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The aviation program at the University has been steadily growing over the past four years. Christine Doering, the program's marketing manager, said the program has 250 students. Since 2014, the incoming class size has increased by 67 students, with the incoming class in 2014 containing 21 students and the 2017 class containing 88 students.

Doering said the number of students in the program has increased, and the program's fleet of airplanes has grown too large for its hangar space. The hangar holds eight airplanes, and the program currently has 13. Doering said the program is soon going to build a new hangar so they will no longer have to rent out space.

The University recently purchased a 152 Cessna, a smaller, slower plane, for the Falcon Flight Team. In December 2017, the flight team won the Safety Award from the National Intercollegiate Flying Association. At this competition, the team was up against teams from universities like Michigan State, Ohio State and Kent State. Doering said the team is just one of many aspects of the aviation program that makes it stand out and explains its growth.

"Our students really love the small class sizes." She said the small sizes create a more personal atmosphere and ensure that each student gets the attention he or she deserves. Each class size is no more than 30 students, according to the program's website.

Another feature that makes the program stand out is that it is one of only two in the nation which has its own airport on campus. Doering said some students at other universities have to drive 20-30 miles to get to an airport, but at the University's program, students only have to walk 10 minutes to the Wood Country Regional Airport. The location is advantageous to students who need up to 1,000 hours of flight time to graduate.

Doering also said the new engineering program has been growing rapidly since it started four years ago. This new program could be another reason for the aviation program's growth. When the engineering program started four years ago, it only had one student — now, the program has 14.

"The program is getting some notoriety out there, and I think once people start graduating and we find out what kind of jobs they're getting, that will promote the program even more." 

Christine Doering
Aviation Marketing Manager

"I always knew I wanted to be a pilot," Rolle said. Rolle looked at multiple universities with aviation programs before choosing the University. There were many factors that lead to his decision to come to the University, one being how close the airport was to campus. He knew he would not have a car, so having the airport so close was extremely beneficial.

Another reason for Rolle was the quality of the airplanes, most being fairly new or recently refurbished. He said his parents were pretty happy with the airplanes — for safety reasons.

But Rolle's main reason for attending the University was the atmosphere of the campus. "All the reviews I read about BG, not just the aviation program, were about how much it felt like a family here. I see that especially at the flight center, it's like one big family."
Combating climate change

By Stepha Poulin
Forum Editor

It can be hard to change someone's beliefs, especially when it comes to climate change deniers. I scoured through two of my least-favorite places on the internet: a subreddit for Donald Trump and one for climate skeptics. Here are some rebuttals to posts climate change deniers submitted. Because I'm probably preaching to the choir right now, consider using these in your next heated debate about climate change.

1. “The forecasting of Hurricane Harvey is the exact reason I don't believe in climate change…”
   – u/JimmyJoeJohnstonJr

   The above Reddit user is using a common misconception to their advantage. Meteorologists get the weather wrong all the time, so how can climate scientists predict global warming?

   With some pragmatism, the answer to this question is obvious. Short-term weather models don't have a lot of data to create weather forecasts. Even with great radar, it's still difficult to get a completely accurate reading because weather conditions are constantly in flux.

   When it comes to climate change models, scientists have decades of information to use in their predictions. It's much easier to observe a trend over a long period of time than predict tomorrow's weather. Long-term predictions aren't looking at specific dates. These models are looking at weather patterns that span years, not just a weekly forecast.

   Also, meteorologists are (usually) not climatologists. Meteorologists specialize at creating the 7-10 day forecasts we usually see. Climatologists are specially trained to predict weather that may occur in months or even years from now. It is completely illogical to compare the two specializations, even if they both use radar and atmospheric readings for their predictions.

2. “A barrel of oil weighs just over 300 pounds and can be stored in a $40 tank. The equivalent amount of energy in Tesla batteries would weigh several tons and cost several hundred thousand dollars.”
   – u/espositojoe

   This guy isn't wrong. However, I'd argue that his morals are a bit skewed. Our current sources of energy may be more cost-effective than green energy, but that isn't an excuse to disregard alternative forms of power.

   It's cheaper to survive on tasteless, survival food. But most of us wouldn't compromise our delicious meal times to save money. I don't expect people to stop using oil and switch to green energy (it really is expensive – you won't catch me with an electric car anytime soon). However, despite the cost, humanity should still work towards making green energy cheaper and more available.

