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Wondering what you can and can’t say? First Amendment expert Saunie Schuster talks free speech truths

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Batman in Popular Culture Conference starts conversations

Shayne Nissen
Reporter

How can Batman relate to race and gender? Superhero fans from all around the world will come to BGSU to discuss this topic at the Batman in Popular Culture Conference.

Held April 12-13 in the Jerome Library's Pallister Conference Room, this year's conference will celebrate the 80th anniversary of Batman's prominence in popular culture. Many of the superhero's supporters believe he is one of the most influential superheroes of all-time.

According to the description of the event on bgsu.edu, “The Dark Knight is a complex, enigmatic, and tragically appealing crime-fighter who has conquered all forms of mass media and popular culture.”

While the center focus of the conference will be on the superhero, the conference will also be playing its part of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Browne Popular Culture Library as well. Organizer of the event, Charles Coletta, is excited to showcase the things the Browne Popular Culture Library has to offer.

“The overall thing is that Bowling Green State University is the birthplace of Popular Culture studies, and there is nowhere better to talk about popular culture. We have people coming from India, Japan and Germany to hear and talk about Batman,” Coletta said.

To some, it may seem odd to hold a conference about the relation between Batman and social issues concerning topics such as race and gender, but Coletta is confident that the style of this conference will work because it has worked before.

“Last year, the library did a romance novel conference. They have one of the biggest comic libraries around, so it is really the best place to gather people to have these conversations about different aspects of popular culture,” Coletta said.

Matthew Donahue, another organizer of the event and BGSU professor, wants the event to mean something to all that attend.

“I hope that people get the connection and importance that popular culture can have on society and culture and in this case Batman in relation to popular culture,” he said.

Being at a library, the effect of Batman in literature, specifically comics, will be discussed as well. According to both Coletta and Donahue, his effect on the comic world has been huge for the whole 80 years that he has been prominent in that culture.

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5 popular things to do in Los Angeles

Kevin Mensah
Photo Editor

Over spring break I had the opportunity to visit a city that I had been longing to see since I was a kid. Here is list of some of the things I did and would recommend to anyone traveling to L.A.

**Urban Lights**
One of the most popular public art pieces is located right outside of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. This piece of art was installed 11 years ago and has been a symbol for the city of Los Angeles ever since.

**Rodeo Drive**
Located in the heart of Beverly Hills is Rodeo Drive. It’s one of the most famous streets in the world, known for renowned stores and hotels. The drive is filled with well-known brands such as Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Fendi, Balenciaga and more. Although it is free to walk around, be prepared to spend serious money if you plan on shopping here.

**Venice Beach**
After exploring all of the previous attractions, spend a day in Venice. It has a little something for everybody. You can add some graffiti to the graffiti wall, skateboard in the skatepark or pump some iron at Muscle Beach. Right outside of the beach you can explore the Venice Canals Historic District, modeled after the canals in Venice, Italy.

**Griffith Observatory**
The Griffith Observatory is one of the most popular attractions in L.A. Located just south of the Hollywood Sign, this attraction is one of the best vantage points of the famous Hollywood Sign and the “City of Angels.” The observatory is free and has a planetarium, an exhibition space and a functioning Tesla coil.

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Columnist argues this generation can’t enjoy college like older generations

Mary Ross
Columnist

College is supposed to be the best four years of a person’s life. At least in my family, everyone who has graduated from college and is at least forty recalls fondly the “good ole days” when they were at such and such university.

Some older male relatives talk about the parties they attended, the girls they dated and the stupid things they did with their friends. Some older female relatives talk about how college was their prime and how they met the love of their lives in college. Few talk about academics and the classes they took. All they remember and share are wild stories from their past of nights they don’t remember all too well, but remember enough to tell the stories.

Yet, these wild stories I hear from older relatives would land me in heaps of trouble if I was caught doing any of that nowadays. And with social media and more watchful people, it’s a lot more likely I would get caught if I did anything that is considered wrong, either by moral or legal standards.

For this reason, I don’t do much besides study, work, eat and sleep. And many times, my older relatives say I need to enjoy myself more and go hang out with people more.

