Kuhlin Center gets outstanding design award

By Abby Shifely
reporter

The Kuhlin Center received an outstanding renovation/modernization award from the American School & University magazine. The application for the award was sent in by the architecture company that oversaw the project, Champlin Architecture, Barbara Shergalis, director of the office of design and construction, said.

According to the magazine, the renovation is "a lesson in sustainability and effective shepherding of financial resources."

The Kuhlin Center was known as South Hall before its massive renovation. Shergalis said first-year journalism students, “weren’t here to see what South Hall used to look like.”

The inside of the building had to be completely redone, which included new windows, plumbing and the addition of an air conditioning system. Some senior officials of the University wondered why the building shouldn’t be torn down, Shergalis said. An analysis determined it would be more cost effective to keep the structure of the building and undergo a large renovation.

The project was still very expensive, about $15 million, but Shergalis said that the investment made sense.

“We don’t build new buildings every 5 years,” Shergalis said.

In response to Shergalis, Brian Swope, assistant director of the office of design and construction, said that the Kuhlin Center is a building that will be beneficial for media and communications students in the long-term. Swope said they had a national expert come in to assess the work that was done during the renovation. The expert said that the technology in the Kuhlin Center rivals the technology of a television network.

“It’s on par with the latest and greatest technology, it’s high-end,” Swope said.

Shergalis said that provost at the time and current president of the University, Rodney Rogers, initiated the vision that something needed to be done for the School of Media and Communications. The school was formerly in West Hall, a building that wasn’t in much better shape than South Hall and was recently torn down. The Kuhlin Center provides many more opportunities for students, said Shergalis.

Shergalis said there are two brand new sections of the building that were added during the renovation: the studio space and the convergence lab. According to the University’s description of the Kuhlin Center, the lab can be used for multi-media purposes and encourages collaboration and the studio space includes video and audio production suites.

Shergalis said her favorite part of the Kuhlin Center is the modernization of the interior. Before the renovation, South Hall was very dark and the corridors were very narrow. Now, the Kuhlin Center is generally bright and open.

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Eating healthy can be tasty

By Victoria Scanlon
Guest Columnist

We all tend to stress eat at times. Personally, I have been eating a lot of bread and cheese lately, and it is beginning to take its toll.

Whether you’ve been sleeping extra, grumpy, lazy or an over-all groggy person, the food we eat takes a bigger toll than most expect. So, here is a tip for a healthy alternative to your go-to stress eating snack.

The drink can be used as a detox as well, if you want to go the extra mile. On a detox, I avoid dairy, gluten and heavy sugars. Simple sugars found in fruits are easier to breakdown and less fattening.

This cuts out basically all the bad foods we allow into our diet.

The few things I give into at home are wheels of cheese, homemade mac n’ cheese, pizza, coffee and chocolate (I guess that’s more than a few, though). When life gets a little crazy, that’s what I want to eat.

After a while of eating crap, I eventually notice the negative changes in my body. For example: a bloated belly, low energy level and mood swings.

This drink will flush out any of the crappy food or drink sitting in your system. It is also a fasting session without the torture. You’re not supposed to eat any solid foods. Only water and these juice mixes can flow through your system for the three days.

The first recipe is as follows:

- 4 apples, cored
- Two to three cucumbers
- One handful of parsley
- Two handfuls of spinach
- Four stalks of kale
- One bunch of celery
- One lemon
- One tsp ginger root

Wash all fruits and vegetables and prepare Accordingly. Cut the cores out of the apples, squeeze the lemon, chop the parsley and greens, etc.

Add all vegetables to the juicer and press start. If you do not have a juicer (fun fact; I do not) then you can also blend everything and strain the juice into a pitcher.

Drink one in the morning, one for lunch, and one for dinner. Drink two water bottles in-between each detox. I recommend not eating anything otherwise, but if you need food, stick to vegetables and lean proteins.

The drink tastes delicious, full of fresh greens with a nice sweetness to blend the flavors. This drink will show those who avoid fruits and veggies that healthy food doesn’t need to taste gross.