   Even if climate change is a hoax, it's hard to understand why people want to leave this legacy behind for future generations. If sea levels don't rise and polar bears still have a home, I still don't want my descendants to ignore tons of garbage in our oceans.

   In my opinion, humanity has spent too long looking for ways to consume. Climate change or not, it's time to make reparations for the damage we've done in the past, the damage we see in the present and what is yet to come.

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   – Stepha Poulin
   Forum Editor

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could nominate an artist/song for the Grammys, what would you nominate?

“Tee Grizzley, because he's very low-key and not a lot of people know about him. But he has great songs.”

CAMERON CLARK
Freshman, Pre Veterinarian

“Perfect’ by Ed Sheeran because I think it's a really pretty song.”

BRITTANY ROGERS
Freshman, Business Administration

“Disturbed.”

JOSEPH HEIN
Sophomore, Computer Science

“Bon Iver's ‘Skinnylove.’ It's a song that talks about a subject that not many people talk about.”

KAYDN ALBANESE
Sophomore, Film Production
**Dress right for the weather**

By Heidi Larson

Columnist

It's cold and flu season, and I don't want to get sick. I bet you don't want to get sick either. I probably don't need to tell you to take care of your health by washing your hands, covering your cough, watching what you eat, managing stress, exercising and getting enough sleep. You know all that. But when that project is due, you stress out, skip the gym, stay up late and eat junk food to stay awake as you frantically finish your project. We've all been there.

Another healthy habit I see students struggle with is dressing for the weather. Weather in Northwest Ohio can be temperamental, which makes dressing appropriately more challenging. One student I saw walking on campus was trying to split the difference between the freezing weather and the 50s on campus was trying to split the difference more challenging. One student I saw walking on campus was trying to split the difference between the freezing weather and the 50s temperatures. She was wearing a scarf and a coat on her upper body and then shorts and shoes on her lower body, without tights or leggings. I was cold just looking at her.

I find that abrupt changes in temperature tend to make me sick, and I'm not the only one. As I was typing into Google “Does fluctuating weather...” the first autocomplete suggestion was “...make you sick” so other people have noticed a correlation. Correlation is not the same thing a causation, though scientific data is mixed on whether being out in the cold can make you sick. One article in the Atlantic titled “It’s Suddenly Cold Out. Am I Going to Get Sick?” suggested it's not fluctuating temperatures that affect our immune systems, it's actually the drop in humidity that dries out our nasal passages and makes us vulnerable to viruses. The article also mentioned that certain viruses can live longer and replicate faster in the cold.

I've also seen people walking around campus in sweatshirts and leggings when there was a windchill advisory. I was wearing my hood and coat, sweater underneath, scarf, gloves, leggings under jeans and boots! I don't mess around with windchills.

After a brisk walk across campus to class, my blood is pumping and I'm sweating. Dressing in layers is key. Once in a building, I can remove my coat and sweater and be comfortable in a shirt. Some class rooms are always warm due to being on the second or third floor where the heart rises. Other classrooms are chilly. I'm prepared for both.

Good footwear is also essential. I see a lot of students wearing cute boots on campus, but I cringe when I see suede shoes and boots crusted with salt. I check the weather to see if I need snow boots, rain boots or tennis shoes.

Once I was caught in a rain shower without an umbrella and I stepped in a puddle and soaked my tennis shoes. I'm determined not to do that again. Now I keep a little umbrella in my backpack.

Despite the challenges, I'm going to take care of myself and dress for the weather, and you should too. Your body will thank you.

**Word definitions vs. reality**

By Stephe Poulain

Forum Editor

Rather than furthering their respective movements, terms like “social justice warrior” and “feminist” have become the punchlines of jokes. The dictionary definition may remain the same, but portions of society often view terms like this in extremes.

Just look at the difference in the dictionary definition for “social justice warrior” versus its Urban Dictionary definition.

The Oxford Dictionary definition is short and simple: “A person who expresses or promotes socially progressive views.”

The top definition on Urban Dictionary says, “A pejorative term for an individual who repeatedly and vehemently engages in arguments on social justice on the Internet, often in a shallow or not well-thought-out way, for the purpose of raising their own personal reputation. A social justice warrior, or SJW, does not necessarily strongly believe all that they say, or even care about the groups they are fighting on behalf of.”

