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University active shooter protocol

By Brionna Scebbi
Reporter

The University is the 32nd safest college campus in the country this year, according to the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

However, with mass shootings dominating the news, this safety ranking has not decreased the number of trainings the University Police Department has been conducting to equip people with skills to increase survival in emergencies.

ALICE active shooter response training sessions are available for student or faculty and staff groups upon request, and campus-wide opportunities to complete training will be held on April 5 throughout the day.

“As much information as we can provide to the campus to give them the tools and the confidence to increase safety in a situation like (a violent intruder), that’s something that’s always in the forefront and something we want to make sure we’re always offering,” University Police Chief Michael Campbell said.

Details about protocol for several types of emergency situations are available in the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the Building Comprehensive Emergency Action Plan Template on the Emergency Management and Response page of the University’s website.

The general course of actions taken in the case of a violent intruder are as follows:

Witnesses call the University police.

To decrease lag in response time, witnesses should call the police department directly. They can do this by dialing 911 on a classroom phone or 419-372-2346, the department’s non-emergency number, on a cellphone.

Calling 911 on a cellphone will direct the call to the sheriff’s department first, and it is recommended that students, faculty and staff save the non-emergency number in their phone, Lt. Jon Luidhardt said.

Those reporting an active shooting on campus must be prepared to tell police the location of shooter, types of weapons, estimated number of people involved, physical description of the shooter and anything else that would help police respond.

“Provide as much detailed information as possible because any amount of information that can be provided to the responding officers is helpful,” Campbell said.

Starting in the fall, the police will be able to trace the location of 911 calls for more accurate response information.

University police push emergency notifications to various outlets.

Once the police have the necessary information, they will send alerts through AlertBG text messages and emails.

Read the full story at bgfalconmedia.com
Top four travel destinations

By Victoria Scanlon
Guest Columnist

Hocking Hills, Ohio
This is a wonderful place to go if you need a break from the world, but do not have a lot of cash on hand. The drive into the city is amazing, and any hotel or cabin you rent will be beautiful and surrounded by trails to walk on for days. With a short drive, you can reach the main focal points of Hocking Hills, such as Old Man’s Cave and Conkles Hollow, which are great spots to start with. We enjoy going off trail anywhere we go, and this is the best place to do so, but BE CAREFUL. Any step could be a drop into a crack, cave or sinkhole, and you do NOT want to fall.

From this area: $40 in gas

Colorado Springs, Colorado
This is a beautiful place to go as well. You are right next to Colorado City, which is laced with awesome places to visit, and you are a short drive from mountains and scenery. The thing about Colorado, is that no matter where you go, there is scenery. Especially for someone who grew up on flat Ohio land and only visited Hocking Hills. Enjoy the quiet serenity while enjoying beautiful hikes through the high energy mountains.

Round-Trip flight: $445

Florida
Florida is the first ever place I have flown to, and it is one of my favorite trips to this day. There is deep sea fishing, which is amazing. I’m terrified of boats, but it was so beautiful and fun that I got over it quickly and enjoyed fishing for grunts. Someone even caught a huge orange squid! I was nervous to even touch it, so I was pretty proud. We ended up catching a bucket full of grunt fish, and cooked homemade tacos for dinner.

Florida has an air boat ride which takes you down the river into a spring to swim and drink delicious, naturally filtered water. They also have delicious food, everywhere. Even rest-stops are filled with Starbucks, Pizza Hut and local fancy Thai, Mexican and sushi.

Oh, and the strip malls! All top brands, like Gucci, Vera Bradley, Versace, Forever 21 and Gap send overstock to malls like these for up to 70 percent off.

Panama City, Florida round-trip flight: $445 However, if you catch tickets at the right time, they go down to $60 round-trip.

Georgia
This is a beautiful state. It’s full of history, beauty and awesome attractions. For example, you should check out the Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta Botanical Garden or Rock City. There are also beautiful national and state parks throughout all of Georgia.

Preparing for spring travel

By Victoria Scanlon
Guest Columnist

I’ve been seriously missing road trips because the winter weather can really make a long trip dangerous. Luckily, it’s just at the cusp of the season to do so. There are a lot of us who want to travel but feel as if we can’t or just don’t understand how to prepare for long drives. This guide will show how easy it can be to take affordable trips once in a while.

