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Student runs for 1st Ward City Council

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Environmental policy and analysis major Madi Stump is a third-year student from Walled Lake, Michigan. Stump's involvement ranges from being the director of governmental relations in Undergraduate Student Government to her involvement with student leadership groups on campus.

Recently, Stump decided to expand her involvement with a run for Bowling Green City Council.

"I never used to be interested in politics – which is really interesting. My definition of politics has morphed over time – from being Democrats versus Republicans to being a positive outlet for social change," Stump said.

Although her announcement to run for city council was unexpected among her friends and family, Stump has received nothing but support. Stump gave credit to Undergraduate Student Government for being the club that paved the way for her run by helping her represent students in different capacities. She said that by running on the city ticket she'll be able to voice the concerns of both students and citizens of Bowling Green.

Stump said her environmental policy major had also influenced her in her run. She said her major will allow her to connect environmental policy to employment opportunities, economic redevelopment in the city and housing issues.

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Columnist gives tips for end of semester

Morgan Ward
Columnist

Finally, the end of the semester is here. It sucks seeing some of my friends that go to OSU and other schools who are already out for the summer. I'm just trying to go home and snuggle with my dog after not seeing him for so long. The weather that is coming is nice, which isn't helping motivation — which in fact I have none. I know that we have just over 2 weeks left. We all need to finish the semester strong. Here are some tips on how to do it!

1. **REFOCUS.**
   “Get your life together” before the madness of finals begin. Having a plan for the day will help. Refocus your attention so it’s on one thing at a time, and not a million assignments piling up one after another.

2. **Keep a to-do list.**
   Checking things off the to-do list will make you feel so much better. It’s a huge accomplishment and a weight off your chest. Seeing the little line go through a project makes you want to keep knocking things off the list.

3. **Find the perfect study place.**
   Whether it’s Club Jerome, the dorms or the fourth floor of the union my personal favorite, finding a study spot is essential. This shouldn’t be in your room and should be far from distractions. A place with a little bit of background noise and a big table is the best bet for a study spot.

4. **Relax and unwind.**
   Have some fun with friends. The weekend is a time to study but also to catch up with friends. Summer is coming and you don't know the next time you will be able to see your friends.

5. **Get enough sleep.**
   Sleep is really important. Without sleep you could become irritable, less energetic and overall just in a bad mood. It is recommended to get between seven to nine hours of sleep. It’s important to study for finals, but more important to sleep. Cramming information the night before without sleep causes more damage to your health and your grades.

6. **Don't procrastinate.**
   There are only about two weeks left in the semester. Don't slow down. By slowing down and pushing things to the last minute you will either not do the assignments or get even more stressed finishing assignments at the last minute.

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No matter how tired and sick you are of homework just keep pushing!

— Morgan Ward —

Columnist
Columnist reflects on Tarana Burke’s talk

Brian Geyer  
Columnist

Tarana Burke, the founder of the #MeToo movement, captured the room on campus Tuesday, April 30.

Burke held the room with a sense of humor and vulnerability. Besides the humorous jokes told, Burke was able to show humility and dive into the root of why she was speaking.

Before the event, I asked myself how my perspective might change how I perceive her talk or how my peers might react to her story. I wondered how Burke’s words would be received by the victim who is still silent.

Here are a few quotes that best described the experience for me:

“You started something by listening,” Burke said, speaking about the beginning of the movement.

I believe this is the epilogue of the movement. I’m sure we’ve all heard it before, but we must be present for our friends. We need to be there whether it’s a moment of sadness or happiness. Burke said the words “me too” came from her inability to say them.

The challenge for myself is to continue to be a welcoming face to all of those who are struggling. By allowing us to share even just a little bit of kindness, we could be contributing to a person’s healing.

Listening is everything. If someone asks you to listen, you do it, no questions asked.

“There’s no prescription for healing.”

Regardless of what criticism or helping hand a person gives you, your healing is your healing. If you happen to be a survivor of sexual violence, know that your experiences are valid and real.

Your hurt cannot be felt by anyone but yourself. Validation is described as the process of proving validity of the accuracy of something. As Burke said, you might never find validation from the media or other people. However, I hope you are able to find validation and healing in yourself, whether that’s through meditation, music or time. The feeling may never leave, but your validation as a human being remains.

“They didn’t have words – but they hurt.”

