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Aviation program continues to grow

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The aviation program at the University is the biggest it has been, but this growth could bring challenges. Marketing manager for the Bowling Green Flight Center, Christine Doering, said the program had 60 students in 2014. This year it has 320.

Doering said the growth is partly because of the program’s increased use of marketing but also because of the growing demand for pilots.

She said one challenge of the growth is not all of the students were able to fly their first semester instead. This delay is uncharacteristic of the program in previous years.

To accommodate for this challenge, the Flight Center has purchased four new planes and is building a new hanger to house those planes. The new planes are 2019 Piper Archers, which have the most updated flight technology, Doering said. The new hanger will be able to house 12 or 13 planes and will be built by the end of the year.

Another challenge is classes for the program have outgrown the Flight Center. Some of the classes were moved to other buildings on campus this year. Doering said the goal is to eventually have all the aviation courses in the Flight Center — and this goal starts with expanding the building.

Doering also said the Flight Center has hired two new professors this year to accommodate for the larger class sizes. The program is also looking to hire more flight instructors, who are usually senior or junior students in the program.

Doering said the Federal Aviation Administration does random inspections and could observe students doing preflight preparations wrong.

“There’s a lot of things that we have to be making sure that our students are learning, all the processes that they need to learn, and when you get a bigger class you have more chances of that not getting through to everybody,” Doering said.

Doering said another challenge is the small size of the Wood County Regional Airport — the airport used by the aviation program. The airport is a landlocked community airport with limited funding for expansion.

Students also have the option of staying over the summer to get more flight hours in, but the price of being an aviation major is already high.

Students in the aviation program take extra courses that add to the cost of their education. Doering said the average aviation student at the end of their four-year degree will pay $79,000 on top of the typical costs of attending the University. Doering said aviation scholarships cover University tuition only, not the additional $79,000.

Sophomore aviation student Seth Reynolds said scholarships are sparse, and he does not have the financial means to stay at the University over the summer. He also said he had trouble transferring his previous aviation experience to the Flight Center. He studied flight at DuPage Airport in Chicago the summer before his first year at the University.

Reynolds said the Flight Center didn’t accept his solo endorsement, which allows him to fly by himself if he meets certain requirements. He reached the required hours and was approved by DuPage, but the Flight Center didn’t accept the endorsement because Reynolds flew different models of planes at DuPage.

He said he had issues once he arrived at the University too, including weather delays, difficulty getting flight times and getting bumped out of flight times.

“I lost an entire semester of flight. I came in a semester — what I figured would be a course ahead. (It has) taken two semesters to complete a one-semester course,” Reynolds said.

Reynolds said he is on track to graduate in four years now and his experience at the Flight Center has gotten better with time. But he said if he had the option, he would’ve attended a different institution and is planning on transferring for his junior and senior year.

Junior aviation student Kylie Dible said she has been fortunate with her time at the Flight Center. Part of her success in the program is because she has been proactive and has good relationships with flight instructors, she said.

“Just the relationships with flight instructors, they’re (flight instructors) absolutely more than willing to make time for you specifically if you show that you are doing the effort,” Dible said.

Another student in the aviation program, sophomore Aaron Holmes, said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at the Flight Center and loves how personal the program is. He said one of the main reasons he chose to attend the University over Kent State University and Ohio State University is he was able to fly in his first year.

Holmes also said he has had his share of challenges regarding flight times, issues with weather and the high costs of the program. But he said the program is worth it because the pilot industry has a high payback.

“It’s definitely a major where you have to stay motivated,” Holmes said. “But it’s worth it to be able to fly.”

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7 University organizations for future leaders

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In its 2019 rankings, the Wall Street Journal placed the University at No. 20 nationally in student engagement among public universities. The University’s medium size, plethora of student-run organizations and smaller class sizes can make it an ideal institution for personal growth both inside and outside the classroom.

