Proper E-waste disposal easier said than done

By Stepha Poulin
Editor in Chief

Recycling has become more than a fad. For many people, it has become a cultural norm.

According to a 2016 survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, some adults feel badly when recyclable materials aren’t disposed of correctly.

“Roughly six-in-ten Americans (61%) who say they always try to live in ways that protect the environment say it bothers them ‘a lot’ when others throw away things that could be recycled.”

But what actually gets recycled varies a lot.

There are plenty of recyclables that are commonplace to the average consumer, such as paper, plastic and aluminum food containers. But for some reason, recycling certain items is more daunting than sorting through the remnants of last night’s take-out.

A Pew Research Center analysis of EPA data discovered that “99% of lead-acid batteries (the sort found in cars and trucks), 88.5% of corrugated cardboard boxes and 67% of newspapers and directories were recycled in 2013.”

Comparatively, 13.5 percent of plastic bags and wraps and 6.2 percent of small appliances were recycled in the same year.

This gap in the items we recycle extends to electronic waste or “e-waste.” E-waste includes devices that are found in nearly every home, such as computers, computer screens, printers, phones and the accessories that go with devices.

EPA data reveals the recycling rate for e-waste: computers have a recycling rate of 40 percent, while keyboards and mice have a recycling rate of 10 percent.

However, these figures do not take into account the e-waste that sits in homes.

Recycling e-waste isn’t as simple as separating materials and bringing a bin to the curb. Many community recycling plants, including Wood County’s waste management facilities, direct people to other locations to dispose of their electronics.

But some locations, such as Goodwill or Salvation Army, only accept electronics that are in working order. Other locations charge a fee to dispose of non-working electronics.

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Ay Ziggy Zoomba
“It’s my favorite thing when you’re at a hockey game... and you have to sing it faster and faster and faster,” said Alana Ritt, a sophomore graphic design student.

This unofficial Falcons fight song was written by original SICSIC member Gilbert Fox. Fox based the song on a Zulu war chant he heard while serving in World War II, according to an article by Amy West, the University’s current director of marketing and communications.

Bowen-Thompson Student Union
“There are so many great to go in the Union that I feel like you could live there,” Alyssa Tomins, a sophomore economics student.

Home to the Falcon’s Nest Food Court, Falcon Outfitters, the BG1 Plus services, the Career Center and several offices, the Union is central to student life at the University.

The Falcon’s Nest has several dining options including Starbucks, Panda Express, the Black Swamp Pub and Bistro and more. Many events throughout the year are held in the Union’s ballroom and theater.

Student organizations often occupy tables in the space in front of Falcon Outfitters and outside in the Union Oval to promote involvement on campus.

Campus Fest
“I won a fish at Campus Fest last year!” said Madison Baltzly, a sophomore laboratory science student.

Another way the University encourages students to get involved is through this campus-wide event. Student organizations sit at tables set up throughout the center of the University to recruit new members and give out information about their group.

Last year, over 325 on-campus organizations and outside vendors and employers from the city of Bowling Green participated in the event.

Doyt L. Perry Football Stadium
“The band is really cool,” Eleanor Behling, a sophomore microbiology student, said about her favorite part of home football games.

The home of Falcon football is over fifty years old and named after a former student, player and coach at the University.

The first game housed in the Doyt this season kicks off Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. against the University of Maryland Terrapins, and Falcon fans are encouraged to wear white for the big game. The Doyt might be home to many wins this year. Bill Connelly of SB Nation predicts it’s time for a winning season for the Falcons.

Education Abroad
“It’s crazy fun! I’m definitely going back to China,” Justin Mascarin, a sophomore international studies student who studied abroad in China, said.

The University offers programs in over 50 countries and several scholarships to study abroad.

Students can explore their study abroad options and other experiential learning opportunities at the Expand Your Horizons Fair on Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students

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Welcome from the Editor in Chief

By Stepha Poulin | Editor in Chief

Dear readers,

The beginning of another year at the University is marked by events and traditions that are familiar to many of us. Soon the campus will come alive with students – new and returning alike – who are eager to fit into the University’s own little niche in Bowling Green’s community.

Hopefully this edition of The BG News can help students ease their way back into the semester. Our staff has worked to provide you with content that will do just that. Inside you can brush up on common University lingo with BG A to Z, browse Bowling Green’s nightlife and stay up-to-date with campus and city politics.

It may seem redundant for The BG News to put out a welcome edition every year – how much could change at the University over one summer?

There’s still the familiar hum of construction around campus, such as work on the future home of the College of Business. There’s also work taking place downtown to install a new natural gas line that is expected to be completed on Aug. 25, according to the city’s website.