“Don’t be distracted by the noise.”

Tarana Burke mentioned the news media multiple times in her talk. As a journalism major, it made me question what my purpose is. How can I be an ally to those who are in pain? How can I use my position to bring light to someone in the shadows? A few examples Burke gave was writing about issues within the LGBT community or writing about people of color.

I think we, as journalists, can go farther. We must present all of the facts. That’s part of being a journalist. However, I believe that if something is considered inherently wrong, it should be called out. This is not a problem generally, but a moral conscious is necessary. When an event is hyped, I believe it is our duty to think and go beyond the story to seek out the people a movement is affecting – and not just the people we are comfortable talking to.

“We have not seen a culture shift. Look at the numbers.”

As a culture, we have a lot of progress to do as a society.

However, we deserve safety on our campus and in our communities.

We need to express that our lived experiences are all valuable. We cannot shoot people’s experiences down just because their experiences are not our own. They are not wrong in their healing.

You are worthy. Continue to carry on.

Columnists pleads for advocacy, empathy for sexual violence survivors

Mary Ross  
Columnist

When Tarana Burke mentioned that 75% of the girls in her program spoke about their experiences with sexual violence in their life, I felt a sense of unity, that I wasn’t alone, yet also a brokenness that I’m not sure can ever be remedied. 75% of the girls she worked with in a program experienced sexual violence. 75%. That is three out of every four girls.

When Gloria Steinem mentioned in her essay entitled “The Real Linda Lovelace” that men began taking their female to see showings of Deep Throat to show how they wish to be pleased, shockwaves of horror and disgust shot up and down my body.

When I watched Halsey give her heart-wrenching speech about sexual violence for the first time, I started bawling because every single one of her words are accompanied with pain, heartbreak and a fervor to show that pain and heartbreak.

When I recall a past relationship with a boy who did things to me that classify me as a sexual assault survivor, I become paralyzed with fear that I let that happen. When I recall a party I attended when a boy couldn’t keep his hands off me, despite my protests, and followed me to the bathroom when I tried to get away from him, I am reminded of a reason as to why I don’t go out any more.

These are just four anecdotes of the widespread issue of sexual violence.

And if all of that doesn’t make you angry enough to start standing up against sexual violence and start advocating for survivors, then you are a part of the problem. Being a part of the problem is falling silent to issues. Being a part of the problem is ignoring the facts and ignoring the reality of what is going on in the world. Part of the problem is using privilege to crush marginalized groups and allowing for horrific actions to take place.

Being a part of the problem allows each problem to grow. And grow. And grow.

We have stayed silent about sexual violence for too long. We have let so many women enter a world of emotional, physical and unimaginable pain. And yet, it’s not unimaginable because so many women are sexual assault survivors. Mothers. Daughters. Sisters. Aunts. Cousins. Grandmothers. Friends. Coworkers. Teachers. Doctors. Performers. Athletes. Women.

And it doesn’t stop there. Young boys have been and most likely continue to be raped by clergymen. Men in prisons rape their fellow prisoners many times for the feelings of power, not due to sexual attraction. Those two examples lend to the widespread problem of sexual violence across all demographics.

When is it enough? When will the number of sexual assault survivors and victims be high enough to warrant the need to overthrow the system? For me, it was enough after one person, the first person this happened to probably around the dawn of humanity. When will it be enough for you?
Students plan to host DIY reusable bag event

Mary Ross
Reporter

With a potential plastic bag ban on the horizon in Bowling Green, an environmental strategies class at BGSU is seeking to increase support for the ban by hosting a DIY reusable bag event at Grounds for Thought on Thursday from 4-7:30 p.m.

Madi Stump, a junior in the class and a sustainability advocate, said the desire to host an event like this comes from community members voicing concerns about not having reusable bags if the ban were to pass.

“We have been following the plastic bag ban this entire semester, and the one thing we have realized from going to public meetings and talking to other people is people feel like they don’t have the equipment, they don’t have their own reusable bag, they don’t want to buy them and, they don’t have the money to buy them,” Stump said.

However, for Holly Meyers’ environmental strategies class, they believed they could alleviate this issue by helping community members create their own reusable bag in a low-cost way.

“One thing we felt that we could do contributing to this issue in the community is to provide community members with their own reusable bags. Not only that, but also show them how they could make it on their own in a no-cost way, because there’s a really easy way to make these t-shirts into a bag,” Stump said.