• Pack light! Taking a trip is 100 times easier if you pack only essentials.
• Pack non-perishable foods. This makes transport and clean-up very easy and saves money on food. Pack things like canned beans, vegetables, fruits and soups.
• Pack hiking clothes. Definitely bring clothes you don’t care about, otherwise your nice stuff can get destroyed on what was supposed to be a peaceful walk.
• Pack a filtered water bottle. Whether you are camping or in an unfamiliar place, clean water may not always be available.
• You can utilize a large Adidas bag to your advantage; the middle compartment is large enough to fit any clothes and personal items and there are two large side pockets to fit anything else you need, like toiletries and gadgets.

If you are going on a business trip, pack smart. An interchangeable packing method is essential here, because you need multiple types of clothing as well as business supplies. The best starting point for those trips is to bring:

• 2 Shirts
• 1 Jacket/ Blazer
• 1 Cardigan
• 1 Skirt
• 2 Pairs of pants
• 1 Dress
• 2 Pairs of shoes (One hiking, one cute)

Avoid buying supplies while on vacation only to throw them away. Stop carrying a huge bag of toiletries to use maybe half of what you packed. On longer road-trips and camping trips, you might want to bring some practical comforts from home:

• Laundry Detergent
• Dish Soap
• Shampoo
• Body Wash
• Multi-Purpose Cleaner/ Disinfectant

If you wear makeup, pack lightly. I like to think of my trips as ways to get away from my everyday routine, including makeup. Only bring the necessities: 1 mascara, 1 eye shadow palette (small), 1 lipstick, 1 blush/contour bronzer. If you can help it: no powder/foundation. I know some can’t live without it, but if you can, do. It is healthier for your skin, safer for your luggage and saves space.
Group projects cause problems

By Heidi Larson
Columnist

We’ve all seen the alarming pie charts representing wasted time, frustration, lost faith in humanity and a sliver of productivity. Yes, I’m talking about group projects.

Group projects sound good in theory. Students can work together, learn from each other and practice good social skills like communication and problem-solving. But in my experience, group projects are more hassle than they are worth. If working in teams is so important, why are group projects so product-focused, rather than process-focused? By product-focused I mean that the focus is the result of the group work (the required paper or presentation) and not the process or interactions along the way. Product-focus does not show if all group members participated equally. So what is the goal again? To produce a nice product, or to learn how to interact? In my college group projects, students are thrown into groups without any preparation or tools for teamwork. It’s sink or swim, and I have a sinking feeling when I know I’m about to be placed in another group project. In our individual culture, where everyone sits looking at his or her phone with earbuds in, it’s hard to start a conversation. In the classroom, we are discouraged from talking with our peers in favor of listening to a lecture, until it’s time to work in groups. Flipping the switch from silently listening to talking with others can feel awkward.

Group members fear that their partners will slack off because it’s a group grade. This slacking off is known as “social loafing” according to Chris Lam in his academic article “The Role of Communication and Cohesion in Reducing Social Loafing in Group Projects.” An effective learning tool should truly involve all students, not make one student do all the work.

A further problem is that students anticipate the social loafing of their peers which decreases students’ motivation and work in what is known as the “sucker effect,” Lam explains. Students need to be on guard against the “sucker effect” so that they don’t spiral down to the lowest level of productivity.

Plus, meeting outside of class time is very difficult. Each student has a unique academic schedule, to say nothing of their work and social lives. Some students commute, while others live in dorms or off-campus housing.

My goal is not to abolish group projects. But I would like to see teachers be more mindful when they set up group projects. Aggarwal and O’Brian have studied social loafing and explain how to reduce it in their article “Social Loafing on Group Projects: Structural Antecedents and Effect on Student Satisfaction.” They recommend assigning smaller groups, smaller projects and peer evaluations to reduce social loafing, while there was no difference between student assigned and teacher assigned groups.

— Heidi Larson —
Columnist

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USG elections this week

By Ryan Luchene
Reporter

The elections for the University’s new USG president and vice president, as well as senatorial seats, are underway this week.

Elections begin on Monday, March 19 at 8 a.m. and continue through noon on March 22.

Undergraduate students will receive an email message the morning of March 19 with a link that will allow those to vote in the election.

To help students understand the platforms of the presidential and vice presidential candidates, USG hosted a debate.

The candidates that were present were Hannah Cubberly (P) and Marcus Goolsby (VP); Eugene Gorman III (P); Rachel Renou (P) and Nijah Slaughter (VP); Alex Vail (P) and Drew Dutson (VP); and Hannah Wirth (P) and Kinsey Zdunczyk (VP).