Ingredients

- 4 Apples, Cored
- 2-3 Cucumbers
- 1 Handful Parsley
- 2 Handfuls Spinach
- 4 Stalks Kale
- 1 Bunch Celery
- 1 Lemon
- 1 Tsp Ginger Root

Directions

1. Wash all fruits and vegetables.
2. Cut out apple cores, squeeze lemons, and chop greens.
3. Add ingredients to a juicer or blend.
Back to the neighborhood

By Heidi Larson
Columnist

I want to retreat to the neighborhood. Not my neighborhood exactly, but a place from my childhood: Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood. With all the tragic news recently, I need a break. Sexual harassment abounds. Russian spies were poisoned with a nerve agent. If it wasn’t for the self-driving car death, I would think we were going back in time! And then there are the repeated school shootings. What is happening to America? I wonder what Mr. Rogers would say. There’s a new trailer out for a documentary about him, called “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” The documentary is by Morgan Neville. According to Deadline.com, on the eve of his latest Sundance Film Festival debut for “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” he said, “I’ll tell you, when I started, documentaries were the spinach of filmmaking, and now they’re the cool kids... The kind of freedom we have as filmmakers now, whether in terms of getting funding or just distribution, has just made it night and day from where it was even 10 years ago.”

If you want to find the exact trailer it’s “WON’T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR? - Official Trailer [HD] - In Select Theaters June 8” posted by Focus Features on YouTube March 20, 2018. As I write this, the trailer is on the trending page. The consensus on the internet is that you have to try not to cry while you watch it. I embraced the nostalgia and watched the trailer showing vintage clips of Mr. Rogers sometimes with dark hair and other times with silver hair, but always wearing his standard combination of slacks, button down, tie and sweater. His warm, familiar voice speaks slowly and carefully, as he patiently interacts with kids.

Fred Rogers encouraged kindness and love, and we sure need to hear that message today. Neville explains, “Fred was a Republican pastor. To him these weren’t liberal values, they were Christian values, and I think that’s what interests me. What I liked about Fred is we all watched Fred before we were Republicans or Democrats, before we had any labels attached to us. In a way a character like Fred takes us back to who we were at our inception to kind of speak the first principles about how we should treat each other. You know, everything was informed by his faith, and I think we’re in a time now where I think it’s an interesting discussion to be had about what is the Christian thing to do.” If you’d like to see “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” it’s coming out this summer.

Drunk bathroom problems

By Stepha Poulin
Forum Editor

Picture this: you’re out with friends having the time of your life, the summer air is a perfect temperature and you’re making the most of your first week back at college. But there’s one issue...you feel that Taco Bell from earlier reigniting your drunk aim.

Don’t be a show-off when/if you pee. Especially if it’s the only bathroom.

If you’re a guy, put up the seat before you use the bathroom. You need that bathroom, and a person has while drunk, we can have more bathroom options. In the meantime, just be grateful for the bathrooms we have.

5. If you’re a girl, make sure the seat is down. Don’t fall in.

6. Don’t go into a single bathroom with a ton of friends.

7. This may seem obvious, but please wash your hands. Especially if you lose your sense of personal space while drunk.

8. Don’t use the bathroom for phone calls. Especially if it’s the only bathroom.

9. Double check for your phone and anything else you brought in with you.

10. Don’t be a show-off when/if you pee outside. It’s an easy way to be arrested for public intoxication.

Everyone makes mistakes, and being drunk just increases those odds. But maybe, if we try to use the small amount of rationality a person has while drunk, we can have more bathroom options. In the meantime, just be grateful for the bathrooms we have.
Fast facts on the University greenhouse

By Stepha Poulin
Forum Editor

- Opened in 1968
- The University has four greenhouses: two for research/class project, a desert foliage area and a tropical rainforest area.
- The greenhouses showcase a variety of exotic plants, like Venus fly traps and various tropical succulents.
- There are plants producing staple food items in the greenhouse, such as vanilla orchids that produce vanilla beans.
- There is a total of 45 families of plants.

