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New Chamber of Commerce director

By Adam Gretsinger
City Editor

For city business managers, compromise and lost opportunities are facts of life, but for Mary Hinkelman, the soon-to-be Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce executive director, “if it’s something worth doing,” she will find a way to do it.

Hinkelman, who has worked in various positions in the Downtown Bowling Green organization for much of the last two decades, will take the position over from Earlene Kilpatrick, whose legacy in the executive director position has been highlighted by different city officials.

While attending her last city council meeting, Kilpatrick was praised by Mayor Richard Edwards for her years of contributions to the town and her ability to create collaboration between businesses in the city. She was even invited to speak before the council during the mayor’s speaking time, as a sign of her clout in the town’s DNA.

Hinkelman, though, is not worried about trying to fill her predecessor’s shoes; in fact, she said Kilpatrick herself said not to do that. Instead, Hinkelman said she has confidence in her ability to manage the position well due to her years of business experience.

She said she had worked in various management positions in the McDonald’s company for nearly 23 years, working as manager for 16 years in the city before shifting her focus to Downtown Bowling Green, where she has worked until now and will continue working even after her placement in the Chamber.

Her work with the organization will mirror that of her new mission with the Chamber: encourage commercial growth in the town through financial assistance, collaboration, mediation and regulation establishment. Both organizations, in fact, work in the same building, The Four Corners Center, which focuses on encouraging economic growth in the area.

Hinkelman’s work looks to decrease that difficulty, especially for those new to the job market.

She said she wants a goal for the Chamber this year to be the creation of a business incubator, a guided program through which new owners could begin doing business without committing fully to a “brick-and-mortar” building and setting themselves back due to unforeseen challenges.

She noted, however, the plan is still in its infancy and needs time to develop. She added other similarly-sized projects will also need more development time and will likely not appear on the agenda that soon.

Hinkelman also expressed the desire to continue using various Chamber tools, including about 30 working project teams, to help cultivate town commerce.

She added the most fulfilling part of her job was using all these tools and ideas to help businesses thrive.

The new executive director said, among the challenges she will face in this new position, she will have to acclimate herself to the new environment. Though both the Chamber and Downtown Bowling Green work with businesses in the town center, the Chamber of Commerce’s sphere of influence extends all the way to the edges of town.

However, she added her determination to make change happen was often enough to break through such uncertainties. She said, when she puts her mind to something, she works in the mindset of “don’t ever tell me… I can’t do something.”

Originally from northeast Ohio, she said her love and appreciation for the town has strongly influenced her desire to work in and improve it.

“This community is amazing,” she said, sending a glowing review of her current hometown’s talent, mindset and opportunistic spirit.

“I am honored beyond belief” to be in this position, she said definitively.
Are celebrity overdoses a cry for help?

By Morgan Ward
Columnist

Mac Miller’s death has affected numerous people. These people range from the fans who listened to his first mixtape “But My Mackin’ Ain’t Easy” to his last night with close friends in his home watching Thursday night football.

Miller’s death has put a toll on ex-girlfriend Ariana Grande’s heart and mental health. People blamed this innocent star with causing Miller’s death. Grande has received nasty tweets for the last two weeks. Miller was using drugs for the last two weeks. Miller’s death has put a toll on ex-girlfriend Grande’s heart and mental health.

Other stars who have died in recent years from drug related overdoses are Heath Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately Ledger, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Prince, Lil Peep, Tom Petty and unfortunately

This late July, Demi Lovato was rushed to the hospital for her apparent drug overdose. Lovato has been sober for almost six years but has expressed in her music she has had some setbacks. Her latest single “Sober” shared to her fans that she relapsed in June. Lovato has suffered for years with addiction, being bipolar and having an eating disorder. Currently, she is receiving drug rehabilitation treatment.

Are these incidents a cry for help? Are all of these signs of overdose and relapse a sign that people need someone to talk to? What can you do to spot addiction and get people to have better coping mechanisms?

Celebrities get addicted for all types of reasons. Being a big star and all over the media can be very stressful. The public eye is always watching. With being so public about life this often leads to mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and stress.

