City clock breaks due to low temps

Will A.I. be used in classrooms?

Students react to viable bike routes
Time stands still for broken city clock tower

The city of Bowling Green has lost its sense of time, at least for now. On Jan. 30, during sub-zero temperatures, the city’s clock tower stopped working. The cause for the clock stopping is still undetermined but is most likely a break in the metal mechanism that runs the clock.

Wood County Facilities Director Steve Blausey said the clock is most likely broken in the sleeve covering the shaft, or the mechanism that drives the hands of the clock. He added that in sub-zero temperatures, metal tends to crack.

“The shaft is protected by a sleeve, which runs from the top of the clock house to the table way at the top,” Blausey said. “This is where all the hands are connected.”

The court house maintenance workers were not able to immediately work on repairs because of freezing rain.

“We got to maintain the grounds for safety purposes,” Blausey said. “Once that frees up, we’ll be getting up there.”

Maintenance will likely start repairs next week, but Blausey is not sure how long it will take to fix the clock, as they have to determine how bad the break is first. Also, the clock is made of “original equipment,” so if a part is broken, the courthouse maintenance crew will have to remake it themselves, Blausey said.

Abby Shifley
Campus Editor

The bell and sledgehammer, which make the clock tower’s iconic sound, are located in the clock house on the third floor. After over 100 years of hitting the bell, the sledgehammer has left its mark.
9 reasons to convince you to stop using your car so much

Meredith Siegel
Forum Editor

I’ve been having a lot of car trouble lately, and it’s reminded me of how much I loved accessible public transport. Even though Bowling Green is place where you pretty much need to have a car, here are nine reasons you should try to get around without one.

1. Cars are horrible for the environment. According to the Environmental Protection Agency the average car releases 404 grams of CO2 for every mile you drive. Not driving would drive your carbon footprint way down.

2. Biking is good exercise. Riding a bike is objectively better for you than sitting while driving a car. Getting 30 minutes of exercise every day would be easy if you ride your bike instead of drive.

3. Walking is good exercise. Like biking, walking around will be better for you than driving around. If you make exercise part of your daily routine, it’ll be easy.

4. The shuttles are pretty nice now. BGSU bought new shuttles this year after the outsourcing the seats are nice, and the shuttles are already warm inside when you walk in. They’re also free, unlike your car.

5. A car might be slower. BGSU gets busy during the days and rush hour, and you have to sit in a lot of traffic at stop signs and lights. You won’t get stuck walking or riding a bike.

6. Parking on campus is a nightmare. Everyone loves to complain about parking on campus: how there are not spots and all the spots are far away. If you didn’t drive a car, parking wouldn’t be an issue.

7. Downtown parking prices are going up. City council is raising parking prices from 25 cents an hour to 50 cents an hour, and while that may not seem like a lot, walking or biking is free.

8. Cars are super expensive. Speaking of the cost of cars, maintaining your car, paying insurance and buying gas all add up very, very quickly. None of those costs would be an issue if you did not drive.

9. Not using cars will convince to do so. When you stop using your car so much and base your life successfully around other modes of transport, it can encourage others to do the same. Then, there could be more bike lanes, regulations making biking safer and shuttles with more stops. That way, we can all use better, safer and greener modes of transport.

The BGSU shuttles offer both on- and off-campus routes. Schedules can be found online.
Letter to the Editor: A.J. Appleman
Communist Red China is conquering America without firing a shot

Drugs from Communist Red China that enter the U.S. over our southern border with Mexico are killing thousands of young Americans. This sort of makes you scratch your head in disbelief because why would drug dealers kill off their best customers.

More Americans died from using fentanyl and heroin imported from China and delivered by the Mexican drug cartels over our southern border with Mexico than the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam War.

The 14th Amendment provides the rest of the story. This amendment states that any person born in the U.S., regardless of whether his or her parents are American citizens, is granted American citizenship. Currently, one out of 12 babies born in the U.S. is born to non-citizen parents and a large number of these children are Chinese.

Communist Red China is, so to say, turning lemons into lemonade. Red China, decades ago, was shooting drug dealers in the head to rid their country of mind-altering drugs that destroyed its people.

Currently, Chinese drug dealers are trafficking drugs to the Mexican drug cartels. The Mexican drug cartel then trafficks heroin and fentanyl into the U.S. Currently, drugs are killing 300 people a week in the U.S., and it’s only getting worse.

