Heartbeats can be detected before the mother even knows she is pregnant.

“Less than five percent of all natural pregnancies end in spontaneous miscarriage after detection of fetal cardiac activity.”

“The method of determining the presence of a fetal heartbeat shall be consistent with the person’s good faith understanding of standard medical practice.”

“A person who intends to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman shall determine whether there is a detectable fetal heartbeat of the unborn human individual the pregnant woman is carrying.”

“Whoever violates this division is guilty of performing or inducing an abortion before determining whether there is a detectable fetal heartbeat, a felony of the fifth degree.”

“The person intending to perform or induce the abortion shall inform the pregnant woman in writing that the unborn human individual the pregnant woman is carrying has a fetal heartbeat.”

“Regardless of whether or not I morally believe it’s right to get an abortion, it’s not right to legislate a women’s choice.”

Students express concern over recently passed ‘Heartbeat Bill’

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Summer jobs benefits students

David Escobedo
Reporter

The academic year is almost over, which will give way to summer and a host of opportunities for students to get a job. Apart from making money while away from school, there are a number of other benefits to summer employment.

Matthew Ausderan, student employment coordinator for Student Employment Services, says that having a job, even one that doesn’t relate to a major, can teach students a number of things about being an employee and making any job a valuable experience. He highlights a few key things students can learn from being employed that a classroom cannot teach.

“Personal and professional responsibility. It seems elementary or basic but, showing up on time, getting some type of goal or direction from a supervisor and then executing that. … It’s surprising sometimes (the) people who don’t have that kind of experience. And that can, with more education and more training, develop into a highly competent, professional (student) post graduation.”

Summertime is an ideal timeframe for students to grasp these concepts and learn how to better themselves for other employment opportunities. Even if a student were to work in a retail store, that can be translated onto a resume. Ausderan recommends summarizing experience and results beyond just the tasks a student had at a job, but rather, relating that experience into what a company is looking for in an employee.

Summer employment is also relatively subjective. Like any job, how someone views it is determinant on what they put into it and what they want to get out of it.

“I think every job, and this is true after college as well, is some mixture of a few things: money, personal happiness, professional growth. Those type of things. And (at) some jobs you might find a lot of money but none of the other stuff. The levels are just a little bit different. I think any experience is good. If you earn some money or you’re learning how to produce some results in a support of a goal of an organization, that’s good,” Ausderan said.

Courtney Parson, a senior political science major, holds a recurring summer and winter break job at a retail store in a shopping mall. She applied for the job from an online employment service and got it shortly after. She mentions how the job has benefited her beyond the monetary funds she receives from it.

“I think it looks good because it shows employers, when I’m applying for real jobs or internships, (that): “Oh wow, you’ve been with this company for two years. That shows that you’re really dedicated and you do your job well. It shows future employers that you can hold a job for a long time,” Parson said. “I think it’s really good to start smaller and build up to a bigger job and find something you’re interested in. It’ll make it more enjoyable.”

The biggest resource that students may use at BGSU is Handshake, an online-based job search. Student Employment Services is advising several employers, both on and off campus, to register their openings on the website so students may view more job opportunities. Students looking to find a summer job should start at the beginning of spring semester and periodically check from then onward.

If students are seeking future employment for the summer, BGSU also hosts an annual Summer Job Fair event. It is typically hosted in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. This past Summer Job Fair already took place on March 6, but those seeking employment may still go to Student Employment Services on the second floor of the BTSU, or the Career Center, for assistance.
Columnist discusses controversy behind Gish Theater town hall

Rosiland Fletcher

“It’s not like we learn Eurocentric-based history 365 days of the year, seven days in the week, 24 hours a day.”

I wrote this quote in a satirical piece three years ago, a month following the inauguration of President Trump, and it’s best to say I was angry.

The piece I wrote, called “Black Privilege,” mocks white privilege and those with the “pure” skin color who deny their privilege and call it aploy to blame, oppress and eradicate the white race. I thought I share what was on my 16-year-old conscious regarding white privilege in a satirical approach.

