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BG coffee shop attracts students

By Brionna Scebbi  
Reporter

Grounds for Thought is more than a coffee shop; it’s an “experience,” owner Kelly Wicks said.

While there is a change in students who cycle through the locally owned store from year to year, the reputation that Grounds for Thought has earned over the past three decades remains constant.

First year business student Suzanne Button said a recommendation from an older student is what first brought her to Main Street to take advantage of the coffee, books and board games that Grounds for Thought has to offer.

“It’s a cute coffee shop, and I loved the idea of having it as a bookstore and a place where you can sit down,” Button said of her first visit.

Wicks described this sit-down atmosphere of Grounds for Thought as a “community center” where local residents of Bowling Green can occupy the same space as students of the University, giving them a deeper sense of the town. It is this community aspect that makes the shop “one of a kind” as a “Bowling Green original,” he said.

Grounds for Thought barista Jenica Georgeson cited not only the atmosphere but the prices as key reasons why students might walk downtown rather than across campus for coffee.

Dunkin’ Donuts and Starbucks on campus serve as competition for the small business. However, Wicks is hopeful about a trend from brand loyalty to a search for authenticity that he has witnessed in students over the past 28 years.

A Forbes analysis of a 2017 report on millennial shopping patterns supports Wicks’ hunch about his millennial customers. Younger millennials, aged 20 to 23 years old, are more likely than those in their ear-

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Aziz Ansari and consent

By Meredith Siegel
Columnist

The Babe article that detailed an anonymous woman's date with Aziz Ansari has sparked up a debate about the #MeToo movement and what consent actually means.

The woman, referred to as Grace in the article, detailed her date and said when they arrived back at Ansari's apartment she engaged in various sexual acts that she felt uncomfortable doing, but she also felt uncomfortable saying no.

As far as sexual violence goes, this is not the most heinous, and it's not illegal, but it does reveal a lot about what both men and women are conditioned to think about sexual encounters and what the #MeToo movement means to people.

Unlike what many people are saying, this article is not career-destroying for Ansari. It's not a witch-hunt for successful men, and it's not a case of regret.

Grace had an incredibly uncomfortable date with Ansari, who didn't care much to truly see if she was enjoying it as much as he was. This brings up an entirely new, but equally important, conversation about sexual relations. Enthusiastic consent is incredibly important to understand and to put into practice.

Enthusiastic consent is the presence of a verbal, completely voluntary yes in a sexual situation. Ansari didn't look for an enthusiastic yes at all, according to Grace, and this is where the problem came in. As long as she wasn't saying a clear "no," Ansari just accepted her behavior as a yes.

Popular media shows over and over again that persistence is key for a man to find a woman. That wearing women down until they give a reluctant yes is okay. And it is time for a cultural shift to say that an absence of a "no" is not enough.

If he had once, genuinely asked, "Is this okay?" then maybe Grace wouldn't have stayed for so long or felt so uncomfortable.

This conversation about enthusiastic consent reveals what people are getting out of the #MeToo movement.

For many, they were learning what is legal and what isn't. They are strictly following the legal guidelines of sexual violence. Most women are trained to let men down easy, and it becomes understood that they should make the man feel comfortable and happy when they are together.

But if enthusiastic consent is understood and applied, women's own comfort and enjoyment are brought into the picture. This is about finally focusing on women, and making sure they feel comfortable and safe in a sexual situation.

According to Ansari, he understood the situation to be completely consensual. This just makes it clear he didn't really care what she thought, and was operating through the situation with his own, and only his own, enjoyment in mind.

Also, Ansari talks a lot about sexual assault. This situation shows a clear misunderstanding of how women operate the world and maybe he shouldn't be talking about sexual assault.

In an article from Vox, titled “The Aziz Ansari story is ordinary. That’s why we have to talk about it,” it said, “It means asking men to recognize that and do better, and it means changing the culture so that badgering and pressuring women into sex is deplored, not endorsed. None of this will happen if we refuse to reckon with stories like Grace’s.”

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We need to have a conversation about all kinds of sexual violence, and that includes everyday, average but uncomfortable situations.
How to work from home

By Victoria Scanlon
Guest Columnist

So, you are exploring starting a business or working from home. Let me ask you this: Are you ready for the blood, sweat and tears required? Just kidding. However, it still takes a load of motivation and time.

Businesses do not just pop into thin air. It is never likely to just pick a name, logo, location and apply for a small business loan and expect everything to soar in the first few months - or even the first year. It takes many, many hours of hard work, learning and marketing to build the necessary reputation for self-employment. This form of a career is perfect for any creative entrepreneur/student looking to work for themselves.

There are obviously many other steps to take, but that depends on what avenue you are jumping into. These basic start-up ideas can provide you with inspiration.