They don’t consider the fact that if I was ever caught doing anything wrong and I got in trouble with the school, I could not only get in serious trouble with the school, but I could jeopardize my future career as a credible journalist with an infraction on my record. They don’t consider how enjoying myself and going out more means less time working on homework, studying or writing, all of which puts me behind not only in classes, but in my chances of receiving an internship or job offer that would project me forward in my career.

After all, journalism is a competitive field. Writing in general is a competitive field. If I want to be as successful as I can be, I have to constantly work to stay ahead and improve myself. This I cannot do if I become distracted participating in the same activities my older relatives did in the “good ole days,” which have more of a chance of hurting my potential now than it did to them back when they were my age.

It is a generational difference for sure. And while it is something many of my older relatives don’t think about, it should be. Not only am I different than my older relatives, but so are the times we live or lived in during our years in college.

Now, I’m not saying I don’t want to hear their stories. They make me laugh and give me insight into why my relatives are the way they are, which always gives me a new perspective on them as a person. But when they encourage me to go out and have more fun, it reminds me of exactly how much I wish I could be a crazy college student but also how much I can’t be crazy without possibly sacrificing my future.

I can’t imagine I am the only one that feels this way. For college students, remind your older relatives about how times have changed and focus on all the amazing things you’re doing in and out of your classes in order to lay a solid foundation for your future. For relatives who love to reminisce about their college days to younger students, consider how times have changed and possibly talk more about ways you laid the foundation for your career or life during your college years. Either way, this begins to blur the lines made by generational differences to make a better bond that comes from common experiences.

Joe Biden situation creates important conversation about sexual harassment

Meredith Siegel
Forum Editor

Former Vice President Joe Biden has been in the midst of a media discussion lately, following a comment about unwanted touching from Lucy Flores, a former Democratic politician.

I don’t want to call what she said an “accusation” because, it’s really not. Flores, and most other people, are not saying Biden did anything evil or even deliberately harmful. It’s a conversation about space and what respecting other’s space looks like.

There are now three women saying Biden touched them in a way that made them feel uncomfortable, but both are saying what he did wasn’t sexually motivated. In one instance he kissed Flores on the back of the head and on the other he pulled Amy Lappos in to rub noses with him.

He did not ask before doing this to either of them and clearly did not have a good enough relationship with either to do that without asking. Personally, if someone I worked with or even had a friendly relationship with did either of those things to me, I would be deeply uncomfortable. It’s just not something I want, and that should be respected.

This isn’t the first time people are talking about Biden touching people in way they may not love – there have been people mentioning and making jokes about how close Biden gets to people, mostly women, since he was in office. People brushed it off as an “old man thing,” but now there is a real conversation about it. As there should be.

The most frustrating part is Biden’s creation and involvement with It’s On Us, a national campaign to end sexual assault on college campuses. I don’t think what Biden does should be considered sexual assault, but It’s On Us is aiming to change campus culture, and Biden is too old-fashioned in his views about consent, respect and gender.

In his apology, he stated that he never considered any touching he did to be inappropriate. And no one is really disagreeing with that; he probably didn’t consider what he did to be uncomfortable at all.

But, he refuses to acknowledge that it’s not about what he thought of the situation, it’s about what the person he touched thought. Part of existing with other people is acknowledging they might be feeling something different than you.

This mindset he has is a fundamental disrespect of others around you. This disrespect doesn’t do a lot to fight sexual assault.

Being touched in a way that you don’t really want to is an experience a lot of women have. Just going to the bars, it’s extremely common to find someone passing by much closer than needed, or put their hand on a waist or small of the back instead of a more neutral and less intimate shoulder or physically moving you out of their way. None of this is illegal, but it’s uncomfortable and disrespectful.

It’s time we had a more deliberate conversation about unwanted touching, even if it’s completely non-sexual. Sometimes people just don’t want to be touched, for a whole host of reasons. And not taking that into account and choosing to touch someone, especially a stranger, anyway is disrespectful.

Biden hasn’t announced his campaign for the presidency yet but it’s coming. Should a very old-fashioned man be the one in charge? I don’t know if this conversation automatically disqualifies him in my eyes, but it sure does make me hope I never meet him.
How students can be more financially literate

Since 2003, the month of April has been officially recognized by the U.S. Senate as Financial Literacy Month. This month encourages Americans to maintain healthy and beneficial spending and saving habits.