There are approximately 400 organizations to get involved with at the University, and each one can enhance students’ educational experiences as well as amplify students’ skills in particular areas. Managers, members of Congress, chief executive officers, presidents – for those seeking careers in leadership and looking to advance their leadership abilities, here are seven career-propelling organizations for future leaders.

BG Falcon Media
No organization can better supply students with the skills and resources necessary to create published content for their career portfolios. The BG News, BG24, Falcon Radio – students of all majors can flock to any of BG Falcon Media’s various teams to work on content that hones writing, speaking and video editing skills and enhances expertise in any field.

Students involved have the opportunity to interview prominent local and national figures, such as Bowling Green Mayor Richard Edwards and Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown. These connections help members build a network necessary for a successful post-graduation career.

The Center for Community and Civic Engagement
This organization’s name is synonymous with philanthropy, altruism and leadership. The CCCE hosts half a dozen smaller organizations and initiatives all committed to improving the local community and sculpting future leaders devoted to serving the public good.

From promoting voter engagement in democracy through BGSU Votes to leading service trips around the country through BG Alternative Breaks, there are an overwhelming number of ways students can accumulate service hours, build their resumes and connect with the community by getting involved with the CCCE.

Center for Leadership
An infinite number of leadership philosophies exist, but the Center for Leadership’s philosophy is this: to train student leaders who, through mentorship and guidance, sculpt new generations of leaders to create a ceaseless loop. Student Leadership Assistants devote their skilled experiences and training to helping other students and organizations build their own leadership skills and create environments more conducive to productivity and inclusivity.

The Center for Leadership’s various certificate programs offer students frameworks for leadership training through involvement, service and personal initiatives. No organization offers a better way to quantify leadership and service experiences that can easily be shown off to future employers.

Undergraduate Student Government
Serving as the only governing institution for undergraduate students within the University, USG arguably stands as the most influential organization for undergraduate students can get involved with. Executives, senators, secretaries – students serve in an ambassadorial role between the higher administration of the University and the student body. Senators serve their constituents by composing resolutions and initiating changes to better the campus learning environment.

This a great resume-builder, but USG also trains its members to be excellent public speakers, hones skills in charisma and forces members to think critically about forming policy solutions the local community needs.

University Activities Organization
If you can think of it, UAO is a part of it. As the primary student-run event planning and coordination team, UAO is an integral part of campus activities and ensuring organizations are able to conduct events and increase their visibility.

UAO is an organization designed to train its members in outreach and become better team collaborators. Any student can find UAO has a lot to offer when it comes to networking and building leadership skills.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
This is the most exclusive organization to make this list because its only members are student-athletes. However, there is much to be said for student-athletes who make the time to perform leadership activities outside of their already physically, mentally and emotionally taxing sports.

SAAC exists to enhance the student-athlete experience in any way it can. Whether it is hosting fundraiser events or service initiatives, SAAC members are dedicated to helping the local community and the University. Athletes with high grade point averages are frequently considered to be some of the most impressive types of students found on college campuses. However, when that identity is combined with leadership experience through SAAC and other leadership organizations, those students become a special breed of leader.

We Are One Team
This young, first-of-its-kind organization was created by a University graduate student with the mission of using sports as a medium for promoting diversity and inclusion. But members do not have to be athletes to join, they just have be passionate about creating social justice.

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3 things to love about tailgating

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Tailgating is one of the most exciting parts about the University. Here are the top three things I think people love about tailgating.

1. The food

Tailgating is one of the few times I’ve seen free food in BG at a football game. From people grilling themselves to specific colleges within the University passing out food under their tents, this is the time where food is readily available to everyone. Options range from hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken and, my personal favorites, Sour Cream and Cheddar Lay’s chips.

Tailgating is one of the few times in the fall season where you’ll see people on the grill. You can smell the smoke from the grill across the entire field. People are walking around with plates full of their favorite foods, whatever they could find or whatever was passed out. There’s enough food for everyone, and it’s cooked until perfection by BGSU Dining or a member of the alumni community. People are walking around eating or sitting on the back of someone’s car. No one is willing to put their plate down, even when it was time to dance.

