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Handshake equals jobs and internships

By Maxwell Brickner
Reporter

University students might be able to accept more jobs with a handshake thanks to a new tool being used by the Career Center.

Earlier this summer, the University transitioned from the aging Worknet program to the newer Handshake system built by Stryder Corp.

Handshake is a website much like the previous Worknet system or LinkedIn, but it has its own advantages. Like Worknet, Handshake is tailored to employers who regularly hire University students but offers a more modern user interface that makes it more user-friendly.

LinkedIn and Handshake both have apps on the Apple App Store, but Handshake has a higher average user rating at 4.8 out of 5 stars.

Students using Handshake can create a profile to show employers their skills and experience. Some things students can highlight on their profile include educational experience, work experience, organization and extracurricular memberships, a showcase of college courses and completed projects. Students can also add social links to sites like LinkedIn or a personal website.

There are specialized options for certain disciplines, such as the ability to link to 500px, Behance or Dribbble pages for students involved in art and design; Medium for writers; GitHub and CodePen for coders; YouTube, Vimeo and Twitch for videographers; and SoundCloud for musicians.

Students can also search for jobs with Handshake. The filters provided by Handshake let students and employers narrow down the qualities they are interested in, so a right fit for both is more likely. When an employer views a student's profile, the student can see it.

As of Aug. 24, there were 1,275 University students with publicly viewable Handshake profiles. However, according to the Office of Admissions, over 19,000 students attend the University, which means employers can see less than 7 percent of the University students.

Although Student Employment Services and the Career Center were unable to comment about the transition, many students had positive things to say about Handshake. Elizabeth Kikel, a senior adolescent young adult English education student and University Activities Organization vice president for marketing, liked that Handshake let students showcase their extracurricular activities at the University.

When asked if she would highlight her position at UAO on Handshake, Elizabeth responded, "Definitely; 100 percent." Kikel highly recommended joining a student organization for those looking to join a workplace where teamwork and collaboration is critical.

"It helps with your social skills; it helps with your communication skills," Kikel said.

From the employer's point of view, using Handshake is a breeze. Amy Hamman, the ITS Service Desk manager, briefly described the process of posting open positions as "very easy."

She also noted it helps provide her with an overview of applicants’ current professional status.

A Handshake launch celebration will occur Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second floor of the Bowen Thompson Student Union, Room 225. RSVP at app.joinhandshake.com/events/181877.
Significance of having safe spaces

By Angelica Euseary
Guest Columnist

College is life-changing. Coming in, you’re usually on your own for the first time in your life. And, if you’re like me, college is the first time you’re the minority in the classroom.

That transition was weird and disorienting, but I found safe spaces that made it more bearable. Safe spaces are important because they give you the opportunity to feel comfortable in at least one spot.

Being in college and trying to figure out who you are is already tough enough. Finding a place of comfort is important because it helps you with transitioning to adulthood and college life.

Safe spaces can be hard to find, especially since they are limited in larger spaces that aren’t meant for you. To find the safe space, you have to be willing to step outside your comfort zone. You won’t find anything that works for you if you don’t go out and search for it. Safe spaces can sometimes be your home away from home. It is important for you to feel safe and comfortable on a college campus in order for you to be successful.

Homesickness can hinder you from so much just because you’re not able to comfortably be yourself wherever you go.

These spaces create support systems and friends. These spaces link you to people who have the same interests or goals as you; the people you meet help you throughout your time in college.

Safe spaces allow you the chance to grow. They put you in a position of comfort and allow you really be yourself. Safe spaces have helped me make it through college. They can sometimes be a little awkward, because everyone is trying to learn, but they’re worth the discomfort when everyone ends up on the same page.

Fans blind to Urban Meyer’s actions

By Chase Bachman
Guest Columnist

The calendar year 2018 has been impaired with struggle. Conflict feels like the defining word of the year, but the biggest of these arguments has arguably been the battle between honesty, integrity and credibility and popularity and cults of personality.

It appears as though powerful individuals with staunch supporters and enablers win out over those who do the ideal thing. Their latest victory has come in the form of Ohio State head football coach Urban Meyer.

When Meyer answered a reporter’s question regarding allegations of spousal abuse by his former assistant Zach Smith, he asserted the story was made up. His followers concluded the media was out to get him.

