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BG Spotlight: Elsa Vos

Kayelyn Robinson
Reporter

University alumna, Elsa Vos, turned her passion for creating into a business. Pieces of Me Co. is her brand of jewelry that highlights an individual's personality traits and reminds wearers of their strengths. Prior to graduating as a graphic design major in 2015, Vos used different programs at the University to help create Pieces of Me Co.

Starting as a graphic design project in her junior year of college, Vos created graphics representing the different personality traits she saw in herself. She decided this project was something she needed to share with others. After her entrepreneurial spirit kicked in, she participated in The Hatch her senior year at the University to gain the support of investors.

“I think the biggest tools I used while at BGSU were the connections and networking opportunities I’ve had. After The Hatch program, the College of Business adopted me in a sense. I’ve had the chance to meet so many wonderful alum (sic) and others that I don’t think I would’ve otherwise,” Vos wrote in an email.

Vos hopes Pieces of Me Co.’s jewelry will inspire college students find their identity the way it did for her. Through starting her business, Vos realized she had something unique to offer.

“I designed Pieces of Me, so others could feel that, too,” Vos wrote.

Vos plans on continuing to grow her line of jewelry. She hopes it will eventually become nationally known, but until then she will continue to work hard and encourage others to be proud to wear jewelry representing who they are and their identity.

BG Spotlight: Nijah Slaughter

Erika Glover
Reporter

“Knowing that there are girls who look up to me and who are persevering to be just like me when they grow up makes me want to pave a way for girls who look like me all around the world,” international business and marketing junior, Nijiah Slaughter, said when asked about what motivates her.

In Slaughter’s time at the University, she has developed her passion for helping others and giving back, exemplifying this passion through her involvements all over campus.

The current holder of many leadership positions, Slaughter devotes her time to outlets on and off campus. These range from the treasurer of Women Everywhere Believe to the diversity and inclusion senator of the Undergraduate Student Government. She is also an active College of Business student ambassador and serves on the university conduct committee.

Slaughter is also a scholar in the Sidney A. Ribeau President’s Leadership Academy, a program on campus devoted to personal development and building up the University through service.

“I always knew that I liked service, but in the same realm of service, I like being the voice of students and populations who lack a voice on campus or those who do not have relationships with administration and faculty,” Slaughter said.

Each of Slaughter’s involvements boils down to one common theme — giving back. As she finishes her time at the University, she is hopeful her connections and relationships have touched students and inspired them to serve others as well.

CNN bomb threat affects student journalists

Mary Ross
Reporter

Ever since Donald Trump started making negative comments regarding journalists, it seems the field of journalism has been under attack in the U.S. The recent bombing threats directed at CNN and other prominent political figures have changed verbal attacks on journalism to possible physical attacks.

This could be a deterrent for college students, but for many journalism majors at the University, it strengthened their desire to go into the field.

“Unfortunately, threats are something that come alongside with the journalism field. Our job is to expose the truth, and people don’t always like that,” freshman Hannah Bebinger said. “I am a strong believer in transparency. If we let these people scare us into silence, we are letting them win, and that can’t happen.”

It seems these students have accepted the risk. Junior Jake Money agreed with Bebinger.

“If we let these people scare us into silence, we are letting them win, and that can’t happen.”

— Hannah Bebinger —
Freshman

“Whenever you get into a public position of power where you take controversial actions, I think there’s inherent risk of that sort of thing,” Money said.

However, these threats are not new to this generation of people attending college. Most undergraduate students have never experienced a life where the U.S. isn’t in a conflict of some form. This makes it easier for them to hear about the recent bombing attacks and to move past them.

“It didn’t take much for me to process the attack. Our generation in particular has been exposed to ridiculous amounts of violence,” Money said. “We grew up in the shadow of 9/11, the war in Afghanistan has been going on as long as most people have been alive and the Boston Marathon bombing added to that. For better or worse, I think most people just accept this is the world that we live in.”

According to MarketWatch, there has been a jump in the number of applicants to journalism schools in the recent years, showing how many young people are invested in a future in journalism despite the violence they are threatened with.

This can be accredited to the current political state of the country. Many young people are trying to make their voices heard to make a difference.