Some people support causes that promote social justice and feminism but prefer not to align themselves with the terms due to these negative connotations. Members of social justice movements may find themselves defending definitions of terms rather than furthering their cause.

For any movement to have meaning, there must be opposition. It gives those promoting a cause an opposing view to create discussion. However, I don't think social justice movements should spend their time defending definitions. Things like that could be solved with a simple google search.

The opposition most likely won't take the time to educate themselves on these terms, though.

Those who oppose social justice movements often point to extremists. Anti-feminists often point to women who say, “all men are trash.” Someone who opposes Black Lives Matter might claim that there is rampant reverse racism (black people being racist towards white people).

When it comes to any issue, the loudest, most inflammatory person often gets the most attention. That's what has tarnished the word “feminism” in my opinion.

Yet, there are other ways to educating opposing sides. Rather than pulling out your phone and reading exact definitions, it is more effective to educate people in real-world circumstances.

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RallyCap sports kickoff new season

By Brendan Battle
Reporter

RallyCap Sports, a nonprofit organization devoted to enabling children with disabilities to play sports, held its season kickoff event at the Perry Field House, beginning the program’s events for the spring of 2018.

RallyCap was founded in 1990 by Paul and Margo Hooker, Little League baseball coaches who were upset at the inability of children with disabilities to participate in traditional sports programs. They sought to make the fun, social interaction and physical activity of sports accessible to children who require special accommodations.

RallyCap serves youth requiring different types of assistance due to disability starting from the age of seven, offering special equipment, facilities and coaching in both one-on-one sessions and group gatherings.

The University’s chapter of RallyCap is the organization’s first expansion branch. Founded in 2014, it currently offers football, cheerleading and baseball programs serving over two hundred families in the city of Bowling Green and surrounding area. The group primarily recruits students and staff from the University to serve as “RallyTeam” coaches, organizers and advisors.

One of these student volunteers is Kelly Faeth, a graduate student studying special education and assistive technology. She has volunteered for RallyCap since its founding in 2014 and has been the director of the program since the 2017 fall semester. Her duties as director include planning events such as the season kickoffs and communicating with the University and its surrounding community to ensure the organization is known and its needs are understood.

“One thing that I love about this organization is that it doesn’t matter what major you are or what level of experience you hold. All that matters is if you want to help impact the lives of others,” she said about why she volunteers with the group. “Just by attending one session, you can see how this impacts everyone involved. I believe strongly in what RallyCap stands for, and you can see how it’s touched the lives of so many people. We believe that everyone should have an opportunity to play sports.”

To contact the University’s RallyCap chapter for volunteering opportunities and a schedule of future events, visit their website at http://www.rcsbgsu.org/.
Great design in video Games: the rally system from “Bloodborne”

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

Starting with this article, I will begin a game design column which will talk about particular systems or moments in video games that are important and help bring new elements to a game. Many games have mechanics or interesting aspects that could be used in other games or expanded. That is this column’s purpose: to put all of these mechanics in one place and for others to see the mechanics to admire in video games.

The first example of great design I’ll talk about is the rally system in “Bloodborne.” “Bloodborne” is a game developed by From Software, the developers of the Dark Souls franchise. At the time of the release of “Bloodborne,” which was in 2015, “Dark Souls III” had not been released yet, so keep that in mind.

The Dark Souls franchise is heralded as one of the more difficult series to play in the modern era of video games, and there are many players who use a shield to take the brunt of the hits, and then attack, shying away from combat instead of being aggressive. I have used this tactic, and it does keep players alive, but it also takes away the crux of the game, which is the tension to find the next bonfire while also taking down the enemies in the players’ path. Players are afraid of getting hit and losing their health, which they cannot get back unless they use a healing item. This way of playing the game is possible and easily done to make the game much easier, but I feel it severely cuts down on the enjoyment of the game and hinders the progress players make through each area. It makes each area take much longer to get through, causing players to pause at every instance of challenge.