“Racism and discrimination were a thing of the past, and the past is in the past. Let it go. It’s time to unify, educate and eradicate the problem at stake: black privilege.”

There’s no shame in writing satire, but there came a great deal of growth and maturity in the last three years, away from the painful prejudices in my mind. However, playing devil’s advocate, people of color have a right to feel prejudice from all that they’ve experienced, in the past, present and hopefully not the future.

How would you feel if the president of the United States was degrading and dehumanizing to you? Have you feared leaving your home in the morning because you’re afraid you may not return that evening? How would you feel if you weren’t looked at as a human?

There’s many questions I can persistently ask, but there’s only one thing I can say: this is privilege if you say you’ve never experienced the three questions above. More likely than not, if you’re white, you’ve never experienced the three questions above — and not to dismiss individual experience, but that’s your privilege as a white American.

“It’s ironic because in the American education system, Eurocentric history isn’t widely recognized, but black history is at the top of curriculum. We’ve learned it was Cristóbal Colón who discovered the Americas, and it was Africans who brought the guns, the germs and steel.”

In recent issues, the Gish Theater controversy and the question of if it should be renamed have sparked the headache I had three years ago. The Gish Theater town hall, given by the Black Student Union, was unexpected, but of the questions, responses and the stories I heard, I’ve known it all too well.

The pain and anguish from the people of color who spoke, support from the allies who stood up and a lack of respect from some of those silencing the voices of the opposition to the Gish name were all present.

It was hard for me not to say anything at the meeting — I was trying to promote journalistic ethics and be objective, but I spoke up. I told them about my fears and experiences, the past and the present struggles I face. I also told them to check the color of their skin and to check their privilege. I said some things I don’t remember; I poured all the emotions straight out of my heart.

“I’m human. I have valid feelings and I bleed the same as each person on the face of the Earth. But when people dismiss the humanity of people of color, it’s repeating the history we’re still attempting to overcome.”

There were words, actions and reactions that reminded me of the recent column I wrote about subtle racism.

There were students and people of color who explained their personal experiences and their individual afflictions with the Gish Theater name. But pro-Gish individuals, primarily white individuals, dismissed the experiences and the afflictions of the people speaking against the name.

“DO NOT DISMISS OR CHANGE WHO I AM OR THE EXPERIENCES I HAVE HAD FOR YOUR SATISFACTION.”

I said the prior quote in my recent column, and I cannot repeat this enough. Voices are being silenced, but it’s 2019, and people will not be silenced anymore.

Hearing people in the room stand up to confront the issue restores my hope in people and for the cause. It shows people are fighting and will continue to fight for the greater good of the world we live in. Also, we were able to get through to those individuals who opposed the name change, to change some of their minds and give them a new perspective at the meeting, but there’s still change needed if we are to live in a peaceful world.

Conclusively, the Gish Theater goes deeper than its name; the emotions and controversy expressed at the town hall parallels to the racial tensions occurring in the country, and the Gish is just one example.

For my brothers and sisters of color, keep fighting and know your voices are valid and have potency to change the world. How do you want to change the world?

For my white brothers and sisters, recognize the privilege that comes with white skin, but also know your voices are valid and have the power to change the world. How will you use your voice?

We’re all human, and I hope in the end, we may all come to a non-satirical conclusion where there’s not a need to fight for our humanity.
Columnist gives advice on past relationships resurfacing

Mary Ross
Columnist

Recently, people from the dark parts of my past have started making surprise appearances in my life, with every intention of trying to smooth things over and pick up where we left off. I know I’m not the only person that has experienced being tempted to let people who hurt us back into our lives. In fact, I bet everyone has experienced this or something similar to this at some point in their lives. Here are some reminders and pieces of advice for those in these types of situations, if you are debating the pros and cons of fixing a relationship with someone from your past.