Regardless of expected changes such as construction, an influx of new students is a rather large change. Each freshman class diversifies our campus community. The BG News wants to be as welcoming as possible to new students. That goal extends past our content. BG Falcon Media will be holding a welcome event today that caters to new students.

At 7 p.m. today, there will be vendors inside the Kuhlin Center serving food that is a staple in Bowling Green. Two local bands – Discount Nostalgia and The American Spirits – are performing just outside the Kuhlin Center.

It’s horribly cliché, but each student was a first-year at some point. If you’re a new student, take solace in that fact. The majority of returning students and faculty want to see you succeed. I hope the University is as inviting for you as it was for me.

This year, BG Falcon Media hopes to work together to better serve our readers, whether they are students, faculty, staff or community members. In my opinion, there’s no better way to do that than interacting with those who read the paper.

If you read The BG News, I thank you for supporting student journalism in a less-than-preferable media climate. The BG News has been lucky to have readers who understand that this is truly a student publication.

Twice a week, we get to produce our own print publication, which is exceedingly rare on college campuses.

We cannot thank you enough for that opportunity.

Thank you and welcome back!

— Stepha Poulin, Editor in Chief

Meet the new Forum Editor

By Meredith Siegel | Forum Editor

Hello! My name is Meredith Siegel and I am this year’s Forum Editor, which means I will be writing and managing the opinion section of the newspaper. I have been consistently writing columns for the past two years, so I have many opinions. My passions include social activism, media and writing. I usually write about current political or social issues, as I think those are important things to be discussed.

My goal for the Forum section this year is to have many people, with different backgrounds, experiences and beliefs write about what they think is important. I also want to share stories and experiences from people of all different identities, since that is also something important to be shared.

Forum pieces are fun to write because they allow you to really dive into specific parts of an issue. News is incredibly important because it shows issues from several different sides, and essentially just presents information, but opinion pieces allow the writer to ask “Why?” and “So what do we do about it?” That’s an interesting part of looking at current events and social issues. There are so many different angles and perspectives on any given issue, and those are hard to convey in a hard news piece, but diving in with an opinion piece allows the writer to show experience. This range of experience is what I hope to show in the Forum section this year, and I want all types of people to share their stories and opinions.

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Opinion pieces should be between 400 and 600 words (this one is 404) and have some sort of relevance to campus life or the current political climate, but most topics are interesting enough in some way to be published. They do not require any “real person” or online sources, but it usually helps to get references and facts to back up your opinion. They are due Sundays or Wednesdays and will be put in the paper published on Mondays and Thursdays. However, there is no long term commitment to writing columns, so you can write two a week, or only one ever, it depends on the writer. Stories will be edited by copy editors to make sure it complies with AP Style.

If you want to write a column or have any questions about writing columns email them to me at meredis@bgsu.edu. I’m excited to see what everyone can bring to the section this year!
What I would have told my Freshman self

By Meredith Siegel
Forum Editor

This is my fourth and final year as an undergraduate student. The past three years have both flown by and felt like a lifetime. While I have greatly enjoyed my time at the University, and I have really felt I have grown as a person, there are things I would tell my freshman year self. While these are all things I put into effect now, I wish I had started doing them a little bit earlier.

1 Put yourself out there sooner
Arriving at a new place, after leaving home for the first time, without the support group you had at home can be very intimidating, especially for more shy or reserved people like myself. But, the only way to have a truly successful and fun college experience is to have a good group of friends and to know lots of different people. Students need the support of a close-knit group of friends and the networking-type opportunities that come from knowing many people. A lot of students at the University are from smaller, more monolithic schools, and they haven’t met a lot of people with vastly different backgrounds of their own. College is a place to really branch out and expand your horizons, take advantage of it! Plus, it’s nice to walk into a meeting, class or a party with the expectation you’ll know somebody there.

2 Don’t be afraid to make decisions
I came into college extremely unsure of what I wanted to study. I have a lot of different interests and I was afraid I would end up hating whatever I studied. But, ultimately, it helps to make a decision and choose where to go from there. I started into the journalism major pretty late, and while it has worked out for me, not all majors are as flexible. If I had chosen sooner, I may have joined clubs sooner or had been able to study abroad for longer. So, what I’m saying is trust your gut and make a decision, because there are many decisions to follow.

3 Make friends in all of your classes
Like putting yourself out there, making friends in your classes, all of them, is imperative to having an enjoyable college experience. These people don’t have to be your best friends, but having someone who also knows when the homework is due, who you can study with and to complain about the class with can really help with stress. Going into a class, even one you don’t particularly like, knowing you have a friend or two in it makes life easier.

4 Study abroad ASAP, if you can
I studied abroad last summer and I had the time of my life. I loved my time and I wish I had the time to go again. Studying abroad will help you with a lot of transferable skills, like flexibility, looks fantastic on a resume and is generally very fun. Learning about a new culture is a great experience and being put in one really helps students grow. The more time you have to study abroad, the better, and it’s easier to go earlier because more classes will be transferable.