The drug epidemic is destroying the U.S. from within thanks to drugs that are as cheap as candy from Communist Red China and the Mexican drug cartel.

This makes it extremely important to complete the wall on our southern border to keep the U.S. safe from illegal drugs.

Keep a respectful distance at the bars

Faith Hufford
Columnist

I generally like to start out my columns with a fun little anecdote, or some introductory moment — a hook that grabs the reader. This time, I’m just going to come out and say it, no beating around the bush. Men on BGSU’s campus — stop touching women in the bars.

Firstly, I know that there are men out there who don’t do this. To those men, I would say, “Great!” But don’t think you’re completely off the hook. Examine yourselves for the ways that you allow latent sexism and misogyny to manifest in the world around you.

Secondly, I know bars are a place of dancing and hand-holding and arm-brushing, and touching is in some ways desired and/or unavoidable. I am not arguing we all stand exactly a foot apart (though the imagery of us all going to the bars armed with rulers in our hands is quite amusing).

Now, the people to whom I am referring are the men who decide, despite the obvious amount of space between a woman and another person/object/wall, there is some sort of need to reach out and stroke the elbow or touch the back (or even lower) of the woman in question.

This is honestly pretty simple. In the cases where touching is unavoidable, there are still ways to ensure that the touching is nothing more than a mere inconvenience of a crowded bar. Examples are keeping your hands near your chest, using your fingertips to ward off any bumps or using your forearm as a barrier. Do whatever is going to be most comfortable for both you and the people you are running into.

But there are many cases where touching is avoidable — don’t scoot closer to a woman while she is dodging out of your way. Don’t squeeze a woman out of the safe corner she has found. Don’t just suddenly begin dancing with a woman you don’t know (and even if you do know her, always ask. Consent is of the utmost importance in any and every situation).

To the bystanders at the bar, let me say this: there are ways to help out. If you are with others and you notice them in an uncomfortable position, you can switch places with them, use your own arms as a barrier, help them get to a safer place and even talk to the person who touched them and ask them to keep their hands to themselves.

I know the reverse can happen — men can be touched in unwanted ways by women. I also recognize different sexualities and gender identities, and the intersectionalities that impact the experience people have with sexual harassment (and in cases, sexual assault or battery). I will iterate that these slights. And, these slights are no small thing. They contribute to the way people understand their place in the world.

Women, you are worth so much more than your bodies. The hurts you have felt are valid, and you are not crazy or dramatic or emotional or any other incarnation of those words for feeling emotion equal to the wrongs that have been done to you.

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Back to those to whom I address in this article — those men who insist on propagating power and control dynamics in a bar setting. To you, I say as I would say to any small child who breaks the societal etiquette of boundaries and personal space, “Keep your hands to yourself!”
IT head talks future of A.I. at BGSU

Max Hess
Reporter

BGSU is gradually implementing artificial intelligence, or machine learning, on campus in ways that should theoretically be able to help with efficiency and compensate for human errors while supplementing our strengths.

Machine learning is the capability of computers to learn new information without someone giving specific instructions to them. They learn by analyzing patterns and data, rather than someone programming them. Artificial intelligence can potentially simulate human-like patterns of thinking, but emotions are thought to be exclusively-biological. John Ellinger, BGSU’s chief information officer, says that machine learning is the technology that is by far the most likely to change higher education in the next ten years.

“It may be 2028 or 2030 before we completely implement it, but the gains that are being made in this area are striking,” he said. “I just read an article that higher education across this country would be replacing up to as much as 10 percent of our tasks with artificial intelligence.

“Right now we have a math emporium that does remedial math. What if you had a tutor who was helping you to do math and then quiz you on it? Some of those learning technologies are starting to come out.”

Computer science professor Venu Dasigi knows one of BGSU’s current uses of fairly primitive AI is identifying students that may need help to avoid failing classes or dropping out of school.

“What I know of is that the AI we use, where our systems learn from big data, we try to use an advising program where we work with students and so on. The university makes use of whatever it has seen from student patterns in the past,” Dasigi said.

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The clock has stopped a few times since its completion 122 years ago. One of the first recorded times was during the blizzard of 1978 — the clock’s hands were physically frozen in place by the storm, according to the Wood County Auditor’s website.

More recently, the clock tower stopped because one of the motors fell off its stand. This issue caused the clock to chime at the wrong times once it started up again, Wesley Sattler, the courthouse maintenance supervisor, said.