- Frank Schemenauer, horticulturist, tends to all the greenhouses. He constantly maintains, re-pots and rejuvenates the plants.
- The greenhouse uses non-toxic pesticidal methods.
- Predatory mites, lace-wing larva, lady beetles, praying mantises and other predatory insects keep pests at bay rather than using chemical methods.
- Tours are available to all: pre-school students to adults can arrange a guided tour.
- The Green Thumbs Society and Environmental Service club volunteer at the greenhouse, but anyone can volunteer.
- To volunteer, contact Schemenauer at (419)-372-2375 or franksc@bgsu.edu.

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New Nintendo Direct gives hope for 2018

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

A couple of weeks ago, Nintendo had another one of their Nintendo Direct events. At the event, they announced games for both the Switch and the 3DS. The three headlines at the event were “Mario Tennis Aces,” a new “Splatoon 2” update and the announcement of a new Super Smash Bros. game coming to Nintendo Switch later this year. The Super Smash Bros. announcement, along with some of the smaller announcements during the event, gave me hope that Nintendo knows what they are doing. Even though the Switch is already miles better than the Wii U, this Direct shows how much they have learned from the Wii U’s failure.

First, the 3DS is still announcing and releasing games. Even though I am not one of them, some people just want Nintendo to stop releasing games for the handheld and to shift development resources exclusively to the Switch. Yes, I wish the “Luigi’s Mansion” remake was on the Switch instead of 3DS, but I think that would have been a bit too much to ask. The 3DS releases seem to now be reserved for remakes and smaller titles, like “WarioWare Gold.” I think this shows Nintendo is phasing out the 3DS, but not in a big way. It won’t get many more big titles, but fans of the system will still be getting titles for it for a little while, which is fine by me.

The Nintendo Switch is different however, because it is the future for Nintendo. The games released for the system have been varied, from big AAA titles to smaller, indie games. This Nintendo Direct had all of those kinds of games, which shows Nintendo is ready to fully support their new console.

First, the company announced a couple more ports for the Nintendo Switch. Some of those games are a new version of “Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker,” “Okami HD,” which also has new ways to control the game, like using the touch screen to using your brush techniques in the game, and “Crash Bandicoot N. Sane Trilogy.” These games are just a few of the games announced and will be released in the coming months, which is great for giving fans games to play if they don’t have other consoles.

For those who have other consoles, this Direct gave a little bit of hope for you because of the announcement of Super Smash Bros., the release of “Mario Tennis Aces,” the new untitled Yoshi game, and the supposed release of both the main series Fire Emblem and Pokemon games. These games look great for one year, but with Nintendo’s courting of third-parties going quite well, their 2018 lineup hopes to possibly be as good as their lineup from 2017.

Music of Women’s History month

By Brionna Scebbi
Reporter

March is Women’s History Month, and several music streaming services and other prominent music organizations have been celebrating powerful female artists.

Pandora has been highlighting several women-centered stations throughout the month.

Its Riot Grrrl and Women in Metal stations were advertised on Snapchat with filters and sponsored stories. These stations feature music from women in punk and metal groups such as Bratmobile, Bikini Kill, Mortillery and Rock Goddess.

Other Women’s History Month stations pay tribute to strong female artists of every genre: Women in Reggae, Women in Hip Hop and Women in Electronic Music.

At the beginning of the month, Spotify launched “Amplify.” Amplify is a hub that “highlights, empowers, and amplifies important topics and voices from various communities,” according to Spotify.

Their “Amplify Women” theme for Women’s History Month showcases influential female artists through podcasts and playlists.

As part of Amplify Women, Spotify focuses on women-driven music from several countries in their Women of the World playlist. Viva Latinas! is a pop-up shelf that can be found under Spotify’s Latin hub and gives listeners a chance to hear from important Latina artists. The shelf features several playlists such as Latin Divas, Latin Pop VIP and Top Alternative.

RCA Records is also giving attention to women in the music industry with their “Women’s History: A Vibe” campaign. This campaign features influential artists such as SZA, Pink, Kesha and Tinashe sharing playlists of their favorite songs by women.

Playlists for each week of Women’s History Month can be found on Spotify and include songs such as “Back to Black” by Amy Winehouse, “I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston and “Time After Time” by Cyndi Lauper.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland also recognized notable female musicians during March.

“Women played a central role in the development of the rock-and-roll genre,” the Rock Hall website said.