Those in attendance tweeted their questions with the hashtag #qusg2018 or just submitted a question through a form online on the campus website. This gave students an opportunity to get to know their candidates and what their goals would be if they should get elected.

One of the questions asked was: how will your administration collaborate with campus partners to increase student engagement?

“A group we want to work with more closely is the BG News,” presidential candidate Hannah Cubberly said. “We feel that we as students on student government have really great relations with the administration, and we want to make sure that the BG News and Falcon Media are also able to report and use their resources to make sure students are aware of what’s going on.”

When asked what actions USG could take to improve relations with stakeholders, University administration, University staff, student organizations and students themselves, Rachel Renou assured her and Nijah Slaughter will make sure that their needs are there to help fix things.

“We have already started doing that by going to other organization meetings for them to give us questions and suggestions about what they feel like they need on campus,” Renou said.

Also asked of the candidates was if they were elected, what would be the first initiative that the administration would work on?

The duo of Alex Vail and Drew Dutson plan on addressing campus safety problems that not only goes through BG but other campuses as well.

“That first initiative means working with Residence Life to finding a way to help change and mold their awareness programs that have incoming students work with as well as other areas of concern like cultural awareness on campus,” Vail said. Their goal is to help people feel safe and want to stay living in the area.

The results will be calculated and announced at noon on March 23 in the Falcon’s Nest (if any technological problems come up, the date will be pushed to March 26).

USG CANDIDATES

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Just another disappointing movie adaptation

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

Even though I am 21 and can go see any movie I want, I still see Pixar and Disney films. I still enjoy movies that are traditionally made for children. I wanted to preface this review of “A Wrinkle in Time” by saying I typically enjoy these kinds of films. However, “A Wrinkle in Time” was a bit too much in that area. Some of the areas, such as the acting of multiple characters, and the story of the movie, were not great in my opinion. But I was happily surprised about the visuals of the movie.

First off, the acting in the movie was subpar at best from some of the characters, and outright bad by others. Child actors have had a good last couple years, with “It” last year being outstanding, but this brings back the part of child actors underperforming, and that weighs down the quality of the film. I disliked seeing them on screen and sometimes it was terrible. One specific part in the movie that bothered me was Mindy Kaling’s character and how she speaks in the movie. For those who haven’t seen the movie or read the book, she speaks in quotes of other people, not with her own words. I know this was part of the book, but seeing it on the big screen was a bit different, and I was not a big fan.

The story of the movie wasn’t as bad as the acting in the film. I kind of liked the traveling part in the film because it used the best part of the movie, the visuals, to its benefit by making me want to see the next place the characters would go. The motto of the film, which is “be you,” is good, but I felt like it was hammered too much into the viewers’ heads. I liked the story a little bit, but it’s not something I haven’t seen before.

The best part of the movie was definitely the visuals. Many of the scenes in the movie were absolutely gorgeous, and I loved that about the film. There were a couple scenes that took my breath away, and I wished it did a bit more in this area, because I might have liked it a bit more. Overall, the movie was worse than I was expecting it would be, by a lot in fact. The acting was disappointing, and only two characters were actually enjoyable to watch on screen. I also thought the story was average and that it could have been translated better to the big screen. That being said, the visuals almost made up for the rest of the movie. Unfortunately, visuals can only take a movie so far and for “A Wrinkle in Time,” it wasn’t enough to make the movie enjoyable.

Nintendo’s 2018: being subpar isn’t bad

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

The year Nintendo had in 2017 in terms of the quality of releases was probably the best year the video game company has ever had. First off, they finally released their newest home console, the Nintendo Switch. The console was a rousing success, breaking all sorts of records, and Nintendo also released titles like “The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild” and “Super Mario Odyssey” to widespread critical acclaim. However, 2018 has looked less than satisfactory for the company.

So far this year, Nintendo has only released one brand new game and that is “Kirby: Star Allies.” All of the other games the company has released this year have been ports of old games. Fans have complained about these releases, due to them not being new and also people having already bought them. The months have been a bit barren for those who want new, and big, AAA titles.

I think it’s alright. Of course, it’s not ideal. I would prefer to have brand new releases every other month, with ports in between each of those months, but it can never work out like that when a company is trying to release games for a console all by themselves. The Nintendo Switch is still trying to get a foothold with third-parties, and that means the releases for PlayStation 4 and Xbox One aren’t always going to release for the Switch, leaving a bit of a gap for the console.

