City Council and the Planning Commission met jointly on Wednesday to discuss the city’s community action plan.

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Community action plan: 2017 in review

By Paul Garbarino
City Editor

Attractive, walkable, green — these are the three key terms Bowling Green residents defined as their vision for the future of the city, and 2017 was a year dedicated to priming and kicking off the city’s Community Action Plan that is working to make that vision a reality.

The city’s Planning Department just released the review of 2017, outlining all the approvals of zoning permits, ordinances and progresses made for the CAP that occurred during the year. From several meetings and conferences to the Court Street Connects Festival, community members and city leaders aim to improve Bowling Green city through a stronger owner-occupied household market, attracting and retaining professionals and young families, developing high-quality rental units and encouraging city investment.

2017 boasted very similar numbers to 2016. Both years passed 362 total zoning permits, and both saw 16 Planning Commission requests for projects.

“I don’t think the years are really that different,” planning director Heather Saylor said. “The housing market has increased slightly.”

But significant moves have been made to push along the CAP that began project area reconnaissance in July of 2016.

At the start of 2017, city leaders first began garnering student feedback on the CAP by presenting before the University’s Undergraduate Student Government. On Monday, members of council Sandy Rowland and John Zanfardino spoke to USG again, but this time talked specifically about how the city wants to address issues with off-campus housing and landlords.

“Bowling Green is for less regulation than other places like Oxford University,” Zanfardino said. “There, houses have to be inspected more often and landlords have to manage it.”

Zanfardino would like to see regulations that match that of other Ohio cities like Oxford. Since students are often desperate to find low-cost housing, it’s challenging to hold landlords accountable for poor housing quality when they know students will still pay the prices. And ordinance regulations receive a lot of pushback.

“The landlords that are trying to sue the city are not trying to make it cheaper for students,” Zanfardino said.

“Due to lack of regulation and oversight, housing is deteriorating at a rate that doesn’t have to happen,” Rowland said.

“Bowling Green is far less regulated than other places like Oxford University.”

—John Zanfardino—
City Councilman

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Fight for gun control the way Parkland teenagers fight

By Meredith Siegel
Columnist

Following the shooting in Parkland, Florida the children who survived have been publicly challenging their representatives, and everyone, to push for stronger gun regulations, so a school shooting never happens again.

These kids, the most well known of the several students leading the charge being Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg, have made headway, already having a debate on CNN with people like a spokeswoman for the National Rifle Association and Senator Marco Rubio.

Dick's Sporting Goods just announced that they will no longer sell assault style rifles out of their Field and Streams stores, will not sell a gun to certain individuals and will not sell bump stocks, citing that they sold a gun, different than the one actually used, to the shooter in Parkland.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas has also just reopened and students are back at school, two weeks after the shooting.

There has already been steps taken toward stricter gun regulations, which I believe will have an impact on stopping mass shootings as evidenced by Australia and Japan, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

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I have seen many people online saying they are so proud of "those Gen Z kids" but with an implication that because they stepped up to the plate, it is now solely their job to ensure gun reform happens in the U.S.

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According to the Dickey Amendment (1996), "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control."

This means that the U.S. cannot treat gun violence as a public health problem because even if the CDC finds that gun regulations would help lower rates of shooting deaths, that would be advocating or promoting gun control. The NRA lobbied for this bill.

The NRA advocates that guns protect people, and they do, sometimes, but they are very dangerous and are often used for evil. A good guy with a gun cannot always stop a bad guy with a gun. Most people just shouldn't have guns.

The Stoneman Douglas activists are also calling for all politicians, unrelated to politics, to stop accepting money from the NRA.

It's imperative that we do not vote for those who continue to accept money from the NRA. Regardless of what Marco Rubio says, the money politicians accept does have an impact on the way they vote for laws.

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Stand with these teenagers who are fighting for their lives and stop supporting the NRA.
Big pharma: stop pill-pushing

By Heidi Larson
Columnist

This month, Purdue Pharma, the maker of the painkiller Oxycodone, has announced they are no longer going to market the drug to doctors. This announcement is in response to some lawsuits that allege the opioid painkiller is partly responsible for the opioid drug abuse crisis. One of the lawsuits is on behalf of the state of Ohio, where opioid overdoses are rampant.