5 Cherish your time
College really is a short time in your life, and I think you shouldn’t take your time at school for granted. It’s a period of extremely fast growth, so make sure to slow down and pay attention. This is extremely relevant for relationships of all kinds, but especially friendships. I love the friends I have made here dearly, and while I’m just as excited to see where they end up as I am to see where I end up, I’m sad we’ll never be as close, at least physically, as we are now. Despite the stress from classes and clubs and other negative things you will feel while you’re in school, there are things to love about your experience so don’t forget that.

College is a place to really branch out and expand your horizons. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!
The Wood County Solid Waste Management District recommends these locations that accept non-working electronics for disposal:

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Phone: 419-867-6981

**State Paper & Metal**
Contact for complete list. Fee charged for computer monitors and televisions.
Address: 1118 W. Central Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43610
Phone: 419-243-5567

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### E-Waste by the Ton in 2010 – Was it Trashed or Recycled (According to the EPA)

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*Waste is divided into:
- Computer products include CRTs, desktops and monitors.
- Hard copy devices include printers, digital copiers, scanners, multi-function devices.
- Mobile electronics include cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), smartphones, etc.
- Televisions include both television set categories.
- *TV peripherals* include devices such as VCRs, DVD players, televisions, cable/satellite receivers, home theater audio equipment.
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Saturday-Sunday
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BG Entertainment

By Evan Hayes | Pulse Editor

For many first-year students moving into the University, the town of Bowling Green can seem small and uneventful on the average Friday night. However, there are a ton of cool places with fun activities around town for students to take advantage of. If you find yourself hiding in your dorm room or bored at a house party, here are some places and events to check out.

BGSU PLANETARIUM
For those looking for something interesting to do on campus, the BGSU Planetarium runs various shows throughout the year. Located in the Physical Sciences Lab Building, the Planetarium has programming from September through May of every year. Programs feature a star talk showing the current evening sky followed by a multimedia planetarium show. Weekend programs are followed by stargazing in the rooftop observatory, weather permitting. The Planetarium will be holding a show on black holes from Aug. 31 to Oct. 13. Donations are accepted for each show.

BGSU SPORTING EVENTS
For those who are interested in watching some of the University’s athletics, students are able to claim and receive free tickets to any ticketed regular season home game for any team. Check out the basketball teams at the Stroh Center, cheer on the ice hockey team at the Slater Family Ice Arena or experience a night game at Doyt Perry Stadium to root for the football team. Fall sports currently competing include football, volleyball, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer and men’s and women’s cross country.

AL-MAR LANES
Going bowling in Bowling Green might sound redundant, but Al-Mar Lanes offers one of the more fun and unique activities to do in town. The only bowling alley in town, Al-Mar offers open bowling Monday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m.-12 a.m. and Saturday from 2 p.m.-12 a.m. Shoe rentals are $3.99, and it is $4.49 per game or $22.49 per hour. Al-Mar also holds Kosmic Bowling, featuring lights, music and glow-in-the-dark lanes, on Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

HOWARD'S CLUB
Located in downtown Bowling Green on Main Street, Howard’s has been a premiere venue for live music for over four decades. Local, regional and even national music groups are booked regularly. The bar hosts live shows every Friday and Saturday night, as well as specially scheduled performances. The venue also holds free karaoke every Tuesday and a free Open Mic Night every Thursday. It is also home to a weekly Queer Night.

CINEMARK IN THE WOODLAND MALL
Located inside the Woodland Mall in Bowling Green, Cinemark offers cheap ticket options for four to five currently popular movies. Matinée shows are $3.25 while general admission is $5.25. Tickets are discounted on Tuesdays, only costing $3. The theater is currently showing Christopher Robin and Crazy Rich Asians, among other titles.

BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL
One of the best and largest free live music festivals in Ohio, the Black Swamp Arts Festival is a three-day arts and music festival held annually the weekend after Labor Day. The Festival features three stages for live music, as well as over 150 art vendors that line Main Street. There is a Youth Arts Village for young children, and two juried art shows are held by invitation.
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Steelers and Patriots headline similar AFC

By Jacob Clary | Sports Editor

The rapidly approaching 2018 National Football League season won't be the same as years prior. Some of the old standbys have started to lose their stars, forcing teams to have to find replacements. Others have gotten better in the offseason, using their draft picks wisely and picking up free agents who would help the team improve.