“Bloodborne” fixes this problem by creating the rally system. For example, say the player gets hit by one of the many enemies in the game. Their health appears to go down due to the hit, but some of their health is still in the bar, but only in a lighter shade of red. When this happens, if the player is able to hurt the enemy that hurt them within the next couple seconds, they can gain back the health they originally lost. I adore this mechanic. It completely changes the feeling of the game, and changes the way the game is played as well. The player has to play more aggressively, stepping right back into combat after they get hit, or they won’t get the health back.

The problem in the Dark Souls franchise of people hiding from combat doesn’t happen, at least not as much, in “Bloodborne” because of the rally system. Players have an instinct to want to get their health back, so they attack the enemy as soon as they take damage, leading to a far more aggressive play style than in the Dark Souls franchise. This new and aggressive play style helps “Bloodborne” feel different and faster than From Software’s other franchise.

In the game there is a shield, called the Wooden Shield, and its description in the game says, “a crude wooden shield used by the masses who have arisen to join the hunt. Hunters do not normally employ shields, ineffectual against the strength of the beasts as they tend to be. Shields are nice, but not if they engender passivity.” This description seems to put down the players who use shields to hide from combat, as that was not the way the game was designed to be played. “Bloodborne” is about this different style of play. Instead of playing methodically like a Dark Souls game, taking a minute or two to defeat a single enemy, using their shield to block every attack, the player has to be aggressive in “Bloodborne,” slashing wildly at the enemy to get back health they had previously lost. By adding one simple mechanic, the whole dynamic of the game has changed, and makes it more unique from the Dark Souls franchise.

The way a game is created can make a game feel completely different from another though they may look similar. “Dark Souls” and “Bloodborne” are similar games, and have similar mechanics, but the rally system is what divides the two. The player is forced to change the way they play, becoming a more aggressive player, or they will not succeed in beating the game’s many bosses and enemies. One of the highlights of good game design is when a mechanic is added that changes the way the game is played, and something is added to the game, whether it be a new way of playing or more reasons to play a specific game.
Shape of Water dominates Oscar Noms

Best Picture Nominees

Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri
Darkest Hour
The Shape of Water
Get Out
Dunkirk
Phantom Thread
Lady Bird

Lead Actor Nominees

Denzel Washington
Daniel Kaluuya
Timothee Chalamet
Daniel Day-Lewis
Gary Oldman

Lead Actress Nominees

Meryl Streep
Frances McDormand
Margot Robbie
Saoirse Ronan
Sally Hawkins
The Falcon hockey team swept the Lake Superior State Lakers, defeating them 5-3 on Friday night and 3-2 on Saturday night.

“As a whole, it was a good series for us,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “Any time you can sweep somebody on the road is a big deal, and I’m happy with the weekend overall.”

Friday’s game saw both teams get on the board early, as Lake Superior State scored at the 2:23 mark of the first period, and the Falcons countered just 28 seconds later with a goal from sophomore defenseman Alec Rauhauser. Lake Superior State responded with a goal of their own 26 seconds later to restore the one goal advantage, but freshman forward Max Johnson capitalized on a power play opportunity at 10:21 to make it a 2-2 game heading into the second period.

“I thought our first shift was good, I thought our second shift was good,” Bergeron said. “The third shift we had a poor d-zone coverage that ended up in our net, then Rauhauser made a great play to tie it 1-1, and then they got a pretty good bounce on the rush. I didn’t think we were playing poorly.”

The second period, however, was all Falcons, as sophomore forward Lukas Craggs put the Falcons back on top at the 8:25 mark. Freshman forward Brandon Kruse added to the lead with a goal at 12:13. At 17:53, Spezia also scored to make it a 5-2 game heading into the third. While Lake Superior State was able to get one goal back on a power play chance at 12:02 in the third period, the Falcons still held on to win 5-3.

The team was satisfied with being able to have a number of different players scoring throughout the game.

“We have to do it by committee,” Bergeron said. “We need everybody involved, whether it be forwards or defense, and I think guys contributed tonight, which is great to see.”

The game started out on Saturday with a big first period offensively for the Falcons, as senior forward Tyler Spezia got the team on the board first with a goal at the 3:07 mark. Freshman forward Brandon Kruse added to the lead with a goal at 12:13. At 17:53, Spezia also scored to make it a 5-2 game heading into the third. While Lake Superior State was able to get one goal back on a power play chance at 12:02 in the third period, the Falcons still held on to win 5-3.