When the news first broke, people shared their reactions on Facebook. Many of the reactions shifted their focus from the drug companies to individuals.

Dylan Norton wrote: “As an alcoholic and drug addict who has been clean and sober for 39 of my 71 years I like to think I know a bit about addiction. I fully appreciate the issues around Oxy in all its forms but sometimes a pain killer is just a pain killer. A necessary medication for those with chronic pain. I have severe pain from arthritis in my hips. Some mornings I can barely stand let alone walk. Lesser pain killers just do not do as much. I have no interest in snorting or injecting the medication. I take it as prescribed and get immense relief allowing me to function enough to be self reliant and not require care I cannot afford.”

This shows that ceasing the manufacturing of painkiller pills would hurt innocent people.

Tracee Hood also has personal experience with drugs. She explained: “This is another one of the drugs I used to take all the time, coupled with other narcotics. So grateful for all the changes taking place! So grateful to be free now! I can vouch that it’s taken years to get it all out of my system! There’s life past the drugs!!”

Returning the focus to the pharmaceutical companies, Harry Typaldos posted: “They are still promoting these??? No worries I am sure they will come up with a new family of pain killers that they will swamp the market with that will be safe and non-addictive just like these were.”

Purdue Pharma does in fact sell a newer painkiller called Hysonigla. Alana Langford shared her opinion: “I think it’s too little too late to stop PROMOTING Oxycodone to doctors. How about implementing real, measurable, and controllable ways to monitor all the pills prescribed and the doctor shopping that goes on. The opioid epidemic is rampant. Not promoting one of the drugs isn’t going to do anything.”

I have to agree with these individuals there are many issues surrounding painkillers and the people who use or abuse them. But when I focus on drug makers—one link in the chain of addiction—it is clear that they are not guiltless. Pharmacies should stop promoting pills to doctors.

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— Dylan Norton —
Facebook User
Young Americans for Liberty exercise free speech on campus

By Kaitlyn Fillhart
Social Media Editor

Young Americans for Liberty is a national non-partisan, libertarian-leaning, political group. The organization is focused around education and activism in efforts to maximize freedom and constitutional values.

The group has 909 chapters nationally and 35 chapters in Ohio, with one of them at the University.

Organization president John Demuth explained why having this political group on campus is important for students.

"It seems like college campuses are going further away from classical liberal values, which is all about giving the maximum amount of individual rights," Demuth said. "I believe these rights are lacking at the University, with (its) moves that restrict students from freedom to spontaneously and peacefully assemble."

To demonstrate the importance of the First Amendment, the group held an event to promote free speech. Demuth and former YAL president Luke Marcus rolled around a large inflatable beach ball on campus. They encouraged students to write or draw whatever they wished on the ball, such as an unpopular opinion or a complaint about a roommate.

"This event has always been fun for us and students," Marcus said. "This year, we are doing a free speech ball instead of having a wall in the (student union) oval, so we aren't stuck in one spot."

Although the beach ball caught freshman Aurora Sedler by surprise at first, she enjoyed getting to participate in the activity. "I think this is an awesome idea, and it will definitely make peoples' day," she said.

Demuth believes the freedom of speech is important for students, no matter their political ideologies.

"The right to speak is not something our government or its institutions grant to us but, rather, something we are born with," Demuth said. "Restrictions on any right does not just affect someone if they are a liberal or a conservative. Those restrictions can be used against anyone."

Marcus agrees with Demuth on the importance of the First Amendment.

"Celebrating free speech is incredibly important. The First Amendment wasn't written to talk about the weather – it was written to talk about controversial things."

Demuth was happy to see students were enjoying writing what they wanted on the ball. After this event, he hopes to see more people come to their meetings on Mondays at 3 p.m. in Room 116 of Eppler South to talk more about constitutional rights.