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eBooks: Are you full of knowledge? Do you know a lot about a certain topic? Are you a professional mommy, entrepreneur or photographer? Write a short eBook about it! You can add visuals, gifs, videos, charts, graphs, comedy and a crap-load of good information for readers! These range from $.99 to $20 depending on the content, investments made and writers involved. If 10,000 people buy a $1.99 eBook, that is $20,000 over time for writing one book. The trick here is to consistently market these eBooks.

Using multiple types of reach to expand a company is optimal for high success. There are many ways to work for yourself and complete the goals you’ve set out for — it just depends where your niche is.

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Within her first six days on the job, new Women's Center Director Angela Clark-Taylor had already applied for a grant— the first of many steps the Long Island native plans to take during her time at the University.

Since her official start date, Jan. 4, Clark-Taylor has been in back-to-back meetings, fully immersing herself in her new role. She's already met with students working on the Equity and Sports Management Program and the Vagina Monologues, as well as meeting the Graduate Women's Caucus, the Dean of Student's Office and community partners like the Cocoon, whose campus advocacy program manager has office space in the Women's Center.

The suffrage memorabilia collector takes over the Women's Center as a new feminist movement is hitting the country in the wake of sexual assault allegations.

V Jane Rosser, director of the University's Center for Community and Civic Engagement, led the search for a new Women's Center director and said the candidate pool was very strong and it was a challenge to replace the founding director Mary Krueger, a "nationally known Women's Center director and gender equity activist."

An "exciting and diverse set of experiences" helped set Clark-Taylor apart from the rest, Rosser said, and she looks forward about future collaborations between the Women's Center and CCCE, as well as the "skills and passion Dr. Clark-Taylor brings to diversity and inclusion work on campus and in the community."

Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Thomas J. Gibson also recognizes the diverse background of Clark-Taylor in helping her rise above other candidates. “She is a skilled practitioner and researcher of matters related to women, gender and sexuality. I look forward to her contributions to BGSU in promoting women's leadership, academic success, equity and inclusion,” he said in a press release announcing Clark-Taylors hiring.

Clark-Taylor's three-pillar vision for the role of women's centers: education equity, violence prevention and leadership development.

To fully implement the model in the most efficient way, Clark-Taylor plans to update pro-

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Women’s basketball defeats Kent St.

By Brendan Kramer
Sports Reporter

The Falcon women’s basketball team picked up their second consecutive conference win on Wednesday night at the Stroh Center. They were able to hang on late to win 60-50 over the Kent State Golden Flashes.

Junior guard Sydney Lambert led the team with 13 points in the game, as well as great off the bench contributions from Caterrion Thompson who added 12 points. These solid performances soared Bowling Green to their second straight win.

Kent State was led by Ali Poole with 17 points and by Megan Carter’s 12 points. However, the Falcons’ defense was unforgiving as they held Kent State’s leading scorer, Jordan Korinek, to just seven total points.

“Korinek is fantastic,” Falcons head coach Jennifer Roos said. “It’s about how well she’s scoring, how well she’s rebounding and her offensive efficiency is fantastic. She’s a real stalwart for them. But we wanted to push her off the block and be physical with her. We really wanted to limit her attempts, especially at the foul line.”

The Falcon defense proved to be a major factor in tonight’s game. Kent State’s Jordan Korinek, leads the MAC in points per game with 20.4. Korinek ended the night with only seven points which looks to have been the difference in this contest.

“The coaches emphasized today that she is the leading scorer in the MAC,” Lambert said. “We knew that they liked to run back screens for her to get her into the paint, just emphasizing the post players to jump to the ball and beat her to the block was a big key for us.”

The Falcons couldn’t have had this win without their great defense but also without their nearly perfect 15-of-17 from the free throw line. Kent State was forced to foul in the final minutes of the ball game down six, but Bowling Green was not phased and knocked down its final six free throws to ice the game.

The team will next play on Saturday afternoon at home against the Ohio Bobcats, as the Falcons look to continue their winning streak and pick up their third straight conference victory.

Men’s basketball defeats Miami

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

The Falcon men’s basketball team defeated the Miami RedHawks 81-70 on Tuesday night, fueled by a second half in which the Falcons outscored the RedHawks 51-31.

“I always preach about the defense and how important that is,” Falcons head coach Michael Huger said. “We can get a stop, but it’s not complete until we come away with that rebound. So that’s what we talked about at the half: getting stops at the other end and being able to run out in transition. That’s what we were able to do. In the second half especially we were able to just control (Darrian) Ringo. Ringo got off real big against us the first game, and we wanted to do a good job of controlling him. I think we did that, especially in the second half.”

Offensively and defensively the Falcons were lead by junior forward Demajeo Wiggins once again, who gained his fourth straight game with a double-double. Wiggins finished the game with a stat line of 22 points, 15 rebounds and five assists. Those 22 points came on shooting an efficient eight of nine from the field. Wiggins also played 36 of a possible 40 minutes in this game.