One of the biggest forms of stress relief is addiction. Often addiction includes drugs, alcohol and sex. Often celebrities are not penalized for drug possession. They have more of a carefree lifestyle that suggests this behavior is alright. Being on stage can be a thrill-seeking experience, but it’s more of a destructive one. Being in the spotlight can create an addiction to success, which can cause mood-altering behavior that leads to stress relief. Everything comes back full circle.

When an artist is touring or an actor is between projects, there is no time to stop and think about the actions happening in their life. It’s the process of swimming to stay afloat. The stress and addiction could be a sign they need help but don’t know how to reach out. This can go hand-in-hand with everyday people in their everyday lives.

Some signs that people are addicted, according to Michael’s House Treatment Center, are as follows:
1. Mood swings and delusion
2. Anxious or restless behavior
3. Manic levels of energy
4. Theft

If you believe someone is suffering from drug abuse and could use help, you can call or refer them to the drug abuse hotline. The number 844-229-2468 is open 24/7 for free to help addiction come to an end.

Advice column introduction

By Miah Paloma
Columnist

“I want to be able to bring people of all backgrounds and belief systems together.”
— Miah Paloma —
Columnist

Forgive me, we haven’t formally met. My name is Miah Paloma. You were probably wondering where I came from, but before I get into that I would like to describe the purpose of my column.

This column is for the people. Meaning, my sole purpose and desire is to help people. In short this is my passion. I am a local blogger and vlogger as well as student at the University. I have the privilege of being the University’s very own advice columnist. But this column would be no good without you. This is where you come in. As an advice columnist, I would love for you all to email me topics, questions or even feedback on my posts. I would love to have an interactive audience.

Before I go any further I would like to set down some rules of this platform:
1. This is a safe place.
2. The information you give to me is at your discretion, and everything will be anonymous.
3. I am not, nor will I ever be, an advocate for violence.

The list above is guaranteed. I, in fact, am not going by my real name with this blog. I will not use this platform to put down any group of people, belief system, political party, etc. because we have enough of that in social media.

I want to be able to bring people of all backgrounds and belief systems together. I must say I typically avoid political topics for the simple fact that they are everywhere, but if you would like to personally email me and have a discussion feel free to do so. It is my hope you all would grow to wonder my views on certain things but also feel free to share your views. If you’d like to know more about who I am and what I’m about email me at dovesept.2013@gmail.com or even check out my website, https://dovepresslife.wordpress.com. Thank you all and I look forward to hearing from you.

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9 things people with no sense of direction deal with

By Meredith Siegel
Forum Editor

I have the worst sense of direction of anyone I have ever met. Think about what it means to have a really bad sense of direction. Easily getting lost, not remembering how to get somewhere after the first time visiting. Mine is worse than that.

I even get lost in places I have been living in for more than a decade and driving in for five years. Once I memorize a specific way to get somewhere but come in from a different direction, I am completely confused. I have no idea which way to go. When I’m in hotels, I forget which way the lobby is, and in doctors offices, I have trouble finding the exit. Even in places I think I know where I’m going, I still ask for or pull up directions.

I’m not really sure why I’m so bad at this; there is no concrete diagnosis I can find online, but it is something that impacts my daily life. For a long time it felt like I was the only one with a sense of direction this abysmal, but after doing some research online, I’m not the only one. There just doesn’t seem to be a lot of research on why. So, if you can’t find your way out of a dorm like me, know you’re not alone.

So, here are ten things I deal with on a daily basis because my sense of direction is so bad.

1. Always having my phone charged enough to use GPS
   I need to have access to a GPS all the time because otherwise, I may run into a situation where I get completely lost. I memorize routes after having done them dozens — and I mean dozens — of times, but if there is a detour or my memory fails me, I need a GPS.

2. Getting lost using a GPS
   Even sometimes a GPS fails me because I have trouble understanding where things are in relation to each other. I need clear directions and for it to just point me in the right direction; otherwise, I won’t be able to get around.