“Journalism makes my voice easier to be heard, as it is literally my job to inform the people. The flow of news and information comes from the media, and by association, me,” freshman Chaz McPeak said. “In order for people to get their news, they have to turn to journalists who have done research, made reports and are prepared to unveil it to the world. My voice is heard because it has to be.”

McPeak, Bebinger and Money are all examples of students who are learning about journalism in order to make a difference in the world. And as the jump in the number of journalism students indicates, they aren’t the only students like this.

According to Forbes, a similar jump in the numbers of students pursuing a degree in journalism occurred right after the Watergate Scandal in the 1970s, proving how catalytic events, such as political scandals and the election of a controversial president, motivate young people to find ways to make their voices heard.

“Although the bomb threats were very unfortunate and scary, I am not deterred from a future in journalism because I strongly believe that this field is so important,” Bebinger said.
Fall is the greatest season out of the year. The sun is not cooking us like it does in the summer, the leaves turn into pretty colors and people are able to bust out their favorite fall clothes. I think we need to face the facts, though. The fall season feels like it lasts about a week long, and then winter, very rudely, shows up better than walking inside from the freezing cold and thawing yourself out while having a movie marathon. Better yet, you could have a documentary marathon. Netflix has a very cool selection of documentaries you could dabble in watching this winter. You could watch them alone, or watch them with friends. You could watch scary movies, or you could watch seven hours’ worth of rom-coms. The possibilities are endless for your upcoming movie marathons.

The second activity on this list is tobogganing. Maybe you go tobogganing every year, or maybe you have never been. Either way, this upcoming season is a great year to test it out. There are several toboggan hills around the area. Now, you may be asking, what exactly is a toboggan hill? A toboggan hill is a place where you can buy yourself a ticket to zip down a huge slope on a special sled these destinations have for you. Think of it like a tiny winter roller coaster. There are currently toboggan hills in Cleveland, Ohio; Angola, Indiana; and Midland, Michigan — to name a few. It costs about $12 per person for the day, but it is an awesome experience you can check off your winter bucket list.

The third and final activity is none other than visiting the Christkindlmarket in Chicago. This might be quite a drive, but it is definitely worth the miles. This event is a German tradition Chicago puts together every winter. People from all over the world show up to this outdoor market every year, and some even say Chicago would not be the same without this tradition. The small shops sell everything from German food and beer to handmade clothes, souvenir mugs and small wooden puppets. On top of all of that, admission is free, so you do not have to pay a dime at this event.
Threats to journalists shake up future reporters
‘To see people in my prospective career getting hurt scares me. It scares me for my future.’ - Morgan Ward, Columnist

Morgan Ward
Columnist

I am pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism. I have been loving it and engaged in media since the sixth grade. It is something I am really passionate about. To see people in my prospective career getting hurt scares me. It scares me for my future.

I would love to travel. I would especially love to travel for my future job and be able to report on big stories in famous cities all around the world. But something has been holding me back.

Unfortunately, journalists have been in the media for more deaths than anyone would like to see.

ISIS has been a terrorist organization with a more pronounced name in 2012. James Foley was an American journalist and a video reporter. While working as a freelance war correspondent during the Syrian Civil War, he was abducted on Nov. 22, 2012, in northwestern Syria. He was working for GlobalPost when he became the first American citizen killed. He was beheaded in August 2014 purposely as a response to American airstrikes in Iraq. This man knew too much. He was seeking to find a story and to report the truth. He was killed for going above and beyond in his career. This scares me.

According to reports Tuesday, the journalism world lost one of their own. Cleveland culture reporter Nikki Delamotte was found shot and killed in a Perrysburg Township mobile home. Cleveland.com confirmed this 30-year-old wrote for their website. Delamotte was found alongside her 67-year-old uncle in his living room. Investigations are still happening and not much has been released. As of right now, the death is ruled a homicide. Officials are unaware if this was a domestic case or an act of violence directed towards her line of work. This scares me.

In the journalism and TV world, the name Matt Lauer must ring a bell. I remember watching his newscast every morning with my parents before we left for school and work. When I heard the news that Lauer was fired from his station I needed to know why. Once I found out, I wanted to unread it. Lauer has many hideous allegations set against him: making sexual remarks to a female colleague, inviting a female employee to his secluded office and showing her his genitals and giving another female employee a sex toy with a note on how he wanted to please her with it.