The significance of using reusable bags stems from the growing amount of plastic pollution in the ocean. According to Stump, the perks include: the bags grow stronger the more they are used, they can hold more than the average usable canvas grocery bags and they are super easy to clean because they are simply t-shirts.

Stump also said, “It can be done by people of all ages,” making it accessible to the entire community.

Ocean Crusaders, approximately 100,000 marine creatures die each year from plastic entanglement and approximately 1 million seabirds die from plastic each year.

“You can use these reusable bags, so you can become part of the solution,” Stump said. “You can become part of the movement through not spending any money, but rather just spending a little bit of time.”

However, there are concerns among other students about how only using reusable bags would affect their living situations.

“I use plastic bags as a means of taking out my trash,” senior Mea Allen said.

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Studies show owning plants can help mental health

Christina Stover
Reporter

Feeling stressed or anxious? Try taking care of a plant.
Scientific evidence suggests surrounding yourself with plants, perennials and other foliage can improve your mood and cognitive skills.

According to a Forbes article from last year, owning plants reduces stress and anxiety, spruces up the air quality, acts as natural humidifiers and facilitates one’s healing. The article continues by saying, “active interaction with indoor plants (like touching and smelling) can reduce physiological and psychological stress.”

A January article from TIME wrote, “Plants are indispensable to human life. Through photosynthesis, they convert the carbon dioxide we exhale into fresh oxygen, and they can also remove toxins from the air we breathe.”

Lori Brandt had a similar take on the benefits of owning plants. As greenhouse manager at Bostdorff’s Greenhouse, in Bowling Green, she not only sells flowers, veggie plants, trees and perennials, but also provides landscaping services.

“With the oxygen and carbon dioxide change, it purifies the air. It smells like dirt, but it’s purified air flow. It gives the greenhouse freshness of new life and all the colors raise spirits. I’m a Christian, and I believe we all started in the garden, so it’s nice to give back by working in the same garden,” she said.

Taking care of plants has a similar health implication to earthing, sometimes called “grounding.” As stated by the Journal of Environmental and Public Health, “Earthing (or grounding) refers to the discovery of benefits – including better sleep and reduced pain – from walking barefoot outside or sitting, working, or sleeping indoors connected to a transfer of Earth’s electrons into the body.”

Brandt mentioned grounding was something she believes in and a technique that is medically backed up.

“Hands playing in dirt is similar. It produces a feel-good environment for you. When you're working with something living it’s a quiet environment. When you're planting and seeing this connection with the earth, you'll have time to think about problems. You get a break from electronics and sounds. It is beautiful knowing you have a part in growing that. Connection with nature and what nature does,” Brandt said.

The Journal of Environmental and Public Health produced several studies related to stimulating being barefoot outdoors in a controlled indoor environment. One of these studies evaluated diurnal rhythms, or when the rhythms are synchronized with the day/night cycle, in correlation with changes in sleep, pain and stress (anxiety, depression and irritability). This was tested on 12 subjects who were grounded to Earth in their own beds while they slept using a conductive mattress pad for eight weeks.

Carolyn Husk, ex-florist and current plant owner, has been caring for plants for over 44 years. Her first plant was an African violet from her grandmother, and it’s been a hobby of hers ever since. Her favorite part of working in a florist shop was making bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres for weddings and dances. However, she hated removing thorns from long-stemmed roses, as she was always bleeding and pricking herself.

“Taking care of flowers, plants is a huge stress reliever for me. Learning about plants, flowers, looking through gardening magazines and walking through greenhouses makes me forget all my problems for a little while. Even though I basically hate dirt, bugs and the sun, I will endure it all for the reward of enjoying the beauty of all my hard work,” she said.

BGSU student, Makayla LoChiatto has a different thought. The senior chemistry major thought about having plants at a young age, and while she hasn’t thought about owning them now that she’s older, her thoughts have changed a little over the years.

“While I do not own any plants, I do not think owning plants would help my mental health and stress levels. This is because I do not know how to care for plants, and it would cause me increased stress to learn how to care for them and keep them alive. I do however see the benefits of having plants due to their oxygen release that would purify the air to live a happy and healthy life,” LoChiatto said.
BGSU students encourage college political activism

Mary Ross
Reporter

College-aged students are becoming increasingly political, especially with a presidential election approaching, and students at BGSU are no exception to this. BGSU is alive with students ready to make changes in both large and small-scale issues.