According to a 2017 survey by EVERFI based on about 100,000 incoming college students, many struggled to answer basic financial literacy questions. On average, these incoming students only answered two of six questions correctly. From the same survey, approximately 60% of those going to college expect to take out loans, but only 15% said they had a means of paying them off. This shows the gap in knowledge students have in comparison to the commitments they jump into.

Rockne Starks teaches a personal finance class every semester at the university. Starks had advice for students who are seeking to broaden their knowledge on finance.

His first piece of advice is for students to set goals for themselves. Many students do not set financial goals for their future, not knowing what kind of course to follow. Goals could include what kind of house students would want, what their ideal age to retire is, what kind of car they would like to have and how they plan to off their student loans. Of course, a goal that applies to many students is dealing with their loans.

“A lot of students are just coming up trying to deal with their student loan debt, … And, unfortunately, a lot of students leave with this giant albatross on their back of debt,” Starks said.

Starks recommends that students know how to work within the confines of what you know about yourself to have a plan and get yourself in a financially comfortable position.” His personal finance class teaches students how to do this.

Starks’ second piece of advice is implementing the goals students have set for themselves. Students should keep their own goals in mind as often as they can. Forecasting financial needs is essential in keeping plans intact, he said.

Starks said the best plan students can have is one they will use. Students should also keep in mind their plan will change as time passes. It is not easy to see what the future will bring, so adjusting a plan is key to staying on top of finances.

Starks also said students should monitor themselves more if they want to save money. Students should be aware of when they are spending $7 on coffee everyday. Expenses like these add up. Once students realize what exactly they are spending their money on, they can adjust accordingly.

Regardless of it being Financial Literacy Month, BGSU works with PNC Bank to offer students financial literacy resources. BGSU offers modules, seminars and workshops on topics such as money management, identity theft and expense tracking. The services are provided at no charge to students, nor do students have to be customers with PNC to take advantage of them. The resources can be found on BGSU’s website.
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Sunday school is held the first Sunday of the month, from 9:45-11 a.m., with a potluck following for everyone at church or Sunday school that day.

Come Chant With Us
First Amendment expert explains guaranteed rights

Stepha Poulin
Editor-in-Chief

Saunie Schuster, a doctor of jurisprudence, put her law degree to use by explaining First Amendment rights to students and faculty members in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union on Monday. She spoke with about 20 people about their First Amendment rights on a college campus in her second presentation of the day.

At the beginning of the session, Schuster encouraged attendees to test her knowledge.

“I hope you challenge me. I hope you ask me hard questions,” Schuster said.

The session focused on free speech at a public university such as BGSU. Schuster’s goal was to “lay the foundation about the first amendment,” she said.

As a public university, BGSU must honor the First Amendment just like any other governmental body. The University’s policy can’t interfere with the rights afforded to U.S. citizens in the First Amendment, including:

• Freedom of speech/expression.
• Freedom of religion.
• Freedom of the press.
• The right to assemble.
• The right to petition.

“There’s so much challenge, particularly on public university campuses, about free expression and the fact that we know free expression isn’t really free,” Schuster said. “It often times bears unreasonably on one group of individuals over another.”

According to a 2018 survey released by the First Amendment Center of the Freedom Forum Institute, 77% of Americans support the First Amendment and the freedoms it guarantees.

Similarly, Schuster believes the First Amendment is vital to protecting Americans from unwarranted governmental control of speech.

“I believe in free exchange; I believe that if the government is given the power to control our opinions or our voices, that’s a bad thing,” Schuster said.

Schuster provided examples of speech on a college campus, such as students screaming profanity at a sporting event.

She asked if profanity is protected speech, and in the spirit of freedom of expression, alumnus Terry O’Brien replied, “F--- yeah.”

“Protected speech” is speech that’s protected from government restrictions and regulations; however, not all speech is protected speech.

Schuster asked if some at a sporting event could say, “Kill the other team.”

“Of course,” Schuster said. “Does it mean you’re really gonna kill them? No.”

If someone yelled out, “I’m going to kill Lebron James,” that would still be protected speech, as the statement isn’t a direct threat, she said.

Since the statement was yelled at a sporting event, the entire crowd heard it. It wasn’t necessarily directed at a specific player.

“She’s elements are so contextually bound,” Schuster said. When considering the First Amendment, you need to be “aware of the exceptions and how they’re applied. … You know what constitutes free expression, and you know that the location makes a difference.”