The AFC North is quite different compared to what it was last season. The Pittsburgh Steelers will still win the division this season. Their offense is the best the division has to offer, even if Le’Veon Bell isn’t back for a while. They have a viable backup in James Conner and one of the best receiving corps in the league. Their defense leaves a lot to be desired, however. The other teams in the division changed up a bit, too. The Cleveland Browns are a completely different team from what they were last year. They have a strong offense with many weapons, like Jarvis Landry and Carlos Hyde. Their defense has also strengthened with the addition of Denzel Ward and the increased development of Myles Garrett. They are a much better team, and will definitely win at least a few games this season if not more. The Baltimore Ravens look similar to last year except for a couple new players like Willie Snead and the potential steal of the draft Lamar Jackson.

The Cincinnati Bengals, and they have stayed the exact same, which isn’t surprising. They kept Marvin Lewis for what seems like the fiftieth straight year. Their team is decent, with a strong offense and a passable defense. The Bengals are a good team with a bad coach, which is why they always lose when it matters most.

The AFC East, like the previous division, will end up the same as it was last year, with the Patriots winning the division. They still have Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, meaning the team will win at the very least 11 games, which is more than I can say about the other teams in this division. Next, the Buffalo Bills have gone from a team in the playoffs to a team which will no doubt have a losing record. Their quarterback situation is not great. They got, in my opinion, the worst of the five quarterbacks taken in the first round in Josh Allen and don’t have a quality backup like some of the other teams that took signal-callers in the draft. Unlike the Bills, the New York Jets took a quarterback in the first round and were able to sign another quarterback in case he sits in his first year. Sam Darnold is the one quarterback drafted in round one who might start for his team, but that doesn’t mean the Jets will be good. They will take a couple years to become a good team in the league.

The Miami Dolphins feel like they are a mystery. They traded their top running back last season, and didn’t resign their best wide receiver. Ryan Tannehill also isn’t a quarterback who can beat you by himself, so they don’t have a lot going for them.

The AFC South will be the best division in the AFC. Each team has the ability to win a decent amount of games. Both wild card teams could very well come from this division. The Jacksonville Jaguars were the best team in the division last season and if they perform like they did last season it will be the same. Their defense was as dominant as any in the league, and because of their ability to score on defense, their offensive faults were masked a little bit. On offense, Blake Bortles is still the quarterback, which is a fault, but they still have Leonard Fournette and a few other options. The team which might have a strong, playoff-ready team if they can stay healthy is the Houston Texans. They looked formidable with Deshaun Watson last season until he got hurt, and with J.J. Watt also injured last season, they didn’t have their whole team. This season, they could finally become the team they were meant to be. The Tennessee Titans are another team that could become much better. They have Derrick Henry and Delanie Walker, and were able to pick up Dion Lewis in the offseason. Their defense also looks stout, with a good secondary and a decent defensive front. They are a team to watch out for this season. They are on the come up. The last team in the division is the Indianapolis Colts. Andrew Luck will return this season and that means they will win some games this year. However, their defense will not be doing them any favors. They are porous. Andrew Luck will have to win them their games.

The last division in the AFC is the AFC West, and it will be a wild one this year. The Kansas City Chiefs won the division last year, but then they traded away Alex Smith in favor of putting Patrick Mahomes on the spot. It will be a season where he will learn a lot, but at least he will have a capable running back in Kareem Hunt, who lit the league on fire last season. Their defense is still capable as well, but they also traded their all-pro corner backs Peters. The Los Angeles Chargers are also a team to look out for. They still have Philip Rivers, as well as Melvin Gordon and weapons at the wide receiver position, and if they can stay healthy it will be easy for them to score points. Their defense is also quite good, with Joey Bosa leading the defensive front. The Denver Broncos were able to sign Case Keenum in the offseason, and with Demaryious Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders at wide receiver, he will have people to throw to. The defense is where the Broncos spent their first round, and boy, did they luck out. They were able to steal Bradley Chubb at the fifth pick in the draft and he will help bring some much-needed energy into a defense which has looked lacking a bit the past couple seasons since losing a couple players. Finally, the Oakland Raiders are a weird one. Their offense should be decent. They have a bevy of offensive weapons, including the newly-signed Jordy Nelson. The defense however, is where they are sorely lacking. Their star player, Khalil Mack, is still holding out, and without him on the field, they don’t have a good playmaker on defense, which is not good. Overall, the Raiders should be good on paper, but that isn’t how football works.

The AFC this season will be fun but similar. It looks like it might be the same teams as years past, which could make it a boring season if you want someone different to win. The NFC, however, if where the fun begins.
States with American Football Conference team(s)

States with National Football Conference team(s)
Coach Nichols looks forward to soccer season

By Jacob Clary | Sports Editor

The Men’s Soccer team last season started the season with five straight wins, as well as five clean sheets in those matches. However, following those first five matches the team went 2-9-1, including a 1-0 loss to the number five-ranked Western Michigan. The Falcons were also ranked 20 at one point in the season.