The clock has needed other repairs in the past. In the ‘90s, the clock had to receive sharper, metal hands to keep birds from nesting on them. The weight of birds and their nest caused the clock to run slow.

Despite these repairs, “we really don’t do much to it,” Sattler said. The clock tower usually runs independently, which is surprising for such an old object. Sattler did note the clock tower is the oldest thing maintenance has to work on, as the rest of the courthouse is modernized.

The initial cost to construct the tower in the 1890s was $3,000. The company that made it was the E. Howard Watch and Clock Co., and the clock had been guaranteed to vary no more than 10 seconds a month.

When the clock was first made, its hands spread to a diameter of 17 feet, making them the second-longest clock hands on an American clock tower. It has since lost that title, but it is still a Bowling Green landmark. Blausey said repairs will start next week.
Possible actors for recasting of Wolverine

It seems as if many are reluctant to see him as superhero material, much less a superhero as feral and serious as Wolverine.

But the work Radcliffe has done during his adult career indicates he’s ready to step out of the shadow of “The Boy Who Lived.” He’s proved he can be a compelling dramatic actor, playing poet Allen Ginsberg in the biographical drama “Killing your Darlings,” and has done gritty survival movies, like 2016’s “Swiss Army Man” and 2017’s “Jungle.”

His physical dimensions also fit the character, standing only 5 feet 5 inches compared to Wolverine’s 5 feet 3 inches in comics. He’s only 29 years old, still youthful but experienced in helming a franchise. Radcliffe also brings an international appeal and recognizability to the role, something Marvel might value moving forward as it tries to maximize the profitability of the X-Men title.

Many have talked about the similarities in performance between Jackman and actor-director Clint Eastwood, specifically in “Logan.” Scott Eastwood, the son of Clint, is the spitting image of his Dad and would likely be a great fit to take over the role of Wolverine in the new film.

He’s got experience with feature films, such as “Pacific Rim Uprising” and “The Fate of the Furious,” and fits the mold of leading man in a superhero franchise (think Chris Evans/Hemsworth).

The only conflict here might arise from his previous ties to the DC cinematic universe. He had a role in 2016’s “Suicide Squad,” and with more movies planned as spin-offs from that title, his appearances for the competition might take him out of the running with Marvel.

All of the previous actors, while experienced, have been younger actors who would be making their first turn as a superhero. Hardy, on the other hand, brings plenty of big-role experience and opens the door for a potentially older, rebooted Wolverine.

Hardy has had superhero roles before, playing the villain Bane in 2012’s “The Dark Knight Rises” and the anti-hero Venom in last year’s “Venom.” He’s also shown he can be violent, aggressive and feral, with roles as gangster Alfie Solomons in “Peaky Blinders” and notorious prisoner Charles Bronson in “Bronson,” a quality that’s needed when playing Wolverine.

Not only would he bring Academy-award winning skills to the table, but he could also serve as the Iron Man figure in the new X-Men universe, providing younger characters with direction while examining his own development.

For all the headlines he might have been the subject of over the years, Shia LaBeouf might be one of the most underrated choices for rebooting Wolverine.

The 32-year-old actor has experience helming a franchise after his role in three of the Transformer movies and even dabbled at taking over an iconic role when he starred opposite Harrison Ford in “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” as his son. And I’m positive there isn’t an actor alive that could bring more energy to the roll.

He brings a recognizability to kids and adults alike that is hard to find, and Wolverine might be the only superhero that could fit LaBeouf’s personality. While Marvel might be hesitant to cast the actor in a franchise, I’d personally love to see what it would do for his career, which has stagnated as of late.

Who better to play Wolverine than Wolverine? Despite saying publicly he retired from the role in 2017, Jackman created a minor media stir when he posted a video of him working out last month.

While it’s unlikely Jackman was working out to get ripped, fans have been clamoring for him to return one more time in Deadpool 3. Both Jackman and Deadpool star Ryan Reynolds have traded barbs on social media in character, and the world would likely love an R-rated buddy-cop style movie with the two as stars.

Call it wishful thinking, or call it not wanting to let go, but deep in my heart, I hope he stays. Hugh Jackman is Wolverine, and seeing anyone else playing the character just wouldn’t feel right.
4 thoughts after watching the trailer for ‘Yesterday’

Evan Hayes
Pulse Editor

Earlier this week the trailer for “Yesterday” hit the Internet, and film and music lovers everywhere were left reeling from the premise.

The movie asks a simple, yet mind-boggling complicated, question: What if one day you woke up and were the only person on Earth who remembered The Beatles?