When the Brett McMurphy report was published on Facebook at the beginning of the month, the University placed Meyer on administrative leave. Multiple predictions in the media thought the school was doing so to develop the terms of separation. This was never the case.

Ohio State administrators were appeasing the outrage as they figured out a way to retain their head coach, who had given them so many wins, championships and money. He elevated the program to its highest level of success and popularity, and Ohio State was — and still is — determined to keep that success.

It is abundantly clear Meyer’s followers will bend over backward to justify any of his missteps or wrongdoings. Additionally, they will go to great lengths to convince the rest of us the fault is the public’s, that we support an agenda that attempts to smear Meyer’s name and dismantle one of the great college football programs in America.

This couldn’t be further from the truth. The rest of the world is only trying to operate ideally, as one in which we value honesty and compassion over wins and lies.

The Meyer scandal runs parallel to the 2016 campaign and eventual presidency of Donald Trump. No matter what unethical action he took or deplorable quote he made, his supporters were adamant he was justifiably the best. When he mocked the handicapped reporter at a campaign rally, it didn’t turn off as many people as it should have. When he cheated on his pregnant wife and then, through his lawyer, paid the woman to keep from coming forward, it didn’t matter. His followers are backing him forever, and there is nothing that will change their opinion of him. It is everyone else at fault. The media was and is against him, and stories are falsified to bring him down.

Not many Ohio State fans have enthusiastically supported their head coach during this time, but when a small group of about 200 Ohio State Buckeye fans rallied at their home stadium in Columbus, they showed the peak of ignorance. Signs that championed Meyer and disparaged ESPN as fake news were visible. Buckeye fans and Trump fanatics overlapped.

Donald Trump. Urban Meyer. It is the same story with different characters.

One is obviously in a position with more consequences, but they both reflect the same problems. Money, personal gain and popularity win out over supposed values. Distrust of the media and journalism has arguably never been greater.

When it comes to college sports, especially football, many treat them as a religion. But problems arise when people sacrifice basic values in the process of protecting their religion. The administration and some fans have sacrificed honesty and compassion for women for the sake of more wins.

To them, the problem isn’t that Urban lied to the media or kept Zach Smith. To them, the media is out to get a man with selective memory issues.
What I wish I knew before interning

By Stepha Poulin
Forum Editor

Going to college is considered one of the hallmark moments of transitioning into adulthood.

But it’s really the milestones that happen throughout college that test one’s “level” of being an adult – if it were a quantifiable thing.

Most students at the University are required to complete at least one internship, depending on their major.

Depending on where you end up interning, it can be a true test of several important things, like: Can I stand being out of my hometown? Do I like my career choice? Can I stand living with other people? Do I know how to live on a budget?

It’s true that an internship gives you hands-on experience in your career. But I would say that my internship at The Columbus Dispatch this summer threw me deeper into adulthood than I had ever been.

So, if you have an internship coming up, or are considering an off-campus internship, here’s what I wish I knew before moving to Columbus for 12 weeks.

1. Consider the cost of living

The cost of living in Bowling Green is a godsend. After paying $600 a month for rent – despite having two roommates – I will never take cheap rent for granted. Before you move to a new place, always research the cost of living.

Whether it’s for an internship or a new career, you need to start budgeting ahead of time.

2. Start planning a budget before you leave

Like I said, start a budget ahead of time. If you know the estimated cost of living for a city, you can then make an estimate of your monthly budget. Consider obvious things such as rent, utilities, food and entertainment.

But you should also consider unforeseen costs. In a new place, you may not have familiar stores or even the same pharmacy. Gas may be more expensive. If you estimate your monthly budget ahead of time, you’ll save yourself a lot of trouble in the future.

3. Scope out your new home

It may not be practical to physically visit your new home, but you can still view a few locations on Google Maps. Check out message boards, such as Reddit, that are related to the place you’ll be moving. They tend to give honest reviews of locations that may be played-up elsewhere on the internet.

4. Things cost money

Of course this is something I knew before – but it was more evident to me than ever this summer. You never know when an extra cost is going to come up. Try to save money so unforeseen costs don’t hurt so badly.