If a location is open to the public, limitations on speech are rare. While some may consider certain statements harmful, those statements may not be considered harmful in a legal sense.

However, non-public spaces can have a lot of restrictions placed on expression. For example, a residence hall is a non-public space. BGSU could place restrictions on who can do what in a residence hall despite being a public university.

Schuster stressed the importance of knowing how free speech affects our expression. Yet many people fail to understand the basics of the First Amendment.

One out of 1,009 respondents surveyed could correctly name all five freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment, according to the First Amendment Center of the Freedom Forum Institute. Forty percent of respondents couldn’t name a single freedom guaranteed by it.

Schuster’s mission is to further citizens’ understanding of those freedoms.
Final Four games features familiar, unfamiliar faces

Parker Kern
Sports Reporter

“Who’s ready for the big dance?”
That’s what CBS announcer Jim Nantz asked Charles Barkley, Samuel L. Jackson and Spike Lee in a Capital One commercial that has been running during NCAA tournament telecasts. Obviously, Auburn, Michigan State, Texas Tech and Virginia had their dancing shoes on this year, as these are the four teams still standing after the first two weekends of the tournament. Michigan State and Virginia are somewhat familiar faces in the Final Four, but Auburn and Texas Tech will be playing in their first Final Four ever. This weekend’s games promise to be exciting and will hopefully lead to a competitive and compelling National Championship Game Monday night.

Auburn and Virginia will face off in the first of two national semifinal games Saturday night in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Auburn is arguably the hottest team in college basketball – they won the SEC tournament and have eliminated Kansas, North Carolina and Kentucky on their way to the Final Four. The path for Auburn has not been easy, as they lost star forward Chuma Okeke to an ACL tear in the team’s Sweet 16 game against North Carolina. However, the team banded together and defeated UNC, a No. 1 seed, then added another victory against Kentucky in a thrilling Elite 8 matchup that went into overtime.

Virginia has also looked strong throughout the tournament, and even though they didn’t win the ACC tournament, they have won in the big dance with stifling defense and stellar perimeter shooting. Cavs star guard Kyle Guy has been tremendous during this run. Virginia defeated Purdue in the Elite 8, which, in my opinion, was the game of the tournament thus far. UVA forward Mamadi Diakite hit a 2-pointer to tie Purdue and end regulation of that game, which the Cavaliers eventually won in overtime. Both teams fought to the final buzzer, and I believe Saturday’s semifinal between Auburn and Virginia will be no different. This game tips off at 6:09 p.m. ET Saturday on CBS.

Michigan State and Texas Tech are set to square off in the second national semifinal game, which will tip-off at 8:49 p.m. ET Saturday on CBS. Texas Tech has also had an impressive run to the Final Four, dispatching Buffalo, Michigan and No. 1 seed Gonzaga on their path to U.S. Bank Stadium. They decimated Buffalo and Michigan by at least 20 points each and defeated Gonzaga by a score of 75-69 in the Elite 8. The Red Raiders have proven all doubters wrong this tournament, despite not winning the Big 12 Tournament. TTU head coach Chris Beard will have his team ready to roll and will look to continue to make history Saturday night.

The Spartans of Michigan State knocked off the No. 1 overall seed in this year’s tournament, the Duke Blue Devils, in the Elite 8. The star-studded Blue Devils, featuring freshman sensations RJ Barrett, Cam Reddish and Zion Williamson, were stifled by the Spartans by 1 point in their national quarterfinal match last Sunday. Michigan State has won this tournament with toughness and grit, and I believe they have been playing with a chip on their shoulder ever since they were not selected as a No. 1 seed in the tournament. Led by junior guard Cassius Winston, Michigan State will look to continue this run and try to get head coach Tom Izzo his second National Championship victory at Michigan State.

I believe Auburn and Michigan State will be victorious in their respective Final Four games, setting up an Auburn-Michigan State National Championship Game. Even though I think Auburn is the hottest team in the country, Michigan State proved they can beat the best of the best when they toppled Duke last weekend, so I will take Michigan State as my National Champion in 2019. Whether you have skin in the game or not, I hope you enjoy watching this weekend.