"Even if you don't agree with us, come to a meeting. Try to change our minds or get a different perspective," Demuth said.
DMA students perform contemporary music

By Abby Shifley
Reporter

The doctorate of musical arts in contemporary music is a unique program, not only on campus, but anywhere, Marilyn Shrude, a distinguished artist professor in composition, said. Shrude was instrumental in the program’s production at the University and organized a showcase featuring some of the students in the program. In this showcase, the students displayed many elements of contemporary music. In part, the purpose of this concert was to expose some elements of the program to students who have been auditioning to join. Shrude said auditions started on Feb. 23 and went very well. Many of the auditioning students were in attendance for an evening performance on Tuesday, Feb 27.

The showcase attracted a large and diverse audience, which filled nearly two-thirds of the seats of Bryan Recital Hall in the Moore Musical Arts Building. The audience was made of undergraduate students, graduate students, visiting students and professors. First on the program was a clarinet piece performed by Derek Emch. Emch had two clarinets on stage with him: sometimes he played the two instruments separately, alternated between them or played them both at the same time.

Second came a piece performed by Nick Fox, a second-year doctoral student, on percussion and Chris Murphy on saxophone. The performance was a mix of electronic instruments and saxophone, and Fox played on nine copper pipes and a variety of metal bowls. Fox said he cut the pipes himself at home and bought the bowls from a variety of places.

The third piece was performed by Hila Zamir on clarinet with the addition of electronic noises. The composition’s title contains the term “Synchronisms”, which indicates simultaneousness or two things occurring at the same time. This definition was reflected in the makeup of the piece, as Zamir was rarely unaccompanied by the electronic sounds.

The fourth piece was from a trumpet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and percussion quartet. The three wind instruments typically

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— Hillary LaBonte —
Third-year doctoral student

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around the main melody, and the percussion would occasionally interrupt with an abrupt bang of the drums. Overall, the piece had a very mysterious tone.

The fifth piece was a piano solo performed by Jonathan Oliveira. The piece contained a number of dissonant chords and abrupt notes.

The final piece was a duet of sorts performed by flutist Kenneth Cox and soprano Hillary LaBonte, a third-year doctoral student. LaBonte spoke and sung through the piece, and Cox performed on three different flutes, but would occasionally speak into the flutes instead of playing them.

LaBonte has been performing this piece for the past year and has it memorized. "The first movement is about the kind of reactions you can have to a really volatile conversation," LaBonte said.

LaBonte also said because she is a third-year in the program, she has had a lot of experience in it.

"I've gone through some of the harder parts — like, I did my exams earlier this year. In spite of all that, I still really enjoy it! So, I think that says a lot."

LaBonte also said that it is a very unique program and that it stands out in this part of the country. She enjoys being able to bring new music — or contemporary music — to places that haven't experienced it before.

LaBonte also loves working with the people in the program.

Fox also commented on the vast amount of opportunities to perform and collaborate in the program.

"There is never any struggle to find performance places and people to collaborate with."

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Women’s basketball defeats Akron

Travis Devlin
Sports Reporter

The Falcons women’s basketball team was back at the Stroh Center for the final home game of the regular season Wednesday, Senior Night, as they took on conference rival and in-state foe Akron Zips. Coming into this game, the Falcons were on a 10-game losing streak in conference play, but fortunately for them, the streak would end as the Falcons dominated from the start and cruising to their 11th victory of the season, third win in conference play winning by a total score of 84–63.

The Falcons started off hot from the floor and in the first quarter, leading 12–0 in to a little under five minutes to the game. The Zips, however, were able to drain two 3 pointers and cut the lead in half. But that lead was quickly brought back up and the quarter was mainly dominated by the Falcons shooting over 40 percent beyond the arc, over 50 percent from the field and heading into the second quarter leading 25–14.

The second quarter was much more subdued for the Falcons as they only shot 1–9 from three-point range and 31 percent from the field. Though, the Zips couldn’t do much as far getting back into it with only shooting 28 percent from the floor and 14 percent from the three-point range as the struggles continued. Senior Haley Puk ended the half with a total of 11 points and sophomore Caterrion Thompson with 10 and junior Sydney Lambert with eight points leading the charge into the second half, winning 44–25.