3. Going out of my way to get from Point A to Point B
   Like I said, I memorize routes after I’ve done them a bunch of times, but that means I only have one specific route in my head when I’m trying to get around. So, for example, if I want to get from the Union to Kroger, I can only go back past my apartment because I can only get to Kroger from my apartment. It makes trips take way longer.

4. Asking my friends and family how to get to a place I’ve gone to several times
   It takes awhile for me to memorize a route, so I have to rely on others to get me around. Only my close friends and family have a real understanding of how bad my sense of direction is, so they are willing to get me around. But I used to get made fun of, and it took awhile for them to believe that, no, I can’t navigate.

5. Turning around awkwardly because I left a room in the wrong direction
   Hallways can also be rough because I can’t remember which way I walked into a room from. I catch myself having to turn around and go the other way in the middle of the hallway all the time. I try to memorize a landmark, so I can leave in the correct direction the first time.

6. Just completely avoiding going anywhere new
   I don’t like to stray out of my comfort zone because any time I’m in a new place is an opportunity to get horribly lost. I don’t go to new places alone, usually.

7. Pretending like I totally know where I’m going all the time
   Because I have memorized routes and not many people truly understand how bad my sense of direction is, most people assume I totally know where I’m going all the time. And since I can look pretty dumb when trying to get around, I let them believe it.

8. Verbal directions are no help to me
   When people give me verbal directions, I immediately forget everything but the first suggestion. I’ve stopped asking people on the street which way to go because it just gets me more lost.

9. Being unable to give directions, either
   Even when I know how to get from one place to the next, I can’t tell anyone how to do it. To me, it seems like I can’t hold more than one direction in my head at a time, so when I finish making one turn, the next step reveals itself to me.
City Council talks ideas, laws at meeting

By Adam Gretsinger
City Editor

Bowling Green City Council met Monday evening to discuss various plans for its fall season and beyond.

The council, in a discussion that had been delayed from earlier in the year until Monday, publicly disclosed information on a resolution that raises fees on zoning code matters prior to the general body meeting.

Administrators from the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee were on the panel, and they argued for an increase in many of the city’s fees regarding zoning. Fees regarding building on commercial and residential spaces rose from $10 to $25, for example.

Though the fee updates were substantial, the committee said they resembled those of other Ohio college towns, like Athens and Kent. The council unanimously voted for the increased fees.

The council had a less harmonious vote about another issue, however. A rewrite of a portion of the town charter preamble that referenced the city’s non-discrimination policy was voted into law with a less than unanimous roll call.

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The council fully agreed on a resolution to repair the solids processing building in its Water Pollution Control facility through contracted work. Exact details for these have not been ironed out, but renovations must be made to the facility according to the council.

Other subjects the council voted for unanimously were the purchase of a nearly 1.5 acre land parcel on North Grove Street and an ordinance amendment regarding the management of foot and vehicle traffic in the city.

The council also passed different pieces of more administrative legislation during the meeting, including a resolution that accepts the Budget Commission’s amount and rate calculations for the city and certifies its tax levies.

Though legislation was a major focus of the meeting, discussions were also a crucial element.

One source of contention was the name of a planned building for City Park, a replacement of a veterans memorial building there now. The new building, though planned to be built in the spirit of the original, has left some questions as to what its name should be and what should go inside it.

At-large member Greg Robinette put a proposition forward to call the building the “Ohio Veterans Memorial Building,” but he referenced the notion other members of town administration would accept naming after a particular person or donor and implored the council to vote for the proposed name.

At-large member Bruce Jeffers mentioned wanting to decorate the interior with different veterans’ names from different theaters and commitments. Another at-large member, Sandy Rowland, advised to avoid making the place too intentionally militaristic, as a display of “weapons of self-defense” could scare people away from holding events like weddings there.

She said the town would want to see a good “return in our investment.”

The issue will likely be voted on in the next two meetings.

Also among topics for discussion was the possibility of founding a Historic Preservation Commission. The commission, which would be planned to regulate the appearance of historically prominent streets and buildings, has been on the mayor and council’s minds for years.