He would often ask female producers about their sex lives. He was also known to have a lock button on his desk for his door many feet away. He was claimed to use this to initiate inappropriate contact without anyone stumbling upon them. Being a woman in a newsroom with many powerful men can be intimidating. This scares me.

This October, bombs were threatened, directed and sent at CNN headquarters in the Time Warner Center building. Bombs were being sent to the Obamas, the Clintons, CNN and other well-known public officials in envelopes. Most packages were sent to public officials who openly state their criticisms of President Trump. CNN offices were evacuated. More than a dozen satellite trucks were parked around the area, and the streets were packed with NYPD officers, FBI agents and NYPD’s Deputy Commissioner of Public Information Office. Thankfully, none of the devices harmed anyone. This scares me.

In just 2018 alone, 45 journalists have been murdered all for different reasons, but they had a common goal of finding the truth in the story. Most of these victims were threatened and some even tortured. This scares me.

The most difficult college decisions happen after graduation
Second-guesses shouldn’t stop you from ‘running with it’

Bea Fields
Columnist

When it comes to graduation, it seems like we are dropped in the middle of a race and given the command “run.” Where to? How? I know the Career Center is open, but what about my dreams and passions? What about my friends, will they stay by my side or move away?

Many of my friends and peers around me are panicking. Did we make the right choices when it comes to getting our degree? The weight is extremely heavy, and the only way I can find comfort is to ignore the whole planning process altogether. If you’re a senior out there and you are reading this, just know that I also don’t know.

Some of you are lucky and love the next move you are going to be making in the next few months. Some of you are terrified, and the whole process makes you want to cry. Whatever you feel, it’s valid. Every adult asks us what we are going to be when we get to this point! But rarely do they ask how are we going to deal with it.

I’m not sure how I’m going to deal with it, but I can assure you that I’ll run as fast as I can. I’ll probably run without a goal, at first. Then, probably, run into some trouble. But something tells me that trouble will help me understand how to pace myself.

See, that’s the other thing no one really explains to us. I get the cliché about learning from failure, but I’d wish someone would break it down. In my view, the reason why “failure” is great is that it teaches us our limits — it informs us about ourselves and how we ought to run. We don’t really know ourselves unless we test ourselves. Turns out you’re bad with people? Work with books! Hate teaching in a classroom? Be a director!

I don’t really understand how, but humans have a knack for improvising and making stuff up as they go along. So, if anything, be excited to experience your own humanity, grad! Welcome to the human race. Our motto: “Just run with it.”
Group focuses on plans for community

Adam Gretsingier
City Editor

For the city’s east side residents, community action is about more than reporting nuisance parties to the police.

The East Side Residential Neighborhood Group met for its second meeting of the year Nov. 8 in the Wooster Street Best Western to hear about the city’s development plans directly from its Municipal Administrator, Lori Tretter, and Assistant Municipal Administrator, Joe Fawcett.

“(We) love to spend time with citizens interested in the city of Bowling Green,” Tretter said before starting a presentation about the Community Action Plan.

She said the plan, a thick pile of papers that can be found on the city website, was made early 2018 to update the town’s policy on land use to focus on neighborhoods.

To prioritize the plan, she said the town came up with 10 items to focus on first, a number of which the city has started work on:

• Zoning Code edits to help revitalize the East Wooster Street corridor, which allowed The Art Supply Depo’s opening in a garage.
• Micro-grant program to invest in community members’ and groups’ projects, including the Firefly Nights and Downtown BG’s markets.
• Bicycle use investment – including more education about proper city biking and planning for bike paths.
• Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon installation – state-built special crosswalks on Wooster Street.
• Encouraging renovations on homes through tax increment financing.
• Installing a Historic Preservation Commission.
• Carter Park revitalization planning.
• Introduction of plans for and analysis of compulsory rental registration.

The two administrators answered questions from the group afterward, addressing concerns about the town’s lack of an additional code enforcer or a centralized code enforcement center but not giving exact details of the city’s responses to these issues yet.