Foul trouble was an issue throughout the game for the Falcons into the second half, especially, but the lead never dwindled for the Falcons as five players were in double figures, 56 rebounds, 44 percent field goal percentage, and 38 percent from three. Puk led in scoring with 17, Thompson with 16, junior Carly Santoro with 10, junior Sydney Lambert with 11 and senior Rachel Myers with 13. For Puk, she couldn’t have thought of a better ending for senior year at home.

“Going out, playing really hard, playing together, that was what was really fun about today,” Puk said. “I think it’s going get our momentum going into Buffalo and into the tournament, so you know we’re really looking forward to bringing what we can.”

The Falcons will take on the Buffalo Bulls on Friday before heading into the MAC tournament and Puk, admittedly despite their record, she sees something special and she always has.

“I really believe in this team,” Puk said. “We’re really talented and I can’t wait to bring it for sure on Monday, too.”

Winning is important to Falcons head coach Jennifer Roos, who understands this has been a tough year and was quick to point out that this conference is a “bear.” But it was the two seniors, Puk and Meyers, who were the key tonight.

“First of all, I just have to thank our seniors,” Roos said. “Senior Night is really emotional, I’ve seen seniors get so emotional that it’s just hard to catch the ball, I’ve seen seniors play, just rise to the occasion and play so well it’s just fluid, and those two did the ladder. It says a lot about the heart that they have as individuals.”

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MAC CHAMPIONSHIP
Baseball falls to Eastern Kentucky

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcon baseball team fell to the Eastern Kentucky Colonels 9-0 on Wednesday afternoon, the first time that the team has been shut out in a game this season.

“We looked like a tired ball club,” Falcons head coach Danny Schmitz said. “Maybe it was the back to back weekends with the long bus trips, but we just didn’t have the energy like we had brought. Out of the eight games we’ve played so far this year, this was by far our worst game.”

The first inning saw Eastern Kentucky jump out to the early lead with an RBI groundout, then doubling the advantage in the second with a run coming across on a fielding error to take a 2-0 lead. The third inning saw Eastern Kentucky add to the lead even more with a three run home run, followed by another three run homer in the fourth as they took an 8-0 lead. Eastern Kentucky tacked on another run in the eighth on an RBI groundout to go on to take the 9-0 victory.

“We’ve been swinging the bats pretty good of late,” Schmitz said. “But tonight, we hit a couple of balls hard early but they were at people and then after that we only had five or six hits so we really didn’t do a whole lot. We didn’t threaten at all to score, I think we only got a guy in scoring position once or twice…I’ve been proud of our guys over the first seven games in the way they brought the energy and they were really into it and played hard, but tonight we were just flat.”

The Falcons also exclusively used relief pitchers on the mound throughout the game to allow their starters to rest for the upcoming series in North Carolina, however, the team believes that they will have to improve on control going into that series.

“I talked with the relievers on Tuesday and said that we’ve got to stop walking people,” Schmitz said. “We had 10 walks again tonight and hit two people, so that’s 12 free runners. The last five innings of our relievers in the second game of the doubleheader Sunday, we walked eight guys and hit two more. If you put that many guys on base and can’t defend against the walk or the hit batsman, you’re only asking for trouble and that’s what happened.”

The team will next play on the road in a series in Raleigh and Buies Creek, N.C. starting on Friday against the North Carolina State Wolfpack, Saturday in a doubleheader against the Canisius Golden Griffins and Sunday against the Campbell Fighting Camels.

Men’s basketball defeated by Ohio

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

In a game where the Falcon men’s basketball team needed a victory to clinch a home game in the first round of the MAC tournament, it fell flat. The Falcons lost to the Ohio Bobcats in Athens by a score of 59-75.

“We weren’t able to sustain our defensive intensity, and we had a lack of intensity,” Falcons coach Michael Huger said. “We had a lack of focus, and they were able to take over and that was the difference in the game.”

The team went into the locker room at halftime trailing by a score of 27-39. The team must find a way to play better at the start of games if it hopes to have a realistic shot in the MAC tournament next week.

The team finished the game with 18 turnovers and allowed the Bobcats a shooting percentage of 0.439.

