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Decrease in black student population prompts concern in Office of Multicultural Affairs

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According to a recent Inside Higher Ed article, a Pennsylvanian college ran an advertisement that included several diverse students; however, in reality, the ad was photoshopped to replace two white students for two students of color. At BGSU, several departments are working to combat inaccuracies like this in their own recruitment efforts.

For the first time, BGSU’s Undergraduate Student Government partnered with the Office of Admissions to host a multicultural organization fair on President’s Day for prospective students to experience the university’s culture of inclusion firsthand.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs commitment to diversity and inclusion has become a part of programming events throughout the year. However, since fall 2010, the university’s black community has steadily declined by 2.51 percent, according to BGSU institutional research.

At this rate, in the next ten years, there could be less than 1,000 black students enrolled at BGSU.

Courtney Chambers, USG director of diversity affairs, started the multicultural fair and called it “Excellence in the Making.” “Belonging to an organization makes BG feel like home,” Chambers said. “Without the organizations I’ve joined, I would have moved back home because I felt that alone and depressed.”

Ana Brown, coordinator for diversity and retention initiatives in the Office of Residence Life and interim director in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said, “These numbers are concerning, and it is amazing to see students heading this initiative up.”

According to Chambers, Brown really inspired her to get the ball rolling and start working with USG.

Besides USG, Chambers is involved with the Black Student Union, Pretty Brown Girls, Residence Life and Queens of Color. “We often give students what they want to see in our marketing,” Chambers said. “But sometimes they get here, and it can feel completely different if they don’t know what resources are available. This opportunity allows prospective students to not only see other students of color representing their organization but also see who they are as a community and maybe find what works for them.”

USG Vice President Marcus Goolsby felt similarly. “Seeing that our numbers were dropping, we wanted to showcase the positives of BGSU to prospective students and give them the experience that once led me to choose to come here,” he said.

Many first-generation college students are students of color. According to the U.S. Department of Education, 14 percent of first-generation college students are black, but black students only make up 11 percent of continuing generation students.

Chambers said this impacts more than just the black community at BGSU. She noted that black and Latino students on campus interact with each other heavily through multicultural organizations like Black Student Union and Latino Student Union, which often work together and support each other on similar issues that affect them.

“Many of these students don’t have the same resources as a lot of others at home,” Chambers said. “Having a multicultural org fair will help lift the pressure off and give them a chance to get their feet wet, so they aren’t all on their own when they get to campus freshman year.”

With numbers of black students declining at BGSU, “Excellence in the Making” is BGSU’s attempt to not only market diversity but also sustain it and allow it to grow.

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USG Director of Diversity Affairs
Revamping your wardrobe on a budget

You are scrolling through Pinterest dreaming of that outfit you know would look good on you. Swiping up and adding it to the never-ending pins of outfit ideas and various styles blending perfectly together to uniquely represent you. Then, the realization sets in that the only place your wardrobe is limitless is on Pinterest because your bank account is not a swipe and add situation. Here’s the good news: You do not need an abundance of money to create a wardrobe that you love. Creating a wardrobe you love can be hard work when you do not know where to start, but here are a few ways:

**Classics are timeless.**
Audrey Hepburn taught every young woman that a black dress was a must-have staple in every wardrobe. Shopping classics is all about investing a little extra money on pieces that will last years never go out of style. Fads can be fashionable, making your money monster peep after a quick wash, investing in timeless pieces that are only worn once or maybe never again — is what can destroy a good wardrobe. The clothes can be a little cheaper such as Amazon and also in stores like Target or Forever 21.

**Sell sell sell.**
When creating the wardrobe you love, chances are there are going to be multiple pieces you no longer want. A great way to increase your budget is to try your best to sell your old clothes. Plato’s Closet is a great start, but sometimes it might be hard to get good cash out of clothes that deserve more. Another option is an app called Poshmark, where the seller controls everything including how much something can be bought for. With a little negotiating and giving up old clothes, it gives you a little extra wiggle room in no time.

**Shop smart.**
Impulsive shopping — quick decisions on pieces that are only worn once or maybe never again — is what can destroy a good wardrobe. Shopping smart means saving money and shopping easy. Stores like New York & Company have good quality clothing and are always giving their customers deals to save money. Gap, which is a relatively expensive store with high quality clothing, has more than 50 percent off their entire store every Black Friday. Shopping for yearly and monthly deals at high quality stores can become a bargain girl’s best friend, along with shopping at stores like Goodwill or Plato’s Closet. The clothes can be a little outdated, but they can always be revamped and changed. Though, shopping cheap does not just end at local thrift stores. Poshmark doubles as a shopping app as well, giving you the ability to find slightly used clothing for cheap. Another website that resells brand name clothes for cheap is ThredUp, which is also a place to sell your used clothes.