Looming on the agenda for an Oct. 15 reading is a resolution that could increase in the cost of city parking fees. The council said earlier in the month it would investigate and discuss the issue through a task force of prominent citizens especially affected by the changes – like owners of downtown businesses.

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Falcons prepare to host Miami

Evan Hayes
Pulse Editor

Over the opening weeks of the 2018 season, the Falcon football team had a glaring problem on defense: they can't stop the run. Bowling Green has given up 348 yards a game on the ground this season, the worst mark in the Mid-American Conference by almost 100 yards. The defense has been plagued by missed tackles and has looked noticeably tired late in games, a product of a young defense with little trustable depth.

As the team prepares for their conference opener against Miami (OH) University, Head Coach Mike Jinks emphasized his team is still trying to find a defensive rotation that works well.

“We've got to tackle, period. We have to tackle better, and we work on it on a daily basis. But a lot of that is looking at it as a coaching staff, looking at the number of snaps we're asking them to play,” said Jinks.

“We've got some young guys that we have to get out there and make sure we get those guys rested and that we're fresh late in the ball game.”

Miami is a much more experienced team than the Falcons, with key senior players lining up on both sides of the ball. Redshirt senior quarterback Gus Ragland and running backs Kenny Young and Alonzo Smith are the offensive playmakers the Falcons will look to corral, while senior defensive back De'Andre Montgomery is tied for second in the MAC with 32 tackles to open the season.

“The thing about Miami that I've noticed is the names I'm reading on this roster have been the same since I started here,” said Jinks. “These guys are redshirt seniors that have been there for a while.

“They'll be sound, and it's going to be a heck of a ballgame.”

The Falcons will look to maintain the offensive momentum they found against EKU by relying on sophomore quarterback Jarret Doege, running back Andrew Clair and wide receiver Quintin Morris. Jinks has emphasized extended offensive drives this season, and Bowling Green ranks first in the MAC in average time of possession with 32:11 a game and seventh in the country with six extended scoring drives this season.

While struggling to contain runners and finish drives on defense, the Falcons have been one of the best teams in the country at forcing turnovers this season. On the season, the team is tied for fifth in the nation in fumbles recovered (five), tied for 13th in turnovers gained (seven) and tied for 29th in turnover margin (+2). Continuing to force takeaways will help the Falcons get their defense off the field, saving them from getting fatigued late in games.

During Jinks’ tenure at Bowling Green, the Falcons have gone 0-2 in conference openers. The Falcons are also 4-3 in conference openers dating back to 2011, when they won against Miami 37-23. A win on Saturday would give the team a 2-2 record to start the season, leaving them an opportunity to extend their winning streak when they travel to Georgia Tech on Sept. 29.

“It'll be huge moving forward, because the winner of this ballgame is going to be sitting in a real good position,” said Jinks. “We've got another non-conference game the following week, but to get back on a win streak and start gaining that conference and be 2-2 after four games, I think that when we look at our schedule a lot of people would be very pleased with that outcome.”

Over 17,500 fans showed up for last week’s matchup against EKU, and the heavy fan presence helped to ignite a 28-point second quarter. Moving forward, Jinks believes a community presence at games will help the Falcons this season.

“I said it at the press conference following the ball game, our crowd was tremendous. We need you; we need you this week versus Miami,” said Jinks. “Big ball game, opening conference play. Let’s continue to keep this thing rolling. This is your football team; this is our town. Let’s do this thing together.”

The game is set to start at 3 p.m. Saturday. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+.

Cleveland State beats Falcons 2-0

The men’s soccer team lost 2-0 to the Cleveland State Vikings Tuesday night. The first 70 minutes of the match, the score was all zeros, but Cleveland State had the majority of the attacking chances.

The statistic sheet shows this as well, as Cleveland State ended up with 20 shots at the end of the game, as well as seven shots on goal. The Falcons ended the game with 12 shots, but only one of those was on goal. The offense for the Falcons once again failed to score, and it has definitely started to affect the team.

Obviously scoring is important, but when the defense is forced to defend for most of the match, they will get tired eventually. Head Coach Eric Nichols talked about how the team performed in the match and why.

