saturday to our next opportunity to play in a game. I think the practices are getting kind of old and getting them energized and up for practice isn’t easy, but like always, you look for the older guys to carry some positive vibes and lead the way from a positive perspective when we get to practice and when we get on the bus when we go to play Friday. I can tell you if we’re not ready, we’ll be punched in the face, figuratively, pretty quick, and we’ll get woken up that we’re in a series here.”

The team is also going to be looking to their upperclassmen to step up and continue the consistent play from last weekend’s sweep against the Lake Superior State Lakers.

“We rely on the older people, and we really don’t do anything different,” Bergeron said. “We’re happy with what happened against Lake Superior and put it behind us and moved on.”

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New crosswalks on Wooster St.

By Brionna Scebbi
Reporter

It is common to see students running across Wooster Street amidst traffic as they are coming to or from campus. In response to pedestrian patterns established by a 2015 safety survey, the Bowling Green Public Works Department is in the process of installing four new crosswalks along the busy road.

Two of these will be traditional crosswalks with refuge islands halfway across the road while the other two will be pedestrian hybrid beacons. The beacons consist of red stoplights pedestrians activate with the push of a button, causing traffic to come to a stop.

The traditional crosswalks will be placed just east of Manville Avenue, leading to Founders Hall, and just west of the Falcon Health Center. The pedestrian hybrid beacons will be located east of Troup Street, leading to McFall Center, and further east down Wooster Street, leading to the Stroh Center.

BG News took to the streets to find out from students themselves how this might affect their commute across Wooster Street.
USG supports proposed medical amnesty policy

By Courtney Brown
Campus Editor

Undergraduate Student Government unanimously voted for a resolution supporting a current draft of a new University medical amnesty policy Monday night.

The proposed policy, drafted by the president of the University’s Students for Sensible Drug Policy chapter, Robert Goldsmith, would allow students to seek medical care for drug abuse or addiction without breaking the University student code of conduct.

Illegal drug use would also not go onto students’ academic transcripts, but repetitive or severe violations would “be determined on a case by case basis,” according to the draft.

Notably, the medical amnesty policy does not protect students from federal or state laws dealing with drug and alcohol use; it only deals with University student codes of conduct.

In other matters, Del-Marcus Goolsby of the undergraduate senate mentioned the School of Media and Communication at the University has a problem with its student media fee.

The student media fee is $18 per semester and currently optional. He said student media has not been getting enough funding from the fee, and officials serving on the Student Media Advisory Committee do not know how much money from the fee has actually been going into Falcon Media.

Committee members “don’t even know who’s handling the money,” Goolsby said. The Student Media Advisory Committee will likely help oversee the fee starting next semester, he said.

USG also discussed:

• Its new election week next spring, which will now run two weeks earlier than planned. Election week will be from March 19 at 8 a.m. to March 22 at 12 p.m.

• Concerns about free speech on campus, since some students became upset after certain groups voiced their opinions on campus, said the assistant to the president of the Diversity and Inclusion department, Christina Lunceford.

• Food insecurity for college students abroad. Lunceford said there were no sustainable or ongoing solutions to this problem currently. In South Africa, 65 percent of university students are at risk for going hungry, she said.

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