Revamping a wardrobe can seem like an impossible task, but these few tips make a great start.
Shaun King, Opal Tometi inspire student activism

5 takeaways for equal rights advocates from current activists

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Columnist

This week had a litany of pro-Black events. From the screening of “Get Out” to the presence of notable activists Opal Tometi and Shaun King, this week was an important one in the culture of Bowling Green. Meeting both King and Tometi proved very inspiring and wonderful. It’s not often that one is in the presence of individuals of such cultural magnitude. Seeing how down-to-earth, genuine and human they were really put into perspective the work they do and how they put it in front of their own success and fame. I came up with a list of five takeaways I have learned from these individuals.

1. Self-care is important.
   Much of the work activists and community organizers do can be swallowed up by reactionary forces, and those in power can offset and control narratives despite all our best efforts to fight against it. Many of us in some capacity have dealt with loss or found ourselves needing to retreat from this work, and it is important to recognize that as important when needed. King said himself to not overemphasize your importance because the world will go on without you. It is important to stop, breathe and meditate. Tometi said it is not always necessary to be on 10. When we are always marching and protesting, it brings visibility and attention, but it can be draining and consuming to one’s spirit when change does not come as quickly as needed. Sometimes, it is important to be calm, work to find solutions and change that ultimately benefits everyone. But other times, one must take to the streets.

2. We need more male feminists.
   Tometi opened my eyes to this as I asked my question to her as to how men could open up space that challenges patriarchy and enables the voices of all women and gender nonconforming individuals. This can be done by challenging patriarchy when it rears its ugly head in the actions of men. Challenging toxic masculinity is important in the work we do because it is a poisonous trait that can weaken the room just by its mere presence.

   When men blame victims of sexual assault, that needs to be challenged. When men laugh at homophobic rhetoric and make fun of queer bodies, that needs to be challenged. Ultimately, men need to see themselves as perpetrators of a violent system that is higher than their own being. It is systemic, it is real and it affects people across the world. Men must consistently work to challenge themselves to be better, and that is more than saying it. It can take years to unlearn toxic traits and even more to build new ones that enable communities to change. I challenge all men to work their hardest to do so.

   “I am not free until every woman is free, even if her shackles are very different than my own,” activist Audre Lorde said.

3. History is very complex right now.
   We are going through a very complex, strange and difficult moment in time. Shaun King said it best when he said, “We will not look back kindly on this period of history.”

   So often it is hard to know history when we are living in it, and it can be even more difficult gauging what sticks to a culture and what fades into obscurity for numerous reasons. One thing is certain, however. This period of time is very intense, it is important and it is necessary for us to understand where we are and where we are going.

   “We are in a capital H moment in history,” Tometi said.

   The Trump presidency along with worldwide global struggle shows we are in a moment that is a combination of different centuries of struggle, pain and anguish. From 1619-2019, we are still here, fighting for human dignity and recognized humanity. With the recent efforts of BSU in bringing attention to the Gish Theatre, history is staring at us in strange and surreal ways, and it’s the job of every person to find their place in the moment. Either you are for justice, or you are complacent and a perpetrator of violence.

   “Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it or betray it.”

4. Silence is violence.
   For too long much of the rhetoric of liberal-minded individuals and faux-woke progressives is the simple phrase, “We care.” “I care about the environment, that’s why I shared this post on Facebook!” “I care about police brutality and racism, which is why I double tapped this activist’s post on Twitter about #blacklivesmatter!” This is not enough.

   It was Angela Davis who said, “Being radical is grasping things at the root.”

   The superficial social analysis of class struggle and suppression cannot be maintained and maximized by simply doing whatever is visibly comfortable for you to raise awareness and advocacy. While sharing screenshots, liking and commenting shows that you recognize the morality of the situation, there is still a need for action. We must push our communities to organize and produce coalitions of change that fight for human dignity and expression. This is more than just “liking” something. It means showing up in places where your privilege is challenged, and then having discussions about it, leaving the room more educated, so you can share the knowledge you’ve gained with others. It means helping with campaigns in solidarity, whether getting involved with local campus initiatives like banning plastic bags or nationwide efforts to fight transphobia, misogyny and homophobia.