These gaps are the reason indie developers and small releases by big companies exist. Games like “Celeste” or “Fe” wouldn’t exist if big budget games were released every single month.

I’m completely fine with having big game releases only every few months, not just because it gives the other titles on the console a chance to get some sales, but it also spaces out the releases, allowing people to actually play the games they buy. I have so many games I want to play, but because of the number of games I buy, I keep pushing back the games I need to play. I know what you’re going to say, and yes, I really just need to stop buying video games.

The year Nintendo has had so far is not great, and they should have seen this coming. Maybe they should have delayed “Xenoblade Chronicles 2” to have another new game available for people to play, but their lineup is looking decent for the rest of the year, with Super Smash Bros., the new Yoshi game, “Fire Emblem Warriors” and possibly the new main series Fire Emblem game. Their year isn’t great, but video game releases don’t need to be in the beginning of the year, spreading out releases is key to success.”
How great is it when you find jalapeno poppers on a menu at a restaurant? Sadly, going out to eat can get expensive quickly. Having a packed schedule can be a pretty good excuse – but it really isn’t economical for a lot of students. So why not learn how to make your own homemade jalapeno poppers?

Jalapenos are easy to keep on-hand, and most people will have the other ingredients for poppers lying around their kitchens. Your friends will be sneaking into the kitchen to grab one while you’re just trying to let the things sit out and get to a reasonable temperature. Within minutes, they’ll probably be totally gone. Because they know, there is nothing better than a homemade jalapeno popper.

The flavor is just the right amount of spicy, the crunch will be perfect with the fresh jalapeno and the price is 1/3 what one would normally pay at the average restaurant. At most stores, a pound of jalapenos gets you about 15 for only $2. As mentioned before, it’s likely most of the other ingredients will be stocked in your kitchen already. With that in mind, it’s like making 30 poppers for around $5. How unbelievable is that – it’s easy to pay $9 for seven poppers anywhere else. After working up the nerve to try out this recipe, it’s hard to go out and pay that price.

WARNING: If you do not handle spice well, stop eating after five. *Insert giggle* These jalapenos are fresh, so they are hot! To tone down the heat, take out as many of the seeds as you can while coring the jalapenos.

Enjoy this delicious, late-night snack food by following this simple recipe:

**Directions:**

1. Cut the jalapenos in half, and core each half.
2. Whisk the cream cheese for better pliability, or heat until soft (not melted). Then fill each jalapeno half. Smooth the cheese around the edges of the pepper to limit messes.
3. Freeze for one hour.
4. In the meantime, add all breading ingredients to a bowl. Whisk until no chunks are left to be broken down. The smoother the batter, the better.
5. Refrigerate batter for one hour.
6. Once both the jalapenos and batter are cold, heat a pot of oil on medium heat. Any extra heat could cause some of your poppers to pop way too much.
7. Coat each popper and drop (carefully) into the oil. Fry only three to four poppers at a time, unless you have a larger fryer.
8. Once they float, they’re done. Otherwise, all that tasty cream cheese will leak out.
9. Set onto a paper towel to dry any excess oil.
10. Let sit for at least five minutes (or as long as your stomach will let you)

**What You Need:**
- Jalapenos - 1 lb
- Cream cheese - 6-8 oz
- For Breading:
  - 1/2 c flour
  - 1 tsp baking soda
  - 1 tbsp salt
  - 1 tbsp pepper
  - 1/4-1/2 cup milk

The best part is these are even better reheated. Bag any leftover poppers and put the bag into the freezer, after the poppers have reached room temperature. Next time you want some, just heat up fry oil and re-fry them. They will be crunchier and more delicious.
The Falcon tennis team was back home this weekend for the first time since Jan. 27, taking on the Chicago Flames on Friday and the Wright State Raiders on Saturday. Coming into these matches, the Falcons were undefeated on home court and that trend would continue, as they won both matches and swept the weekend series.

In the first match against Chicago, the final score of 5-2 by the Falcons didn’t do the doubles and singles matches justice on just how competitive and hard-fought they were. The Falcons were able to secure the first doubles point of the match with wins by junior Paula Comella and sophomore Marharita–Sophia Tavpash 6-4, and junior Polina Radeva and sophomore Ayumi Sasaki 6-2. Ultimately, the Falcons winning two of the three is all they needed.