1. That person was removed or left your life for a reason.
   Many times, when we have a falling out with a friend, significant other or family member and there’s no way to mend that relationship, there is a really good reason. Some of the friends I have lost in my past turned out to be people who were using me to make themselves feel better about themselves, were using me to gossip about with other people and were more concerned with tearing me down than building me up. If someone is doing this to you, I highly recommend you consider why you value that relationship and what it is doing to add to your happiness or self-worth.

2. It is easier to be successful when those around you bolster your confidence and treat you well.
   Friends who bolster your confidence give the best and most positive vibes, which can motivate you to want to do more! Why wouldn’t you want friends like that?

3. People who truly care about you hurt themselves when they hurt you.
   Those who love, care and support their friends will never want to intentionally hurt their friends. If they do intentionally hurt you, they are most likely using you (and probably their other friends) as stepping stones to get to the top. To do this would be incredibly hard for a true friend.

4. Life is not a competition, and your friends shouldn’t make it one.
   A girl I was friends with throughout middle and high school happened to be involved in many of the same activities as me. Because of this, we were constantly competing against each other, resulting in both of us lying to each other to seem like we were beating the other. Our eventual falling out happened because of over-exaggerated lies other spread around to others, tainting both of our reputations. Rather than constantly competing with one another, we should have been building each other up and supporting one another.

5. You deserve more than a person who comes into your life only when they need something from you.
   There’s nothing much more to it than that. People who only appear when they need you are not the kind of people you need in life. They will do nothing but hold you back from getting to your full potential.
Students upset about Heartbeat Abortion Law

Mary Ross
Reporter

Emotional shockwaves are running through students at BGSU, both male and female, after Ohio governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill No. 69, otherwise known as the “Heartbeat Abortion Bill,” into law on April 11.

The bill serves to “generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support.”

The first part of this statement means if a heartbeat is detected in the fetus of a woman wishing an abortion, she is unable to undergo the procedure. The second part briefly describes implementing a new legislative committee which “may review or study any matter that it considers relevant to the adoption process in this state, with priority given to the study or review of mechanisms intended to increase awareness of the process, increase its effectiveness, or both.”

Freshman aviation studies major Jill Petrie took an emotional stance on the passing of this law.

“Not that I’m going to get pregnant any time soon, but it makes me more worried about if it did happen to me; what would I be able to do?” Petrie questioned.

Any person asking similar questions, perhaps from experience, has access to Her Choice, a women’s health clinic across the street from the Student Union.

However, the representative of Her Choice declined to comment on the new law, stating it is their policy not to make comments on political issues.

Nonetheless, students at BGSU looked at the new law from several different lenses to discuss why they opposed it.

Sophomore computer science major Tyler Royer looked at it from a scientific viewpoint.

“Heartbeats can be detected before the mother even knows she is pregnant. I think that using the heartbeat to prove consciousness or development or just life in general is an outdated concept given that what truly makes us who we are is our brains..”

— Tyler Royer —
Sophomore computer science major

“The economy is also something Petrie believes DeWine and Congress didn’t pay much attention to when drafting this bill.

“I appreciate the addition of the adoption committee, even though the law still sucks. Even though the adoption piece is in there, it doesn’t think about the effects on the economy. It is going to create more economic issues in the state of Ohio because people have to get (a) lower paying job if they can’t be properly educated. They would have to have part time jobs to be able to take care of their child, so more people would be on welfare, which would hurt our economy,” Petrie said.

Royer believes the effects of this bill will be felt at BGSU and other colleges in Ohio.

“(The law) takes away the rights of women promised by the Fourteenth Amendment. Specifically, at BGSU and other college campuses throughout Ohio, many women can hardly afford higher education as it is, and forcing a dependent upon them will only ensure the mother doesn’t get any higher education or would ensure the child would end up in the system. Neither of these I would like to see happen,” Royer said.

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Students suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder

Lari'onna Green
Reporter

For some people, the shift in weather from warmer, sunnier months into the colder, darker months can be felt deep within.