It can be tempting to go to every event a city like Columbus has to offer. But each night out adds up.

5. Alone time is to be treasured

Your roommates will be operating on their own schedules, too. You can’t just kick them out of their own living space. Try to get to know them, but also get to know the times they’re out of the house. Sometimes, it’s nice to have a place all to yourself.

Internships tend to revolve around doing a lot of socializing – it’s important to network. You should get to know your coworkers, but also consider taking some time for yourself.
Campus Fest welcomes back students

By Abby Shifley
Campus Editor

The University’s Campus Fest provided students with the opportunity to explore, learn and get involved. With 261 registered on-campus organizations and 47 registered off-campus organizations, the University’s outdoor spaces were packed in the 90-degree heat.

Students wandering through Campus Fest found many of the organizations noteworthy. Wyatt Baer, a first-year graduate student, said the Environmental Sustainability Club was most interesting.

“They were selling reusable straws for a dollar,” Baer said. “I was actually wanting one, so I thought it was pretty cool.”

Even though he didn’t get his undergraduate degree from the University, Baer found the layout of Campus Fest pretty straightforward, as did international students.

“I’m having a really good time navigating!” said Stephanie Bleoo, freshman international student from Canada. Bleoo found the sororities most interesting because she’s planning on rushing.

Elijah Nanton, junior international student from the UK, found the marketing organizations most interesting because they provided a pathway to internships after college.

Brandon Temple, a junior, also from the UK, said he was impressed with the amount of organizations on campus.

“Back home we have a lot of different ones but nowhere near as much as this,” Temple said. He found the fraternities to be the most interesting, because there are so many of them.

The groups at Campus Fest were arranged into three zones, based off the nature of each group.

Zone One contained recreation and sport clubs, special interests, career services partners and media and publications. The Falcon Forensics Speech and Debate Team was one organization in Zone One. The team is the first nationally recognized forensics team at the University, according to the College of Arts and Sciences’ website.

“We compete around the country giving speeches ranging from serious topics that impact everyone today to acting out pieces that are about mental illness,” said Isabel Doades, president of the Falcon Forensics Speech and Debate Team. Doades said — compared to debating — acting out pieces allows students on the team to be much more interpretive.

Doades said that last year the team traveled to Boston and Tennessee, and the year before, they went to Florida. Samantha Millison, a junior, said the team’s first tournament this year is in Western Kentucky, but the team also has a trip to Germany planned.

Zone Two had cultural, governing and residential, political and spiritual organizations as well as tables from University offices and departments. BG Votes was an organization set up in Zone One that branches from the Center for Community and Civic Engagement.

Brandon Willinger, a senior, said BG Votes is a “non-partisan organization focusing on creating a positive political climate for students.” The program aims to promote voter engagement, and Harrison Carter, a sophomore, said. Volunteer information can be found at bgsu.edu/bgsuvotes.

Zone Three contained fraternities and sororities, as well as organizations encouraging the arts, philanthropy, service and volunteerism and academics, honors and

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— Stephanie Bleoo —
Freshman international student from Canada.

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Located across from McDonald Hall at 425 Thurstin Avenue, St. Tom's is easily within walking distance from the university. “Our desire is to share our love for God and God's love for us within the University community while exploring what it means to be Catholic,” says Fr. Jason Kahle. “We are a welcoming community for all people.”

We offer ample gathering areas including Fireside Lounge, Anitoch Library, Seton Hall Gymnasium, various meeting rooms, and a parish courtyard. Students are free to use these spaces.

There is also a Newman Housing Community, where students can live with peers desiring to grow deeper in faith together. All rooms are furnished with two beds, desks, chairs, and closets. Rent includes WIFI, utilities, and parking. We were also blessed with the donation of a laundry facility this past year. Applications will be available to live in the community toward the end of the 2018 year.

For students looking to get involved, St. Thomas More sponsors the Catholic Falcon Community, a Catholic Christian student group on campus. They meet Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 201 for fellowship, fun, service, prayer, and group discussions. Topics vary each week, and are designed to engage students, empower leaders, and allow them to fully explore the faith.

St. Tom’s and the Diocese of Toledo has partnered with FOCUS to offer weekly Bible Studies for anyone wanting to go deeper in their faith. You don’t have to be a Catholic or even Christian; you just need to be open to exploring how Jesus invites us all into a personal relationship.

