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Job fair connects students and employers

Maxwell Paul Brickner
Reporter

Track suits were out and business casual was in at the Perry Field House on Tuesday as employers and students gathered for the Fall EXPO Job and Internship Fair.

About 175 employers and 1500 students were expected to attend as of one day before the event, said Jeffery L. Jackson, the Career Center assistant vice president for student career success.

“The job fair is an excellent opportunity for students to have a face-to-face interaction with our employer partners. It really gives a chance for students to tell their story,” Jackson said, further noting meeting with employers offers much more information than just submitting a resume.

On the day of the event, the line to enter the Field House was often out of the lobby, to the turnaround outdoors. Inside the Field House the aisles were packed, with eager employers and students talking about career and job opportunities.

Jasper Tenga, a computer science freshman, seized the opportunity to attend the fair. Tenga said he was attending to “get internship opportunities, meet different companies and make connections.”

Jackson said attending events like these as a freshman helps build relations with recruiters. Jordan Rae, a recruiter from Auckland, New Zealand working for Aliquantum International, Inc., thinks the fair is a great opportunity for finding student employees.

“I absolutely love all of my interns,” Rae said. “We have a lot of opportunities, not only in America, but also in Japan and England.”

Heather Bellner, a director of talent for Chick-fil-A, shared the sentiment, “We love, love college students. (They’re) just full of potential.”

Bellner was looking for “students who are humble, hungry and smart.” Bellner explained she was looking for people who are willing to put the work in, strive to do a job well and know how to work with customers and coworkers efficiently and effectively.

Bellner also mentioned there were two college students who started off working at a Chick-fil-A location and were now working towards owning their own franchises. Bellner was unable to recall which university these students were from.

Upcoming Career Center events this semester include the Etiquette Dinner on Nov. 1, which requires registration by Oct. 15, and the Falcon Internship Guarantee Fall Fest on Nov. 9.
Life is too short to waste time

By Angelica Euseary
Columnist

People are always telling me that I’m in the best years of my life, and sometimes I don’t see that. The past few years have been fun but equally stressful. There have been moments where I’ve been the confused Mr. Krabs meme.

Living in the moment is so important, even the bad moments. It’s truly a blessing for us to even be able to live; some people don’t have the opportunity to do that.

Reflecting on senior year has me questioning a lot about where the time in my college career went. And I feel like that’s a question a lot of us ask ourselves. I realized I wasted a lot of time having my mind set on graduating.

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A hard pill to swallow: sometimes you can only blame yourself for wasting your time. Nobody makes you do it, and your time is your own.

It’s pretty easy to waste time. And sometimes we do it unintentionally. I know I do it to avoid responsibilities, but that results in me playing myself, honestly.

“I wish there was a way to know you’re in the good old days before you’ve actually left them.”

— Andy Bernard —
"The Office"

Don't waste your time, and truly live in every moment. Nothing is promised to us.

My experience with fear

By Keralynne Frederick
Columnist

We all have fears, but it is easy to ignore them. At the end of the day, our fears are looking at us right between our eyes. I wanted to share a recent experience I had on trying to let go of fear, and maybe it will inspire you to try new things.

My partner and I recently went to Cedar Point. I am terrified of roller coasters. In my mind, a coaster is just a convenient box people are buckled into, in which they fly around on a rail at inhumane speeds and unfathomable heights. Don’t get me wrong, though; I totally envy people who enjoy roller coasters. However, the thought of spinning upside down and being thrown around like a rag doll makes me queasy.

Since I was at Cedar Point, I knew I had to get on a coaster; it was inevitable. I needed to relax and understand that I had to get it done and over with. I wanted to prove to myself that I could face a little fear. I figured that if hundreds of people got on the rides every day, what are the odds that I would skyrocket off the railing and plummet to my death? Maybe I was overthinking.

Since I like to overthink, I also found the statistic of how likely it is for someone to die on a coaster, and according to the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, the odds are one in 750 million, which seemed morbid. I could be lucky number 750 million, but that was not going to stop me. I had to let go of my fear.

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— Keralynne Frederick —
Columnist

Once my partner and I got in line for our first coaster, I was feeling positive. I saw a lot of old people get on and off the ride, which was the Cedar Creek Mine Ride. We got on the ride in the first row. I did not want to be in the first row, because now, if we flew off the rail, I would be the first to hit the ground, but that was just a sacrifice I had to make.

My heart was racing, and my stomach was doing so many flips that I was almost positive I was having contractions in my gut. The ride attendant quickly told us to cross our legs before we took off. I immediately had questions. Should I be more worried about my legs? Was there a chance something could happen to my legs? Should I be asking more questions about the safety of my legs? But I had no time for questions. I had to relax.