“We have got to do a better job of taking care of the ball,” Huger said. “We were so careless with the ball and turning the ball over. We made a lot of bad decisions, and we rushed things and they took advantage of our turnovers.”

The team was lead offensively by junior forward Demajeo Wiggins and freshman guard Justin “Juice” Turner.

Wiggins had 18 points to go along with 15 rebounds for his sixth straight double-double. He also had an assist and two blocks. Wiggins has consistently been the teams leader and best player this year.

“We didn’t do a great job of executing and continuing to get the ball inside,” Huger said. “We went away from (getting the ball to Wiggins), and we did not play together the whole game and it showed. When we play together, we are very good. When we try to do it on our own we are not as good and that has been this last couple games, and we just need to figure out a way to beat Buffalo on Friday.”

Turner had 14 points, four rebounds, three steals and one assist on a team high of 37 minutes.

A possible silver lining on this game was that every eligible player entered the contest including rarely used guards junior DeAndre’ Austin and sophomore Ethan Good.

The team will wrap up the regular season on Friday, Senior Night, at home against the Buffalo Bulls.
Dorm demolition slotted for summer

By Ryan Luchene
Reporter

The University’s Harshman Residence Hall has been empty for months. Empty is how it will stay until its eventual demolition in the late spring or summer.

Harshman Residence Hall, named after former University President Ralph G. Harshman, has been around since the late 20th century. While it has been a part of campus history, it has become old and others feel like it is time to take it down. The building remained open due to demand for the 2016-2017 school year, despite original plans to close in May 2016.

“The amount of deferred maintenance and upgrades required for the building greatly exceeded its value,” Barbara Shergalis, the director of design and construction and University architect, said.

In its height, Harshman housed around 1200 students. In its final years of operation, it housed around 550. When the building closed for this school year, the 600 potential bed spaces were lost. The University made up about 190 of these spaces by leasing a few buildings through Greenbrier.

Currently, the team is putting together all the plans and the engineering documents for the buildings.

“Once that is finalized, we will put that out for bid and then when those bids come back we will review them,” Bruce Meyers, interim vice president of capital planning and campus operations, said. “We will ask the contractors what’s included in your bid and if the bids are economical and we can do those things that are inside of the bid, then we can start that process.”

If the bids favor those in charge, the plan is to have all the dorm rooms emptied out some time in late April, with the demolition beginning in late May to early June. If the bids are not favorable, then the bid package will have to be changed, and they will have to rebid the demolition project, delaying the process by at least 60 days.

Once the demolition is done in the summer and the site is clear, the land will be graded, seeded and landscaped.

“We do not have a permanent plan for what will eventually be built on the Harshman site for now.”

— Sherideen Stoll—
Chief Financial Officer/ Vice President for Finance and Administration

The building was originally planned to close in 2016, but stayed open for the 2016-2017 school year.
Meet your Morale Captains: Leah Neel

BG News will be introducing you to the Morale Captains in following issues. Check in each week to meet a new member of the ZiggyThon team!

What inspired you to become a Morale Captain?

I would say that it was really the past Morale Captains that inspired me to become an MC as well. In my past two years participating in Dance Marathon, I couldn’t help but notice how much fun they seemed to be having and how passionate they all were about DM. Dance Marathon has always been a place where I, myself, was able to come out of my shell and I want to help others to do that as well.

What goals do you have for ZiggyThon?

A personal goal I have set for myself is just to be confident and break out of my shell even more this year. Something that I want to accomplish is to give new and returning dancers the same, amazing experience that I had when I was a dancer, if not even better!

What are you most excited about for this year’s Dance Marathon program?

I am most excited about seeing all the miracles we make this year and just everything that everyone involved with Dance Marathon accomplishes this year.

What would you like to say to someone who is interested in joining ZiggyThon or helping this cause?

If anyone is on the fence about signing up for Dance Marathon, you should totally do it. In my years here at BG, joining DM has been the best decision I have made. Twenty-four hours on your feet may seem hard but it will all be worth it and it is all FTK!

By Brionna Scebbi
Reporter
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