Fawcett also revealed a reason why the micro-grant money had been given only to community event groups so far – the town had only received two applications. He clarified most individuals can put in an application for the money as long as it is focused on property use and improvement but that applications are weighed by the impact of their projects.

The group, made of various members in the town’s eastern neighborhoods, also updated its members about the group’s recent actions.

It has been a “quiet year” Rose Hess said, filling in for a sick John Zanfardino. She explained the group’s most pressing concerns so far were met when the city’s Community Action Plan came into being.

However, she also said number-crunching on a survey held in fall 2017 had concluded, and the group knew more about what east side residents were concerned about for upcoming years. Among the greatest issues were the problems posed by the city’s use of a single code enforcement officer and desires to compare the city’s residential methods with that of other college cities.

Hess promised the organization would be working with Kroger and Lutheran Social Services to supply Christmas dinners to families in need. She also said it would be donating items for landscaping at Habitat for Humanity’s bungalow construction project near the corner of Clough Street and Manville Avenue.

The assembly also heard more updates about the city’s recent lawsuit with landlords about an ordinance stopping more than three unrelated people to rent a property together; the city looks to combat the suit on its language and placement in the federal court system.

It also received updates on the city’s list of nuisance party reports from Police Chief Tony Hetrick; the number of reports rose from seven to 14 from this time last year. Hess said, despite the group’s notoriety for reporting many of these parties, they had a responsibility to “tell it like it is.”

The group will meet again in the spring, but a date is not set.
We invite you to worship with us and look forward to meeting you soon!

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St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
Brookside Church was formed in 2001 and moved to BGSU’s campus in the fall of 2002. Steve Rieske, pastor at Brookside, has been with the church since it first began to meet in 2001. “We really are a multi-generational church,” Steve says. “If you look around on a Sunday morning, you’ll see a ton of children, college students, and also men and women old enough to be your grandparents!”

Brookside also partners closely with the parachurch ministries known as Cru and Young Life. Cru’s goal is to seek to help the average college student try to make sense of God, while Young Life does the same with high school students.

“It’s not about ‘formal’ or ‘informal’,” Rieske explains. “It’s about having a place that lets you open your soul without religious coercion. It’s about having a space to pray to God and to examine what is true about Him without having to wonder if others are going to judge you for where you are.”

“We profoundly believe that God loves people and deeply wants for them to know Him. And Jesus’ teachings are truly amazing if you give them a shot. We try to do our best to give everyone a chance to see that.”

For any students hesitant to join a new church, Rieske offers words of encouragement: “For some, church may have been a deeply hurtful place. Religious abuse is a real thing. Others may have never set foot in a church at all, and the idea of trying to draw near to God might feel daunting. We work as hard as we can to allow people to be on their journey without in any way sacrificing what we believe to be true.”

On Sunday mornings, a relaxed worship service begins at 10:00. People fill the seats, many with coffee cups in hand, and the band leads the congregation in contemporary worship.

“No matter where they are on their spiritual journey we hope Brookside can provide a place where they feel like they belong,”

— Steve Rieske, Pastor at Brookside —

For more information about Brookside Church or to view past sermons, go to www.brooksidechurch.net. The Brookside Church Office is located at 126 N Main Street, and they can be contacted at 419-354-2211.

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Professor Hanasono shatters silence on miscarriages

Lindsey Haynes
Reporter

The American Pregnancy Association estimates 25 percent of known pregnancies end in a miscarriage, but Associate Communication Professor Lisa Hanasono stressed it’s not all about statistics.

“Each statistic is a story. Each statistic represents a human person who is coping, as well as their partner, their family and their community. It’s not just about the numbers. It’s about the lived, breathed experiences,” she said.

On Oct. 25, Hanasono spoke to a crowd of colleagues, students, alumni and community members about the stigma of miscarriage, why the stigma persists and what can be done to shatter the silence on this topic.

Kalyn Parker, an interior design freshman, was one student affected by the speech.

“I think (this speech) has informed me about miscarriages because I didn’t know anything about it, and it was pretty interesting to learn about,” she said.

As a child, Hanasono was asked what she wanted to be when she grew up. She had two goals: to be a professor and mother. Hanasono achieved these goals when she became a stepmother and when she became professor at the University in 2012 but still wanted to have a baby.