“It’s a different energy, you know, when you win the doubles point and coming into singles,” Falcons head coach Stephanie Dalmacio said. “It’s that much harder to come back if you lost the doubles point... just energy wise and, you know, confidence they’re already up because of the doubles point. And usually with the better team, the doubles point is going to be the decisive point.”

The singles portion of the match was another gritty performance by the Falcons taking four of the six points in singles and really fighting for every point.

“(Chicago) is actually a very strong team. You know, it was going to be challenging, we knew that.”

Stephanie Dalmacio
Falcons Head Coach

The second match of the weekend was once again another hard-fought battle for the Falcons, but this time they had to come from behind to do it. The doubles portion didn’t start off great, as Comella and Tavpash were shut out 6-0. Radeva and Sasaki were able to secure their match, but it wasn’t enough as the Raiders were able to secure two out of the three, acquiring the first doubles point of the match.

In singles, the Falcons needed all the match points they could get, already trailing going into it. Fortunately for them, they did just that, winning four of the six matches and winning by a final score of 4-3 over the Raiders of Wright State.

“We played well. You know, credit to Wright State, they played very good doubles today,” Dalmacio said. “We knew that it was going to be tough. Again, they fought back in singles, we knew that we needed every court and they did the job today.”

The Falcons will begin MAC play next weekend beginning in Dekalb, Illinois, where they’ll take on the Northern Illinois Huskies followed by a home match two days later against the Ball State Cardinals.
Track and field athlete prepares for future

By Travis Devlin
Sports Reporter

For Aliyah Gustafson, the grind never stops. As a redshirt senior, she has already graduated summa cum laude, is pursuing her graduate degree, and competes in track and field, specifically shot put, at an elite level. Her throwing season ended just last week with a tenth place finish at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

Gustafson, originally from Iowa City, Iowa, knew early on in the recruiting process that Bowling Green State University was the place for her. She attributes that to the connection with the coaches, players and campus. But now, it’s safe to assume connecting on the throws from every shot went far beyond the sport, even back to her hometown. For Gustafson, growing up in Iowa was fun. To her, it’s comparable to Bowling Green.

“Iowa was great, you know, kind of similar to Bowling Green,” Gustafson said. “You know, people are nice, it’s a little busier than Bowling Green…just Midwest stuff.”

In her time back home, Gustafson was always into athletics, participating in many sports like volleyball, swim, basketball, track and softball in junior high. Once high school came around, Gustafson began to narrow her focus to only basketball, volleyball and track. Though, it ultimately came down to what, in her mind, she was best at in the end. That was track and field.

“I enjoyed volleyball a lot too, but, you know, track I was better sooner,” Gustafson said. “The college coaches had most interest in track and field, so you know, I just really focused on that.”

While in track and field, she admitted it took her a while to really get into shot put, and even acknowledged that she preferred discus beforehand. She knows it was the right choice in the grand scheme of things.

“It became better at the shotput, and you tend to do stuff that you’re good at,” Gustafson said.

It was never about just being good at one thing in Gustafson’s mind; as always, for her, school came first.

“My experience has been phenomenal, I really can’t complain,” Gustafson said. “Both athletically and academically, I have done very well here. I felt like I always had the resources I needed.”

One experience, however, she will never forget was the opportunity to participate in the National Championships last weekend in College Station, Texas. Gustafson was disappointed in her tenth place finish and knows she can do better, but cherished the opportunity to compete at the highest level and put the University on the map.

“I had a lot of support from our community…and I have always had. You know, I’ve always felt like I had a lot of support, but I had a lot of pride going in there, you know, being a mid-major school, like the only one,” Gustafson said. “So, it meant a lot that I had that opportunity to represent our school the best way I could.”

Gustafson is talented and she knows it. People who know who she is and what she has accomplished on the track and in the classroom know it. Gustafson believes without the support, she doesn’t believe she would be where she is today.

Even with all the accolades and achievements she has received, it didn’t always start off great for Gustafson.

“I came in, I wasn’t very good and I started getting good and had to restart,” Gustafson said. “So, without those support systems to help me, you know, keep my mind right and you know, continue to get after it despite like adversity I had faced, like I needed them more than they probably knew.”

Many people often wonder and question how athletes can manage their hectic schedules, balancing classes, practice, games or events, trying to focus on both things rather than one over the other. Gustafson knows it was difficult; she lived it. But for all those asking, she always tried to do two things more so than the rest to stay grounded.