A mixture of lingering melancholy and exhaustion are the ingredients that make up each day. Typically, the darker and colder it is, the worse the feeling becomes. This blues is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

SAD is a disorder that affects its victims in mostly the same fashion. It is also very common. Approximately 10 to 20% of people have a mild case of SAD. SAD is not often seen in people who are under the age of 20.

"Everyone experiences SAD in some way, shape or form," said Dr. Alice Hyun Isaacson of internal medicine, South Bend, Indiana. "Some people just experience it more deeply and more consistently than others."

SAD is a disorder that strikes in the fall and winter months, but some people do have spring and summer SAD. The disorder is the same, but the symptoms are usually reversed when the weather is different. Symptoms for fall and winter SAD include oversleeping, appetite changes, weight gain and tiredness. The symptoms for spring and summer SAD are insomnia, poor appetite, weight loss and agitation.

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Reporter

The risk factors and causes of SAD can be deeper than the change in the weather. Why does the change in weather have such a big effect on people? Causes of SAD can be a person’s circadian rhythm, serotonin levels and melatonin levels. Risk factors include a family history of SAD, being diagnosed with major depression or bipolar disorder and living far from the equator.

“Wood County tends to have more days of cloud cover and longer and colder winters than many areas of the country,” said Coe. “Because of this, Wood County may produce more individuals with SAD.”

Changes in weather are just the surface of what can have a deeper effect. If anyone is in need of help, dial 2-1-1 for assistance and further information.
Hatchling proves business model to investors

Brianna Blackburn
Reporter

Graphic T-shirts are on the rise, which is why Business of Fashion calls the T-shirt industry, “Cheap to make, easy to wear and hard to ignore.” BGSU’s student entrepreneur, Savannah Hinde, discovered this first-hand.

After months of preparation, on April 11 in the Stroh Center, Hinde and six other student entrepreneurs presented their business ideas to “Falcon Investors” in The Hatch, an event streamed worldwide.

In her pitch to investors, Hinde provided evidence on how her business model selling Christian graphic T-shirts worked in the summer of 2018 through “The Holy Dormitory.”

“She has proof of concept, which is something no one in The Hatch has ever done,” HatchTonight host Parker Kern said. “She’s been out there. She’s done it. That shows she knows what she is talking about. Many Hatchlings don’t even have a tangible prototype when they pitch their idea.”

For Hinde, the proof really is in the numbers. When she started The Holy Dormitory she quickly started receiving orders. By the end of the summer, she made $2,000.

“My business model worked because I was focused in on an extremely tight market. I wanted Christian college women to buy my shirts, so I hired Christian college women. I wrote about Christian college things. I think that’s what sparked The Holy Dormitory. Marketing to this specific group of people made them feel like ‘this business really gets me,’” Hinde said.

The fact that Hinde understood her target market at a deep level points to her success.

“Only 10% of lead pastors are female,” Hinde said.

This is what Hinde called “the stained-glass ceiling,” in her pitch to investors.

According to Hinde’s research, there are approximately 13,300,300 Christian women in the United States between the ages of 18 and 29; 4,256,000 of those women attend church weekly. Even if Hinde could just reach 5% of that target market she would reach approximately 212,800 women.

Hinde said she wants to tap into the market with the help of social media influencers, bloggers and social media advertisements.

Hinde's mentor throughout The Hatch program, Bob Venzel, co-owner of Venzel Communications, an advertising and public relations agency, based in Perrysburg, Ohio, said the T-shirt industry is competitive, but what Hinde has going for her is her target market.

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Community leaders call for anti-hate action before packed Council hall

Adam Greetsinger
City Editor

Concerned citizens and organizations publicly reacted to a recent racist assault and presented possible responses at Monday’s well-attended City Council meeting.

Members from La Conexión, Not In Our Town and other community groups used lobby time at the meeting to present their lists of requests for the city to limit racism and other forms of hate.

These recommendations were made in the wake of a March 31 incident where two Wood County residents committed an alleged racist attack on a pair of Waffle House customers.