I rode the entire ride and bellowed out screams and groans that probably terrified anyone who was listening. I was no longer a person riding a ride; I had turned into entertainment for the whole roller coaster because there were strangers laughing at how much I was screaming on this wimpy roller coaster. However, once the ride was over, the fear disappeared and the screams came to a stop.

As scary as it was, it was incredibly satisfying to know I was able to do something I had been so afraid of. If you take anything away from this, I hope you are one day able to relax during the smaller, scary things life offers.
A message from up above

By Morgan Ward
Columnist

I have been having some crazy experiences lately, and I have been wanting to share them with people. Personally, I am a religious person and believe God sends messages from up above, either from him or from our loved ones.

I have had two grandparents die within the same year.

My grandfather passed away in early March. We knew it was coming for a long time. I randomly looked at my clock at 8:15 p.m., sitting in a McDonald’s. Later that night when I got back to Harshman, I got a phone call from my father. He told me, “At 8:15 p.m. your grandpa …”

Both of our phones started playing music. This time was when my grandfather passed away in early March. We knew it was coming for a long time. I randomly looked at my clock at 8:15 p.m., sitting in a McDonald’s. Later that night when I got back to Harshman, I got a phone call from my father. He told me, “At 8:15 p.m. your grandpa …”

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I will always have the memory of going to his house after church. He would always have coffee ready for my parents and waffles with butter spread out for the kids, taking over the entire table.

Last semester, I had a class in Hayes Hall. Every time I walked into this building, the smell of his coffee hit me.

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– Morgan Ward –
Columnist

The first time it happened, it startled me. I didn’t want to be scared because I knew it was an amazing sign. Then, every time after, I kept smelling the coffee and waffles at 4 p.m. up until I walked out of the building at 5:30. It made me realize my grandpa is with me through every step I take, and pursuing this area of study is what I should be doing.

The past couple of weeks my grandmother, Nana, has sent me some crazy signs and messages.

This semester is by far the hardest semester I have had through college. Whenever I walk out of classes that stress me out the most, I notice a monarch butterfly. Just one, and it’s always on a flower. My grandma loved to garden and keep flowers in her yard.

My parents are always worried about me walking home at night because this is the first year I’ve lived off campus. I am not too far from my classes, but I am on campus until the sun goes down. Last Friday, a butterfly followed me all the way home. I had not just seen this butterfly once, but I saw five butterflies on this day. Friday was my grandmother’s birthday. The first one without her physically present to celebrate.

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Students share their studying abroad experiences

By Shaelee Haaf
Reporter

HANNAH COURSEY:
Year: Sophomore
Major: World Language Education
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Studied in: Xi’an, China

Mehmood: “The program I was looking for in the United States had funding. Mechanical engineering has a future in manufactured stuff globally.”

Schuster: “One of the things I really wanted to do with my life was to go abroad. I always found Europe interesting: I’m kind of a history buff.”

What opportunities did you have while studying abroad?
Coursey: “We partnered with Xi’an Jiaotong University’s English department. We taught lessons about American culture because their students were also preparing to study abroad.”

Mehmood: “While studying here, I also worked as a teaching and research assistant. I taught a class of undergrads for almost two years and never imagined I could teach and handle a class.”

What did you gain from your experience?
Coursey: “As a world language educator, the amount of knowledge I gained on the trip was immeasurable, because I was immersed in the culture and language. It was interesting to experience those instead of learning them from a textbook.”

Mehmood: “I learned how to express my ideas better, and my interpersonal skills have improved. I’m passionate about things like public speaking. I want to be a stand-up comedian, so I got the stage to do that.”

Schuster: “Self-confidence. It takes a lot to go over to another country, and you gain more self-confidence by doing something you’re not sure you can do.”

Derek Schuster:
Year: Senior
Major: German
Hometown: Oberlin, Ohio
Studied in: Salzburg, Austria

AHMAD MEHMOOD:
Year: Masters
Major: Technology Management
Hometown: Aligarh, India
Studied in: Bowling Green, Ohio

Why did you decide to study abroad?
Coursey: “With my major it’s required for students to take one year abroad. My professor told me about this opportunity, I had to go.”
Bowling Green travels to Georgia Tech

Evan Hayes
Pulse Editor

Coming off a nasty loss at home in their conference opener against the Miami Redhawks, the Falcons football team (1-3) will look to regain some momentum as they travel to Atlanta, Georgia, this week to take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

GT (1-3) is one of the best rushing teams in the nation, currently sitting third in the nation with an average of 331 yards rushing per game. Head Coach Paul Johnson’s spread option offense and vaunted triple-option sets have made GT one of the top rushing offenses in the country throughout his tenure, and the Falcons, who have given up 333.5 rush yards per game this season, will be hard pressed to slow them down.