Head Coach Eric Nichols is a believer in his team this upcoming season and thinks it could be a good season. “Our expectations are pretty wide open,” Nichols said. “We (have) a good amount of talent and a great culture. If we can put it all together, then this group can do some very special things.”

The team’s strengths last season were their goalkeeping and defending, as evidenced by the fact that in only six of their matches the team conceded more than one goal. However when the team got to the end of the season, their offense seemed to dry up, not scoring as much as they did earlier in the season.

About strong spots for the team, Nichols said, “We have a balanced team but I think our backbone will be our back line and our goalkeeper. There is a lot of talent and experience in that group. They have the potential to be one of the best defensive corps in the nation.”

This statement from Nichols shows he has faith in his defense. The recruiting class that just came in was mostly midfielders, which will help the other aspects of the team get better. This is important too, because, as Nichols said, he likes to have his team attack fast.

He said, “I am not a big fan of lots of passing that goes sideways and backward. We want to pass forward, run and attack the box.”

For a team whose main strength is the defensive side of the ball, this is a smart way to play. Many teams try to attack in ways they’re team isn’t built to, which leaves them open in their defensive shape.

Coach Nichols has seen this program rise from its 3-12-3 season when he arrived in 2009 to multiple seasons where the team has been ranked at points in the season and won awards as well. The program has continually gotten better since he arrived in Bowling Green.

“Well, we feel that the notoriety of the program is actually in a good place as we’ve had some really strong seasons lately,” He said. “We didn’t finish strong last year but we were in the top 20 at one point and we played one of the toughest in the nation.”

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Abby Shifley
Campus Editor

To serve students and be more active on and off campus are the goals Hannah Cubberley, Undergraduate Student Government president, has for the USG this upcoming school year. The USG senators are able to serve students by their involvement with departments across campus. In the past, the USG has done a lot of behind the scenes work, but Cubberley said this year the USG wants to reach out to students more.

Cubberley said she wants to raise student awareness of the governor’s race this year. The USG will be working with BG Votes—a program within the Center for Civic and Community Engagement—to help students understand the importance of voting.

“The governor’s race will have a really big impact on BGSU because it is a state university,” Cubberley said.

The USG also expects to see the tobacco-free campus policy returning this school year. Last year, the USG turned down the policy because there were not enough protocols in place to enforce a tobacco-free campus, Cubberley said.

The University is already smoke-free, but it often goes unenforced. The USG also felt it was not in touch with what the students wanted, because the last survey on student opinion of a tobacco-free campus was done in 2015. Cubberley said the USG will address obstacles and plan for student support systems before reviewing the policy again.

Another returning issue this year is the medical amnesty policy, which would decrease consequences for students who need medical care but are engaging in alcohol violations. Cubberley said the policy is in the final stages of development and is currently in the student handbook. Administrators are reviewing how effective medical amnesty policies have been at other universities.

Cubberley said the USG last year passed a resolution that supported banning plastic bags on campus. The grading scale is another issue that will be addressed in the coming school year, as it is due to be put in place in fall 2019.

Cubberley also said she wants to promote the arts more, and President Rodney Rogers wants to as well. Cubberley said the University not only has an amazing music department but great student artists and an incredible theater department. Cubberley wants to have more showcases and student concerts in the student union.

Cubberley said these events will help students “learn more about Bowling Green” and some of the great programs the University has to offer.

Paul Garbarino, speaker of the senate, presides over the USG meetings and most of the recruitment. Garbarino said this year each meeting will feature a prominent University administrator as an open forum speaker. After the speaker is finished, the meetings will be opened up to questions and answers.

Both Garbarino and Cubberley said they would like to see the USG collaborating with BG Falcon Media, to promote issues and solutions. Garbarino, who had just returned from the student leadership retreat, said one major point emphasized at the retreat was collaboration among all organizations.

USG advisor Jodi Webb with speaker Paul Garbarino the 2018 Applauding Excellence Ceremony.
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Pipeline plans continue in 2018

Adam Gretsinger
City Editor

Major building projects are underway in Bowling Green, but none have been quite as controversial as the gas pipeline from Nexus Gas Transmission LLC.

From its planning stages in 2015 to its current construction, the NEXUS pipeline has faced criticism from city officials and opposition from residents. The pipeline was planned to transport natural gas obtained through fracking in southern Ohio to Michigan.

Various groups have tried to use governmental policy and other resources to stop the pipeline from being built north of Bowling Green, but construction has commenced.

Here is a timeline of the pipeline construction:

- May 6 and 7, 2015- Meetings were held in nearby Swanton and Fremont, Ohio, where the path of the pipeline is planned to travel through. Hosted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the meetings allowed residents to publicly voice concerns about the path of the pipeline. Wood County commissioners unanimously decided to oppose pipeline projects in the county just months prior, on Mar. 24.