Beatriz Maya, director of the La Conexión social and cultural support group for Latino residents, said the attack “deeply affected and rightly outraged the BG community.” She thanked the city’s condemnation of the event and the police division’s investigative work but said that, after two public meetings, her group wanted the city to take specific actions to stop similar events from happening again.

Maya highlighted three major points her organization wanted the city to accomplish:
- Acknowledge and condemn the presence of “systemic racism” in the community.
- Adopt ordinances ensuring businesses and organizations approach hate incidents with “zero tolerance” policies.
- Support and revise more task force work in the city to better respond to hate incidents.

She also said, “We need to attract and retain a (younger and more) diverse population,” in regard to making the city more inclusive.

Maya also said the city’s previous attempts to encourage inclusion, including a 2017 move to establish Bowling Green as a welcoming city for immigrants, should receive continued support and growth.

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**Woods wins fifth Masters in dramatic fashion**

**Parker Kern**  
Sports Reporter

Eldrick Tont Woods, more commonly known as Tiger Woods, pulled off one of the most masterful comebacks in sports history this past Sunday, winning the fifth Masters title in his illustrious PGA career.

After being one of the most feared and dominant golfers in the history of the sport during the late 1990s and early 2000s, he suffered major personal and professional setbacks in 2009 and into the early 2010s. He had a marital infidelity scandal as well as several surgeries, including major back surgeries. Tiger had zero PGA wins from 2014 through 2017 – one of the greatest ever was not the same player he once was, or so we thought.

Then in 2018, Tiger won the Tour Championship. If you’ve never seen one of the most iconic golf photos of all time, just Google “Tiger walking up 18 2018 Tour Championship.” The result will likely amaze you. Tiger was being followed by a crowd of hundreds, maybe a thousand, people on his way to the 18th green at the tournament. He had been working feverishly to get back to victory, and on that day, we saw a glimpse of the greatness that once was Tiger Woods.

Fast forward to the second weekend of April 2019 at The Masters at Augusta, arguably, golf’s most prestigious and lauded course and tournament. CBS announcer Jim Nantz quips during The Masters broadcast whenever he can, calling the Masters “a tradition like no other.” It is, indeed, a tradition like no other. A stage like no other. A stage for one of golf’s greatest ever to make history – and on Sunday, Tiger Woods did just that.

Tiger was 11 under par heading into the final round. He was near the top of the leaderboard, but Francesco Molinari had the lead and Brooks Koepka was playing very well, among others. It would be an uphill battle for Tiger, but he would make the climb. He shot 2 under par during the final round, which was good enough to win the tournament by one stroke over Koepka, Dustin Johnson and Xander Schauffele.

Tiger was back. Twitter erupted; the announcers couldn’t believe what they saw, but Tiger was calm and confident. He knew he could get to this point with hard work and that iconic swing that PGA fans have marveled at for over two decades.

US sports fans love feel good victory stories. A few have happened in the past year – Virginia winning the NCAA Basketball Tournament after getting knocked out in the round of 64 last year. Clemson defeating the dominant dynasty, Alabama, in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game in January. And now, Tiger winning his fifth Green Jacket. The all-time winningest golfer in PGA history is at the top again. Something tells me he’s not done quite yet.

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**Men’s golf finished 12th at tournament**

**Jamison Terbrack**  
Sports Reporter

The BGSU Men’s Golf team placed 12th at the Shoal Creek Invitational in Shoal Creek, Alabama on April 15 and 16, hosted by Auburn Tigers Men’s Golf.

The Falcons finished the tournament at 39 over par overall and played fairly consistently in all three rounds. They finished 12th out of 15 teams. There were five nationally ranked teams in the invitational, as well as several players ranked in Golfstat’s top 100 individual players in the country.

Ultimately, the field was blown away in this invitational by the 24th ranked Alabama Crimson Tide golf team who finished at 13 under par. No other team finished higher than 6 over, which was 12th ranked LSU Golf.

After the first day of the tournament, the Falcons sat in a tie for 7th place with Tennessee Volunteer Golf at 11 over (299).