5. Love.
   We must work to become our better selves. Whether or not you agree with me, whether or not you have the same political views as me, whether or not you are apart of the communities that I have mentioned, know that you have room to grow. Activism and community organizing require it. Life requires it. Tometi said Black people are fully deserving of the room and space to express our humanity. Black people should never back away from their truth, and we must all express our spectrum blackness unapologetically with our activism. We have to be greater than we were yesterday or the day before. All movements for human rights should come from a place of love for humanity and a want for a greater life in sustainability, health and happiness than previous generations. There are some difficult days ahead, but looking back provides inspiration to the ways we can move forward. It is undeniable that things have been worse than they have in the past few years. Our nation is walking through a familiar cycle of racism deeply acquainted with older generations as it is quickly introduced to newer generations. Each and every one of you reading this, know you are loved, you are cherished and you are valuable in this fight.
Safe Communities promotes safe driving in BG

According to an October 2018 CNN article, heart disease and cancer are no longer the leading causes of death; it is now “unintentional injury,” which includes distracted driving. At BGSU, one group is proactively fighting to prevent distractions behind the wheel.

Safe Communities of Wood County has been working to keep Bowling Green drivers safe now for seven years. The group released a statement on Feb. 21 announcing, “There have been zero fatal crashes in Wood County this year compared to zero at this time last year. Let’s keep this trend going!”

The organization’s coordinator, Sandy Wiechman, said her goal is to stop distracted driving altogether. While she also noted it is impossible to stop this completely, she will do all she can to help prevent it.

To promote safe driving habits, Safe Communities supports campaigns in Wood County: “Click It or Ticket,” “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Watch Out for Motorcycles.”

Wiechman and her team, including police, firemen and city workers, meet quarterly to discuss all the traffic incidents that have happened. They take each crash and analyze why it happened and how to prevent more.

This past New Year’s, Safe Communities provided a ride home to anyone who was unable to drive. This year, they were able to help 83 people get home safely.

“I would have loved to provide more rides, but we just couldn’t keep up with only two vans,” Wiechman said.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reports in Wood County over the past five years there have been a total of 364 crashes involving distracted driving.

Not only does Safe Communities focus on teens, but it also works with senior citizens.

“Senior citizens think of distracted driving as playing on the phone, but it is way more than just that,” Wiechman said.

One group Safe Communities works with is CarFit. CarFit works with senior citizens to help them to adjust to their vehicles. CarFit’s motto is to “help mature drivers find their safest fit.” Safe Communities is planning to meet with every senior home in Wood County to teach elderly drivers how to properly adjust their vehicle.

Cars are also working to prevent distracted driving with technology.

“Cars are coming out with more and more technology to keep drivers safe,” said Levi Heldman, the event/marketing coordinator at Reineke Family Ford Dealership in Findlay, Ohio.

One feature offered to keep young drivers safe is called “My Key.” Ford offers this feature similar to a valet key. With this feature enabled, parents have the capability to put restrictions on a special key. One of these restrictions promotes seat belt use. When the feature is activated, the driver cannot use the radio unless their seat belt is fastened.

Another feature Ford offers in their new vehicles is called “Forward Collision Warning.” This feature is used to help warn drivers of potentially dangerous situations. If the car detects the distance between two vehicles diminishing, the system will compare the vehicles current speed and determine if a collision will occur. If the vehicle determines an accident is likely, it will alert the driver with a visual and audible warning.

“At a certain point, we have to take responsibility for our own actions and can’t rely on the car,” Heldman said.

There are steps individual drivers can take to increase their safety behind the wheel. In its Feb. 21 press release, Safe Communities recommended following these rules:

- Look for traffic stopping up ahead to avoid slamming on the brakes.
- Leave space between cars.
- Drive within the speed limit.
- Do not drive if too tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive carefully in poor conditions.
**WBGU-FM Emo Night brings angsty tunes to ‘Bawling Green’**

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WBGU-FM is giving students a chance to channel their early-2000s sadness with a night of emo music.

Junior journalism major, music business minor and DJ Lindsey Haynes, known on the airwaves as Penny Rae Hawkins, will be playing music suggested by emo fans on social media throughout the night.

“They (the WBGU-FM promotions team) came to me, but I was definitely like, ‘Oh my God, yes please!’” Haynes said about how she got involved as a DJ for Emo Night.

Haynes is excited to be able play the music she loves for a crowd. She’s a regular at Goth Night at Liquid Bar on Wednesdays but finds the music “a little too heavy, a little too industrial for (her) taste,” she said. On the other hand, other clubs in Bowling Green play pop music, and Haynes does not like that genre of music.

“The fact that not only will I be able to hear the music that I love but I’ll be in charge of it and be able to share it with other people is super exciting,” she said.

The night will also feature a piñata “to fill with your feelings and destroy!” according to the Emo Night Facebook event description.