We also offer opportunities for service events throughout the year. One major way is through our Alternative Spring Break trip during BGSU’s Spring Break. Students can also serve those in need through the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or during the local service events on Saturdays through the Catholic Falcon Community.

On behalf of Fr. Jason, the St. Tom’s staff, and parishioners we welcome all new and returning students, parents, alumni, and friends into their family of faith. Through the Sacraments, service opportunities, weekly formation events, Koinonia retreat (November 2-4), the Newman Housing faith-based living community, and social gatherings, many opportunities are offered to experience God anew!

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NIGHT OF WORSHIP:
Monday: 9:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer loses 1-0 to Penn State

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The men's soccer team lost 1-0 to the Penn State Nittany Lions on Tuesday night. This is the team's second match of the season and its second loss of the season. The Falcons were in line for a draw until the 80th minute when Penn State broke through with a goal. However, every match brings with it another 90 minutes of knowledge about what kind of team the Falcons are and the possibilities the season may hold for them. Head coach Eric Nichols sees improvement in the squad.

“We played much better than Saturday night, so I am pleased with the progress,” Nichols said, “We have a great group, and if we stay on course we can do great things.”

Both aspects of the team played well, especially the defense. For almost the whole match, the team shut out, which is an improvement from the match on Saturday. There were not as many mistakes, and the defense worked as a team. This allowed the offense to get in the six, as well as three shots on goal. The team did well to get these chances, but Nichols said the team needs to work on “scoring our chances.” When the defense puts in a good effort like they did in this match, the offense needs to be able to get something and help the team get points in the standings.

Jensen Lukacsko has established himself as a great midfielder for the Falcons. Lukacsko’s immediate impact for the team is great, showing his immense potential.

So far in the two matches the Falcons have played, they have had a decent offensive match in the first — scoring two goals — and a good defensive match in the second. However, in both of those matches, the other side of the ball wasn’t at the level it needed to be. If the team is able to put together a match where both sides of the ball play are at their highest level, the team will be able to succeed against many of the teams they play.

The Falcons’ next match is Friday against Wright State at Cochrane Stadium at 7 p.m.

Preseason fantasy football tips

Parker Kern
Sports Reporter

It's fantasy football draft season, which means the players you select now in your league's draft will affect your team (and if you’re like me, your life) for the next four months.

Never fear, I am here. I’m a guy who has had stellar fantasy football seasons but also a guy whose friends have had to talk him out of Gronk-spiking his phone after looking at the score of his fantasy game, which he's losing by 60 points to a team whose owner has never even watched an NFL game before.

Regardless, here’s a list of busts and breakouts that I think you should look at (or look away from) as you draft your fantasy team this year.

**QUARTERBACKS**

**Bust:** Joe Flacco, Baltimore (Bye Week: 10)

“Elite” quarterback Joe Flacco has been anything but, throwing only 18 touchdowns in 2017, along with 13 interceptions. His quarterback rating of 80.4 in 2017 was significantly below the league average of 88.6. This, coupled with the fact his best receiver is washed-up 30-year-old Michael Crabtree, proves Flacco should definitely be avoided on draft day.

**Breakout:** Marcus Mariota, Tennessee (Bye Week: 8)

I really love the Titans offense. After going 9-7 last year, I believe they’ll improve by a few wins this year. Sure, DeMarco Murray has retired, but former Heisman Trophy winner and young stud Derrick Henry will have no trouble carrying the running load for the Titans offense, along with catching passes out of the backfield. Mariota has plenty of options to throw to, including Richard Matthews and second-year player Corey Davis. Mariota has thrown for over 3,500 yards each of the past two seasons and rushed for over 300 in both of those seasons, too. Look for this dual-threat to be your team's quarterback if you miss out on guys like Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady and Drew Brees.

**RUNNING BACKS**

**Bust:** Marshawn Lynch, Oakland (Bye Week: 7)

We know why he’s here – to be a fantasy bust this year. I’ve always had the notion that NFL running backs will begin regressing by the time they’re 27 or 8 years old and should just flat out retire by age 30 or 31. Lynch, 32, used to be a beast in Seattle, but after retiring in 2015 and unretiring in 2017 to play for his hometown Raiders, he hasn’t been the same player. His yards for both rushing and receiving were halved between his last year in Seattle and first year in Oakland. His name and past dominance will tempt you to draft him, but I’m here to tell you don’t do it.