Madi Stump, a BGSU student running for a seat on city council, never thought she would be politically active until she came to college and began lobbying for sustainability measures. Stump has found through lobbying and attending city council meetings that her voice is always heard by local government. “Our city council is extremely responsive to students which is something we should be incredibly grateful for; that is when students show up. When we go and speak they listen to us,” Stump said.

College Democrats President Hayley Fournier differs from Stump in the sense that her decision to become politically active stems from her desire to be an advocate for all people. Nonetheless, Fournier seeks to advocate for her beliefs as well.

“Sometimes all it takes is one person standing up and saying ‘this isn’t right. This is what I believe’ for other people to gain that confidence to also stand up for what they believe”

— Madi Stump —
BGSU Student

“I decided to become politically active after becoming more aware of current events around the world. There are so many injustices and infringements on human rights every day, and it seemed impossible for me to not take a stance on these issues,” Fournier said.

On campus, there are several ways to start engaging in politics and in one’s own beliefs. To Stump, the beginning step is to vote in every election.

“Make sure you are voting in every election that comes. Even those small elections are really important because those are going to have an impact on us and the people that come after us. It’s our duty as young voters to not just think of ourselves but also of the voices of those who cannot vote. We are starting a legacy they are going to step into,” Stump said.

Students also have the ability to join different political groups on campus such as BGSU College Democrats or BGSU College Republicans. In BGSU College Democrats, Fournier seeks to create a voice for all people to voice their beliefs while working toward a better campus.

“Regardless of your political beliefs, it is so important for students to be politically aware. That’s the idea that I’ve tried to push forward with this organization,” Fournier said. “Making College Democrats an opportunity for students to speak freely about their beliefs and for them to know they can evoke change is so important to me.”

However, both Fournier and Stump believe a person who decides to become politically active should educate themselves on issues before voicing their opinions.

“Students should educate themselves on issues before forming opinions on them. Even if you completely disagree with me on an issue, I will value your opinion if you are well educated on the topic,” Fournier said. “Taking five minutes out of your day to educate yourself on important issues and then voting on them is such a simple task but can make such a huge impact.”

Although she agrees with Fournier, Stump believes personal connections to issues can be equally as powerful as statistics and facts.

“If you have experienced something that you want to change, you can go speak about that from your own perspective and still have as powerful an impact as someone who is coming to speak about the same issue with facts,” Stump said.

Regardless of how a person chooses to be politically active, Stump believes voicing one’s opinion is how this generation of college students is going to promote change.

“You as one student going to speak about this issue might inspire ten other students or ten other community members to speak about that. Sometimes all it takes is one person standing up and saying ‘this isn’t right; this is what I believe’ for other people to gain that confidence to also stand up for what they believe,” Stump said.

If interested in BGSU College Democrats or BGSU College Republicans, contact Hayley Fournier at hayleyf@bgsu.edu (College Democrats) or David Jenkins at dajenki@bgsu.edu (College Republicans).
Tarana Burke bespoke an audience of students, faculty and community members packing the BTSU Ballroom on Tuesday by vividly detailing her experiences with the Me Too Movement and its significance.

Burke came to BGSU as part of the Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories campaign, which was created by BGSU’s University Libraries to bring motivating and inspiring stories to campus.

“Tarana Burke kept surfacing to the top. This would dovetail really well with everything going on in the world like the Me Too Movement and Time’s Up Movement,” Sara Bushong, dean of University Libraries, said.

From the onset of Burke’s presentation, the audience was energetic and engaged.

“She had a spirit about her that was contagious and pulled the room in,” Courtney Foerg, freshman social work major, said.

Burke spoke about her experiences growing up which molded her into the person she is today, detailing particularly her relationship with her grandfather and mother.

But Burke discussed a relationship with a girl she called “Heaven” as the first event that triggered her desire to truly be a voice for sexual assault survivors. She said how she failed to be there for this girl.

“Heaven came to her and started telling her about her experience with sexual violence. Burke, ultimately, sent her away because it was too painful to listen to Heaven, as she saw Heaven as a reflection of herself.

“The words ‘Me Too’ came from my inability to say them,” Burke recalled.