- Dec. 5, 2016- City Council voted down an ordinance granting the gas company easement to build the pipeline on city land. Council members Daniel Gordon and Michael Aspacher said community concerns and student voices helped the council make its decision. NEXUS’ plans to build the pipeline were not stopped there; the company could still use state-allowed eminent domain rights, or the allotment of private property for public use, to secure the land. The University’s Undergraduate Student Government resolved to oppose the ordinance a month prior.

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Incoming freshmen are introduced to a cornucopia of campus organizations through Opening Weekend events and Campus Fest.

Paul Valdez, associate director of the Center for Community and Civic Engagement, said the CCCE is a place where students can connect to the campus community.

Valdez said the CCCE is a “matchmaker of sorts,” providing opportunities to volunteer, intern and give back to the community.

Being involved in the community helps students “feel a better sense of belonging” by making them more knowledgeable on issues and opportunities in Bowling Green, he said.

Oftentimes, opportunities through the CCCE help develop students’ skills and can lead to internships or jobs.

The CCCE reaches thousands of students across campus. Valdez said each program the organization hosts has various numbers of students in attendance. Last year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service engaged over 700 volunteers.

Other opportunities to connect throughout the year include the Expand Your Horizons Fair, where students can connect with study abroad programs, and Bowling Green Alternative Breaks, where students can use their winter and spring break to dive deeper into social issues.

The CCCE offers three to five bGAB trips per break with roughly 15 students on each trip.

Valdez said the CCCE’s weekly newsletter offers a way to learn about opportunities. Each newsletter contains contact information for various organizations and events.

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can ask questions at the fair, the Education Abroad and International Partnerships office in 301 University Hall or one of the information sessions the office holds.

Freddie and Frieda Falcon
“I always like when they come into class,” said Steven Carleton, a sophomore science education student.

The University received a suggestion for a new mascot—a falcon—from former student and then Sentinel Tribune sports reporter Ivan Lake in 1927.

Freddie Falcon was created in 1950 to promote school spirit. The Frieda Falcon students know and love today came about in 1980 to replace the 14-year female mascot persona, Mrs. Freddie Falcon, making the two mascots siblings instead.

Grounds for Thought
This Downtown Bowling Green coffee shop offers more than just coffee; Grounds for Thought is many students’ favorite place to go for playing board games, buying used books and records and meeting up with friends for ice cream, donuts and other snacks.

Handshake
The Career Center is using a new platform called Handshake to connect students with employers both on and off campus this year. Students can access Handshake through their MyBGSU account.

The Career Center is hosting the Handshake Launch Celebration on Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. in its lobby to introduce students to the program and a workshop on how to use it on Sept. 11 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Insomnia Cookies and Cookie Jar
Students of the University are no strangers to the cookie shops in downtown Bowling Green, and some will even debate about which is better: Insomnia or Cookie Jar. Regardless of your favorite, both shops’ cookies can be found at student organization meetings and other events around campus.

Jerome Library
The Jerome Library has been bringing books, tutoring and other resources to students for over 50 years and is a popular study spot on campus.

One of the resources the Jerome Library offers is The Learning Commons, which provides free tutoring, academic coaching and ways to improve study skills.

The library is hosting a Fall Welcome event on Aug. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. for students to eat popcorn and other treats and get information about the library’s resources.

Kreischer basketball courts
The basketball courts outside of the Kreischer residence hall are just one of many outdoor spaces where students can get together to exercise and socialize. Other spaces include the Offenhauer volleyball court, the volleyball court in the Student Recreation Center courtyard and the intramural fields.

LGBTQ+ Resource Center
The LGBTQ+ Resource Center offers information and support for members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies of the community. The Resource Center is located in Room 427 of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Maurer Center
The Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center will be the home of the College of Business in the fall of 2020. Demolition of Hanna Hall is taking place during this school year to make room for the new building.

Not In Our Town
Not In Our Town is a national project that works against hate and seeks to build more inclusive communities. The Bowling Green chapter of Not In Our Town connects the town and the University to combat hate through programming such as marches.

The Oaks and other dining halls
The Oaks is just one spot on campus where students with or without a meal plan can grab food. Another all-you-can-eat option is Carillon, and there are several a la carte locations such as restaurants in The Falcon’s Nest and Outtakes stores. For hours, menus and nutrition information, download the BGSU App or visit www.dineoncampus.com/bgsu.

Perry Field House
The Perry Field House has an indoor track and turf field to be used by students, intramural sports teams, club teams and more. The Perry Field House is also the home of events such as the Opening Weekend Late Night and ZiggyThon.