**Breakout:** Alvin Kamara, New Orleans (Bye Week: 6)

Kamara is insane, and I’m not even sure he has a ceiling at this point. With a quarterback like Drew Brees and an offense so wide open as New Orleans’, it’s hard to limit what this guy is capable of. He’s strong, quick and can make guys miss in the secondary, whether he’s running or catching out of the backfield. At only 23 years old, he’s already great, but will definitely improve. He had over 1,500 yards combined rushing and receiving in 2017, and his workload will only increase. Kamara is a must-have on draft day. He’ll go fast, make sure you keep your eye on him.

**WIDE RECEIVER**

**Bust:** Tyreek Hill, Kansas City (Bye Week: 12)

Tyreek Hill is electrifying, don't get me wrong. He's super fast and is an excellent return man. However, with Sammy Watkins coming into town, an unproven young quarterback in Patrick Mahomes and an elite running back in Kareem Hunt, it's likely that Hill will not have 1,183 receiving yards and seven touchdowns like he did.
NFCl remains difficult to predict

“This upcoming season, the Vikings have arguably gotten better, with the additions of Kirk Cousins as quarterback and George Iloka a few days ago filling out an already stellar secondary.”

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Jack Doyle, IND (Bye Week: 9)

Doyle is a solid tight end who caught for 690 yards and four touchdowns last year, but the addition of Eric Ebron in Indy will likely take away some short yardage and red zone targets for Doyle. Also, if that’s a big if, Andrew Luck stays healthy, he may favor Ebron or one of the Colts’ wideouts, such as T.Y. Hilton. The amount of uncertainty around Doyle’s situation would lead me to tell you to steer clear of him on draft day.

Breakout: David Njoku, CLE (Bye Week: 11)

The Browns have essentially had nothing to cheer for since their “re-inception” in 1999. However, all of a sudden, they’ve found themselves with some offensive talent in 2018. One of those talents, albeit under-the-radar, is David Njoku. Njoku had 32 receptions in 2017, totaling for 386 yards and four touchdowns. Measly stats, but remember, he was catching passes from fellow rookie DeShone Kizer, who is now backing up Aaron Rodgers in Green Bay. New Browns QB target Ed Bills tight end Charles Clay 49 times last year for 558 yards while under center for Buffalo. Expect a similar output this year from Njoku, who I believe will shock fans and fantasy owners alike across the country this year with his performance.

Kicker

Bust: Cody Parkey, CHI (Bye Week: 5)

Parkey showed promise while with the Eagles from 2014-2015, but Chicago will be his third stop in three years. The 26-year-old Florida-born kicker went 21-23 on field goals last year and 26-29 on extra points with the Dolphins. Pretty great numbers, huh? Bear in mind, half of his games were in Miami, where there is not much weather there other than sunny and 78 degrees. In Chicago, it’s a bit of a different story, as wind and snow have plagued kickers at Soldier Field for years. Expect a dropoff in Parkey’s kicking, both for field goals and extra points, this year in Chicago.

Breakout: Wil Lutz, NO (Bye Week: 6)

Lutz has been nothing but solid for the Saints since they picked him up in 2016. He has hit 84.3 percent of his field goals, and 96 percent of his extra points. He has an offense that can and will score lots of points, giving him plenty of opportunities to kick your fantasy team all the way to the championship. Don’t draft him with your #1 overall pick, but definitely try to steal him early in the later rounds of your draft.

Defense/Special Teams

Bust: Seattle Seahawks (Bye Week: 7)

The Seahawks are a far cry from the once untouchable “Legion of Boom” that Richard Sherman (now a San Francisco 49er) once screamed at all of us about in a postgame interview. Their front seven has lost significant players over the last few years; most notably Michael Bennett, who was traded to Philly last year for what seemed like a bag of Lay’s chips and some pocket lint. As for the LOB, Sherman is now in San Fran, Kam Chancellor retired, and Earl Thomas wants out of Seattle. I could only imagine how awful that locker room will be this season; Russell Wilson will have his hands full leading this motley crew. Do yourself a favor and stay away from the Seahawks defense this year.