**By Jesse Richman, Alternative Press**

The emo genre is defined by “forceful vulnerability,” music journalist Jesse Richman writes in an Alternative Press article. Born from the ‘80s and developed throughout the ‘90s, this genre became a mix of grunge, alternative rock and pop-punk.

Emo began to hit the mainstream radio stations in the early 2000s with anthems from Jimmy Eat World, Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance. Warped Tour also became a stage for emo rockers to share their angst-filled songs with the masses.

Songs from these bands and others are some of Haynes’ favorite jams from the emo era. She hopes others enjoy the night and its music as much as she does.

“I think everyone should come out to Emo Night for one thing because it’s going to be a really fun time,” she said. “The music is something I’ve always loved a lot; it’s something I’ve always connected with, and I feel like there are other people who have connected with it.

“I think also there’s a bit of nostalgia there for it especially because I was in elementary school during the emo boom, but there are people … who in town who grew up with and were there for the scene and were involved with it.”

Students can rock out at Emo Night at Howard’s Club H Thursday starting at 9 p.m. There is no cover charge.

Attendees can request songs using #FalconSad on Twitter or commenting on the Emo Night Facebook event page.
Mobile food pantry visits BGSU

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Food insecurity is more than just hunger. Ramen noodles, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned spaghetti and a box of cereal is the reality of some college students’ weekly diet. A study done on campus showed 41 percent of students admit to dealing with food insecurity, which was higher than the 36 percent nationally reported by The Washington Post.

“I think students need to be aware of what food insecurity is. Hunger and food insecurity are very different things. With hunger, that’s the physiological need for food. Where with food insecurity you might not be hungry, but you might just be eating ramen for every meal,” Emily Kollar, civic action leader for BGSU Ending Hunger, said.

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Civic Action Leader for BGSU Ending Hunger

Kollar works to bring the mobile food pantry from Food for Thought in multiple times throughout the semester. It visits the Jerome Library parking lot on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

She explains it isn’t just about not having enough food but about not having healthy food. In meeting with fellow students, she sees the problem is more than just money for food, though.

“It can also be transportation or the ability to cook and having all the supplies. That’s something we’re trying to address with the mobile food pantry. We’re giving you the food, but do you know how to cook it? Do you have a can opener?” Kollar asked.

Tiffany Smith, a master of food and nutrition student, served a bowl of warm chili made from ingredients available from the pantry.

“There are a lot of shelf-stable foods that if the students don’t know what to do with them, they aren’t much use. We are showing them today how to use what we are giving them in an effective way,” she said.

Smith went on to explain eating healthy doesn’t mean relying on the fresh and organic produce that eats up so much of a grocery budget. There are alternatives to those options.

“Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables are great options,” she said.

Liz Dickens, warehouse pantry coordinator for Food for Thought, feels BGSU students tend to make healthier choices than the typical food pantry consumer. Of the 89 people who walked through the doors, over half were new to the pantry. Dickens said.

First-time visitor Alexandra Jablonski, a sophomore social work major, said she didn’t know about the pantry before. She is a non-traditional student with kids at home to feed.

“I work at Taco Bell, and I see a lot of first-year students try to eat three meals a day off the dollar menu,” she said.

Nicholas Eckhart, a graduate student, has visited before. He feels the university does a good job of getting the information out, but more could be done.

“Maybe visit classrooms or dorms and invite students personally,” he said.

Kollar wants students to know help is available, not just here on campus. Fliers are passed out the day of the pantry and four other food pantries nearby also service students — St. Thomas Moore, Brownbag Food Project, First United Methodist Church and BG Christian.

The goal of the BGSU Ending Hunger and the mobile food pantry is to bring the food insecurity problem to an end.

Any students who have questions or need help in any way should feel free to contact Kollar at ekollar@bgsu.edu.
Women’s basketball loses to Akron
Zips in home finale

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The Falcon women’s basketball team was defeated by the Akron Zips 83-73 Wednesday, as the Falcons played in their final home game of the season.

“We've got to take better care of the basketball,” head coach Robyn Fralick said. “The turnover differential was 21-4 and we did it at really tough times or after we get a stop.”

The first quarter started with the Falcons outshooting Akron 14-11, with freshman guard Morgan McMillen hitting a pair of 3-point attempts as part of an 8-point rally by the Falcons midway through the quarter. With the 6 points, McMillen was able to lead the team offensively through the first.

In the second quarter, Akron was able to cut into the Falcons lead slightly, outshooting them 11-10 in the quarter. However, the Falcons were still able to hold on to a 24-22 lead going into the halftime break. Junior guard Andrea Cecil led the team offensively in the quarter with 7 points. Overall in the half, Cecil led the team with 11 points, along with McMillen with 6 points.