Questions about technology?
The Technology Support Center is located in 110 Hayes Hall, but students can also request Information Technology Services help at www.bgsu.edu/its.html.

Resident advisers
Resident advisers work to create a positive and comfortable environment in residence halls. Students can bring general college and residence life questions to the resident advisers on their floor.
SICSIC
SICSIC is a masked spirit group and one of the oldest student organizations on campus. Catch them boosting school spirit at games and University events!

The University Seal
The Seal, found in Old Campus, was designed in 1914 by Leon L. Winslow, a professor in the industrial arts department and part of the committee that chose the University’s colors. While it has undergone changes over the past 100 years, it is still surrounded by some of the same superstitions. For example, University tour guides advise visitors to walk to the right of the seal since it’s believed that walking to the left will cause that student to fail their next test.

University Hall
University Hall is home to Education Abroad, the Center for Community and Civic Engagement and the Office of Admissions. It was recently renovated, and it reopened last fall.

Volunteer opportunities
There are several chances to get involved in service on campus, in the community and all over the world. The Center for Community and Civic Engagement offers Bowling Green Alternative Breaks, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and other programming. There are several Greek organizations that have an element of service. Events such as Relay for Life and ZiggyThon raise money for charitable causes.

Wolfe Center for the Arts
The artistic architecture of the Wolfe Center is a student’s first clue to what it contains: classes in the arts and performances.

Group X fitness classes
The Student Recreation Center provides students the opportunity to increase their wellness through informative programming, equipment and group fitness classes. Group X classes are free from Aug. 27 to Sept. 2, and schedules can be found at www.bgsu.edu/recwell/falcon-fitness/group-fitness.html

Year-round activities
The University Activities Organization plans events for students all year long such as concerts, bus trips and craft nights.

Ziggy Points
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information and instructions on how to sign up for all the listed possibilities. The newsletter has over 4,000 recipients. Students can sign up for the newsletter at www.bgsu.edu/ceupdate.

Another prominent organization on campus is the Undergraduate Student Government. Hannah Cubberley, president of the USG, said students should join the USG if they are passionate about the University.

Cubberley said the USG's goal is to serve students by being a "bridge between administrators and students."

It is important for students to voice their opinions but also to say it to the right people; USG provides a platform for such action, Cubberley said. A student can be elected as a senator or apply through other means.

Paul Garbarino, USG’s speaker of the house and The BG News’ managing editor, said elections are now over, but there are still a few vacant senator positions. Garbarino said most of the vacant positions are off campus, so any off-campus students will be able to apply. There are a few residence hall positions available as well.

“The biggest thing I can say is go to Campus Fest. We will have a table, and I will tell new students everything they can do to get involved.” Campus Fest takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 28 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Garbarino said during Campus Fest the online application for senator positions will open up. Students will have to submit their resumes and write a few paragraphs on why they should be a USG senator. Garbarino said positions are traditionally filled through elections, but since the USG wants to hold a full senate, online applications are an option.

USG general meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and are held in the McFall Gallery. All meetings are open to the public.

Although the CCCE and USG have influence over many students at the University, there are many other organizations that peak specific interests. These organizations can be found on OrgSync at https://orgsync.com/home/162.

Fitness:
The University has a number of sport clubs ranging from the Bowling Club to the Women’s Rugby Club. More fitness opportunities include CHAARG, a fitness group for college-aged girls — or the United Karate System Club that promotes the art of Karate through free self-defense workshops.

The Arts:
The College of Musical Arts contains many organizations for music majors and non-music majors. Anyone with knowledge of a musical instrument can join the Falcon Marching Band or University Band. There are also four music fraternities on campus: Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota and Tau Beta Sigma.

Musical Theatre Students is an organization that helps promote musical theater's presence on campus. The theater honor society, Alpha Psi Omega, is another organization students can join if they are interested in pursuing a career in theater.

Students interested in pursuing an art degree can join the Clay Club, Student Metal Arts Council or Graphic Design Club. Some other clubs that could appeal to students with artistic vision are the Visual and Communication Technology Organization and the University Film Organization.

Greek Life:
There are numerous chapters of Greek Life on the University, each with their own philanthropic causes. According to the Fraternity and Sorority Informational Booklet, joining a Greek organization offers leadership opportunities, professional development, social skills, life-long connections and support systems.
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WHERES and WHENS of Opening Weekend

By Brionna Scebbi
Copy Chief

Opening Weekend is full of events to welcome new students and returning Falcons. Find out where to go and when all Opening Weekend long below, and visit https://events.bgsu.edu/calendar for more details.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24

Off-campus student breakfast and library tour
Where: Jerome Library
When: 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Who: Off-campus students

Convocation
Where: Stroh Center
When: 9-10 a.m.
Who: All students, faculty and staff