The trailer, which has already been viewed almost 5 million times, sets the story: Jack (played by Himesh Patel) is a struggling musician who is hit by a bus during a worldwide blackout. After waking up, he discovers that he is the only one on Earth who can remember The Beatles and all of their music. He then embarks on a whirlwind journey to stardom by plagiarizing their songs.

The movie comes from screenwriter Richard Curtis, who has written “Four Weddings and a Funeral,” “Love Actually” and “About Time,” and director Danny Boyle, who has directed “127 Hours” and “Slumdog Millionaire,” and will star Patel, Lily James, Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran.

With such an interesting premise that poses a question with such wide reaching implications, here are four thoughts about the movie “Yesterday” after watching the trailer.

Is contemporary popular music the same?

So much of The Beatles music has influenced the music industry, both in terms of style and business. How would music be different without the global phenomenon that was The Beatles? Obviously, this world that “Yesterday” is set in has contemporary pop giants such as the band Coldplay, which is mentioned in the trailer, and Ed Sheeran, who legitimately wants to turn “Hey Jude” into “Hey Dude.” How does eliminating the Beatles not cause a cataclysmic shift in music style?

Will we see John Lennon?

If the Beatles never existed, would that mean John Lennon never rose to fame and got assassinated? One can safely assume he never would have met Yoko Ono, so it has to be imagined that Sean Lennon does not exist in “Yesterday.” But will Jack end up meeting Lennon? A conversation between Jack and a CGI’d, 70 year old Lennon would be one of the craziest scenes ever shown on a film screen. It’s hinted at in the trailer that there will be Beatles making an appearance. Will it be perhaps their most famous member?

Does Jack use the entire Beatles catalogue?

I hate saying this, but half of the Beatles music probably should be forgotten by the human race. Songs like “Octopus’s Garden,” “Why Don’t We Do It In The Road?” and “Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da” would never succeed today without the years of goodwill that the Beatles built up with their fans. Honestly, if Jack got rid of most of the White Album, I wouldn’t be disappointed.

Is Charles Manson still alive?

Manson, the famous cult leader and murderer, famously used the Beatles’ songs to justify the murders of Sharon Tate and Leno LaBianca, going so far as to write the title of the song “Helter Skelter” on LaBianca’s fridge in blood. Without the Beatles to inspire him, would Manson have followed through with these acts, or had as big an influence? Would he have taken his musical inspiration from another band? Hopefully “Yesterday” addresses this and other questions.

‘Wargroove’ takes strategy back in time

Jacob Clary
Sports Editor

Nintendo seems to think that their Advance Wars series wouldn’t be worth another entry, there hasn’t been a new one since the release of “Advance Wars: Days of Ruin” in 2008, and that’s where “Wargroove” comes in. Advance Wars, the sister series to Fire Emblem, carries many similar aspects like moving multiple soldiers around a map to defeat enemies but also has differences. A couple of them are a lack of focus on named characters and settings, as Fire Emblem is in a medieval one and Advance Wars is modern, as well as the ability to capture property. “Wargroove” is like the Advance Wars series in terms of gameplay, but like Fire Emblem in its setting.

To begin with, the gameplay is the most important aspect of “Wargroove.” It requires strategy to complete the objectives unlike a lot of games where it feels like the player can just move around the map willy-nilly. I like this aspect of the game a lot. The player must think about where they move their soldiers, or they could lose them almost immediately.

However, unlike a game like Fire Emblem, where you have the soldiers on your field, and there isn’t really a way to make more, “Wargroove” has a barracks and property system on each mission. The player can capture villages, which helps give them income, allowing them to make more soldiers during the mission. So, even if the player loses a lot of soldiers, that doesn’t mean they’ve lost the mission. I like this extra bit of strategy too. Do you want to have a lot of battlepups or a lot of pikemen? Each soldier has different strengths and weaknesses. It gives the player a lot of choices in the way they want to craft their battle strategy, and in this case choice is a very good thing.

“Wargroove” also has commanders, which is a single unit that is much more powerful than the normal soldier. The commander also has a special power which the player can use when they get in a groove, and that happens if the commander gets in a lot of battles. Some of the powers are a heal for the surrounding soldiers and another is higher defense for soldiers in the nearby area. The commanders have the power to take out many soldiers by themselves, but if they die, then the player fails the mission.