In each of the final two rounds, the Falcons shot rounds of 302. The Falcons’ final score for the tournament was 903.

“We had a great start to the tournament and proved that we can hang with a lot of great teams,” said John Powers, Head Men’s Golf Coach.

One impressive stat from the Falcons was that they went 8 under par through the first round.

A pair of Falcons who struggled through round one turned it around to lead the squad the rest of the way.

Bowling Green sophomore Rodrigue Vie played extremely well in round two with a 1-under-par round of 71 before a 73 in round three to lead the Falcons in the tournament with a total of 221.

Senior Trey Walker finished the tournament with rounds of 74 and 75 after an initial 78 to finish with a 227 and second on the team.

The fifth golfer in the invitational, junior Nick Hofland, was very solid through the first two rounds with back-to-back 76s before a final round of 83 derailed his score to 235 for the tournament.

Iglesias struggled on day two with an 81 before a final round 76 righted the ship a little to give him a line of 229.

Firestone also struggled to an 81 in round two before a 78 in round three gave him a score of 233 over three rounds.

The final line reads: Rodrigue Vie +5, Trey Walker +11, Pablo Heredia Iglesias +13, Noah Firestone +17 and Nick Hofland +19.

The Falcons now set their sights on the MAC Championships in Aurora, Ohio from April 26-28. Last year the Falcons finished 8 out of 9 teams at the MAC Championships, finishing only ahead of Ohio while Kent State won. The Falcons will look to improve on last season’s placing.
Parity Showcased in Stanley Cup Playoffs

Maxwell Marko
Sports Reporter

The Stanley Cup Playoffs have commenced as the National Hockey League begins its postseason schedule, and with it comes an added intensity and mettle rarely seen in other professional sports.

Part of the reason this championship tournament is so popular is because of the parity. There is so much luck involved when vying for the 16 wins required to accomplish history, that it really is anyone's game.

Like many playoff season, however, there are favorites to win it all from around the hockey world. There needs to be perfection from all aspects of the game in order to be in consideration. Upsets are not uncommon in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, though.

This year there has already been arguably the greatest upset in quite some time. The eighth-seeded Columbus Blue Jackets swept the first seed Tampa Bay Lightning in four games. Tampa Bay came into the series holding a 62 win season, tied for the most ever in the NHL, and a roster bolstered with three 40 goal scorers. Leading scorer Nikita Kucherov collected 128 points in his 82 regular season games, yet still was unable to win a game against the Blue Jackets.

The Jackets, led by sharpshooter Oliver Bjorkstrand and brutally honest head coach John Tortorella, hounded Tampa since trailing 3-0 in the opening game of the series. They haven't looked back since and went on to win their first playoff series in franchise history. Mere hours after the first sweep of the 2019 playoffs, the second sweep of the postseason came to fruition. The New York Islanders defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins to move on to the second round. The series saw the Islanders' offense get completely shut down on to the second round. The series saw the Islanders defeat the Pittsburgh Penguins to move on to the second round. The series saw the Islanders' offense get completely shut down.

The parity predicament could possibly carry into other series in the first round. The Calgary Flames, the NHL's second place team, is on the ropes against another eighth-seeded team in the Colorado Avalanche. While the Avs have shown brilliance from the top unis, there was a concern coming into the playoffs about their depth. The Flames have done little to combat that and face struggles of their own in net, with Mike Smith finding himself digging the puck out of his own net constantly.

The San Jose Sharks, another contender in the West, are on the brink of elimination thanks to the newest additions to the Vegas Golden Knights: Max Pacioretty and Mark Stone. The Sharks are another team that has been dragged down by their goaltending - or lack thereof. Martin Jones and Aaron Dell hold sub-.900 save percentages and the Golden Knights have scored five or more goals in the last three games after losing game one 5-2.