Head Coach Mike Jinks believes that under new Defensive Coordinator Carl Pelini the Falcons’ defensive scheme has been sound. What will make the difference this Saturday is tackling, which has plagued Bowling Green since their opener at Oregon.

“We’ll be in the right places,” Jinks said. “We’ve just got to tackle, and that goes back to us challenging these young men to be better. If the guys out there aren’t making the plays, we’ve got nothing to lose.”

The tackling trend has been a result of both a young defensive line and lack of depth in the rotation for the Falcons on defense. Defenders have often looked tired as games have gone on, and while this trend has started to shift the other way, playing against a team like GT that runs a lot of clock could spell disaster for the Falcons’ defense.

“We missed a ton of tackles, a lot of tackles, too many tackles, an unacceptable amount of tackles. But when they’ve got to be out there and play the number of snaps that they have, sometimes that happens,” Jinks said.

The offense for the Falcons took a step back against Miami, struggling to move the ball and only converting on four of 15 third downs. Offensive possessions will be limited for a group that has struggled to run the ball this season. While controlling the ball will be important to keep their defense off the field this Saturday, Jinks stressed his team needs to stay poised and efficient on the offensive side.

“It’s big because your possessions are going to be limited, so what you don’t want to do is try to force too many things and panic, and go into there with the idea, ‘I’ve got to take shot after shot after shot to do that,’ Jinks said. “I think we have to be efficient on third down to keep the ball and keep our defense rested. And when we get in the red zone, we’ve got to score touchdowns and not kick field goals.”

The Falcons will be traveling to Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia, for the first time in program history, and while both teams are entering with the same record, the Yellow Jackets are coming off two games on the road. The Falcons just finished a three-game home stand, and traveling on the road will be a great test for a young Bowling Green team looking to take a step forward.

The game is set for a 12 p.m. kickoff.

The return of Champions League

Jacob Clary
Sports Editor

One of the best events in soccer is back: the Champions League. Some of the most hyped-up matches have already been played, including the Liverpool vs. Paris Saint-Germain match which ended up being a high-quality match. Liverpool won 3-2 with a stoppage time winner from Roberto Firmino. Even though it was one of the first matches of the new Champions League season, many of the matches have a lot to live up to in terms of quality.

The biggest five contenders in the competition this year are Barcelona, Liverpool, Real Madrid, Juventus and Paris-Saint Germain. These five teams are some of the most obvious to possibly move on to the finals just because of the exorbitant amount of talent they have on their team.

The team I always pick to win is Barcelona, just because they have one of, if not the best, soccer players in the world in Lionel Messi. Messi is still able to take over a game all by himself, as evidenced by his first match in the Champions League, scoring a hat trick. They also have stellar other players like Ivan Rakitic, Luis Suárez and Gerard Piqué. The whole Barcelona team is full of players who are amazing at their positions, and because of that, they have the possibility of winning every match at any point in the season.

The two teams that were in the Champions League final last season, Liverpool and Real Madrid, also have a good chance of getting to the final. Liverpool won their most important match already and Real Madrid beat their only opponent so far. Real Madrid may be without Cristiano Ronaldo, but they are still a top-quality team. They have one of the best midfielders in the whole world, with Luka Modric and Toni Kroos leading them to many victories.

Liverpool, however, has one of the best attacking groups with Mohamed Salah, Sadio Mané and Roberto Firmino, along with Naby Keita and James Milner in the midfield. Their defense is also much better than last season with Virgil van Dijk on defense and Alisson Becker in goal. They have a very good chance of at least getting close to the end of the tournament, if not returning to the final.

The other two big teams are Juventus and Paris Saint-Germain. Juventus won their first match but in the process lost Cristiano Ronaldo for at least another match. This might give the team a good chance to try and get their other players, like Paulo Dybala, to get some good minutes. Dybala is a very good player, but because of the addition of Ronaldo, he will not be getting as many minutes. Mario Mandžukić is another high-quality player the team has, and he has been playing very well lately.

Paris Saint-Germain, on the other hand, lost their first match against Liverpool, and the match was a lot closer on the score sheet than it should have been. PSG did not show any heart or intensity in the match, and that showed when they ended up losing. Neymar is a good player — great, even — but when the time comes and the team needs him most, it seems like he shrinks away. Edison Cavani and Kylian Mbappé are also amazing, but in Mbappé’s case, he doesn’t show the intensity he could either. They are just missing a killer instinct that other teams have and that’s why they always seem to lose in the big matches.