2. The people

The tailgate brings people together. Everyone comes out and is ready to celebrate the season with each other. There are tents with people under them and cars with people on them. The grass on the field is green and covered with people socializing. Students and alumni are dancing and hustling, enjoying the moments.

The field next to the stadium is full of people excited to be a part of the community. Tailgating brings the entire community together; it really brings out the best of Bowling Green.

People are everywhere: teachers, students, alumni and faculty are walking around conversing and catching up. Sic Sic is running around with Freddie and Frieda, greeting students and putting on a show for their Snapchat stories.

3. The environment

People are dressed in their desired gear and representing their organizations. There’s a sense of community. There’s orange and brown everywhere: flags, t-shirts, banners and buildings. People have on their University gear from head to toe.

The streets are packed with cars and people walking up and down Wooster to get to the game. The stadium is full of students and people in general who were waiting to see the Bowling Green Falcons take on the Western Michigan University Broncos. People are happy to see each other, old friends and new friends gather, reminiscence and create new memories.
Is it too early to start preparing for flu season?
Flu season runs from as early as October to as late as May, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC recommends getting a flu shot by the end of October because the antibodies that prevent infection from targeted viruses do not begin to develop until about two weeks after vaccination. While over the past 36 years flu season peaked most often in February, flu activity starts its climb during October and November.

What are other ways to stay healthy during flu season?
According to a Roost Reading newsletter from the Office of Residence Life, there are multiple ways to stay healthy outside of flu vaccinations.
• Wash one’s hands frequently.
• Avoid contact with sick people.
• Disinfect any frequently touched items (phones, desks, steering wheels, etc.).
• Avoid touching one’s eyes, nose or mouth.
• Get an appropriate amount of sleep.
• Maintain healthy habits such as eating well, exercising, not smoking and minimizing stress.

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Local pizzeria installs self-pour beer wall

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Managing Editor

Rapid Fired Pizza on South Main Street has increased its diner’s selection liberties with the installation of Bowling Green’s first iPourIt self-pour beer wall. No bartender required.

Upon entrance, customers will notice 18 taps accompanied by digital screens, indicating the various selections available for self-pour beer.

“What we're really trying to engender is like a winery style. Try a whole bunch of flavors, get out of your box a little bit and experiment,” Wiley Development Group President Chris Wiley said.

Patrons simply request to use the beer wall and are then asked for their driver’s license. The license is scanned to verify the patron’s age. After approval, they receive an electronic wristband that activates a tap for pour when touched to the tap’s digital screen.

Consumers are charged by the ounce and build up a tab, up to just over 20 ounces.

“We're obviously not trying to become a bar,” said Ross Wiley, franchisee and operator of the Bowling Green location. “But we do like the craft beer feel though. We’re really trying to fill that niche between good food and good beer.”

All 18 taps features a different beer. Rhinegeist, Zombie Killer, Bowling Green Beer Works, Great Lakes Brewing Co. –almost all of the beers featured are local and regional brews. Customers are strongly encouraged to try a multitude of beers during their visit and not just be satisfied having a tall glass of one.

“Rapid Fired was founded in Kettering, Ohio, so we’ve always tried to stay local and get what we can from the local guys,” Ross Wiley said. “We were able to get full-pull from Bowling Green Beer Works, so we’ll be showcasing a lot of his stuff. We’re going to stay local the best we can because Ohio has some great breweries.”

The iPourIt system complements Rapid Fired Pizza’s fast-casual restaurant idiosyncrasies. There's no waitresses or bartenders, so eating at Rapid Fired Pizza is a quick and easy experience.

“We’re a part of what they call the ‘fast-casual’ revolution,” Chris said. “The industry pundits are all talking about it. Fast-casual is defined as, ‘I pick it any way I want, I point, I look and I get it exactly the way I want it.’ Our vision is to be fast-casual with all its potential but not end up in the bar scene.