As for the rest of the bracket, the middle seeds were expected to be in tight competition and all four matchups have shown that thus far. The East boats the defending Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals going up against the fan favorite Carolina Hurricanes alongside one of the storied series in the Boston Bruins playing the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Western Conference finds the Nashville Predators face off against the Dallas Stars and the Winnipeg Jets collide with the St. Louis Blues.

It is really anyone's game in each of these games, and as previously mentioned any winners from these series could contend for the Cup. Here is a look at why each team left the series left to their advantage, as evidenced by Nazem Kadri's first round suspension courtesy of a cross-check to the face of Bruin Jake DeBrusk. If Tuukka Rask can sustain consistency in net, the Bruins are dangerous coming out of the East.

Toronto has a very talented lineup, but pundits have questioned their ability to get out of the first round. If they do, look out. Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner, Morgan Reilly, Frederik Andersen and William Nylander are all game changers for the Leafs. The key to the Leafs success will be if their high scoring offense can supplement their core. If it is a shootout the Leafs want, it is a game plan that bodes well for them.

Alex Ovechkin is still ripping shots into the net at age 33, and it doesn't look like he's going to stop anytime soon. His prowess alongside Braden Holtby's poise in net should be enough for the Capitals to go back-to-back, but they are going to need depth going up against the rest of the conference. Washington needs perfection from Niklas Backstrom and TJ. Oshie each game, and those are two guys that are capable of providing that.

The Storm Surge and the Carolina Hurricanes may seem like the lovable misfits that come up just short in the first round, but they have a lineup built to impress. The midseason addition of Nino Neiderreiter has proven to be a great trade as he continues to come up clutch for the Canes. Sebastian Aho and Evgeni Svechnikov may be inexperienced due to young age, however they undoubtedly have tremendous skill.

Robin Lehner may carry the Islanders far in these playoffs. He is pulling off technically sound performances just a year removed from a debacle of a season with the Buffalo Sabres. Sometimes all it takes is riding the hot goalie to the Cup. The Islanders are the team with the hottest crease thus far.

Nashville is also a team looking to cash in a well-rounded roster. Rocco Grimaldi and Calle Jarnkrok are two standouts in the middle six for the Predators, while Ryan Johansen and Filip Forsberg wait to strike at the top of the lineup.

Dallas has young stud defensemen Miro Heiskanen and Esa Lindell offering stellar transitions out of the defensive end to support Ben Bishop in goal. Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn provide the star power at the forward position.

The key for the Winnipeg Jets will be if sniper Patrik Laine is at the top of his game. He struggled in the regular season, but when he can contribute a goal from anywhere in the offensive zone, that will take the pressure off of Mark Scheifele. Nikolaj Ehlers and Kyle Connor. Laine has the ability but needs the mental toughness to overcome the scoring yips.

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Witchcraft grows nationally, locally

Olivia Behm  
Reporter

Instead of practicing one of the more known Abrahamic religions like Christianity, Judaism or Islam, many are turning to witchcraft, more commonly referred to as “the craft” in the witch communities.

According to a 2018 article in Newsweek, the number of Wiccans and Pagans in the United States has grown dramatically, accumulating to 1.5 million practicing witches, outnumbering the 1.4 million Presbyterians in America.

There is a community of people at BGSU who practice witchcraft on campus. Three students practice the craft but in different ways.

“(Practicing witchcraft) is a fact about me that you don’t really need to know to understand me,” junior education major Calvin Kern said.

Before coming to Bowling Green, Kern began an eclectic practice of the craft, meaning that he follows multiple traditions of the craft rather than limiting himself to one.

“There’s no one who does it like I do,” Kern said. “My craft is totally unique to me. It should be personal if you want to do it right.”

Traditional practices, like reading tarot or working with runes or sigils, have become a regular part of his life, but he said the key is to fill whatever he is doing with intent.

Online, witches can find others with a shared interest. There are Facebook groups with thousands of members and over 2.5 million Instagram posts tagged with #witchesofinstagram.

Sophomore ethnic studies major and psychology minor Ky Wilson said she is thankful for these online communities as they are places where witches can collaborate or give advice to one another.