Her inability to say Me Too originally sparked the huge movement known internationally today, which Burke describes as “a global community of survivors.”

After detailing her story, Burke began discussing why sexual violence happens and called the audience to take action.

She spoke about unchecked accumulation of power and the misuse of privilege that lead to many instances of sexual violence.

“When you don’t use your privilege for good, that’s a problem,” Burke said.

She continued by discussing Joe Biden and the publicized remarks made by females who he has made uncomfortable in the past.

“If we can’t tell the best guy in the room we are uncomfortable and ask him to change his actions, then what the hell are we gonna do with the rest?” Burke questioned, resulting in cheers from the audience.

Burke also challenged the administration of BGSU to act in ways that make students feel safe.

“Students feel empowered and supported when they feel safe,” Burke said.

Burke concluded by speaking about how she is “no silver bullet” and how “it is going to take all of us doing all in our capacity to move the needle.”

At the end of her presentation, Burke received a standing ovation — a testament to the weight her words with her audience.

“I really thought that while she spoke, she was speaking to each individual in the room and when you have a shared experience like that, you come away with 750 people hearing the message and feeling it, and that feeling really helps us grow,” Bushong said.

BGSU President Rodney Rogers said it best in his opening remarks, “She’s making the world a better place.”

Mary Ross
Reporter

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Tarana Burke delivers her testimony and inspiration for the #MeToo Movement.
College hockey recruitment to change

Max Marko
Sports Reporter

The NCAA is in the process of righting a wrong in college hockey recruiting. Over the course of the offseason, the way in which Division I hockey teams can communicate and associate with potential players will be changing.

Starting May 1, there can no longer be conversations between a coach or prospect prior to Jan. 1 of a prospect's sophomore year of high school. Furthermore, the NCAA is establishing that official visits and verbal offers can only happen after Aug. 1, prior to a prospect's junior year.

This will now eliminate any middle school student from possibly being forced into deciding on where their future hockey path is headed. Previously, these young players were receiving offers at the ages of 12, 13 or 14. Before they could decide what electives they wanted to take their freshman year of high school, they were getting offers from top-tier colleges to play for a team that could go through some major renovations by time that student reaches the college level.

These fresh rules will open many doors and possibilities going forward. Top colleges that are regularly featured in the NCAA Tournament will have to wait to talk to potential players, thus opening the doors for teams in weaker conferences to reach out at the same time other schools are.

There will also be corresponding stability at the junior level of hockey, particularly in the Ontario Hockey League. Each year their Priority Selection Draft will feature players that have already verbally committed to an American university, which will often shake up some teams' draft boards.

This will no longer be the case going forward. Players eligible for the OHL draft will not have a verbal commitment, per NCAA rules. Recently, Jeremy Wilmer, 15, was selected in the eighth round by the Saginaw Spirit in the 2019 OHL draft. After putting up 61 points in 25 games for his U16 team, a player of that caliber would typically be drafted in the top two rounds of the OHL draft. Wilmer, a Rockville Center, New York, native, verbally committed to Boston University in January, thus rendering him useless to an OHL team.

BGSU should benefit from this system. Located in a region where competitive scouting with the University of Michigan, Miami University, The Ohio State University, University of Minnesota and Minnesota State University takes place, Bowling Green is no longer at a disadvantage of losing out on a prospect that verbally commits to Michigan at the age of 13.

With new bench boss Ty Eigner's Minnesota ties, an influx of Minnesota-born prospects could be on the way. Sophomore Max Johnson, freshman Taylor Schneider and incoming recruits Garrett Daly and Spencer Schneider each played their junior hockey in Lakeville, Minnesota.

There was no loss of recruits when Eigner was hired in April, but it has yet to be reported how much the recruiting process will change with Eigner at the helm. The nine-year assistant turned head coach was one of two heads in recruiting along with former assistant coach Barry Schutte. There should be a better understanding of how much Eigner will be involved once his assistants are hired.

Men's golf grinds to 5th in MAC Championships

Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

The men's golf team wrapped up their season over the weekend of April 27-28 with the MAC Championships in Aurora, Ohio.

"I thought we handled the conditions and disruptions very well," BGSU golf coach John Powers said after the match. "The guys were focused and left it all out on the course."

Bad weather caused play to be suspended after two rounds.