“I'm not sure I would say we succeeded,” Nichols said. “We were not ourselves, and I take full blame for that. Our prep and game plan has locked the guys up rather than free them up. I got it wrong and will get it right moving forward.”

Nichols continued with reasons for why the team failed in both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

“We weren’t playing BG soccer – we are loose defensively and lacked creativity and execution in the attack,” Nichols said. “As I said, I take full responsibility for that, the guys simply weren’t prepared properly and that is my responsibility.”

These offensive issues have plagued the team most of the season, especially execution of their chances. The team has played seven matches, and in four of them, the team was unable to score at all. They have not been able to finish the chances they do get when they come. Then this puts pressure on the defense to step up, which they can’t do for 90 minutes every match and sometimes more with overtime.

The team’s strength is the defense, but that doesn’t mean they should have to carry the offense each match. The offense has been able to create the chances it needs, but they just can’t seem to get the right touch on the ball to get it in the back of the net. They are capable of it but just haven’t been able to find the right mark to get on the scoreboard.

The Falcons are 1-4-2 on the season and only have a couple matches to go before MAC play begins. There is still a lot of talent on the team, and they are capable of giving anyone on their schedule a good match, as their previous matches have shown. Their next match takes place Saturday night at Purdue Fort Wayne.

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The players to pick up in Week 3

Parker Kern
Sports Reporter

QB: Blake Bortles, JAX
Bortles was spectacular this past weekend, throwing for 377 yards and four touchdowns in what some would call an upset win over the defending AFC champion, the New England Patriots. Bortles racked up a total of 32.6 fantasy points against the Pats, which was much better than the 13.2 he put up Week 1 against the Giants. The Titans and Jets are next on the Jags’ schedule, so look for Bortles to sling it on those defenses, similar to what occurred in Jacksonville on Sunday.

RB: Javorious Allen, BAL
Although Allen is second on the Ravens’ depth chart behind Alex Collins, he had several great weeks against Buffalo and Cincinnati, averaging 14.8 points per game. He has only been picked up in 18.8 percent of ESPN leagues, which could make him a steal on the waiver wire if he continues to be a red zone target for Baltimore.

WR: Tyler Lockett, SEA
With Doug Baldwin, Seattle's number one option at receiver, injured, Tyler Lockett has found himself being Russell Wilson's favorite target over the first two weeks of the season. Lockett has scored 14.9 and 17 points respectively, with a touchdown in both games. He is owned in 66.8 percent of ESPN leagues, and is projected to score 10.9 points this week against the Cowboys – I personally think he will have another 15 to 18 point outing this week against a Dallas defense that has some serious secondary issues. Pick up Lockett if you need a trustworthy and consistent WR or flex.

TE: Jesse James, PIT
The Steelers lost their home opener at Heinz Field to a very lethal offensive team in the Kansas City Chiefs. However, the Steelers also have several offensive weapons. Once you get past the list of big names like Antonio Brown and JuJu Smith-Schuster, the next guy on that list is probably Jesse James. James had a monster game on Sunday, catching five balls for 138 yards and a touchdown, and scored a total of 24.8 points. In Week 1 against the Browns, he had a respectable 9-point game, with 60 yards receiving. Surprisingly, James is only owned in 3.2 percent of ESPN leagues. Look for this hot start to continue – Big Ben will continue to get him the ball.

D/ST: Miami Dolphins
The Dolphins currently find themselves in first place in the AFC East. Go ahead, I’ll give you a moment to look outside and see if the world has ended. One of the main reasons why the Dolphins are undefeated thus far is because their defense has been spectacular. After scoring 12 points Week 1 against the Titans, Miami followed it up with an 11-point performance on Sunday against the Jets at the Meadowlands, with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. The Dolphins face off against the Raiders this week, before facing their first true test of the season against the Patriots at Gillette Stadium. After that game, the Dolphins’ schedule looks quite favorable for their defense. They’re owned in just under 19 percent of ESPN leagues. Look no further than Miami if you need a solid defense you can confidently start right away.