“I thought he was going to get a triple-double,” Huger said. “He was only five (assists) away. I am going to go talk to the team about not helping him get that triple-double, and they missed a couple shots that could have been an assist on his part. He did a great job; we played very well. A couple weeks ago, I challenged him to be able to get a double-double for the rest of the season, and so far he is holding up his end of the bargain. I want that to continue throughout the rest of the season; he’s been playing great. He’s being playing with much more energy on the defense end, and that’s helped his offense so I want that to continue.”

Helping Wiggins on offense was sophomore guard Dylan Frye who scored 16 points. Freshman guard Daeqwon Plowden, who has been gaining more playing time as the season rolls on, scored 10 points in 11 minutes.

Next the Falcons take on the Central Michigan Chippewas at home on Saturday afternoon.
Hockey takes on Alaska Anchorage

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcon hockey team will take on the Alaska Anchorage Seawolves on Friday and Saturday night, as the Falcons will play in their first game on home ice since Dec. 28, as well as their first full series at home since Dec. 9-10.

The team will also be looking to rebound from being swept for the first time this season last weekend against the Northern Michigan Wildcats.

“I think it’s going to be important (to come out with energy) because we haven’t played at home with the students in a while,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “Where I think is a little of the concern is that we come out so hungry and so fired up because of what happened last weekend, we want to make that go away and we can’t do that.”

While Alaska Anchorage comes into this weekend as the last place team in the WCHA, goaltender Olivier Mantha leads the conference in total saves made with 712 and holds a strong save percentage with .908 at this point in the season.

I’m looking for a team that’s got really strong goaltending,” Bergeron said. “Mantha is a guy that’s proven in this league, he gets a bunch of shots, so he’s a guy that we’ve got to get to, which last weekend we didn’t do a great job of.”

Despite Alaska Anchorage needing to travel through two time zones to make it to Bowling Green, the Falcons don’t believe that the travel aspect will have much of an effect on the series, and Alaska Anchorage will be ready to play.

“I’ve always felt that, with both Alaska teams, it doesn’t bother them to come on the road,” Bergeron said. “That’s their deal; they travel so much that the travel doesn’t bother them, whether they’re going home or coming down to play somebody. I think that it’s going to be a team ready and hungry, with good goaltending and fighting for a playoff spot; that’s a dangerous team.”

The team is also looking to finish the final part of the regular season with high expectations.

“I want us to play to the level that we’ve set for ourselves, regardless of who we’re playing against,” Bergeron said. “Last weekend, I don’t think we played to that level. There was an opponent who had a lot to say about it, but I don’t think that we played to the level that we set for ourselves... A strength of ours is that we don’t make things up in terms of expectations. The bar is set by the individual and the bar is set by our team collectively, and we try to get there as much as possible.”

Sophomore defenseman Alec Rauhauser skates in a game earlier this season.

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ly thirties to shop in a physical store. Richard Kestenbaum, a Forbes contributor, said in the analysis. He also described some of the values that millennials are conscious of when shopping: “authenticity, local sourcing, ethical production and a great shopping experience,” as well as low prices.

Grounds for Thought brings those elements to Bowling Green millennials, allowing the shop to compete with bigger names in coffee, Wicks said.

The shop's ability to fill seats is not limited to the school year, either. Ice cream and iced coffee sales in the summer keep local customers coming to Grounds for Thought as well as students.

“It’s not as quiet in the summer as it used to be” with the University offering more summer classes and students staying in town to get extra credits during the break, Wicks said.

Whether they buy coffee and donuts in the winter or ice cream and cold drinks in the summer, Grounds for Thought is up to the challenge of introducing his “coffee shop-community center” to each class of students who come to campus.

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grams and brochures and hold a listening tour with students to find culturally appropriate ways those pillars are or should be implemented at the University.

“You don’t change things just to change them; change has to be purposeful,” she said. “And you don’t want to change things on people to change them again.”

One purposeful change is to roll out a new mission and marketing campaign during the Women Center's 20th anniversary in September. Another large upcoming change to the Women’s Center is a move to Hayes Hall.

“We're going to be in a slightly smaller space, but I think it will be more purposeful in that sense that it will have more unique spaces to do specific things,” Clark-Taylor said.

The new spaces on the second floor of Hayes include a new lounge for students to use to hang out or do homework, office space for the Women’s Center and Cocoon employees and a conference room the center will share with TRIO.

While Clark-Taylor has participated in AmeriCorps and worked in nonprofits and at two universities, she knew faculty life was only temporary; the goal was always to be a women’s center director, which led her to apply all over this region.

“Ohio is a really cool state in general,” Clark-Taylor said. “It’s been involved in gender equity movements since voting and suffrage.” She specifically considered Bowling Green because of its rich research and small liberal arts field.

“I knew that I would be able to work with faculty. They’re doing cutting-edge work that would improve my work, and that I also would have a lot of access to students and students that do a lot of things outside of class.”

It all began for her when she realized she identified as bisexual in high school. Though she now identifies as queer and recognizes her privilege as a white, educated woman who is in a long-term partnership with a cisgender man, she faced some barriers in high school in the ‘90s, when being bisexual “wasn’t so cool.”

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