She was elated when she became pregnant with Baby Spud but learned she had experienced a silent miscarriage, a miscarriage without the usual symptoms, during a routine ultrasound. As she grieved over the loss of Baby Spud, several people around her revealed they also experienced miscarriages. This secret society of people linked by pregnancy loss helped her realize how common miscarriage is and inspired her to pursue further research about the topic.

Throughout her speech, Hanasono spoke about the different ways women experience miscarriage, as well as the cultural issues and media misrepresentations that contribute to women’s silence about miscarriage. She cited ambiguous loss and a lack of cultural and communicative scripts as the reason the topic remains taboo.

When a woman miscarry, there’s no culturally approved way to react to it, but Hanasono hopes speaking openly and becoming educated will change that.

“As we shift the needlepoint towards openness on this topic, someone could approach you and say this happened. It’s good to prepare ourselves, so that should that happen we are ready to do that,” Hanasono said on talking about miscarriages.

Hanasono also touched on how media representation of miscarriage often aids the stigma by portraying easy narratives about the topic. A common dramatic trope is the traumatic miscarriage, which makes up a majority of how miscarriage is portrayed in the media. Furthermore, while recent shows like “This is Us” and “How to Get Away With Murder” have characters who experience miscarriage in a complex and continuous narrative, many narratives have incorporated miscarriage as a small point in a broader narrative without touching on the grief and loss that all parties involved experience.

There were moments of interactivity between Hanasono and the audience when she hosted a brief Q&A session about depictions of pregnancy loss and distributed literature for the crowd to analyze. Jaclyn Shetterly, a graduate teaching associate in the School of Media and Communications, was affected by the information presented.

“It’s so sad. I was thinking, related to my own research with sexual assault, Breaking the Silence and the Me Too movement. It’s just really courageous to get up there to talk about your experiences. Whether it’s with sexual assault or child loss, that takes some courage,” she said.

Hanasono recently became a mother to her son, Sean, but that does not mean that Baby Spud will be excluded from her family’s broader family narrative.

“(Miscarriage) is something we can talk about, we should talk about and we will talk about. That said, I know that it can be very tricky and sometimes people don’t want to discuss it, so it’s not a mandate that we have to talk about it. For those who want to and to have a story they’d like to be told, my hope is that we will have a community of people who are invested, supported and will be here to listen, validate and to care,” Hanasono said.

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Men’s basketball turns over two games on the road

Evan Hayes
Pulse Editor

After losing late Friday in Queens, New York, the Bowling Green Men’s Basketball team lost on the road to VCU Monday night. Playing in front of a sold out Richmond, Virginia, the Falcons struggled with turnovers and fouls, losing 71-62.

Eleven different players picked up fouls for the Falcons in the contest, with seven called for multiple in a game where 51 total fouls were called. The Rams’ pressure defense led to 27 Falcon turnovers for 33 VCU points the other way, sapping Bowling Green of any offensive momentum in the first half.

“We turned the ball over way too much to give ourselves any type of chance to win the game,” coach Michael Huger said. “When you turn it over that much, there’s not much else you can do. And it wasn’t even against the press, it was after we broke the pass.”

Senior forward Demajeo Wiggins led the Falcons with 18 points and 13 rebounds, his third straight double double this season and second straight game with 10 made free throws. Junior guard Dylan Frye added 12 points and made four shots from behind the arc, his third time making four three pointers in as many games. Frye is now shooting 12-20 from long distance this season.

This season’s leading scorer for the Falcons, sophomore guard Justin Turner, played only five minutes in the first half after picking up three quick fouls, and the BG offense struggled to find its footing. The team shot 34.6 percent from the field and 3-11 from three-point range while turning the ball over 15 times, falling behind 42-38 at the end of the first half.

“They were able to speed us up, and we took some bad shots. The game was played at their pace,” Huger said. “We weren’t able to slow it down; we weren’t able to get the looks that we wanted, the shots that we wanted. We played right into their hands.”

The Falcons turned up the defensive intensity in the second half, outscoring the Rams 33-30 while holding their opponent to just 27.6 percent shooting from the field. Despite the second half surge, 11 turnovers and seven missed free throws were ultimately too much for Bowling Green to overcome.