The third quarter saw Falcon freshman guard Kadie Hempfling break through with a 14-point effort, attributing for more than half of the Falcons’ total point scored on the quarter. However, the third also saw Akron outscore the Falcons 24-20 to take the lead 46-44 with 10 minutes remaining.

“My teammates just got me the ball, that’s really what it stems from,” Hempfling said. “I finished around the basket, I didn’t really finish in the first half and I felt like I was letting the team down. I got so many open looks and we play so much together as a team and rely so much on each other that we needed those buckets early. I had to fix it for the second half, so I got the same plays and layups. I just finished in the second half and that was the difference.”

Senior guard Sydney Lambert drives the ball between defenders.

The fourth quarter would see the game unravel further for the Falcons as Akron outshot the team 37-29, with both teams having their strongest offensive performances of the night in the fourth quarter; however, Akron was able to take home the 83-73 victory.

Akron was led offensively by junior guard Shaunay Edmonds, who had 33 total points, and fellow junior guard Shayna Harmon with 19 points and senior guard Megan Sefcik, who finished with 18 total points.

Despite the loss, Cecil led the team with 24 total points, her sixth consecutive game with a double-digit point total, while Hempfling finished not far behind with 19 points on the game. McMillen also had a strong performance with 11 points, along with senior guard Sydney Lambert who earned 10 points.

Sophomore guard Madisen Parker seeks open pass.

AAF creates new opportunities for BGSU
football players

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The Alliance of American Football is a new football league with different rules, including no kickoffs, that could become an option for former NFL players and current college players, according to a February 2019 ESPN article. BGSU players and those around the program view the league as an opportunity to follow their dreams.

A lot of talk has been made of the new league, not just because of its ability to help more players realize a dream of playing football but because it is different than any other league out there.

“The league wants to take a chance,” said Brad White, an account executive for the Birmingham Iron, one of the eight teams in the league. “All of the new rules that the AAF has put into place is being used as almost like an experiment to see how they would work in the game of football.”

One of the new rules is the ability to make big tackles without being worried about getting a fine or a penalty flag, and while this could be a concern for the player’s health, seeing big hits is a fan favorite, according to a February 2019 article from USA Today.

Sports writer for the Toledo Blade, Nick Piotrowicz, thinks the rule changes are low-risk for the league and is interested to see how long the league lasts.

“For the NFL, it’s pretty low risk. Almost all sports have a pyramid system where the players can work their way up into the big leagues, and the NFL doesn’t. So for them if it works out, great, but if it doesn’t, the league will still survive without it,” Piotrowicz said.

The pyramid system Piotrowicz said has been missing from the league is different from most professional leagues in the country, and if the NFL does add a pyramid system, he thinks this will benefit players of smaller colleges.

“Well, it’s another chance to get seen. In some cases, it’s probably better than going and working out for a team with the small chance of getting on the team. This way, the players are actually getting game time, and you could see players from smaller colleges succeeding in the AAF and getting a shot in the NFL,” he said.

Getting seen by NFL teams is crucial for college players coming from smaller schools. The AAF could create more opportunities to get recruited after college.

Andrew Clair, a running back for Bowling Green heading into his junior season, agrees with Piotrowicz and thinks this will help out players in the long run.

“It’s just a blessing to know that there is another opportunity to make it in the league and get paid. So many players don’t make enough of their opportunities in college, and the AAF is just another option for more players to follow their dreams,” he said.

The hope for Bowling Green and other college football players alike is even if their dream of making the NFL doesn’t pan out, they have a new possibility in the AAF.
Falcons drop second straight to Miami

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For the second time in as many games, the Bowling Green men’s basketball team came off on the wrong side of one of their final conference matchups of the season Tuesday when they welcomed the Miami RedHawks to the Stroh Center.

The Falcons entered looking to clinch a top seed in the MAC postseason tournament, but a torrent of 3-pointers by Miami and a poor defensive showing saw the home team fall 82-69. It was the second time in as many contests that Bowling Green (19-9, 11-4 MAC) gave up more than 80 points and lost to a team with a losing record.

“This loss was all on me. I’ve got to do a much better job of preparing my guys and getting them all focused on the offensive end and understanding how important defense is,” coach Michael Huger said. “That’s the thing that got us to this point, so we’ve got to get back to it.”

The RedHawks offense started hot and only got hotter, making 15 of 33 total three pointers on the night (45.5 percent) while recording 17 assists, moving the ball and finding open shots with ease. In the absence of solid defensive play, the Bowling Green offense struggled to find any momentum, shooting 38 percent from the field and eight of 28 3-pointers, with only two made in the second half.