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-Chris Bergeron-
Falcons Head Coach

Spezia scored his second of the game to open up a 3-0 lead.

“He’s a senior who’s played a lot of hockey for us,” Bergeron said of Spezia. “Pucks just found a way into the net tonight — and last night, too.”

The second period, however, saw Lake Superior State begin to make a comeback as they got their first goal of the game just past the halfway point. Just over two minutes later, Lake Superior State cut the deficit in half on a shorthanded goal, but were unable to find the equalizing goal, and the Falcons held onto the 3-2 lead. The third period saw both teams have some scoring chances, including a Lake Superior State shot that went off the crossbar halfway through the period, but neither team scored as the Falcons grabbed the 3-2 victory.

“They played much better and we played not as well, so it was a combination of things (in the second),” Bergeron said. “We turned over way too many pucks, we just didn’t play the game the way we wanted and the way we had played in the first.”

The team will next play Friday and Saturday nights at home against the Michigan Tech Huskies.
Women’s basketball falls to Rockets

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcon women’s basketball team fell to the Toledo Rockets 77-67 Saturday afternoon, and the team suffered their third straight loss this season.

“It’s a great women’s basketball game, but with that said, this one hurts a little bit more,” Falcons head coach Jennifer Roos said. “The intensity from the beginning of the tip to the first few minutes, you can’t dig yourself a hole like that in a rivalry game and expect good things to happen.”

The game started off with Toledo jumping out to the lead in the first quarter as they went up 29-15 early, but the Falcons were able to turn it around significantly in the second. They were able to hold Toledo to just eight points, and the Falcons put up 18 to trim the Toledo lead down to just 37-33 going into halftime.

“I thought we anticipated being able to score off the bounce,” Roos said. “We were trying to run a couple of their players with some ball screen action, but they were high hedging, so I thought we’d split some defensive coverages. But, we were able to turn the corner and get them going on their heels because they didn’t want to foul.”

The teams mainly held even in the third quarter, with the Falcons only able to close the gap by one point. Toledo continued to lead 49-46 by the end of the quarter, but the Falcons were able to grab their first lead of the game in the third as the teams traded the lead. However, in the fourth quarter, Toledo was able to pull away and take the lead for good with a 28 point performance from the offense, while the Falcons had a strong effort on offense as well, scoring 21 points in the fourth, it would not be enough, as Toledo held on to take the 77-67 victory.

“When you go down by double digits early on, you have to spend so much energy trying to claw back,” Roos said. “We take the lead (in the third) and then when we exhale. They took that same momentum and flipped it.”

The team will next play Wednesday night on the road against the Kent State Golden Flashes, who the team defeated 60-50 in their previous matchup on Jan. 17.

“We just played them three games ago,” Roos said. “We’ve got to do a good job, just like we did then, of containing (Jordan) Korinek. We’ve got to do a good job against Megan Carter, who can score off the bounce, but that’s a veteran team with McKenna Stevens as a red-shirt senior, and they’ve got a lot of experience and, they’re going to be hungry for payback.”

Toledo takes Falcons in battle of I-75

By Jamison T erbrack
Sports Reporter

The Falcon men’s basketball team lost to the Toledo Rockets Saturday night 101-75, and the loss drops the Falcons to 3-5 in MAC play.

“(Toledo) started to make shots, our defense started to break down,” Falcons head coach Michael Huger said. “We talked about how to not give them the 3s and how to take them away, and we did the right thing early, and then we started to fade and not do what we were supposed to do. ... They were able to get those 3s off, and that’s what got them started. Then the drives: Fletcher was very good, he was very very good. All credit goes to those guys.”

The man who usually leads the way for the Falcons, junior forward Demajeo Wiggins, only held eight points and one rebound in this one.

“We got him the ball, and we made some shots — and we have got to defend as well,” Huger said. “We need to play on both ends, and we just stopped getting him the ball. ... I don’t know what happened there.”

Offensively, the Falcons were led by a trio who scored 13 each; freshman guard Justin Turner, freshman forward Derek Koch and sophomore guard Dylan Frye produced on offense. It was on the defensive end where the Falcons broke down.