That is one of the more interesting, and important, aspects of the game. Should I use my commander like a machine gun, taking out many soldiers but also getting hurt a lot? Or should I use them as a sniper rifle, only taking out a few important soldiers but leave the commander healthy as a security blanket?

As the player has a commander, so too does the enemy. Their commander is very powerful, but if the player takes them down, most of the time it will automatically win the mission. Some missions have different objectives, but most of the time that’s the objective. It’s simple enough an objective, but sometimes it takes a bit of strategy to get the stronger soldiers to the commander to be able to take them out. Or you could take down the enemy’s castle, which is another way the player can complete the mission.

I love the amount of choice that “Wargroove” gives the player. The type of soldiers they want to use, how they want to use those soldiers and how they want to complete the mission all allow the player to put their own stamp on the game.

The game’s art style is also gorgeous. It employs a hyper-bit art style, which means it looks like an 8 or 16-bit game but adds even more detail to that. This isn’t one of those games that could have been played on the old hardware, it needs the new systems to work. Games like “Shovel Knight” tried their best to look as similar as possible to an NES game, but “Wargroove” relishes in being able to use the extended color palette. Some of the characters and soldiers look spectacular and kept surprising me with the level of creativity.

The battlepups looks so cute and emberwings, which are like dragons, look devastating. Just look up the soldier designs and you will be there for a while just looking at the designs and reading the descriptions of them. I know I did.

The game’s story is also interesting. It starts out in a unique way, one I haven’t seen in a game, and that made me get into the game immediately. The objectives of the game come into play in the story. Something I hate about strategy games is that there might be a mission objective, but then the player completes it, and the objectives have nothing to do with the story. Like you might need to destroy all the weapons or kill all the soldiers, but then the mission completes, and it’s never mentioned again.

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Amazon and some of its products utilize a form of artificial intelligence designed to be consumer-oriented. "Alexa is nothing more than something attached to the internet, which has programming behind it to let you ask questions, and it goes and finds an answer. Another example is Amazon's shopping experience. It lists the things that you might be interested in, so they are using predictive analytics, and lots of companies do that now," Dasigi said.

Ellinger and Dasigi agree the most physically-tangible application on campus for machine learning currently, is the robotics lab in the basement of Hayes Hall. "It's a lot more about using automatic manufacturing. The robot motion needs to be optimized because the robot needs to figure out optimal trajectories for picking stuff out and things like that," Dasigi said.

Artificial intelligence has a negative label on it, thanks to sci-fi films like “Terminator” and “2001: A Space Odyssey.” Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking described AI as the greatest risk to mankind, when it gets to the point where it becomes self-improving. A lot of BGSU students, like physics major and follower of technology news Avery Porco, think while AI can be implemented in some practical cases, it should be used for human supplementation, not human replacement. "We are at a point with AI where we probably will not be able to fully replace humans, at least for the next few years, in most cases. There are a few scattered cases, maybe, but most help desk cases or online check cases, most implementations, they should probably be supplementing a human and not replacing them," Porco said.

The way AI is rolled out at BGSU and other colleges across the nation spells out some advantages for the effectiveness of web-based operations. With that said, it isn’t a bad thing to stay vigilantly informed of how far it can intrude into people’s everyday lives.
Baseball loses two of three in opening series

Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcon baseball team kicked off their regular season with a three-game series against the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders, losing 7-0 on Friday morning and 3-2 on Saturday afternoon in the first game of a doubleheader before taking the series finale in the second game of the doubleheader 4-3.

“I’m very proud of our guys,” head coach Danny Schmitz said. “After dropping the first two games and falling behind 3-0 in the finale, it would have been easy to pack it in, but we battled all day. The first game of the day could have gone either way. Our pitching kept us in it for all 18 innings (on Saturday), and we came up with some timely hits at the plate.”

On Friday, Middle Tennessee got on the board first, as senior outfielder Blake Benefield hit a two-RBI single in the first inning. Middle Tennessee then followed it up in the fourth inning with another two-RBI single, this time from senior outfielder Darien Prewett, along with an RBI single by senior infielder Drew Huff later in the inning to make it a 5-0 game.

In the fifth, fifth infielder Brett Straatsky hit an RBI double and sophomore infielder Brycen Thomas added an RBI single in the sixth for Middle Tennessee, as they went on to claim the 7-0 victory.

“It was great to get back onto the diamond today,” Schmitz said. “It’s tough not being able to be outside during the build-up to the season.”