“I know we haven’t been playing defense,” forward Demajeo Wiggins said. “If we’re not playing defense, a team can come out and go to work on you, and that’s what has happened the past couple games for us.”

The Falcons were led by Wiggins, who scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and guard Justin Turner, who scored 14 points. Guard Dylan Frye scored 13 points while forward Daegwon Plowden scored 11 points and had four blocks.

The first half started close but well for BG, with back-to-back 3-pointers by Plowden and two buckets in the paint by Wiggins, spurring a 10-0 run that allowed the Falcons to take a 17-10 lead at the 12-minute mark. The RedHawks would then seize the advantage using a 21-5 run that saw them hold the Falcons scoreless for over four minutes. A 3-pointer by Frye closed out the half to send both teams into the breaks with the RedHawks leading 41-33.

Bowling Green came out strong to start the second half, pulling within 1 point of the RedHawks 52-51 at the 14-minute mark on a 3-pointer made by Turner. The RedHawks shut down the Falcons over the next 13 minutes, finishing the stretch on a 28-10 run and cruising to victory.

“I thought we relaxed on the defensive end and we stopped playing the intense defense that got us to that point,” Huger said. “We thought the game was going to be over right then and there, and we stopped fighting and stopped playing.”

The Falcons, who now sit second place in the MAC, will look to clinch a top three seed and a first-round bye in the postseason tournament when they host fourth place Kent State this Friday. The game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. tip off and will be broadcast on ESPN+.

New places, new faces – MLB free agency

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Baseball is officially back, as spring training started in Major League Baseball. Some big-name players have found new homes this year and will look to make an immediate impact on their new teams. With contract money reaching new heights, front offices have been opening their wallets in hopes of bringing a spark to their team to make them (or maintain their status as) World Series contenders. I’ve highlighted some marquee players who will put fans in seats and will potentially create more wins playing for their new teams.

DJ LeMahieu
Old Team: Colorado Rockies
New Team: New York Yankees
LeMahieu and the Yankees came to a two-year, $24-million deal on Jan. 14. LeMahieu brings infield defensive help for the Yankees as a three-time Gold Glover and two-time All-Star. His career 0.298 batting average will also assist the Yankees lineup to generate more offense, which will offset strikeout-prone outfields Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge.

Yasmani Grandal
Old Team: Los Angeles Dodgers
New Team: Milwaukee Brewers
The Brewers were one win away from being in the World Series in 2018. The team has a solid lineup and an excellent rotation. The addition of Grandal could catapult Milwaukee into an instant NL pennant favorite, as they have not lost any notable players this offseason. Grandal’s career batting average is 0.240, which is exemplary for a catcher. Pair that with his gun of an arm, and Milwaukee may have had the most impactful signing of 2019 free agency.

Manny Machado
Old Team: Los Angeles Dodgers
New Team: San Diego Padres
Let’s face it: Machado was a rental for LA in 2018, mostly due to shortstop Corey Seager’s season-ending UCL injury that occurred just weeks into the season. It was a “one-season stand” if you will. The Dodgers simply cannot pay him long-term the way other teams can. Their NL West counterpart, the San Diego Padres, did have enough cap space to pay Machado adequately, hence why Machado elected to move three hours down the California coastline to join San Diego.

Machado inked the largest free-agent contract in American sports history on Feb. 21 – a ten-year deal worth $300 million. The infielder was certainly a splash signing for the Padres, but I grapple with the fact that the team currently has enough talent to contend in the NL West. However, since Machado is committed for the long haul, it’s plausible the Padres will acquire more talent over the next several years to become a World Series contender. I’m guessing that’s the direction they’d like to head, but this will take time. Come talk to me in three or four years. Hopefully, by then, I’ll be living in San Diego or somewhere in the West myself – although I’m quite sure I won’t have $300 million.

Bryce Harper
Old Team: Washington Nationals
New Team: ?
The biggest question mark in free agency still stands: where is Bryce going? His suitors are many, including the Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies and San Francisco Giants. Harper likely has two schools of thought at this juncture. Does he go to a team currently ready to contend for a title on a short-term deal (i.e. the Cubs, Dodgers, Phillies or Yankees), or does he, similar to Manny Machado, go to a team that isn’t quite in the hunt yet but can pay him massively and surround him with players in the next few seasons to win? It all comes down to what he wants. It’s quite clear that he won’t be returning to the Nats, so what will Bryce do? Stay tuned to find out.
USG introduces Gish Theater task force

Hunter Huffman
Reporter

A resolution seeking student government support to rename the Gish Film Theater has been passed following Monday’s Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

The resolution proposes the use of a student task force to rename the Gish Film Theater in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Once located in Hanna Hall, which is now under renovation to become the Maurer Center, the theater has recently been criticized for its namesake by the Black Student Union.