"I'm sure the right call was made," Powers said. "There's nothing we can do about the weather when we hold a championship in this area in April. It's unfortunate for everyone that the entire tournament wasn't played. I am hoping we make progress in discussions to move the event further south to ensure we properly identify a champion."

Senior Pablo Heredia Iglesias lead all Falcons in his last match with 5 strokes over par (149). Iglesias had the best score among Falcons in round one at 74 and stayed consistent in round two with a round of 73.

"Pablo had a great finish to his career at MAC," Powers said. "From a scoring perspective, he also had one of the better careers in BGSU history. He had so many low rounds and it was fun to watch. Walker was a guy we seemed to lean on time and time again throughout the season. His spring season was probably the best of his career, and to cap it off going 3-under in his final nine holes was pretty special."

The Falcon golfer to keep your eye on is Rodrigo Vie. The Sophomore European import wrapped up his sophomore season with 7 strokes over par (151). Vie wasn't his usual self with a 78 in round one but rallied for a 73 on number two.

The other senior playing his final match over the weekend was Walker. He finished up his time as a Falcon with 9 strokes over par (153). He shot an 80 in round one before a very good second round of 73 helped his overall score.

"Trey brought a fierce competitive spirit and a lot of great rounds during his career. This spring was tough working through some injuries, but he still contributed in a big way to our performances the last two events."

Junior Noah Firestone finished with 7 strokes over par (151). He shot a 77 before improving with a 74.

"Noah was able to come up with some huge rounds for us down the stretch when we needed him," Powers said. "He had to fight very hard for it in a variety of competitive situations and certainly rose to the occasion."

The final Falcon in the group was Nick Hofland who finished with 10 strokes over par (154). Hofland shot a 78 in round one and a 76 in round two.

"We will definitely see after we tally everything up that our performance has improved, but we have come a long way in other areas that don't show up on the scorecard," Powers said after the match. "I am proud of the changes that are happening within our program, and that will continue to improve over time."

The Falcons improved on their 8 of 9 finish last year with their fifth place this year. Coach Powers will return for his third season next year to help the team's trajectory.

"Next year is going to be an interesting transition, losing four seniors. We're going to have a brand new group to get to know and continue this process towards being a steady contender at the championship level. We're very excited about our prospects and introducing them to everyone," Powers said.
**Baseball doesn’t need to change**

*Jacob Clary*
Sports Editor

I love everything about baseball. I love the slow pace. I love how free flowing it is. There’s a lot of different ways the players can change the game. I also love how each league is different. In general, I just love the game. And that’s why I don’t think Major League Baseball should change anything about the game. I think that by changing all of these things about the game, they will be hurting the audience that likes watching the game the most.

One of the things MLB is worried about is decreasing viewership and the lack of people going to games. They think that by speeding up the game more people will end up watching it. But I don’t think that will happen. It’s not like a 20-second pitch clock is what that people have been waiting for. Oh, there’s a pitch clock now, I guess we better start going to games. No, that’s not going to be going through anyone’s head. If people weren’t interested in baseball before that, this won’t change anything. It will just be alienating, those who love the game the most. Yes, a shorter game might help attendance by a little bit, but it isn’t like it’s going to drastically change it like the MLB wants it to.

Another aspect of the game the MLB wants to change is offense; the lack of action might be a better way to say that. Similar to above, MLB thinks that the reason people love the game is because of the 10-9 games; the home run fests, basically. However, they fail to see some of the rumors about the National League possibly adopting the designated hitter like the American League. They want there to be no easy outs and I can understand why, but as a fan of a team in the NL I am a fan of the Cincinnati Reds and I want it to stay the same. I like how each league feels different. The NL is full of tradition and the AL feels like it is the new league, and I’m okay with that.

Overall, I’m okay with the game feeling like a relic of the past in terms of the way the game is played. I guess you could call me a baseball purist, because I’m of the opinion that nothing should change. Personally, I think that baseball is perfect the way it is and by changing anything else, viewership will only get worse, not better. Nobody is going to start tuning in to Orioles vs. Marlins just because the pitcher has to bat or because the game is now only two and a half hours. No, what is going to change is that those who would have watched it originally aren’t going to watch. I’ll usually have a game on whenever I’m home, just to have something on, and I’m sure there’s plenty of people who do the same. But, if it’s not the game the diehard fan loves anymore, why continue to watch? It’s not our game anymore; it’ll only be a game that is trying for those who don’t want to watch it. And that’s unfortunate.