Sophomore pitcher Zach Keenan took the win for Middle Tennessee, going seven innings while allowing just two hits with no walks and no earned runs given up, while Falcons junior pitcher Chase Antie took the loss with 3 and 1/3 innings pitched, allowing four earned runs on three hits and four walks with a hit batter.

With rain in the forecast for Sunday, the scheduled Sunday matchup was moved up to Saturday for a doubleheader. In the first game of Saturday, Middle Tennessee again took an early lead as Huff knocked in an RBI single and sophomore outfielder Myles Christian had an RBI sacrifice fly in the third inning, but the Falcons were able to tie it up in the fifth as senior infielder Neil Lambert drilled an RBI double and senior infielder Riley Minorik took advantage of a Middle Tennessee throwing error to drive in Lambert as the team scored their first runs of the season.

The teams remained even as relief pitchers for both sides kept each team in the game through the late innings, however, Middle Tennessee broke through in the eighth as outfielder Darrell Freeman Jr. drove in an RBI single. The Falcons would be unable to make a comeback in the ninth as Middle Tennessee claimed the 3-2 win.

Middle Tennessee senior pitcher Tyler Holcombe got the win as he pitched the final two innings of the game with just one hit given up, while sophomore reliever Andrew Abramowicz was hit with the loss in his Falcon debut. Falcon freshman starter Will MacLean and Middle Tennessee sophomore starter Peyton Wigginton each took a no-decision from the game.

The second game of the doubleheader started out similar to the first, with Middle Tennessee taking the early lead as Freeman and sophomore infielder Nick Carnevale each hit RBI singles in the second inning. Middle Tennessee would then add onto the lead as Prewett drove in an RBI sacrifice fly in the fourth to make it a 3-0 game.

However, the Falcons turned the game around in the fifth with Minorik again driving in a run on a throwing error, followed by junior outfielder Jake Wilson cutting the lead in half on an RBI sacrifice fly and freshman designated hitter Mike Malewitz getting his first collegiate RBI to tie the game up.

In the sixth, the defense would come back to bite Middle Tennessee once again as another throwing error allowed senior catcher Jeff Scott to drive in the go-ahead run. Freshman pitcher Griffin Parrill would hold off Middle Tennessee over the final three innings, allowing the Falcons to seal their first victory of the season 4-3.

Falcon senior reliever Daniel Buratto took the win, going two and two-thirds innings out of the bullpen while giving up just one hit, while Middle Tennessee freshman reliever Josh Young took the loss. Parrill picked up his first collegiate save, pitching three innings while allowing two hits and a walk in his collegiate debut. Also making his collegiate debut was freshman starter Tyler Hays, who took the no-decision with three earned runs allowed over three and a third innings with two hits and four walks.

The team will next play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night on the road against the Richmond Spiders.

Hockey offense explodes against Alaska

Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

After struggling to find the back of the net consistently, the Bowling Green men’s hockey team had an offensive explosion against the Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks over the weekend.

The Falcons took Game 1 of the duo from the Nanooks 8-0 and tied the second game 3-3.

“I think execution, generally speaking, has been our issue,” coach Chris Bergeron said. “We were not only competing and skating, but we were executing and that’s the level that we have to execute at. ... We know we are capable of it, and the challenge is to do it more of the time.”

Game 1 saw the Falcons take out some built-up anger as they scored eight goals to tie a season-high while also notching their fourth shutout game of the season.

Seven different Falcons found twine in Game 1, with sophomore forward Sam Craggs leading the squad with two goals. Senior forward John Schilling recorded four helpers as sophomore forward Connor Ford dished out three.

The Falcons made the Nanooks switch netminders just nine minutes in, already up 3-0.

It was a family affair as thirteen falcons got on the score sheet. Goals were scored by senior Stephen Baylis, juniors Frederic Letourneau and Jacob Dalton, sophomores Cameron Wright and Sam and freshman Will Cullen and Taylor Schneider.

Assists on the night went to seniors Schilling and Connor McDonald, juniors Lukas Craggs and Alec Rauhauser and sophomores Ford, Sam, Wright and Brandon Kruse.

The 14-save shutout puts junior goaltender Ryan Bednard in a tie for second place all-time in collegiate games with nine. Other than the second game of the doubleheader before taking the series finale in the second game of the doubleheader 4-3.

Game 2 saw the Falcons trailing less than a minute into the game as a sloppy turnover left Bednard alone with an open Nanook who hit the top corner.

The Falcons went down 3-1 in the first period and lost two players for misconducts.