Get with the Program
Where: Various locations (Check email or ask Opening Weekend Group Leader)
When: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Who: Incoming students

Meet the Dean
Where: Mall lawn in front of the administration building
When: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Who: Incoming students in the College of Arts and Sciences

Ringing of the Little Red School House bell
Where: Outside the Little Red School House
When: 12-1:30 p.m.
Who: Incoming students in the College of Education and Human Development

Summer Skate
Where: Slater Family Ice Arena
When: 12-1:50 p.m.
Who: General public

First class session
Where: Various locations
(Check email or ask OWGL)
When: 2:30-5 p.m.
Who: First-year students

Game Show Mania
Where: Bowen-Thompson Student Union, The Falcon’s Nest
When: 6-9 p.m.
Who: All students

Public Skate
Where: Slater Family Ice Arena
When: 6-7:50 p.m.
Who: General public

Live music with Jared Mahone
Where: Union Oval
(Rain location: BTSU, Room 206)
When: 7-8:30 p.m.
Who: All students

SMART Start
Where: BTSU, Room 308
When: 7-9 p.m.
Who: All students interested in the Students of Color Mentoring, Aiding, Retaining and Teaching Program

Friday Night First-Year Student Meet Up
Where: Kuhlin Center
When: 7:30-11 p.m.
Who: All students

Dining Drive-in Movie
(Marvel’s Avengers: Infinity War)
Where: Oaks Lawn
When: 9 p.m.
Who: All students

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• April 27, 2017—Mayor Richard Edwards held a panel for Bowling Green community members about the potential effects of the pipeline’s construction. Prime concerns surrounded the pipeline’s path near the city’s water treatment plant and its proximity to a fault line in city limits, which proponents said would not affect the line and opponents said could cause environmental risk.

• July 2017—The Bowling Green Climate Protectors group sent more than 1,230 signatures to the Bowling Green Board of Elections to approve a city charter amendment proposition to be voted on by citizens during November elections. A main goal of the charter for supporters was to restrict the pipeline’s construction in Bowling Green, but opponents raised concerns over the amendment’s language, especially a clause establishing the city’s law enforcement’s inability to interfere with nonviolent protests, and its appearance as an interest group “power grab,” council member Robert McOmber said.

• Sept. 19, 201 — After months of silence on the issue, the Ohio EPA and Department of Natural Resources said the pipeline would be sufficiently distant enough from the city reservoir to avoid affecting it and that its position over the fault would be negligible, which Mayor Edwards recounted at a city council meeting.

• Oct. 27, 201—The city consented to NEXUS’ purchase of land for the pipeline at $79,360. The company sued the city earlier this month for not consenting to the purchase despite NEXUS’ eminent domain rights.

• Nov. 8, 201—Voters rejected the charter amendment proposition during elections.

• June 201 — Construction on the pipeline began, with much attention by the city government and state agencies being paid to its construction under the Maumee River.

• July 28, 2018—The Ohio and federal EPAs fined NEXUS as its pipeline spilled 20,000 gallons of drilling fluid into a ditch north of the city. Though the fluid was non-toxic, the company’s inability to clean up the spill raised questions through city government.
The Daily Crossword Fix

ACROSS
1. After-bath powder
2. Nanny
3. Go on horseback
4. Curved molding
5. They’re found in the throat
6. Speckle
7. Former Italian currency
8. Berserk
9. Bouquets
10. A type of craftsman
11. 1/100th of a ruble
12. Territories
13. Canvas dwelling
21. Santa’s helper
25. Shade tree
26. French for “State”
27. Fleet
28. Handle
29. Beneath
30. Parts portrayed
31. L L L L
32. Mountain lakes
33. Savants
34. Boom
35. Expect and wish
36. Clairvoyant
37. A moon of Jupiter
38. A type of craftsman
39. Go on horseback
40. Fonts
41. 1/100th of a ruble
42. Religious rite
43. Rates
44. Hamper
45. Lad
46. German iris
47. Jays and owls, for example
48. Impetuous
49. Control
50. Affirm
51. Close
52. Humdingers
53. Astrigent
54. Swarm
55. Countercurrent

DOWN
1. Fortuneteller’s card
2. Custard dessert
3. Three-handed card game
4. Buddy
5. Large luxurious car
6. Ripped
7. Burdened
8. God of love
9. Not closed
10. A seductive photograph
11. Type
12. Nerds
13. Overwhelm
14. Kingdom
15. Mountain lakes
16. Savants
17. Keen
18. Fish respiratory organs
19. Sneaker or pump
20. Font
21. Jeweler’s glass
22. Rates
23. Hamper
24. Lad
25. Unusual
26. Control
27. Emanation
28. Always
29. Governed
30. Goodwill
31. Hindi fit
32. Defunct
33. Pasted
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