Breakout: Houston Texans (Bye Week: 10)

Houston’s D has the potential to be special this year. If J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney can both stay healthy this year, their defensive pass rush will be one of the league’s best. With Johnathan Joseph and recently acquired strong safety Tyrann “Honey Badger” Mathieu rounding out the secondary, Houston’s defense will be strong. The only thing that stands in their way is their own health. If you’re comfortable with taking the risk of potential injury, selecting Houston’s defense in your fantasy draft should be a no-brainer.
Undergraduate Student Government Kicks Off

By Meredith Siegel
Forum Editor

Undergraduate Student Government kicked off the year with a new executive staff and a new set of senators at its first meeting Monday night.

Two senators, Hannah Lanfear and Remington Schneider, were officially sworn in by this year’s Speaker of the Senate, Paul Garbarino.

Hannah Cubberley and Marcus Goolsby have taken over as USG’s president and vice president, respectively.

USG meetings have moved from their usual place to the Gallery in McFall Hall, which is in room 110.

Senator Madison Stump attended the City Council meeting last week and spoke about many updates concerning construction in Bowling Green.

First, Manville Avenue will be paved after Labor Day.

Second, construction for a sewage pipeline will start after Labor Day.

Third, Columbia Gas will continue Wooster construction through October.

Fourth, the construction meetings for a roundabout at Interstate 75 and Wooster have started and could “potentially cause some safety concerns, regarding the construction process,” Stump said.

The roundabout construction will be done in July 2019.

Finally, the city will be fixing downtown curbs, so they will be more accessible for everyone.

Stump also mentioned a proposal to increase parking costs by 100 percent.

City Council meetings are held Monday nights at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Two resolutions were passed at the end of spring semester, and updates were offered at this meeting. Plastic bags were banned for campus use, and Chief Financial Officer Sherry Stoll, working with BGSU Dining, Admissions and Falcon Outfitters, have found a “sustainable alternative,” Cubberley said. “It’s still a bag, but it’s a soy-based product, so it’s more biodegradable.”

For the second resolution, students should not have any overlapping finals, Cubberley said, however, they should double-check their final exam schedule and make sure this did not happen, as professors could override the system.

Labor Day is next weekend and University Activities Organization will be having events all weekend. There are many benefits, like a higher possibility of continuing college for another year, to staying on campus over Labor Day, so USG is encouraging students to do so.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, there will be a joint USG and Resident Student Association meeting. Goolsby said. This is in an effort to work together on issues that USG and RSA both cover. This meeting is open for anyone to attend.

USG is still looking for senators to fill representative positions, such as an international student or a student who lives in Founders Hall. If students are interested in filling a position, contact Speaker of the Senate, Paul Garbarino at gpaul@bgsu.edu.

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Their offense wasn’t as explosive and their defense wasn’t as strong. They picked up Calvin Ridley in the draft, though, which should help them be more explosive -- it will be fun to see how they try to weave him into their offensive schemes. The Carolina Panthers are the final team in the NFC South, and they also have been a different team since their 15-1 season two years ago.

They have been marred by injuries to much of their defense squad, especially their linebackers, Luke Kuechly and Thomas Davis. Cam Newton was also injured last season, and he is their whole offense; it revolves around him. His importance on the team is a good and a bad thing. He’s one of the most electric players in the league when he has the football in his hands, but he also doesn’t have the best arm. Also, the more often he has the football, the more often he has a chance of getting hurt. This is the big problem for the Panthers, and one they will keep having to deal with if Newton stays the same player.