“We don't want people thinking, 'I don't want to bring my kids in.' Fast-casual is essentially eroding away the Applebee’s and the TGI Friday’s. The places where you have to sit and wait for a waitress.”

Beer fanatics can find, follow and rate Rapid Fired Pizza’s alcohol experience on the Untapped app for smartphones. There, users can be notified when a new brew is put on a tap, and users can leave ratings of each beer they try.

Even with the new beer wall, Rapid Fired Pizza is still a community restaurant, designed for every patron.

“This is a warm, comfortable, safe atmosphere that anyone can feel comfortable in,” said Alicia Wiley, store affiliate and wife to Ross Wiley. “It's just a really happy feeling, and that's why I think people keep coming back week after week. They love that comfortable, safe atmosphere that they can let their guard down to and just have fun.”

Eighteen beer taps line Rapid Fired Pizza’s south wall, each serving a different local beer.
Teams with high aspirations must establish themselves early on, and the Falcons are showing they came to play on the ice this year. The No. 15 ranked Falcons beat the No. 19 ranked Western Michigan Broncos 4-1 on Tuesday night at the Slater Family Ice Arena.

The Broncos came out looking for blood early, trying to avenge the 6-2 loss the Falcons handed them in Kalamazoo two weeks ago. The Broncos strolled into town full of high level talent led by coach Andy Murray, formerly of the St. Louis Blues. The team rostered several players with NHL ties: Wade Allison of Philadelphia, Hugh McGing of St. Louis, Mattias Samuelsson of Buffalo and Paul Cotter of Las Vegas.

“Tonight we competed from start to finish,” Head Coach Chris Bergeron said. “We had way more offensive zone time; we had way more opportunities around their net. I just think tonight we were more like ourselves, more locked in most of the time.”

The Falcons established a physical play early on in the first as senior defenseman Chris Pohlkamp sat down a Bronco trying to cross the hash marks in the offensive zone.

It was the Broncos who would strike first as Samuelsson put Western up by 1 point on a stellar give from forward Paul Washe.

It was all Falcons from that point forward as the Broncos would not be able to sneak the puck past junior goaltender Ryan Bednard.

Senior captain Stephen Baylis tied the game on a short-handed goal with two minutes to go in the first on a give from fellow senior John Schilling to send the game into the first intermission tied at one.

Early on in the second, Falcons were slipping on the ice, but things finally settled down seven minutes in as sophomore forward Max Johnson put a move on the Bronco goaltender before tucking the biscuit in the basket on the power play.

“All in all, we will look at the special teams tonight as a victory. We got a shorty and a power-play goal and a 4-1 win, so we will take it. I thought we created some chances. You always want more but to get one and a shorty? We will take that,” Bergeron said.

With the clock ticking down to the final minute of play in the second, junior forward Lukas Craggs fired from the point, ringing the goal horn once again. Two defenders were on the helpers as senior Connor Ford and senior defenseman Adam Smith.

Ultimately the Falcons and Bednard would stand tall as they fired the puck out of the zone enough times to let the penalty time pass without giving up a goal.

Two of the biggest drawbacks in this one for the Falcons were taking too many penalties and losing too many draws. Bowling Green took nine penalties as the Craggs brothers alone took four of them, totaling 19 minutes. The older Craggs took a five and a game with eight minutes left to play. The saving grace was he drew a five and a game on McGing as well.

“I thought our penalty kill was great. We spent a lot of time on it, obviously. It’s an important part of our game. I can’t sit here and tell you of the six or five there was an undisciplined one,” Bergeron said.

The Falcons got bullied in the circle as Stephen Baylis was great, but the rest of the centers could not win many draws. This could hurt the Falcons later on in the year if they cannot address this weakness.