Keeping players on the court, off the bench

Max Lewton
Sports Reporter

The NBA regular season can be long and tiresome for most of the players in the league. The regular season can take up to eight months with each team playing 82 games, not including the playoffs which can last another three months. NBA teams have been resting star players for many years, usually just missing a few games towards the end of the regular season or if they clinched a playoff spot. Teams do not want to risk their star players getting injured during a meaningless game because they are focused on either the upcoming offseason or playoffs.

This has not really been a big problem in the league until recently when teams started to rest their players earlier in the season. Also, some teams have rested multiple players on some nights leaving the starting lineup full of reserve players. For example, during the San Antonio Spurs dynasty, Gregg Popovich once rested starters Tony Parker, Tim Duncan, Danny Green and Manu Ginobili all in a single game. Many of these players were dealing with a minor or nagging injury that Popovich did not want to risk, so he rested all of them. Popovich is not the only coach to do this. Erik Spoelstra of the Miami Heat and Steve Kerr of the Golden State Warriors have also been guilty of resting multiple stars in the same game as well.

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This is not a problem from a player or coaching standpoint, but from a league view. Many times players have been rested during prime-time games that get the most viewers. If a fan tunes into a game where three or more starters are not playing, then they will just change the channel. Also, fans who pay a lot of money to go to these games are disappointed that they do not get to see their favorite players play in person. This can result in the league losing viewers and money, especially towards the end of the season, due to players not wanting to play on a sore ankle. The NBA has tried to limit this by implementing some new rules geared towards resting players.

Commissioner Adam Silver has implemented a new rule among others, in which he can fine teams up to $100,000 for resting players during high profile or nationally televised games. These rules will help limit the number of games players can rest and increase attendance and viewers. I agree with the new rules that have been implemented. As a fan, I would hate to have already paid for a ticket and drive to the game only to see that my favorite player is resting that night. A player missing a few games here or there is fine, but when it comes down to it, an NBA player who is constantly sitting out games is unprofessional. It would be like an average Joe calling off work because they have a stuffy nose, so resting more than a couple of times per season is basically calling off work because they do not feel like playing that day.

NBA players have an obligation to play not only to their coaches and teammates but to the fans. A fan may only get one chance in their lifetime to see their favorite player play on the road and if they decided to sit out that day it could result in the loss of a fan. It costs a lot of money to go to an NBA game and if players are going to be sitting out left and right then that could deter people from buying tickets. My thought is that players should be allowed to sit out three regular season games for rest. This would give a player the option to

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save these rest games for times in which they are dealing with a minor injury or to simply take a day off and focus on the next game. At the end of the day, if a player is injured, they should be allowed to sit out, but when players start sitting simply because they need “rest” that is where the league must draw the line.
The Champions League is returning next week, and that is good news for any soccer fans waiting for the best teams in the world to face off against one another. We are in a round of eight right now after a wild round of 16. The four matchups are Barcelona against Manchester United, Liverpool against FC Porto, Tottenham against Manchester City and Ajax Amsterdam against Juventus. These matchups are all interesting, and I will look into each one and preview them.

Barcelona against Manchester United are one of the more interesting draws in this round. Barcelona has a real possibility of getting the treble, which is winning three trophies in the same season. They have one of the best teams in the world, with one of the best offensive fronts. Lionel Messi is still playing like the best player in the world. He has scored over 40 goals for the 10th straight season and over 20 assists as well. Unlike previous Champions League campaigns, the team doesn’t need to completely rely on him. They also have one of the best goalkeepers in the world with Marc-André ter Stegen.

Manchester City seems like the front-runner for the Premier League title, with a game-in-hand on Liverpool. They also have one of the best strikers in the Premier League in Sergio Aguero, as well as many other attackers who can score, such as Gabriel Jesus, Raheem Sterling and Leroy Sane. However, they do not have one of the best players on their team right now, as Kevin De Bruyne has been out with an injury since March. He has been recently featured so he might not be too far away from the lineup, however. De Bruyne makes the City team much better, but even without him, they are still spectacular. The team’s back line is also great, with Kyle Walker, John Stones, Nicolas Otamendi and Vincent Kompany all appearing. Their goalkeeper, Ederson, also plays very well, and also is a great passer from the back, helping the attack a lot as a goalkeeper. Manchester City is one of the most complete teams in the world.