The events for Women’s History Month included a presentation from NPR music critic and correspondent and author Ann Powers, a showing of the film “Lady Gaga - Five Foot Two” and a screening of the film “What Happened, Miss Simone?” about 2018 inductee Nina Simone.

The Rock Hall has also been playing music by iconic female artists within the museum. This playlist includes a variety of styles from R&B to punk, singer-songwriter to psychedelic rock, dance to rockabilly, and more, with over 700 songs spanning nearly a century,” according to the Rock Hall website.

Check out a sampling of the playlist on Spotify.
Hand-held > console gaming

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

Video games are some of the best media to experience. They combine the best parts of music, movies and books to create something entirely new. One of my favorite things about video games are their ability to be malleable, have the experience be different for each person playing the game. This has extended to the actual physical way of playing the game, where the player of the game can have a home console, like a PlayStation 4 or Xbox One, or a handheld, like a Nintendo 3DS. And this is where I diverge from many gamers in the United States, I prefer playing on a hand-held over home console, and it isn't even close. The release of the Nintendo Switch has only accelerated this fact because I barely use the system in docked mode. I primarily use the system in undocked mode, which is the hand-held mode.

I am someone who likes to multi-task. If I’m doing homework, I have to be watching something on Netflix. This also translates to when I am playing video games. Unless it is a game which needs my undivided attention, I am most likely watching a television show or a movie. Because of this, I have started to gravitate more toward playing handheld video games over console video games. Yes, I could just watch stuff on my laptop, but it is much easier to watch something on the television instead of on the smaller screen of my laptop. This ability to multi-task with the hand-held and the television also, most of the time, leads me to play the video game for a longer period of time. This is because I tend to lose track of time when I do multiple things, and therefore play longer than I originally intended to. Sometimes this is a problem, like when I’m supposed to be doing homework, but other times it is fine.

I have also found that I prefer the style of video games that are on the hand-held consoles. I like to play games in short bursts, and because of this, playing on a home console, where it takes a bit of time to turn the console on, and start the game, isn’t my favorite way to play video games. But, a handheld is quick to start and easy to stop. The game has to be easy to stop quickly to be on a hand-held, and I really enjoy those types of games. I enjoy having small goals to be able to get through, like multiple places to go in the story, where I can feel like I accomplished something even in the short amount of time I played the game. This makes me feel good, and I like accomplishing something in games, no matter how small. It’s the exact same feeling as short chapters in books. Even though the reader knows they aren’t finishing much of the book, it still feels good to get past parts the creator has set for the reader, or in terms of video games, the player.

Of course, another reason I enjoy hand-held gaming is because of the ability to take it anywhere I want. Whenever I go on vacation or am in the car for a long time, I take my 3DS and pass the time much quicker than I would have without the hand-held. I like being able to take a game anywhere, even in the small space like a home, too. Do you want to hang out with your family but still play your game? You obviously can do that with a hand-held, which I enjoy a lot. Just having the option to go anywhere while playing a video game makes me want to play it more, because I don’t have to feel like I am confined to only the place where my console is located.

The Pokemon games are the epitome of why I prefer hand-held gaming over console gaming. I have been a fan of the Pokemon games since I was a young kid, and I still play them religiously, as well as buy each new installment. The way the games are structured are perfect for the hand-held, with their focus on connectivity and short bursts of play. The games are usually made for short play sections, like how the almost all of the handheld games have eight gyms. They are good about having a short-term goal, like getting to the next gym, and a long-term goal, like defeating the main antagonist, such as Team Rocket in Pokemon Red and Blue.

Video games are great wherever you play them, but for me, I love the ability to take them anywhere. It gives me a lot of freedom to play in whatever way I want wherever I want. If I can play a game on a hand-held, I will buy it on there over a console. This is why I have dozens of games already on my Nintendo Switch.
Tennis takes down N. Illinois and Ball St.

By Travis Devin
Sports Reporter

The Falcon tennis team began conference play this weekend. On Friday they took on the Northern Illinois Huskies in Dekalb, Illinois, followed up by a home match against the Ball State Cardinals on Sunday. Over the course of the weekend, the Falcons were able to go 2–0, bringing their overall record to 10–5 and 2–0 in conference play.