The Falcons’ next game is Oct. 26 at Ohio State and then Oct. 27 back at Slater with puck drop set for 7:07 p.m.
Men's basketball center, Demajeo Wiggins, ducked his 6-foot-10 frame under the doorway as he entered the room. His signature short shorts showed off his leg tattoos as his big smile lit up the room.

"Thank you so much for choosing me," Wiggins, a senior, said, while his Springfield High School Blue Devils shirt hinted at his past and white NBA socks pointed toward his hopeful future.

The days at Springfield for Wiggins were not what one would expect from someone with his current success.

“I was on JV until my junior year, and even then, playing time was a little shaky,” Wiggins said. “That's when I first learned that I was going to have to work really hard. Being tall shoulda' guy. I know it's going to take a lot of hard work and dedication.”

His senior year of high school is when Wiggins started to really love the game and says everything has taken off for him since.

A late-bloomer in high school, Wiggins' first collegiate offer of the few he received came from Bethune-Cookman University.

An untold part of the Wiggins story at Bowling Green is it almost didn't even begin.

Wiggins was offered a scholarship as a Falcon by former coach Chris Jans, only for another student to accept that offer before Wiggins could. Once Jans' contract was terminated, the player decommitted and Wiggins was back in the fold for current coach Michael Huger.

Although Huger was the new head coach of the Falcons, it was an assistant coach whom Wiggins has gained the deepest bond with.

“Coach (Anthony) Stacey, who had coached me in AAU a little, came into BG with me at the same time. He has helped me develop drastically, just the little things, the whole nine yards, the whole package," he said. “I think I learned discipline the most (And) building relationships; life is really about relationships and how you treat people and just to be genuine all the time. I try to live by the slogan 'hungry and humble'. Always work at your craft, no matter what it is. I don't want to stop here. I don't want to be the 'couda, woulda, shoulda' guy. I know it's going to take a lot of hard work and dedication.”

It's not just Wiggins who can see a difference in the man he was compared to the one he is today.

“I have been lucky to be around Demajeo for the last three years,” Bowling Green Assistant Director for Athletic Communications James Nahikian said. “It’s been fun to see his development and progress each season. He’s continued to take immense strides on the court as a basketball player. But first and foremost, I’ve enjoyed getting to know Demajeo the person — not just the basketball player. He deeply cares about BGSU and the people around him.”

While Nahikian has been with the team, Wiggins has developed into the type of player the NBA teams eye.

“After the season ended, I took some time and talked to my coaches, my family, those close to me, and we decided why not (declare for NBA Draft)? It couldn’t hurt to see what is out there. I learned a lot about how the process works, what they’re looking for and everything. I think it was very beneficial for me,” he said.

Wiggins is known as a great defender and rebounder, but NBA teams told him he still has work to do.

“(I have to) work the most this year on dominating the whole game,” Wiggins said.
University mosaics returning to Turkey

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Reporter

The University has been in possession of ancient Roman mosaics since it first purchased them from a New York art dealer in 1965. Now, it is planning to move them back to where they originally came from: Zeugma, Turkey. The University originally acquired the pieces from a New York company known as Peter Marks Works of Art for $35,000. Hugh Broadley, an assistant professor in the School of Art at the time, along with the then University President William T. Jerome, made the purchase.

The mosaics were held in storage until they were periodically on display in the McFall Center. When the Wolfe Center for the Arts was planned for construction, someone suggested the mosaics be displayed in it. The University designated the Eva Marie Saint Theatre as the space for them.

After the plan of displaying the mosaics in the Wolfe Center took hold, the University requested a symposium regarding the mosaics in 2012. Former University faculty member Stephanie Langin-Hooper was asked to investigate them for the symposium. She also invited Rebecca Molholt, a faculty member at Brown University at the time, to assist with the investigation.

Originally, the school thought the mosaics had been from an approved dig in the ancient Greek Antioch city ruins site near Antakya, Turkey, which Princeton University oversaw. But through Langin-Hooper and Molholt’s investigation, the University discovered the mosaics did not match those dug up in Antioch. The investigators thought they were looted from Zeugma around the early 1960s, instead.