The theater's title is in recognition of actresses and sisters Dorothy and Lillian Gish. Lillian was a star of the film “The Birth of a Nation,” which has been deemed racist by several students.

According to USG Chairperson of Student Affairs Reagan Shull, the name, which has been in place for 43 years, is an unnecessary trait of the theater.

“The Gish sisters have no connection with (BGSU),” she said.

Marcus Goolsby, USG vice president, believes the name change is a necessary step to altering BGSU’s social climate.

“This isn't the time or place to be shying away from what we view as important. This isn't something we should just lay low on,” he said.

USG President Hannah Cubberley showed appreciation for the passing of the resolution.

“I'm proud of the (BSU) for bringing this forward. It's just a testament to the strong leadership we have on campus,” she said.

According to Shull, a task force composed of six students, each representing a different sector of BGSU leadership, will be created to strategize a proposal to the Board of Trustees. In addition, Shull hopes for the task force to increase community dialogue on the issue.

Also at Monday's meeting, BGSU Athletic Director Bob Moosbrugger discussed methods to increase student interest towards the school's sports programs.

According to Moosbrugger, the athletic program will follow a five-step plan to achieve their goal:
1. Drive student engagement.
2. Build community.
3. Assist in retention and graduation.
4. Help to grow enrollment.
5. Engage alumni and promote donating.

He believes student athletics are an important part of BGSU’s presence among other universities, especially through the scope of advertising on social media.

“We feel (athletics are) a marketing arm of the university; we'll continue to try and improve,” he said.

Also, two new senators were elected to the governing body:
Lauren Sullivan, sophomore
Xavi Boes, sophomore

USG will meet next March 4.

Professor runs for City Council

Adam Gretsinger
City Editor

A long-time BGSU professor is looking to make his mark on the city in an upcoming election.

Chemistry professor Neocles Leontis announced his plans to run for an at-large City Council seat early this month to try to win a May 7 primary under a Democrat ballot. Unlike other candidates, however, he has a specific platform of campaign promises for improving city properties.

“Not enough has been done to improve the rental market,” he said, talking about a range of issues related to “non-transparent” lease-based housing in Bowling Green. He promises to help ensure “safe, comfortable, energy-efficient housing” in Bowling Green, especially for small families and students.

Leontis specifically sees the condition of these properties as a problem. Lack of consistent insulation and modern electric wiring and mistakes made in converting properties into duplexes were on his short list of problems with rentals in the city.

He said his concern about these issues bloomed when his daughter, who decided to rent a rental property as she attended BGSU, evacuated her residence when a neighbor’s place caught fire. Leontis said he eventually learned not only was this likely due to a water heater being placed inside a clothes closet but also that similarly old housing did not often receive fire inspection in the city.

He said he wanted to try to change how safety oversights were approached in the city through citizen action, but after finding roadblocks, he decided to put himself on the campaign trail.

Another issue he has is older properties are often energy inefficient, with winter and summer heating and cooling costs putting strain on residents’ energy bills. He said utility bills in older properties were often behind much of the stress for low-income residents.

Leontis said the owners of these properties are “burning dollar bills” by being “not progressive enough” with their policies.

Though the professor-turned-politician said he helped orchestrate a program with Columbia Gas that ensured relatively cheap insulation placement in exchange for a $20 “energy audit” for interested residents, Leontis said he was disappointed in the number of residents and landlords who took advantage of the program. This disappointment, along with a council tendency to put energy and rental concerns on the backburner, convinced him to run, he added.

Rental property issues are his main concern, but Leontis also wants to help improve environmental policy for the town. In addition to supporting the town’s solar and wind energy plans, he mentioned wanting to encourage a greater number of public electric car chargers in town and a decreased use of landfill garbage disposal.

Leontis is hopeful for his campaign and potential placement in City Council. He said the spot he hopes to attain is in position to vote down various ordinances that fit his platform and that taking that seat would ensure more progressive policies are approved.

He is also hopeful some of his more progressive goals will be attained based on the efforts of other towns. Boulder, Colorado, and its cooperative look at housing and energy efficiency could be a model for Bowling Green in making major social changes, he said.

“I want to implement approaches that have been proven in other towns to work,” he added.

However, he also said any campaign, even an unsuccessful one, itself would be worth the effort, as it would allow him to spread ideas and inspire others to fight for housing and environmental issues in town.