The final division is the NFC West, and unless someone important on the Los Angeles Rams gets hurt, they will win the division. Their offense took a good turn last season, and their defense is great. However, Aaron Donald is still holding out for a new contract, so the defense has lost its best playmaker, making it much weaker. The team closest to the Rams in terms of talent are the San Francisco 49ers. The end of their season, a good win against the Jacksonville Jaguars, was a testament to the possibility of their talent, but now they have to play a full season with that winning team. The other two teams are, funnily enough, the teams who used to be the powerhouse’s of the division, the Arizona Cardinals and the Seattle Seahawks. The Cardinals are looking like they’re not too far off from being a contender with a couple dynamic weapons on the offensive side of the ball, especially David Johnson. On defense, they still have Patrick Peterson, but they have lost a lot of their spark with Calais Campbell and Tyrann Mathieu gone. Finally, the Seattle Seahawks look like a team without much going on for them. The defense has lost all semblance of what it used to be. This is no Legion of Boom anymore. The offense also isn’t as strong as it once was, which is evident in the fact their strongest receiver is Tyler Lockett. The Seahawks will not be as good this year as they have in years past.

The NFC will be a lot more fun to watch this season than the AFC. The amount of teams who have a chance to make the Super Bowl is much larger in the NFC, which makes each game more enjoyable to watch.
A Guide to parking in Bowling Green

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Parking in Bowling Green remains a troubling part of campus life for students. Lots close to the campus center tend to be small and prone to restrictions for students, but the big lots most used by undergraduate parkers are mostly far from class buildings. Though some students are completely fine with the parking on campus in its current state, others wish there was more closer parking.

Complicating matters are the differences between commuter parking lots and regular student lots. Students look to be careful about where they decide to park.

A map of where students are allowed to park is on the Parking Services section of the University website. Both the commuter and regular student parking passes are the same price: $68 for one semester and $115 for the whole year.

Students looking to park in on-campus student parking spaces have a couple of options close to the University.

Lot 15, located just off Troup Street, is the closest to the middle of campus. Another is Lot 12, north of campus, where most of the students with a regular student parking pass park due to the many spaces in the lot.

The commuter student parking spaces are more spread out but offer a wider variety in places to park. The closest spot is right in front of the hockey arena: Lot 10. Then, surrounding Lot 12 are Lots 1, 5, 16 and 18, which are all for commuter pass holders.

Nathan Buswell, a resident of the The Edge off-campus apartment complex and senior digital arts major, said he usually parks near the art building on the east side of campus.

“There should be closer parking closer on the west side of campus for students,” he continued.

Jewel White, a graduate student at the University, believes parking is fine as it is. “I think parking on campus isn’t as bad as people make it out to be,” she said. “As long as you have your pass and are paying attention to the designated areas you can park, there won’t be any issues. However, I will say that it makes things a lot easier if you follow the instructions listed, because I’ve avoided all issues of ticketing. Now, I live off campus, so having a pass isn’t a big concern to me.”

Parking at the University is something some students have wanted changed, but following the rules and knowing where to park will help students avoid parking tickets under the current system.
Plastic dependency

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Reporter

The use of plastic and waste management has once again entered public discussions with plastic straw bans being implemented in places like San Francisco, Starbucks, etc. and China, the world’s biggest plastic recycler rewriting its policies.

This workable and cheap substance has been around since post World War II, and technology has improved to the point where it has once again entered public discussions.

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Plastic in clothing, we have so many items that are lighter-weight because of plastic, ways to store your food, etc. There’s hundreds of different ways that plastics have been evolved into our culture,” Fleshman said. Plastic has become the highest-performing material for a wide variety of items.

“We don’t have to grow as many cotton crops, we don’t have to shear as many sheep, and there’s other advantages to it, too. Everyone’s looking for a cheaper product, and plastic is cheap... Think about how much lighter cars have gotten and how much more safe they are because of plastic,” Fleshman said.

According to the article “Production, use and fate of all plastics ever made,” approximately “8,300 million metric tons as of 2016, 6,300 Mt of plastic waste had been recycled, 12 percent was incinerated and 79 percent was accumulated in landfills or the natural environment.”

The department of the environment and sustainability faculty adviser, Holly Myers, said plastic waste is even more difficult to manage than most people think.

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“Those of us who are familiar with recycling either academically or in practice know that one of the biggest problems, especially with plastic, is contamination... Shipping plastic or any waste a long distance to be recycled also contributes to climate change. In theory, China’s ban could lead to the development of more plastic recycling facilities in the U.S., which could lead to the creation of more jobs. It may result in an education campaign so that people stop contaminating the recycling stream.

I suspect, however, that another country that is struggling with development more than China will fill the niche within a few months,” Myers said.

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