Freshman forward Alex Barber was tossed in the first for checking from behind while forward Lukas was ejected for head contact with only eight minutes remaining in the third period.

“Our lack of discipline ... our guys got caught up in the wrong things. There are a couple of repeat offenders, but it’s different people and it’s disappointing,” Bergeron said.

The first goal for the Falcons in Game 2 was scored on the shorthand by Ford with an assist going to the captain, Baylis.

The second goal for the Falcons was scored by Wright just 25 ticks into the second. Veterans Rauhauser and Baylis picked up the helpers.

The third goal that sent this game to overtime was scored by freshman defensemen Will Cullen. Baylis was credited with the playmaker and his third assist of the night as well as Lukas.

Over halfway through the second overtime period of Game 2, the Nanooks tipped home a deflection to get the second WCHA point.

The Falcons travel next to take on the Beavers of Bemidji State before returning home to wrap up the regular season against the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers March 1-2.
Bowling Green basketball blows out North Illinois on the road

Evan Hayes
Pulse Editor

The past couple of games have seen the Bowling Green men’s basketball team start out sluggish. As a result, they’ve had to play from behind in their last two matchups.

On the road Tuesday in DeKalb, Illinois, for a matchup with the Northern Illinois Huskies, head coach Michael Huger issued a challenge to his team prior to tip off.

“Today we wanted to get off to a great start. I challenged the guys to do such a thing, and we were able to do it and sustain the lead throughout.”

The Falcons responded with perhaps their best start to a game this season, zooming out to an early lead and coasting the rest of the way to pick up the 87-67 victory.

“I thought our guys played extremely hard to start the game, and that’s been the difference. We’ve been getting off to bad starts, and we wind up digging ourselves a hole and have to fight back,” Huger said.

The Falcons improved to 18-7 on the season with the win and are 10-2 in conference play for the first time since the 1979-80 season. With six games left on their conference schedule, the Falcons remain in first place in the MAC.

Northern Illinois, who fell to 12-14 on the season, struggled to keep pace with the Falcons throughout the opening period. Bowling Green shot 14 of 23 from the field in the opening period while the Huskies were 13 of 31 and just 1 of 5 from 3-point range. The Falcons were a scorching 7 of 12 from long range, their offense propelled skyward by excellent ball movement and hot shooting.

Overall, the Falcons shot a season high from the field, going 27 of 46 while making 12 of 21 3-pointers. They handed out 20 assists, just the fourth time this season they’ve done so.

“The three ball was definitely working for us. We did a great job of sharing the ball,” Huger said. “We had twenty assists in the game, which is really good for us. We’ve been doing a great job of sharing the ball, getting everyone looks and touches and making everyone happy.”

Guard Dylan Frye scored 13 points and dished out five assists, while guard Antwon Lillard came off the bench to score 10 points and pitched in five rebounds and six assists.

Forward Justin Turner had a career night, scoring a career high 34 points to go with seven rebounds, four assists, two steals and one block. Turner was 10 of 14 from the field, 4 of 5 from 3-point range and 10 of 14 from the free-throw line, breaking out of a recent cold slump shooting the ball.

“He was definitely in the zone today; he was feeling it. We tried to run some things for him to get him some more looks, and he did a really good job of defending,” Huger said of Turner. “That’s what I’m most proud of: his defense.”

The Falcons will return to action this Tuesday at the Stroh Center for their matchup with Akron. That game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip off and will air on ESPN+.

Gymnastics secures first win

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Sports Reporter

The gymnastics team earned their first mark in the “W” column Friday in Anderson Arena versus Towson. Sporting pink leotards for Breast Cancer Awareness night, the Falcons topped the non-conference opponent 194.375 – 193.025, delivering their second-best team score of the year.

Following some changes in the warm-up, the Falcons showed much improvement this week.

“We had a tough talk after the last meet – an honest talk about where we are. We did change our warm-up. We took it easy in the warm-up this week and tried to put more energy into the meet, and I think that was really palpable today,” coach Turner commented.

The Falcons held slight advantages over Towson in all four events. Junior gymnast Jovannah East produced the second-highest all-around score of her career and tied the seventh-highest in program history with 39.325. The Falcons also made a comeback on bars this week, posting a season-best 48.75.

On vault, all Falcon competitors scored a 9.725 or above to take the lead in rotation one. East took first place with an individual score of 9.875. Behind senior Leslie Delgado’s 9.8, the Falcons extended their lead with a season-best team score on the uneven bars. This is the third consecutive meet Delgado has posted at least a 9.8. Two Falcons earned career-highs, while two others delivered season-best scores.