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However, Manchester United are not the team they were at the beginning of the Premier League season. Jose Mourinho is gone and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is now the permanent manager for United. They look much better, especially talking about Paul Pogba. Solskjaer’s appointment has allowed Pogba to finally become the player he could have been at Manchester United. They also still have one of the best goalkeepers in the world, David de Gea. When he is in the net, Manchester United will always have a chance. Manchester United has become a team to fear in the tournament, and because of that, this draw will not be as easy for Barcelona as it could have been.

I think this draw will be interesting and fun, but Barcelona’s overwhelming attacking power, with Messi’s skill, will help them pull away. I think the aggregate will end up being 4-1 in favor of Barcelona.

The next draw is Liverpool going up against FC Porto. Liverpool is in the lead in the Premier League and also making their Champions League return after losing in the finals last year. They have a complete team, with a great offensive attack, and one of the best, if not the best, defenders in the world, Virgil van Dijk. Van Dijk has changed the team from one that was a score or lose team to one that can defend as well. Last season, if Liverpool didn’t score, they were screwed. They are different this year. Van Dijk is one of those reasons, but also acquiring Allison Becker, a former goalkeeper at Roma, has allowed them to rely on the back line much more than they used to. However, one cannot mention Liverpool without talking about one of the best front threers in the world, Sadio Mane, Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah. Mane is the player in form this year though, so look for him to make a name for himself again in this draw.

However, Porto will not simply give them the win. They have a strong team and a great backbone. That is their biggest strength, but not their only one. They have a very experienced goalkeeper in Iker Casillas. He has won multiple Champions League trophies and a World Cup with Spain. They have good attacking power as well. Tiquinho Soares is the team’s leading scorer in league play with 19 goals.

Porto has a chance to win, but don’t seem to have as much offensive firepower as Liverpool. Because of this, I’m picking Liverpool to win this draw 3-2.

The next draw is Premier League against Premier League, Tottenham against Manchester City. Tottenham has one of the best strikers in the Premier League in Harry Kane, who also got the Golden Boot in the last World Cup. They also have a few great attackers in Dele Alli, Son Heung-min and Christian Eriksen. They have the ability to score easily and often, always giving them a chance. Their defense, however, isn’t as good. Their back line is only satisfactory and isn’t a strength. Sometimes they have trouble defending, and this has led them to lose games they shouldn’t have, case in point, the Liverpool match over the weekend. Hugo Lloris is a good goalkeeper and won the World Cup as the starting goalie for France last summer, but he wasn’t the strength of that team. Tottenham has the chance to win any match, but also the chance to lose any match, and that isn’t good for them going up against Premier League title contender Manchester City.

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The Champions League return after losing in the previous Champions League campaign, the team doesn’t need to completely rely on him. They also have one of the best goalkeepers in the world with Marc-André ter Stegen.

Porto has a chance to win, but don’t seem to have as much offensive firepower as Liverpool. Because of this, I’m picking Liverpool to win this draw 3-2.

The last Champions League draw is Ajax Amsterdam against Juventus. Ajax is what I would call a “team.” They know how to work together and win. We saw that when they decimated Real Madrid. There is talent across the whole roster and will get picked apart after this season. Now, though, they have the chance to win something big. The midfield is what I would say is their biggest strength, as they’re able to pass the ball around the whole pitch and get it to anyone at any time. Frenkie de Jong, who will join Barcelona after the season, is a big part of that. De Jong is only 21 and already looks like one of the best midfielders in the world. Dusan Tadic, who just transferred from Southampton in the offseason, scored 30 goals for Ajax this season, which is tremendous. The defense of Ajax is also outstanding. Matthijs de Ligt, who is rumored to be on the move to Barcelona after this season, is the heart of that defense. De Ligt is only 19, which is ridiculous because of how good he already is. Daley Blind is the other main center-back for Ajax and is also great at what he does. Ajax embodies teamwork.
Students, faculty discuss potential Latinx center

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“It just seems like a no-brainer. We need to put our money where our mouths are,” Gabe Lomeli, assistant director of Diversity in the Office of Admissions said, when speaking about the proposed “El Centro” during March 27’s Latino/a/x Issues Conference.

The round table conversation of the Latino/a/x Issues Conference was held in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union with about 30 people attending the session, including faculty, community members and students.

“We had the room set up in a half-circle format with the speakers in the spotlight with the intention that the auditorium-style would create a more conversational atmosphere,” treasurer of the Latino Student Union and sophomore communications student, Xavi Boes, said.