K: Mason Crosby, GB
Crosby was fantastic for the Packers, as he went 5-for-6 on field goal attempts and added two extra points for a total of 18 fantasy points. This 18-point outing came after a solid 7-point game in Week 1 against the Bears, with one field goal and three extra points. Crosby is owned in just over 28 percent of ESPN leagues. Green Bay’s next three games are against Washington, Buffalo and Detroit. These three teams have less-than-elite defenses, which means Aaron Rodgers and the Packers offense will score lots of points. This means there will be plenty of field goal and extra point opportunities for Crosby, who you should pick up if you need a reliable kicker.

How sports bring people together

Kerstie Shaw
Sports Reporter

In 776 BC, spectators and athletes traveled from across the ancient Greek Empire to Olympia for the first Ancient Olympic Games. At the peak of the ancient games’ popularity, the event garnered more than 40,000 spectators. While the occasion began as a religious festival, it has developed into a showcasing of the best athletic competition in the world. Today, the Olympic Games serve as a gathering place for over 10,000 athletes and nearly eight million spectators. The games are also broadcasted to 3.6 billion people across the globe, according to an August 2016 People article on the Rio Olympics.

The Olympic Games unify nations in support of their teams and connects people from all walks of life. Professional and collegiate teams unify their home cities and states, as well as fans from across the nation. Family members bond and friendships form when groups gather around the TV, travel to the big game or begin a pickup competition at the local park.

Collegiate athletics are another avenue in which connections can be formed. The Bowling Green community and students of the University unite in support of the Falcon athletic teams.

On game days, the town is buzzing with excitement. Families, friends and fans make their way to one of the several athletic facilities on campus: the Stroh Center, Slater Family Ice Arena and Cochrane Stadium. This past Saturday, more than 17,500 fans displayed their best orange and brown, participating in tailgating activities and cheering on the Falcons at the Doyt Perry Stadium when the football team battled Eastern Kentucky.

The University is currently home to 425 student-athletes from 29 states and 13 countries, including Spain, Sweden and Bulgaria, according to the Student-Athlete Services’ records. The variety of sports at the University gives student-athletes the opportunity to compete with and against others from the United States and across the world.

“As an international student, I connect well with other international students, so I’m friends with a lot of people on the tennis team,” said Anna-Maria Kanyai, a freshman gymnast from the Czech Republic.

Student-athletes also have the chance to create relationships with members of other athletic teams. Similar lifestyles allow them to bond over shared experiences and form long-lasting friendships.

“The team aspect has connected me with people and allowed me to meet other athletes. If it weren’t for sports, I wouldn’t have met them or spent time with them,” said Hanna Laube, a freshman volleyball player from Canada.

In today’s world, there are many things that make people different, such as the way they look, the things they believe in and the place they come from. However, one thing that can bring them together is their love of sports.
**Anti-abortion group visits campus**

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A large orange sign at the edge of the University’s Union Oval read, “Warning: Abortion Victim Photos Ahead.” The sign, like others spotting central campus, belonged to Created Equal, an anti-abortion group touring college campuses in battleground states to influence students.

Created Equal not only brought signs but also presented a video on a large TV screen. The video showed images of aborted fetuses captured in abortion clinics by the organization’s commissioned photographers.

Created Equal’s goal in visiting colleges in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Florida is to raise awareness among college students as the midterm elections approach.

“Universities obviously have a unique demographic in that a good portion of folks who commit abortions reside on university campuses—at least that age group—so it’s important to reach them for that reason,” Created Equal president Mark Harrington said.

The most recent information collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that “women in their twenties accounted for the majority of abortions in 2014.”

Harrington hopes the video will encourage students to vote against abortion rights. He named college campuses as important locations for his organization’s demonstrations because they “represent the future leaders and decision makers.”

Just across the Oval, protesters sat cross-legged and calm with posters to grab the attention of the same crowd.

Among the protesters was Kyla Ahlfeld, a sophomore human development and family services student. Her goal was to provide “a safe space for anybody who feels offended or unsafe” from Created Equal’s display.