“Our young guys came in and played extremely hard, and that’s what it’s about,” Huger said. “We have got to play hard all the time, every possession, and we have got to do it on the defensive end. For us to be successful offensively, we have got to do it defensively, and we don’t do it on the defensive end. We struggle offensively, and that’s what happened tonight. We weren’t able to sustain the defense. We scored 75 points, which is enough to win the game, but you can’t give up 101. It all starts on the defensive end, and we have got to do a much better job defensively. We have got to be tougher defensively.”

The team was also satisfied with the effort from underclassmen players.

“Daeqwon (Plowden) and Derek (Koch) and those guys brought that intensity to the game for us. As freshmen, they did a great job coming in, and we were down one with Nelly Cummings, so Dylan played a little more point today. We did a really good job of that. Everything still starts with the defense and ends with the defense, and until we can get that corrected, the offense is going to struggle as well.”

The team will next play Jan. 30 at home against the Ohio Bobcats.
Accessing rape kits: what to expect

By Brionna Scebbi
Reporter

Knowing what to do in the aftermath of a sexual offense can result in survivors receiving treatment and authorities collecting evidence. A significant step in that process is knowing where to get a rape kit exam.

The Wood County Hospital is the only location within walking distance of Bowling Green State University that offers rape kit exams. Students can't receive a sexual assault forensic exam, or rape kit, at the Falcon Health Center due to a need for specialized nurses, said Deb Chatfield, the vice president of planning for Wood County Hospital.

Rape kits must be administered by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. SANEs are nurses “who receive specialized education and fulfill clinical requirements,” according to the website of the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

Chatfield cited Wood County Hospital’s 24-hour access and quiet rooms for the administering of sexual assault forensic exams as other reasons why the FHC refers student to the off-campus location instead.

Sgt. Scott Sauer of the University Police Department, RN Dawn MacKay of the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network at the Wood County Hospital and campus advocacy manager Julie Broadwell of The Cocoon explain what the University’s students should do in case of sexual assault or rape.

Responding to the crime:

“Let someone know immediately,” Sauer said. Going right to the campus police is the suggested first step since cases “ultimately end up with us anyway.”

To receive medical treatment, counseling or collect evidence for reporting the crime, a survivor of sexual assault or rape should seek help soon after the attack. The first 72 hours after the incident is the best time for evidence collection, according to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.

A survivor intending to complete a rape kit exam should avoid doing anything that could damage evidence. “It is not recommended that they shower or change clothes” but rather get to the hospital as soon as possible, MacKay said.

RAINN suggests bringing an extra pair of underwear or other pieces of clothing for evidence.

The patient can receive tests and preventative treatment for any sexually transmitted diseases or emergency contraceptives.

After the completion of a rape kit exam, a physician will address other injuries or pain caused by force used in the attack. While the rape kit exam is paid for by the state, any CT scans or additional injury treatment are the responsibility of patients or their insurance company, MacKay said. Wood County Hospital has payment plans to assist patients without insurance.

The exam steps are:

- A nurse will care to injuries that require immediate attention.
- A SANE will discuss medical history and any recent consensual sexual activity. The patient will be asked to recount the sexual assault or rape to identify other injuries and points of potential evidence collection.

Depending on the patient’s account of the attack, a physical examination of various parts of the body will be conducted. This could include inspection of the mouth, vagina and anus as well as samples of blood, urine, hair and body surface swabs.

- A SANE might collect the patients undergarments or other pieces of clothing for evidence.
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Reporting the crime:

Nurses at Wood County Hospital are required to report a sexual assault and release the rape kit to the University Police Department or the Bowling Green Police Division, depending on the location of the crime. However, patients can choose whether they file charges with the evidence collected in the rape kit.

“The identification that goes on the kit is a number that will be matched with the name at a later date when and if the patient opts to proceed with legal proceedings,” MacKay said.

Supplying support: In the case of every sexual assault, an advocate from the Sexual Violence Program at The Cocoon will also be called to the hospital “to provide support, medical and legal advocacy, information and any needed follow-up care,” said Julie Broadwell, campus advocacy manager for The Cocoon.

A campus advocate can provide support for survivors of sexual assault and rape for years after the attack if necessary.

“It is critical for survivors to know that there is always support, no matter at what time they seek assistance,” Broadwell said.
The future of university fraternities

By Chase Bachman
Reporter

Strings of misconduct cases at university fraternal organizations have popped up across the country over the past months. Schools like Texas State and the Ohio State University have suspended Greek life activities due to misconduct; Bowling Green State University is no exception to this misbehavior.