“We’re physically strong enough and capable enough to do all of the things, but we still can’t turn the ball over at such a rate, 20 against St. John’s and 27 tonight,” Huger said. “We can’t turn the ball over that much and still give ourselves a chance to win.”

The loss to the Rams came after a nail-biter this past Friday on the road against Big East opponent St. John’s. Trailing by 9 points with 9.5 minutes to go, the Falcons were able to cut the deficit to 81-80 with just 10 seconds left off a layup by Turner. However, a turnover by Wiggins off a defensive rebound led to a foul by Frye with only a second to go, and St. John’s was able to ice the game at the free throw line to win 84-80.

Turner led the way for the Falcons with 20 points, while Frye added 18 points and Wiggins posted 12 points and 12 rebounds. Against a team that received votes in both major Top 25 polls, the Falcons shot 50 percent from the field and a scorching 11-23 from three-point range.

The Falcons will return home for their next game against North Carolina Central this Thursday, scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip off. Bowling Green will then travel to Detroit this coming weekend for two games in the Detroit Subregional of the Legends Classic.

Women’s basketball thrashes Marshall Thundering Herd

Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcon women’s basketball team earned their first win of the season on Tuesday night against the Marshall Thundering Herd 99-76. Freshman guard Morgan McMillen tied the school’s single game three-point record with eight in just her second game with the team.

It was also the first win with the team for new head coach Robyn Fralick.

“Tonight, I think that we learned that we can do some special things. We’re going to carry that over and continue that. Obviously it’s just one game and we’ve got a lot more games in front of us.”

— Robyn Fralick —
Head Women’s Basketball Coach

“It was a great opening home game win for us,” Fralick said. “I loved our energy, we shot the ball extremely well, we’re learning to play at a different pace and I thought we did that pretty well throughout the game.”

The game started out with the Falcons getting ahead 26-16 in the first quarter, with McMillen leading the team with eight points. The team carried the momentum into the second quarter as they led 56-34 going into halftime. McMillen led the offense with 11 points in the quarter, including three-three-pointers, to earn 19 points total in the half.

“Honestly I wouldn’t have been able to do it without my teammates,” McMillen said. “They always found me and made the extra pass, so kudos to them because I actually had no idea that it was the school record until now, so I wouldn’t have been able to do it without them.”

The third quarter would see Marshall look to come back into the game, as they outscored the Falcons 23-20. However, they were still behind 76-57 going into the fourth quarter.

Marshall would then put together another strong run in the fourth, but it wouldn’t be enough as the Falcons outscored them 23-19 and came up just short of a 100-point performance as the team claimed the 99-76 victory. McMillen scored 32 points during the game, including the eight three-pointers.

“It’s not coincidental that Morgan makes those; she shoots all the time, and she’s in the gym all the time,” Fralick said. “I’m really proud of her, for her first home game her freshman year, to be able to do that, is a real testament to the work that she’s put in.”

It was also the first time the team had scored over 90 points in a regular season game since a 91-45 victory on Feb. 9th, 2014, against the Miami RedHawks.

“Tonight, I think that we learned that we can do some special things,” Fralick said. “We’re going to carry that over and continue that. Obviously it’s just one game and we’ve got a lot more games in front of us.”

The team will play on Saturday at 2 p.m. against the Robert Morris Colonials.
Athletics spends millions on gear

Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

Everything has a cost. Whether it’s hockey sticks, basketball shoes, soccer balls or other equipment, athletic departments dole out millions of dollars a year to make sure their student athletes have everything they need to be competitive and successful.

Last year, the University’s Athletic Department spent $23.7 million, according to Director of Athletics Bob Moosbrugger, which was the least among MAC schools. Some sports possess higher initial starting costs than others; ice hockey requires the most while basketball requires the least.

One way universities help afford these costs are through sponsorships. The Falcon hockey team is sponsored by Warrior, while the basketball teams don the Nike swoosh on their apparel and gear.

“We don’t really have to pay for anything,” sophomore hockey player Brandon Kruse said.

Kruse attributes the start of his passion for hockey to his father, Eric, who played at Michigan State University. Brandon’s dad had a special connection with a Bauer representative, making Bauer equipment the easy choice for his son growing up.