University police officers were also present to ensure the safety of demonstrators on each side of the Oval and the students walking in between. Angela Clark-Taylor, director of the Center for Women and Gender Equity, was present during most of the protest. She was also there to keep the peace and offer support to protesters.

Clark-Taylor was not there to represent a specific side of the issue, although the CWGE’s mission includes bringing “visibility to issues affecting women on campus,” according to the center’s website.

The CWGE was prepared for increased calls and in-office visits due to the protest, said Kathy Newman, senior secretary at the CWGE. But Newman said she had not received more calls than usual.

Protesters were also concerned about students who might have been negatively affected by Created Equal’s video.

“To see all of this and all this shame surrounded around (the decision to get an abortion), somebody could have a panic attack, somebody could self-harm, somebody could have thoughts of suicide. I don’t want this campus to be unsafe for the people in it,” Ahlfeld said.

Representatives from Created Equal were spread out in the Oval, starting conversations with students and protesters alike. They wore cameras strapped to their chests throughout the five-hour demonstration as a security measure. Harrington said not all interactions the group has on campuses are as peaceful.

The pro-abortion rights protesters also encouraged peaceful conversation.

“If you really want someone to analyze your point of view and where you’re coming from, it has to be peaceful, one-on-one conversation,” protester and sophomore psychology student Drew Alzner said.

The University released a statement regarding the protest, as seen in the Sentinel-Tribune on Monday:

“Bowling Green State University is committed to protecting the open exchange and debate of ideas and opinions—a bedrock principle of both public higher education and the U.S. Constitution. This includes the right to assemble and freedom of speech as defined by the First Amendment.”
University upgrades with tech improvements and changes

By David Escobedo

Technology is always advancing, especially during college when students are so dependent upon it.

John Ellinger, chief information officer at the University, provides guidance for how technology will change and improve at the University. There are essentially four main areas the University looks at for improvement: consumerism, software, hardware and security.

In terms of consumerism, the University looks to always be open to whatever devices students and faculty use. They allow almost any kind of wireless, electronic devices. The point is to not limit what everyone already uses for their preferred device.

Software at the University is also improving. Programs the University provides, such as Adobe Photoshop, are constantly being upgraded to the latest version. This allows students to utilize the latest features of software programs.

There have been several hardware upgrades around campus as well. There are new printers throughout the University. Additionally, the Collab Lab in the Jerome Library has also received some tech upgrades. Around one-third of all the University computer lab computers have been upgraded too.

Security is one of the University’s main technological concerns. Though one may not notice the changes happening in security, it is constantly looked at to see what precautions and steps can be taken to keep students’ information safe.

Engy Rafaat, a junior at the University, said she noticed less phishing and spam emails. This is due to the security measures ITS has taken. Ellinger estimates around 94 percent of spam is blocked out to students because of security measures.

Something else Ellinger is looking into for security measures involves the BG1 cards students use. The use of chip technology, such as in credit and debit cards, is being looked into for BG1 cards as well. This would increase protection of student information.

Ellinger said many changes happen throughout the semester on campus. “Every day. It happens in a couple of ways. I make connections with the undergrad student government, the grad student senate. The help desk on move-in weekend is where I learn what students have brought with them,” he said.

Dr. Louisa Ha, a professor in media production studies at the University, said a lot of the technological improvements on campus help a considerable amount in the classroom. The ability to have classes online, regardless of location, is an advantage that would not have been possible in the past.

Looking into the future, artificial intelligence, augmented reality and virtual reality are types of technology Ellinger is looking into. Each of these technology categories would provide students with new ways to dive into their studies.

USG debates constitution changes

By Max Hess | Reporter

New policy decisions and planning for the future were at the forefront of the University’s Undergraduate Student Government agenda Monday night.

USG’s meeting began with the induction of eight officers: Tim Tierney for Kohl Hall, Jo Wilson for Queer/Trans Student Union, Connor Baumle for Centennial Hall, Kathleen Wolf for military students, Erin Kirner for Falcon Heights, Nick Menster for Kreischer Ashley-Batchelder, Chris Chandler for Founders Hall and Gavin Friedrichsen for Conklin Hall.