On Friday, the Falcons were able to take care of business away from home against the Huskies. They were able to secure the first doubles point of the match, winning two of the three, with junior Paula Comella and Marharita. Sophia Tavpash took the match 6–2 and junior Polina Radeva and sophomore Ayumi Sasaki also secured a 6–2 victory.

In singles, the Falcons continued their winning ways, winning five of the six matches in convincing fashion. Comella once again proved her number one seed, defeating her opponent 6–1 and 6–4 in straight sets. Radeva and Sasaki followed suit, winning 6–3, 6–0 and 6–1 and 6–0, respectively. The other two players, junior Vanessa Pardo and freshman Marta Bettinelli had to go to three sets in their matches. Pardo won the first set 7–5, followed by dropping two sets which got the Huskies point total to two. Bettinelli was able to secure the first set 6–4, dropping the second set 6–4, but retaking claim of her match and the match as a whole winning 10–4 and getting their first victory in MAC play.

“...We really just played better as the match went along, really and you know, we knew that it was going to be tough because in the past we’ve lost to these teams,” Coach Stephanie Dalmacio said. “We know that it’s different now, we’re excited, we’re motivated. They played well.”

On Sunday, the Falcons continued their undefeated streak on home court defeating the Ball State Cardinals by an overall score of 4–3. It was a battle throughout the match, with none of the matches coming easy.

The Falcons failed to acquire the first point of the match in doubles, losing two out of three 6–3, 6–7 and 1–6. Comella and Tavpash were the sole victors in the doubles portion. Once singles came around, the Falcons knew they had to make up some ground and they did that, winning four of the six singles matches.

“Resilience,” Dalmacio said. “I think they all know it’s about grit, it’s about how much you’re willing to stay out there and how much you’re going to leave on the court.”

The Falcons will next play Friday against the Akron Zips and Easter Sunday against the Buffalo Bulls, in hoping to finish their final two home games of the season on a high note and undefeated at home. “We’re going to try and go for the undefeated season, you know, we’re already here,” Dalmacio said. “But again, it’s just one day at a time, one match at a time and they’re going to be very tough matches coming along as well.”

Softball falls in series to Ball State

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons softball team fell in two of three games to the Ball State Cardinals, losing on Saturday 12-0, but winning 4-2 in the second game of a Friday doubleheader after losing the first game 9-0.

On Saturday, Ball State got on the board first as they got a solo home run to go up 1-0 in the first inning, then came back in the third with a three-run homer. Ball State continued the offense into the fourth as they had a pair of RBI singles, capped off by a grand slam home run to make it a 10-0 game. In the fifth, they added an RBI triple. They took advantage of a fielding error to bring home another run, as Ball State went on to take the 12-0 victory.

“Games like this are tough, when not a lot goes right,” Falcons head coach Sarah Willis said. “But we have identified a number of things that we need to work on, and we look forward to getting back out on the field for practice.”

The second game of Friday’s doubleheader again started off with Ball State taking the early lead, as they had a pair of RBI singles in the first inning to go up 2-0. The score would remain there until the fifth inning, when junior outfielder Alex Sorgi hit an RBI triple to cut the lead in half. The sixth inning saw the Falcons continue the momentum with an RBI single from freshman infielder Nikki Sorgi to tie it up, then taking the lead with a two RBI single from sophomore catcher Logan Everett. Ball State was unable to make a comeback in the seventh, as the Falcons took the 4-2 win.

“In game two, we focused on creating a plan at the plate,” Willis said. “We didn’t let other factors dictate anything, we just focused on what their pitchers were giving us and we capitalized on it over the last part of the game.”

In the first game of the doubleheader, Ball State kicked off the scoring in the second inning with an RBI double, followed by a three run third inning that saw a pair of bases loaded walks and a run-scoring fielding error that allowed Ball State to take a 4-0 lead. In the fourth, Ball State tacked on a two RBI double, followed in the sixth by an RBI single and a pair of bases loaded walks as Ball State took the 9-0 victory after six innings due to the mercy rule.