“So, time management and planning ahead have definitely been of help,” Gustafson said. “As much as I love track and I enjoy doing it, it’s not the end all for me.”

For Gustafson, it’s not the end, it’s only the beginning. After her time is up at the University, with a degree in kinesiology in hand, she plans on becoming an exercise physiologist specializing in cardiac rehabilitation.

Until then, with one more year of grad school, track and field and school will continue to be her focus. But she knows someday that she’ll look back at it all and see all the accomplishments, the awards, the individual and team wins and soak it all in.

“If I could be remembered as someone that worked really hard and didn’t take anything for granted and really liked to seize the moment, I think that would feel good,” Gustafson said.

Senior thrower Aliyah Gustafson in a meet earlier this season.

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By Stepha Poulin
Forum Editor

Gail Houtz, former member of the Financial Aid staff at the University, is facing two counts of theft and two counts of tampering with records following an investigation by the Wood County Prosecutor.

Specifically, the indictment lists two fourth degree felony counts of “theft in office” and two third degree felony counts of “tampering with records.”

In October 2017, Houtz resigned from her position as Senior Financial Aid Coordinator at the University. Court records reveal she will face charges after the investigation found evidence of altered financial aid documents, allegedly carried out by Houtz.

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Two students are mentioned in the indictment under separate, third degree felony counts of tampering with records. Records are available online via the Wood County Clerk of Courts.

Senior Daniel Landis, music education major, is one of the students revealed in these counts. The other student did not reply to a request to comment.

“I didn’t know anything about this until I received the email,” Landis said, regarding Houtz allegedly altering his records. Landis declined to make any further comment.

The University will not comment further, as it is still an open case.

Houtz holds two degrees from the University: a bachelor’s and master’s degree in education and training. The University employed her in 1999, and she served on the Salary Compensation Committee for 11 years.

About four years prior to this criminal investigation, she was awarded the 2014 Outstanding Service Award at the University.

“Gail Houtz’s natural leadership is born out of her intense dedication and caring, both for the University and for the community,” reads a news update about the award on the University website.

The news update has since been removed from the University website, however, it can still be viewed through Google’s web cache tool.

Houtz was notified about her upcoming hearing on March 8. The arraignment is scheduled for March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wood County Common Pleas Court.
All about Sibs ‘N Kids

By April Leygraaf
Reporter

The annual Sibs ‘N Kids weekend will take place during the weekend of March 23-25. Sibs ‘N Kids weekend is an opportunity for students’ siblings and families to visit them and participate in a variety of activities.

Siblings’ weekend is a long held tradition at the University and has been going on for more than 10 years. The goal of the weekend is to allow students to show off the school to their families and also encourage the formation of positive connections and memories with the University.

“It’s an opportunity to really allow siblings and family members to get exposed to what University life is like,” said Leah Howell, assistant dean of students for the Office of Campus Activities.

The weekend begins on Friday evening and includes activities and events for siblings of all ages. All of the activities are related to the superhero theme of the weekend. The theme was chosen to reflect the relationship between older and younger brothers and sisters.

“Oftentimes we look to our older siblings as superheroes,” Howell said. Some of the highlights from Friday evening’s schedule include Cirque de Hero, which is a showcase by the circus arts club; a performance by Voices at BGSU; two movie showings; laser tag and an opportunity for teenage siblings to paint the infamous rock.

Saturday’s agenda has a clinic hosted by the cheer and dance teams, a presentation on the history of comic books at Jerome Library, a carnival and an athlete meet-and-greet. Sunday includes an Easter egg hunt in the Greek village and ice skating at Slater Family Ice Arena.

This year’s siblings weekend also has a few adult-only events for parents who are visiting. These events are donuts with the dean of students, a presentation called “Honoring the Real Superheroes” and a tour of the University’s athletic facilities. This year the event includes activities sponsored by more organizations than ever.

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| March 26 | Non-Degree Graduate Students |
| March 27 | Seniors |
| March 29 | Juniors |
| April 03 | Sophomores |
| April 04 | Freshmen |
| April 06 | Guest Students |

Open Registration
April 6 thru September 2, 2018

Questions?
Call the Registration HOTLINE: 419-372-4444
8 am - 5 pm | Monday - Friday

Go to: my.bgsu.edu
1. SELECT > student center
2. SELECT > enroll
3. SELECT > add

You can access everything that you need via the “Student Center” at the MyBGSU portal.

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