Wilson identifies as a “bruja,” or a witch practicing in a cultural context, and began practicing a year ago following the death of her great grandmother. Wilson recalled the day she inherited her gifts from her grandmother, who was an active bruja herself.

“That was the day my whole perspective of life just changed,” Wilson said.

Bruja tradition is typically more spiritual, but Wilson has integrated more earth-bound practices into her daily life. Some of her favorites include working with oils and crystals, speaking to ancestors while meditating, and reading candles and tarot.

She said being a bruja is something one is born in to, and while she said she was hesitant to embrace her new identify at first, the practice has brought her peace and an understanding of the world.

“I have an understanding of why things happen,” Wilson said. “(Practicing the craft) opens you up and gives you a broader understanding of the world.”

Similarly, senior education major Samantha Provines’ practice is deeply rooted in an understanding of the properties of the world around her and appreciating how natural rhythms, like the position of the moon, influence her life. Provines is a self-identified hedgewitch, or someone who uses plants at the center of their craft.

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NAMI Mental Health Conference Series to address mental illness, treatment

NAMI Wood County

National Alliance on Mental Illness Wood County will be hosting the NAMI Mental Health Conference Series for adults who want to learn more about NAMI Wood County and hear personal stories of people affected by mental illness.

The different sessions include a NAMI Family and Friends session, panel testimonials, an explanation of NAMI Wood County and our marketing efforts in the community, and NAMI Wood County programs and our impact.

The Family and Friends session will be led by trained people with experience supporting a family member with a mental health condition. The session will cover topics such as understanding diagnoses, treatment, recovery, effective communication strategies, the importance of self-care, crisis preparation strategies and NAMI and community resources.

The marketing session will showcase why NAMI Wood County markets to the community the way it does and compares local mental health advertising impacts.

The panel testimonial session is where individuals share their story, how they became involved with NAMI Wood County, its effect on them and the local community and how they’re staying involved today. The last session highlights NAMI Wood County’s educational and support programming and explores its lasting impact on our community.

The NAMI Mental Health Conference Series is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 3 at BGSU at Levis Commons in Perrysburg. The doors open at 8 a.m. The conference is $35 per registrant and includes lunch. The deadline to register is April 26.

For more information or to register, go to www.namiwoodcounty.org or call the NAMI Wood County office at (419) 352-0626.

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1. Operatic solo
2. Blend
3. Anagram of “Silo”
4. Pearly-shelled mussel
5. Backward-looking
6. Black gunk
7. Wellness
8. Craftsperson
9. Pigeon-___
10. Crisp round cookie
11. Manner of speaking
12. Abatement
13. Persists
18. Diminish
24. Frozen water
25. Basic belief
26. Slave
27. Urgent request
28. Winglike
29. Assortment
31. Mists
33. Lines of verse
34. Give the cold shoul-
36. French for “Head”
38. Long ago
42. A pasta dish
43. Large Australian flightless bird
45. Famous dog
47. Established
48. Positive pole
49. Burdened
51. 56 in Roman numer-
52. Moon of Saturn
54. Not barefoot
56. Wash
57. Nile bird
58. Level
59. Cravings
62. Detachable container

ACROSS
1. French for “Love”
6. Not this
10. Respiratory organ of aquatic animals
14. French for “Queen”
15. Relating to aircraft
16. Notion
17. Unable to read
19. Peaky insects
20. Accumulate on the surface
21. Cover
22. Urarthritis
23. Death notices
25. Temporary workers
26. Unwanted email
30. A kind of beets
32. Oval
35. Incessantly
39. A rational motive
40. Swiss city
41. A farcical comedian
43. Demesnes
44. Preserve a dead body
46. Confined
47. Spherical toys
50. Hurdle
53. Rectal
54. Female sibling
55. Revile
56. Fizzy drink
61. Friendly
63. Biblical garden
64. Hodgepodge
65. Birdlike
66. Declare untrue
67. Perished
68. Homes for birds

DOWN
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12. Abatement
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