“We gave them too many free bases in the opening game,” Willis said. “But all you can do is move forward, play fearless and put it all out there.”

The team will next play on Wednesday afternoon at home against the Fort Wayne Mastodons.

“I think they all know it’s about grit, it’s about how much you’re willing to stay out there and how much you’re going to leave on the court.”

-Stephanie Dalmacio
Falcons Head Coach

Junior pitcher Meredith Miller pitches in a game earlier this season.

Photo by MEGAN GAUMER
The Falcon baseball team took two out of three games against the Ohio Bobcats, winning 3-1 on Sunday after falling 11-3 on Saturday, but winning on Friday 6-4.

Falcons head coach Danny Schmitz also won his 700th game as head coach of the Falcons on Sunday.

“To be honest, I’m more concerned about winning the series,” Schmitz said. “Winning 700 is nice, but it takes a back burner. It’s very important that it’s opening weekend to win the series against arguably one of the best baseball programs in the conference.”

On Sunday, the Falcons got the offense going early as senior infielder Randy Righter hit an RBI single, along with junior infielder Neil Lambert coming across on an error to make it a 2-0 game. In the fifth, junior infielder Brad Croy added to the lead with an RBI single. In the sixth, however, Ohio came back with an RBI single, but the Falcons held on to take the 3-1 victory.

“I was really proud of the way the guys rebounded from yesterday’s game,” Schmitz said. “Before we let the guys go last night, we told (pitcher) Tyler Anderson that we need a good effort out of you today and we got exactly that.”

On Saturday, the Falcons started off strong once again as Righter hit an RBI double, allowing the team to go ahead 1-0 early. However, Ohio rebounded in the third with a two RBI single as well as scoring on a steal of home plate to make it a 3-1 game. Ohio added to the lead in the fourth with an RBI sacrifice fly, a two RBI double and an RBI single. The Falcons chipped away at the lead in the fifth with an RBI single from sophomore outfielder Jake Wilson, but Ohio scored two more runs in the sixth on an RBI single and a fielder’s choice. The Falcons chipped away at the lead in the fifth with an RBI single from sophomore outfielder Jake Wilson, but Ohio scored two more runs in the sixth on an RBI single and a fielder’s choice. The score remained there until the ninth, when Ohio got an RBI single and an RBI groundout. While the Falcons were able to get an RBI single from freshman outfielder Evan Brown, Ohio still held on to take the 11-3 win. However, the team was able to get a number of freshmen players into the game late.

“We got a number of guys in against Dayton on Wednesday, but we didn’t get everybody in,” Schmitz said. “Yesterday we went with our lineup against a left-handed pitcher, so some guys got in, some didn’t, but today we got everybody in, which is good because we don’t like them sitting too long and getting rusty.”

Friday’s game began with a bang for the Falcons in the first inning, as senior infielder Randy Righter got an RBI double, followed by an RBI groundout from senior infielder Derek Drewes and an RBI single by junior infielder Cam Daugherty to give the Falcons an early 3-0 advantage. However, Ohio responded in the second with a two run home run to cut the lead to one. In the fourth, Ohio hit an RBI sacrifice fly to tie it up, however, in the sixth, the Falcons came back with another three-run inning as junior outfielder Jeff Scott hit a two RBI single, followed by Lambert coming home on a wild pitch. While Ohio got a run back in the ninth on a solo homer, the Falcons still held on to win 6-4.

“I thought the guys came out with a great approach,” Schmitz said. “They got pitches that they could handle, they hit the ball where it was pitched… It allowed (pitcher) Zac Carey to kind of settle in right away and give him a lead, that was huge.”

The team will next play on Wednesday afternoon on the road against the Fort Wayne Mastodons.
Graphic Design professor is “One to Watch”

By April Leygaaf
Reporter

Jenn Stucker, associate professor and chair of graphic design at the University, was recently named to Graphic Design USA’s “People to Watch List.”

The list is a recognition of people who “embody the spirit of the creative community” and have “a combination of talent, leadership, success, newsworthiness and community service.”

“When you are a faculty member, it’s important that you are still engaged in your discipline and I think it recognizes that I’m still an engaged active design practitioner, not just a design educator and that I’m still making work that’s relevant,” Stucker said.