There are a few other teams that have an outside shot to make it far. They are Atlético Madrid, Bayern Munich and Manchester City. Atlético Madrid has Antoine Griezmann and Diego Costa, and they could win the team games against a lot of other teams. Bayern Munich has a great team as well, with Robert Lewandowski, Thomas Müller and Manuel Neuer. They won their first match and will move on to the tournament stage.

Last is Manchester City. Even though they lost their first match, they could for sure win their next two matches and move on to the tournament stage. Kevin De Bruyne may still be hurt, but their squad is full of talent, and this allows them to weather any injury storm. Sergio Aguero is an amazing player, as well as Raheem Sterling, and their defense is good too, with Kyle Walker. They may have lost their first, but that could be a good lesson for them.

The Champions League is one of the most fun parts of the soccer season, and this new installment of the league will be no different in that aspect. There will be many teams that have a chance to move on, and this will mean many good matches for fans to watch.

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Top players to pick up this week

QB: Ryan Tannehill, MIA
Tannehill's numbers have been steadily increasing as each week has passed this season, including a 26-point performance against Oakland last week. He'll face the Patriots this week, who have had a rough go so far this year on both sides of the ball. If Tannehill can perform this week, it will solidify him as a fantasy QB who must, at the very least, be on a roster. Even with his great performance against the Raiders in Week 3, he's only owned in 7.9 percent of ESPN leagues. He's projected for a conservative 17 points this week against the Patriots, whose defense has struggled early.

RB: Austin Ekeler, LAC
Although the Chargers are only 1-2, their offense is whizzing, as Philip Rivers has a plethora of versatile weapons on that side of the ball. One of these weapons is Austin Ekeler, their second-string running back. He's been more than capable of stepping in for Melvin Gordon, who is and will continue to be the Chargers' starter in the backfield. Ekeler has been more than capable of stepping in for Melvin Gordon, who is and will continue to be the Chargers' starter in the backfield. He's projected for a conservative 17 points this week against the Patriots, whose defense has struggled early.

TE: Will Dissly, SEA
I'll admit, Dissly didn't have a tremendous outing against the Dallas Cowboys this past week, with only one reception for four yards. Still, if you look at the two games before, you'll realize this flop outing was a fluke. In the Seahawks' first game against the Denver Broncos, Dissly exploded for 105 yards and a touchdown. Against Chicago in Week 2, he had 42 yards and a touchdown. It's evident Dissly is becoming one of Russell Wilson's favorite targets, and with the Seahawks playing the Cardinals this week (who have a somewhat subpar defense), it would be hard not to pick him up if your team needs tight end production this week.

K: Josh Lambo, JAX
Lambo has had an exemplary start to the season, as he has not yet missed a field goal or extra point attempt. With an offense that can put points on the board in a hurry, or at least get Lambo into field goal position, look for his success to continue. Lambo is projected for eight points this week against the Patriots, which he'll face, and with only one reception for four yards.

D/ST: Pittsburgh Steelers
Aside from the one game where the Steelers got absolutely torched by Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City City Chiefs' electric offense, the Steelers D has actually fared quite well this year. They had 11 points against Cleveland and 12 points against Tampa Bay, due in large part to three interceptions, a fumble recovery and a defensive touchdown. The Steelers face the Ravens this weekend and are projected for 5 points. If your team's defense is on bye this weekend, the Steelers wouldn't be a terrible option to claim off waivers to fill the temporary void.

Jarret Doege - #2
Hailing from Lubbock, Texas, Doege is the starting quarterback for the Falcons football team. Doege is a sophomore at the University and started his career for the team last season. During that season, he became the first true freshman quarterback to start a game for Bowling Green since Rich Dackin in 1986. Doege also enters this week with a string of eight consecutive games. Six times in those eight games, he has been responsible for three touchdowns or more, and he peaked against Eastern Kentucky University (four of those being passing touchdowns and one rushing). Also, in those eight games, he has 23 total touchdowns and only six interceptions.

In mid-August, Doege was named to the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List, presented annually to the top offensive player in Division I football who exhibitsthe characteristics that define Earl Campbell. Candidates must also have been born in Texas and/or graduated from a Texas high school and/or played at a Texas-based junior college or four-year college.

When did you start playing football?
“(I) started playing pee-wee tackle football in second grade.”

What are your goals for this season?
“To win a MAC championship and go to a bowl game.”

What are your goals after you graduate?
“To play in the NFL and coach college football.”
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