The Towson Tigers struggled to push past the Falcons in the first two rotations following falls on both bars and vault, earning a 96.825. The Falcons held the advantage with 97.525 as they made their way to the beam.

The Falcons also matched their second-highest score of the year on beam with 48.725. This came behind East’s meet high-score of 9.875. Junior Lexi Augustine also put together a solid performance for the Falcon’s, taking third with 9.775.

The Tigers brought high-energy to the floor, but a few steps out of bounds resulted in deductions and set them behind the Falcons. A strong effort on beam still left them trailing after the final rotation.

In their final rotation on floor, the Falcons sustained a fall and a deduction. However, solid routines from the rest of the lineup rounded out the meet and secured the win. Once again, East leads the competition, tying her season-best with 9.9. Augustine posted a 9.825 score to take second for the Falcons.

East’s four-rotation effort topped both of Towson’s all-around competitors. This was only the second meet of the year East has competed in the all-around.

Coach Turner was happy with her team’s turnaround and looks to keep making progress.

“I think we were very focused during the meet. We tried to keep them a little bit more focused on that one routine they have to hit in the competition. And they really did a good job with that. There are still a few things we need to work on for Sunday but definitely a huge improvement.”

The Falcons host Mid-American Conference opponent, Kent State, Sunday at 2 p.m., to close out a four-meet home stint. The meet will be in honor of Mental Health Awareness Day, Alumnae Day and Military Appreciation Day.
SICSIC members revealed

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SICSIC, the 72-year-old masked spirit organization, unveiled its two senior members, who were disguised as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Michelangelo and Scooby Doo, during the hockey game Saturday.

Michelangelo is Courtney Bode, a special education major involved in Relay for Life, club volleyball and the Sydney A. Ribeau President’s Leadership Academy.

Scooby Doo is Nicole Cacioppo, a prephysical therapy major. Cacioppo is also president of Pre-Physical Therapy Club, a BGSU CHAARG event coordinator and works at the student recreation center.

“CoNgraTzzzz U 2!!! ThAnK u 4 all U do!!” the official SICSIC Twitter page posted after the big reveal.

Following the unmasking, Bode and Cacioppo exchanged hugs and photos with friends, family and SICSIC alumni. They received congratulations from members of PLA, CHAARG and other organizations they were involved in over the past four years.

“Absolutely at a loss of words for all of the love and support over the years. Beyond grateful for such an incredible opportunity. I love you BG,” Cacioppo tweeted.
City hopes to make room for bicyclists

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Reporter

On Feb. 4, the Bicycle Safety Commission discussed the future of bike accessibility in the city. Some students support these proposals; others have shared concern.

The proposals would work to expand previously built bike lanes and sharrows which cyclists can utilize as a safe means of previously built bike lanes and sharrows. Bike lanes or sharrows are placed.

I think in theory it sounds like a great idea, if people were able to bike it would be better for the environment, and healthier for you,” Jones said.

However, she said she feels biased.

“Don’t bike around. But I feel like honestly, if I was driving around, it would be more of hassle, and you’d think more people would get into accidents,” Jones said. "What if someone wasn’t paying attention and hurt someone or hit someone with their car?”

Some students don’t find the possibility of increased accidents a deterrent.

Tyler Reilly, a senior biology major, who primarily walks to class, feels the gradual changes are in the public’s best interest.

“Over time, people would adapt, and it would become a good opportunity, even through a little bit of roughness,” Reilly said.

Reilly also said, if the council were to go through with the proposal, they should place signs on streets, indicating where the new lanes or sharrows are placed.

With the possible new lanes and sharrows, the designation of some roads as one-way streets and the reduction of parking spaces may also be of concern to drivers who park throughout the city.

However, according to an article from strongtowns.org regarding a street redesign in Akron, any adjustments due to this plan result in a difference in walk-time of no more than 30 to 60 seconds.

In fact, other major cities, such as New York City, Seattle, San Francisco and Salt Lake City who’ve adopted protected bike lanes on major roadways have experienced significant increases in local business sales, some as high as a 50 percent increase in sales receipts.

The proposals in Bowling Green are part of a long-term sequence of infrastructure improvements which are expected to be completed by 2024. Those interested in the future of these improvements can attend Bicycle Safety Commission meetings.

The commission meets each month on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the City Administration Building, 304 N. Church St.