Stucker is involved in many projects outside of teaching. She co-owns a design practice called Sisu Designs. The name of Sisu Designs comes from her Finnish heritage and means “tenacity.”

“I felt like that was a good thing for a business to have about itself, to be tenacious, to be courageous,” Stucker said.

She is an active member of AIGA Toledo and is involved in many graphic design projects around Toledo. Some of these projects include “Sit & Tell,” “You are Here Toledo” and Urban Forest Projects Toledo.

AIGA is a national organization for professional designers. Stucker and a colleague helped found the Toledo chapter in 2007 and it has since grown to over 100 members.

“Our activity is to really highlight the creative talent that is in the area because sometimes people think you really have to have a big city but great stuff happens here,” Stucker said.

The “Sit & Tell” project is a collection of chairs Stucker designed which celebrate the strength of women. Stucker collected 100 audio stories about women in Toledo and created chair artwork to represent their stories. The chairs went on a rolling exhibition for a few weeks, were exhibited at the Toledo Museum of Art and were eventually auctioned off, with the proceeds going to the arts in Toledo.

“You are Here Toledo” was created to help Toledo citizens get to know their city better. One hundred dots were placed around the city that were all designed by different artists and each dot represented historical and significant areas in Toledo. The dots included QR codes that added to the interactive experience.

“We got amazing feedback,” Stucker said. “People were talking about they were rediscovering their city again.”

The Urban Forest project was a series of 50 banners around Toledo. The banners used a tree metaphor to spread the message of sustainability. Once the banners were taken down, they were recycled into tote bags. All of the proceeds from the bags went to the Toledo Arts Commission.

Stucker also helped found SWEAT in 2007, which stands for Summer Workshop for Experimentation and Thought. SWEAT was created when Stucker and a colleague discovered they had students who wanted to do graphic design throughout the summer. Through SWEAT, she has created projects, including books and murals, that correspond with a given theme.

“It’s just a way to keep ourselves fresh and to do work that isn’t always client-driven work, self-driven, curious work,” Stucker said.

Stucker is a decorated graphic designer and has received many accolades and her work has been published in multiple books.
Celebrating religious diversity in Bowling Green

By Brionna Scebbi

Religious organizations on campus give students an outlet to express their faith. These organizations also build a community where students can overcome difficulties in their academic or spiritual lives.

Community is also established among religions as several organizations encourage students of any faith to attend meetings or events to learn about what other students believe. This dialogue continues beyond the boundaries of the University, through events such as the fourth annual Community Interfaith Breakfast.

This event seeks to create a conversation around its theme “Peace Through Religious Diversity.” The Community Interfaith Breakfast will bring together students and community members from several religious backgrounds such as Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism.

Rev. Lynn Kerr of the Maumee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation is chair of the breakfast’s planning committee. Based on past attendance, the committee expects over 300 community members, students, faculty and staff to be present this year, Kerr said.

The goal of the breakfast is for people to embrace religious diversity through the opportunities the program offers to learn about other faith traditions.

“We see religion as a vehicle to understand each other,” she said. “Each year we try to think of a way to say ‘How do we become peaceful people through learning about different religions?’”

This educational component of the program will take the form of different worship practices from chants to songs and prayers. Seeing how other people worship is an important part of learning about their beliefs, Kerr said.

While not every religious group from Bowling Green and the surrounding area participates in the event, several churches and businesses donate. Kerr said this support of the mission of the Community Interfaith Breakfast is because “people want to be part of a community of people who accept others.”

The breakfast and program are sponsored by Not In Our Town, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary in April, and the City of Bowling Green Human Relations Committee. Food is donated by South Side 6, which is known for its authentic Lebanese food. The program includes keynote speaker Michael S. Brown, president of the University’s Campus Multifaith Alliance and faculty member.

The event will take place from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. on April 3 in the Junior Fair Building at Wood County Fairgrounds. The breakfast is free, but reservations are required. Reservations can be made by the end of March 26 through the First Methodist Church by calling 419-353-0682 or emailing church.office@fumcbg.org.

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