Leontis has taught at BGSU for 32 years and is currently a member of the East Side Residential Group.
Underwear thief incites fear in BG

Erika Glover
Reporter

A male stranger was found in a University of North Carolina-Greensboro female student’s closet wearing her clothing.

According to an article from ABC11 in North Carolina, the UNCG student said she still doesn’t feel safe.

Bowling Green has its own story regarding break-ins, similar to the UNCG intruder: the Bowling Green “underwear thief.” For first-time home-owning college students, a man invading homes and stealing underwear in their town just over a year ago can cause concern.

This is the case for sophomore early childhood education major Erin Kirner, who will be leasing an off-campus home for the first time this summer.

“I know that Bowling Green is a safe town; I love it here,” Kirner said. “But the thought of someone being in my house when just my friends and I are there does scare me.”

Kirner isn’t alone in this fear, as sophomore exercise science major Taylor Thees said, “Even though I know (the Bowling Green underwear thief) is behind bars now, I still worry about break-ins, especially since my house only has four girls in it.”

With these concerns in mind, there are a few things to know for students living in off-campus housing.

“Be sure to talk to a neighbor before moving in to see how they like it,” Lakeshia Dowlen, BGSU assistant dean of students and director of Off-Campus Student Services, said. “Also, make a note to visit the location at night and see what it’s like. See if you feel comfortable.”

Once a location is determined, Detective Lieutenant Rod Smith of the Wood County Sheriff’s Department reminded students there are a few ways to prepare themselves for living on their own.

“The very first thing to do is find out what jurisdiction they are in,” Smith said. “Bowling Green has their own police department, but not everyone might live within there. Being proactive about who to call.”

Smith also noted the importance of tasks that might seem like they are mundane, but can make all the difference in an emergency.

“Lock your doors, and trust your gut,” Smith reminded students. “If you have a funny feeling that something isn’t right, don’t ignore it. Many victims of the case in (Bowling Green) stated that they had felt something had been off for a long period of time.”

When recounting the recent closing of the case, Smith said, “This sort of thing doesn’t happen often, but a lot of times it doesn’t get reported. Wood County is a good place with not as much crime, so this made big news.”

There are resources for students available on and off campus if they need help.

“We will always find a way to support our students,” Dowlen said in regard to working on campus. “If that means working with off outside departments, we will do what we have to.”

Historical exhibit highlights old Ohio life

Paul Garbarino
Managing Editor

Home life for Wood County farmers who lived centuries ago was centered around comfort and convenience. And now Bowling Green residents can see the lifestyle in person.

From now until the end of December the Wood County Historical Center will hold the “Comfort and Convenience” exhibit, displaying rooms set and decorated to match what a home of a poor Ohio farmer would have looked like.

The exhibit features documentary photography with information regarding all 88 poor county farms in Ohio up to the 1930s.

It took nearly 50 years for all 48 of Ohio’s counties to be established.

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Food, clothing and shelter weren't always easy to obtain in 1816, so the Ohio General Assembly authorized the construction of houses for the impoverished.

Every county is represented with a particular display, photograph or information excerpt.

The Daily Crossword Fix

1. Ellipses
6. Fired a weapon
10. The products of human creativity
14. Museum piece
15. Ripped
16. Minute opening
17. Doctrine
18. Away from the wind
19. Curved molding
20. Soaking up
22. Prompted
23. Require
24. Pressure
26. Stop
30. *Eureka!*
31. Cheer
32. Arab chieftain
33. Playthings
35. Lit to a higher degree
39. A member of the Cosa Nostra
41. Colorless odorless gas
43. Carapace
44. Beloved
46. Skin disease
47. Be unwell
49. Arrive (abbrev.)
50. Not more
51. Handgun
53. Stripes
54. “Cut that out!”
55. Peels
56. Blind (poker)
57. Change
58. Bloodsucking insects
59. Pack down
60. Bright thought
61. Pig sound
62. Connecting point
63. Happy cat sound
64. Bearing
66. Diva’s solo
67. Unit of land
68. Make improvements
69. Loyal (archaic)
70. Transmit
71. Spoke (archaic)
38. T T T T
40. Hodgepodge
42. Mistake
45. Not western
48. Andean animals
51. Pontifical
52. Accustom
53. Skirt lines
55. Day off
56. Chocolate cookie
57. Nationality
58. Being of questionable authenticity
59. Tall woody plants
60. Vitality
61. Sows
62. Anagram of “Tradesmen”
63. Anagram of “Paste”
64. Involving three parties
65. “Action word”
66. Beers
67. Adriatic resort
68. Religious ceremony
69. Religious ceremony
70. Religious ceremony
71. Religious ceremony

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To play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. There is no guessing or math involved. Just use logic to solve.