“El Centro” is the proposed new center on BGSU’s campus for Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx studies. The purpose of the space would be to create a place for culture to be embraced, celebrated and encouraged in Bowling Green for students, faculty and community members alike.

Lomeli said that belonging to the community is a big part of BGSU’s admission tactic, but once the Latinx students are on campus, there is nowhere for them to go to feel that way.

Susana Peña, director of the School of Cultural and Critical Studies and Amílcar Challú, chair for the Department of History led the panel in discussion about the roadmap for the center.

“There are five steps of the roadmap to El Centro: curriculum, physical space, interdisciplinary collaboration, community outreach and grants and funding,” Peña said.

She continued to explain how the first of these steps, curriculum and academic courses, are already offered in other areas of campus, but her hope would be to create a more collaborative atmosphere.

“Having a centrally located, flexible space to promote inclusion and collaboration with faculty, students and organizations is so important for the success and comfort of those in the community and those looking to collaborate with the community,” Peña said.

For El Centro, the interdisciplinary collaboration element would be highlighted though building connections across the arts and humanities, social sciences and natural sciences that are on campus, addressing and combining many different disciplines.

“In this space we would be able to build upon the strong existing relationships we have, really focusing on intentional community outreach,” Challú said.

The last point made discussed that of funding and grants, listing ways that students, faculty and community members could get involved and help out.

Though without a physical center, there are still proposed projects that could take place if the center finds its way to BGSU. The first of these is sustainability in the Americas.

“We would also like to work to document the local Latinx community and establish Trans-Caribbean connections,” Peña said.

The need for this center stems heavily from the demographics of college students. Latinx high school graduates are growing, which in turn creates the need for a place for these students to go once they enter college, so that they can stay.

“I feel the center would be import for students who have entered college and are learning to grow into their identities,” sophomore marine biology and ecology student Natalie Mudd said. “It would help students to feel supported and complete in their identities as Latinx, and anything that intersects with that.”

Students involved with the Latinx community on campus agree that a center like this would be extremely beneficial.

“LSU could use this space to hold our general body meetings, events and, honestly, just as a place to do homework and listen to our music,” LSU Public Relations Chair Dania Alvarado said.

After the panel was finished speaking, the audience was invited to ask questions regarding plans, hopes or concerns for El Centro. The main concern was logistical, speaking mostly of parking for visiting community members.

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Director of the School of Cultural and Critical Studies
Provost updates Faculty Senate on Gish Theater

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Provost Joe Whitehead provided more details on the Gish Theater task force, which has been appointed to assess the impact of the Gish Theater's name. The task force is scheduled to report to President Rodney Rogers in time for the Board of Trustees meeting in May.

“They are also looking at assessing the impact of the naming on the BGSU community on campus and also the larger community,” Whitehead said at the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday.

The task force is made up of 12 members, six being students. It is also in charge of assessing the impact that renaming or not renaming the theater will have on BGSU's goal to become a more diverse and inclusive community.

Whitehead also noted, “One key aspect of what they’re doing is to integrate the historical context of Lillian Gish as well as the film she was in. Putting into context the historical context of the time, and also putting into context the times we live in now.”

Rogers addressed the senate for the first time in about two months, as he had to miss the last two meetings.

Rogers gave some updates on BGSU’s comprehensive campaign, which will conclude in 2020. The campaign’s ultimate goal is to raise $200 million and will cover four main areas: scholarships, professorship, academic programs and facilities.

Regarding the scholarship area, Rogers said it “is the biggest component. I am pleased that on May 10, we will be celebrating an announcement of a significant gift, that will provide support for working families that send their daughters, their sons to Bowling Green State University.”

Rogers also expressed his cautious optimism for the new administration in Columbus. "From what we are hearing, it’s certainly an administration that is supportive of higher education and understands the role of public higher education in the future of our state,” Rogers said.

The senate then moved on to approve two policies presented by the Graduate College, both presented by Alex Goberman, associate dean of the Graduate College.

The first policy was in cooperation with the English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, which provides students with courses to improve their English. Goberman said the basics of the policy would give applicants who score above 80 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) no ESOL course requirements. However, applicants who score below an 80 would have to complete two ESOL courses in their first year.

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