In a sport like hockey, where different brands have different flexes, lies, grips and weights for sticks, most athletes find one they prefer and stick with it.

Hockey sticks were always made of wood until the transition to aluminum sticks began in the early 1990s.

According to an article from The Star, “The Great One,” Wayne Gretzky, began the evolution from wood to aluminum.

“The evolution from wood to aluminum. Gretzky signs on to use an HXP 5100 aluminum shafted stick made by Easton … which sees him earn a reported $2 million a year?” Kruse said.

In a sport like hockey, where different equipment costs for men’s basketball over a year are $45,000. For hockey, it is $175,000. Across the University’s 18 sports equipment costs $1.1 million.

Not all sports require such a high starting fee like ice hockey does. Sports such as soccer and basketball are easier for young children to try out because they do not have the same cost requirements.

“My dad introduced me to basketball,” junior guard Dylan Frye said. “When I was born my dad put the basketball in my hand.”

Basketball requires far less equipment than sports such as hockey and football, with the main necessities being a ball and shoes.

“My first pair of basketball shoes was the Dwayne Wade Converse ones. I wore those till my foot broke through the bottom,” Frye said.

Nike, unlike Warrior, is the top distributor for its specific market. This makes Bowling Green stick out to prospective athletes.

This does not mean basketball players do not get their own fair share of goods.

“I love Nike gear. It’s all I wear actually. If it’s not Nike, you most likely won’t see me wearing it. My dad only bought me Nike growing up so it kind of stuck with me. … My favorite brand has always been Nike shoes. They are the most comfortable and have the best look,” Frye said.

Frye and his teammates receive about six pairs of basketball shoes and two pairs of trainers each season.

With shoes being the main way players can express themselves on the court, it is no surprise players change their shoes up often, but how often?

“I know a lot of people in college who change shoes very often,” Frye said. “One of my good friends wears a different pair every game. It’s more for a style.”

Both Kruse and Frye have their own gameday looks. Kruse rocks a full visor, also known as a “bubble” or “fish-bowl,” on the ice while Frye wears a shooting sleeve and compression leggings.

On the ice, on the court, in the classroom and everywhere in between, University athletes are geared to play.
Students discuss Thanksgiving traditions

Mary Ross
Reporter

Thanksgiving is a holiday full of food, football and thankfulness. Many people celebrate it in a variety of ways. Here is how some students at the University celebrate.

Freshman Lily Rosenberg has Thanksgiving dinner with her family. “This is the one holiday a year we spend with my mom’s side of the family, so that is always fun to see them,” she said.

Freshman Conrad Stein also finds family important at this time of year. “My grandparents come up to my house, and we make food and eat it,” he said.

Rosenberg and Stein are examples of the average American on Thanksgiving as 95 percent of Americans spend the holiday with their families, according to SmartAsset.

In order to spend the holidays with their families, many Americans have to travel. For some families, including freshman Brooklyn Pollock’s family, this means traveling all over the country for the holiday.

“My family and I always go to my family’s farm, which is about an hour away, and we eat together in the garage, which sounds kind of dumb, but we all make food and bring food and come together with family from all over the country. We all come back to the farm for Thanksgiving,” Pollock said.

With traveling comes travel expenses. According to PolicyGenius, Americans spend on average about $70 for travel expenses for Thanksgiving. However, this is a fraction of the average total cost of the holiday, which is about $165.

In addition to spending the holiday with their families, there are a variety of activities in which Americans decide to partake, including watching football, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and the National Thanksgiving Presentation.

Watching football has become a tradition for many Americans. According to SmartAsset, approximately 32.5 million people watch football on Thanksgiving. This year, three games are scheduled to kick off on Thanksgiving at 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., respectively.

Thanksgiving skipped for Christmas

Alicia Kobasic
Reporter

Thanksgiving is now over, and the holiday season is in full swing. November means Thanksgiving and Black Friday are around the corner. December brings Christmas and New Year’s Eve. However, not every holiday gets the same amount of acknowledgement as others. It is common for people to jump from Halloween to Christmas, skipping over Thanksgiving by playing Christmas songs, getting out the Christmas decorations and drinking holiday drinks from Starbucks.