In December, Christopher H. Bullins, the Dean of Students, released an official letter announcing that the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity had been suspended effective this semester. The fraternity has ceased all activities and will not be eligible for reinstatement until the fall of 2020.

Drew Dutson, the former President of Phi Kappa Psi, believes the fraternity was unfairly treated during the University investigation.

“During the process we were lead to believe that if we would plead guilty to the charges we would be able to ... fix the problems,” Dutson said. “Unfortunately, when we accepted the guilty plea with the intentions to start to work to fix the problems, we were pushed to a conduct hearing without the chance of pleading our case.”

Although Phi Kappa Psi’s case is complete, some individuals are still under investigation by the University to determine whether or not they are personally responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct.

Despite these incidents, Bullins said student safety comes first.

“Myself and my colleagues are always keeping our fingers on the pulse of campus culture and evaluating situations and circumstances that could put our students at risk or harm, because student safety is our number one priority,” Bullins said.

Bullins and his collaborators want to educate student organizations about the dangers of hazing. New standards have been put into place for fraternity and sorority organizations in order to achieve that goal.

“In the past, we always required every semester that chapter leaders submit a hazing compliance form,” Bullins said.

The form requires signatures from the University president, new member educator and the chapter advisor. The form requirement will remain but will be accompanied by an educational video that addresses hazing.

Bullins said the checks and requirements are necessary measures to ensure events, like the one concerning Phi Kappa Psi, don’t happen again. The new requirements are meant to provide a safe Greek experience so that everyone may benefit.

Phi Kappa Psi’s suspension came after receiving reports of hazing, including requiring “acts of servitude” and “verbal humiliation,” according to official University records. In addition to hazing, the misconduct included alleged situations involving alcohol with little oversight.

A report of off-campus hazing that occurred on September 30 involved potential and current members, as well as other guests.

“It was a camping trip,” Bullins said. “At this event, at least one potential new member (PNM) of the fraternity was struck with a stick after answering a question [about fraternity history] incorrectly.”

After the initial report, an investigation was conducted, reports and interviews were collected from potential new members and Bullins met with chapter leaders and current members.

However, just before interviews were conducted, at least one member encouraged PNMs to deny the allegations in an attempt to walk away unpunished. One of the members offered alcohol to brothers and PNMs if the investigation was resolved without any punishment.

“Throughout the course of the investigation, what we were able to ascertain was that the activity described did in fact happen,” Bullins said.

Per the Student Code of Conduct, Phi Kappa Psi submitted an appeal to the suspension. The appeal was reviewed by Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost, Thomas Gibson, who issued a decision letter denying the fraternity’s appeal, an act consistent with Bullins decision.

“Fraternities and sororities at Bowling Green have a long history of being an integral part of our campus life. I think they certainly add to that,” Bullins said. “We know that the groups help students get connected to the campus and to one another, so we are proud of the rich history and tradition of our fraternity and sorority community.”

Dutson, who no longer attends the University because of health reasons that he considers a “result of the stress that is put on leaders of student organizations,” still firmly believes that Greek life at the University is an exemplary organization.

“I have made some of the best connections in the world with the people in Greek life,” Dutson said. “I am upset that it had to end like this but life goes on.”
Resource centers relocate

By Meredith Siegel

The Multicultural Center and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center moved to the fourth floor of the Student Union. Faculty, staff and students are excited for the new space.

Unlike the Math Science building, the Union is central to campus. The resource center has three rooms, for both multicultural students and LGBTQ+ students, as well as a lobby.

“We think it’s just awesome,” Katie Stygles, assistant director for diversity education and resource center staff, said. “It’s a sign of commitment from the University.”

Both centers, multicultural and LGBTQ+, are larger than the whole area of the last one, Stygles said.

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Brown said the new resource center has been a long time in the making.

“It was kind of a grassroots effort from students,” Stygles said.

Students worked for years to get the resource center moved to a more accessible and central location, Katie Dorfmeyer, resource center student ambassador, said.

Students put together a list of demands after they felt unsafe at the University, and they have been committed to recruiting other students who have the same passion to make sure those demands were met, Brown said.

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