The senate brought up new changes to the organization’s bylaws and constitution. The Internal Affairs Committee proposed an amendment to the USG bylaws’ office hours attendance policy that would prohibit voting rights for those who miss three of their required office hours. This punishment would reset after each infraction.

The motion was criticized by senators for not being strict enough. This criticism caused it to get pushed back to be voted on at the next general assembly.

The senate, however, did approve a motion to extend the treasurer’s budget report to the next general assembly.

President Hannah Cubberley said the new provost finalist candidates will be announced later this week. They will come to campus to meet people during open forum days between Sept. 24 and 26.

Student Affairs chair Reagan Shull described the University’s teaching method to the senate which is a session where educators tackle heavy societal issues with community bonding. The teach-in she talked about will focus on the opioid epidemic on Sept. 25.

When prompted to help in homecoming affairs, different USG members volunteered to participate on the creation of a homecoming float. In collaboration with BGSU Votes, USG will be holding a town hall meeting next week, which will focus discussion on voter turnout and voter rates.

"The intersection of the arts and the sciences is a crucial part of the University's mission to bring together diverse perspectives in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. By engaging with science through art, we can challenge normative, often rigid, understandings of disciplines and think beyond traditional boundaries. In doing so, art serves as a form of criticism and a means of exploring the human condition through a different lens. This is why it's crucial that the University continues to invest in the arts and sciences, as both fields have the potential to transform how we think about the world around us."—Dr. Louisa Ha, a professor in media production studies at the University.
The Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center — the new home of the College of Business — is the last project in the University’s $200 million Master Plan and the largest construction project ever at the University, said Mike Schuessler, senior project manager.

The Maurer Center will be completed in fall 2020, and its total cost will be $44.2 million. The total cost includes construction, design, furniture, fixtures and equipment fees. Schuessler said the total cost is the most important number because it includes the design of the building and everything that goes in it.

To keep the construction schedule on track, the construction team tries to account for unforeseen conditions, Schuessler said. The project’s construction will continue through the winter.

The Maurer Center is aiming for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification, which is consistent with the goals of all the other Master Plan buildings, said Schuessler. According to the campus sustainability website, some recipients of LEED Gold certification at the University are the Greek Village, Oaks Dining Center, The Stroh Center, University Hall and the Kuhlin Center. The highest LEED certification is Platinum.

Schuessler said the Maurer Center will consist of two portions connected by a three-story atrium with skylights. The west portion will keep the look of the existing Hanna Hall; therefore, it will still look like it is 100 years old on the outside but be completely modern on the inside. Hanna Hall will get a new HVAC system, upgraded electric installations and the latest technology. The east portion will be completely new.

“It's been called the ‘crown jewel of the Master Plan,’” Schuessler said. The building will feature a “Starbucks-like” café. The Maurer Center will also feature an operable wall between two large classrooms — so the wall will open up and make the two classrooms one large classroom, said Schuessler.

Another feature is a dedicated student organization space. The Hub at the current Business Administration Building is a large, open lounge anyone can use.

Sophomore business student, Drew Banziger, said the classrooms in the Business Administration Building are all on the first floor, which makes them seem a little monotone. He hopes for more diverse classrooms in the Maurer Center. Banziger also said he thinks the new building is needed because the College of Business is an expanding college and experienced growth in the 2018 incoming class.

“There really won't be another building on campus like this when it's done,” Schuessler said. “It's really unique.”

The Business Administration Building will facilitate general and business classroom use after the Maurer Center’s construction. Schuessler said there are no plans for it to be demolished.

Schuessler said there are endless little projects to be done around the campus, but the next major project is the Technology Building renovation. The total project cost will be $10.4 million, and the Office of Design and Construction is in the process of hiring an architecture team to create the building’s new design.

“The demolition of the Administration Building is rising to the top of the list,” said Schuessler. The demolition is scheduled to take place in 2020, and new locations for the offices inside the building are yet to be determined.