While some skip over Thanksgiving, others still embrace the holiday and its importance. “I think it is important, not just because of the food but also the atmosphere. It is my second favorite holiday,” sophomore McKenzie Reed said.

For many, Thanksgiving goes beyond a day of eating a lot of food. It is about spending time with family. “Thanksgiving is an important holiday for those who cannot make it home for Christmas,” junior Carlos Brown said.

Due to how close Christmas is to Thanksgiving, some family members cannot make it to both holiday celebrations. Thanksgiving may be the holiday where those family members can gather together.

However, the history behind the celebration of Thanksgiving is why some choose to skip to Christmas. In school, children are taught that pilgrims and Native Americans came together to create the feast that we now call Thanksgiving. Yet, the truth behind the holiday involves pilgrims mistreating Native Americans.

“I feel as Thanksgiving has a dark history behind the reason we celebrate it, and it should be replaced by a different holiday that celebrates families together culturally,” freshman Jadyn Mummey said.

Another reason Thanksgiving may be skipped is that following Thanksgiving, there are only two weeks before winter break begins. This means there is only a short period of time when students are able to celebrate Christmas while on campus.

“Thanksgiving is my personal favorite holiday. However, from a college perspective, since we are only here for two weeks, it’s nice to get to celebrate Christmas while we are on campus,” freshman Autumn Swiers said.

Students often use the time on campus to embrace the Christmas spirit with peers. Even if someone loves Thanksgiving, they may choose to put it aside to embrace Christmas, at least for a portion of November.

The idea of skipping Thanksgiving can be controversial, but each side has reasons for choosing to skip Thanksgiving or embrace it.
Max Hess
Reporter

Justin Marx is a local artist, but he creates beer instead of illustrations, sculptures or music. As the owner of the nano brewery BG Beer Works, Marx has made a name for himself as an experienced beer maker and manufacturer.

One of the things Marx likes so much about making beer is working with yeast, a living organism. He enjoys the fact that managing it in different fermentations, which each have their own set of rules, keeps him on his toes.

“I liken it to being like a zookeeper. You have to be a bit of a ‘beer whisperer.’ You can try to put beer on your production schedule, but the way to make a good product is to have a lot of seating for large groups of people, other than outside on the patio area. We’ve also got our first sour experiments going on right now. We do it all, and the fun of this kind of experimentation is what’s great about being small,” he said.

The nano brewery celebrated its third year of business in September. Marx is planning to expand the business and its accessibility by increasing manufacturing scale, product storage capacity, seating space and the brewery’s overall footprint.

“We’d like to have more seats, so people can play games and do other things. We noticed there was a significant lack of families who come in to the nano brewery in Bowling Green,” Marx said. "I knew there was a bit of an underserved tourism’s so big, and right now we’re the only brewery in Bowling Green, so that’s great. … Beer tourism’s so big, and right now we’re the only brewery in Bowling Green,” Marx said.

Custom-printed BG Beer Works T-shirts, stickers and pieces of locally made artwork, all of which are for sale, litter the tap room’s walls and counter. These items are prominent during the brewery’s bi-annual art openings. BG Beer Works has been attracting an older demographic, which was expected because of its location and prices.

“I knew there was a bit of an underserved happy-hour-type of community. It’s been really good to see people get together here. We have some grad students, but we don’t have a lot of college students since we’re at least $5 a pint, even on a cheap night. It’s been something that a lot of townsites have made their own, which is great. … Beer tourism’s so big, and right now we’re the only brewery in Bowling Green,” Marx said.

BG Beer Works is forward and experimental, yet traditional. Its variety allows people to try beers from around the world while sitting in the tap room. Marx likes to revive uncommon traditional pub ale styles, such as the normally imported Scottish 60 Shilling Ale, while also making experimental drinks like a double cream India Pale Ale with mango, which has lactose, a sugar that cannot ferment.

“We’ve done hazy IPAs, New England-style IPAs, we’re working on a brewed IPA recipe that is a new style out of The San Francisco area. We’ve also got our first sour experiments going on right now. We do it all, and the fun of this kind of experimentation is what’s great about being small,” he said.

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BG Beer Works features 12 home-brew taps.