“The University was pretty quick in responding to that,” Lesa Lockford, chair of the Department of Theatre and Film, said. The University and the Turkish government have been in negotiations ever since the discovery of the true origins of the mosaics. An agreement was recently reached in which the University would be held harmless if it returned the mosaics.

The Ministry of Tourism and Culture of Turkey has agreed to create replicas of the pieces and bring them back to the University for display. The original mosaics are to be displayed at the Zeugma Mosaic Museum in the Turkish city of Gaziantep.

“It’s a good thing to have this agreement. It’s the right thing to do, there’s no question,” Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Raymond Craig said.

A set date has not been established for the exchange, but the earliest time it could happen would be sometime in November. The 12 main mosaics will be returned along with about “90 pounds of boxed fragments ... called tesserae,” Craig said. These tesserae are smaller pieces of tile that go along with the mosaics.

Without the mosaics in place, the space in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre will be empty until replicas of the mosaics made to replace the real ones arrive. The school does not have an established plan of what will be put in the displays in the interim between returning the mosaics and receiving the replicas. Craig said a possible plan would be to take photographs of the mosaics before taking them out and displaying those photographs until the University obtains the replicas.

“It was a BGSU faculty member who spearheaded the effort to establish where they really came from. And without the scholarship of our own art historian, no one would know where they were from or what they were about,” Craig said.
Winter Farmers’ Market debuts

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City Editor

Changing seasons can limit the outlooks of markets in cities, but a new winter edition of the Downtown Bowling Green Farmers’ Market looks to keep business moving along.

Downtown BG hosted its first Winter Farmers’ Market Wednesday between 3 and 6 p.m., inside the District 419 space on 331 N. Main St. as a continuation of its spring, summer and fall markets.

For Downtown BG Special Events Director Sam Beane, the new market is a welcome change to the standard experience for Ohioans in the winter.

“We all kind of hibernate a bit” this time of year, Beane said. She indicated hosting the market at this time was intended to encourage people to suspend this “hibernation” and attend to community matters in the cold months.

She said the most difficult aspect of putting on this event indoors was finding a space to use. The location problem was solved when Lisa Palmer, owner of Tea Thyme and Calico, Sage & Thyme, offered the adjoining District 419 space to be used by the organization.

Though many vendors at the market were located in the building, complete with heating, electricity and live music, some others also took over the grounds in front of and next to the tea shop building.

Most of the outdoor sellers offered fresh produce, including seasonal favorites like pumpkins and apple cider.

One new seller, Pemberville’s Z Farms, was inside, and its main focus was mushrooms.

Zach Zientek, the owner of Z Farms, said this kind of specialization was made possible by local farmers’ markets.

“Doing the farmers’ market is the way to ‘get into (the market),’” he said. This is his first year of operation, and he likes to see the positive reactions to his work.

Baked good sellers were also well-represented at the market.

Sylvania-based Country Grains Bakery has been working with Bowling Green markets for five years. Its owner, Larry Glover, appreciates being able to interact with his customers on a personal level at markets.

“I can meet a lot of people,” he said, referring to the fact he thrives off attending multiple community markets to sell his different types of bread, from cinnamon to jalapeno flavored loaves.

His ability to consistently get quality bread to citizens has made him “The Bread Guy” for multiple communities, he said.

Other food vendors included those selling cookies, jellies, pasta, coffee and more.

Many of the vendors focused on selling food, but others, like The Magical Mystery Shop and Costco, also sold wares and advertised their brands.

Beane says the winter market will last through December, taking place every Wednesday at the same place and time except for Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks.

She said she looks to have a special event take place every week, like a deal for children coming in with costumes on Oct. 31.

One of the long-time produce vendors, John Riehm of Riehm Produce Farm, summed up his reasons for participating in this market: “I love people, and people love to eat.”
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