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**Fantasy baseball waiver wire pickups after month 1**

*Parker Kern*
Sports Reporter

**Batter 1: Alex Gordon – OF, KC**

The 35-year-old Kansas City Royals outfielder is hitting 0.31 so far this season with 5 HR and 21 RBI in 100 AB. An interesting fact – last season, Gordon did not get his 21st RBI until Aug. 1. He is ranked 12th in ESPN’s Fantasy Baseball outfielder position rank and is currently rostered in 79.7% of leagues. He has been picked up in 14.5% of leagues just this week. If he is still a free agent in your league, pick him up before he’s gone, especially if you need outfield depth or a solid utility option.

**Batter 2: Christian Walker – 1B, ARI**

The heir apparent to Paul Goldschmidt at first base in Arizona since he has left for St. Louis is Christian Walker. So far this season, Walker has been nothing short of spectacular for the Diamondbacks. Walker has a 0.316 batting average so far, accompanied by 7 HR, 15 RBI and 3 SB. It seems as if the 28-year-old is enjoying an expectation-shattering campaign thus far. If you need an infielder or a utility man, Walker is only owned in 51.9% of ESPN leagues and is 2nd in the first baseman positional rank. Be careful, he’s been picked up in 16.5% of leagues this week alone. Get him before he’s gone!

**Starter: Domingo German – SP, NYY**

My biggest regret of this fantasy baseball season was not picking up German when I had the chance last week. He was claimed out of my league’s free agency pool a few days ago. German has had a terrific six-start run to his 2019 season, posting a 2.56 ERA with a 0.85 WHIP. He’s already won 5 games and has already struck out 32 batters. He has been claimed in 21.3% of ESPN leagues this week, which means he’s now owned in 79.3% of all ESPN leagues. He’s fifth on the positional rank for starting pitchers. If he’s still available in your league, grab him now.

**Reliever: Ryan Brasier – RP, BOS**

The Red Sox’s bullpen took a serious hit losing closer Craig Kimbrel to free agency (who remains unsigned). Fortunately, Ryan Brasier has stepped in to the role nicely for Boston, who look to have a bit of an early season “World Series Hangover.” Brasier boasts a 1.46 ERA and 0.89 WHIP through 12.1 innings pitched with 11 strikeouts, 1 hold and 6 saves. He hasn’t had a tremendous amount of opportunity to close games because, well, Boston hasn’t been winning as much as they’d like to these days. They will rebound, and it looks like Brasier will be their closer going forward. Will he be yours, too? Brasier is only owned in 53.3% of ESPN leagues and is 17th in the positional rank for relievers. If you need saves and don’t want to trade for a closer, look no further than Ryan Brasier.

**Parker's all-waiver wire team**

C: Christian Vazquez (BOS)
1B: Christian Walker (ARI)
2B: Brandon Lowe (TB)
3B: Hunter Dozier (KC)
SS: Andrelton Simmons (LAA)
OF: Shin-Soo Choo (TEX)
OF: Max Kepler (MIN)
OF: Nick Markakis (ATL)
SP: Domingo German (NYY)
RP: Ryan Brasier (BOS)
Faculty Senate ends semester, President Rogers addresses Oval installment

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Faculty Senate’s last meeting of the semester Tuesday covered various issues including concerns from the Graduate Student Senate on Title IX changes, BGSU email security and findings from a committee investigating bias in student evaluations.

In an interview after the meeting, President Rodney Rogers also addressed student reactions to the new installment of BGSU letters in the Union Oval.

In a video made by BG News Copy Chief Brionna Scebbi, business student Jakiah Moore said she thought the installment was a “waste of money.” Other students, architecture major Nick Brooks and exercise science major Joe Black, reinforced Moore’s comments in the video.

“The funding for that specific display is a combination of things, including a donor who had that desire and perhaps would not have directed that money to other purposes,” Rogers said.

Rogers said BGSU is always looking for ways to elevate the value of education, and the installation could promote a more residential atmosphere on campus. He compared the installation to the falcon statue outside the Stroh Center and the seal in the middle of old campus.

Rogers also thanked the Gish Theater task force for their investigation into the renaming of the theater and found their data to be very thorough and complete.

“I was just so proud of the way in which the student body, the faculty and the staff came together to talk about these issues in a very respectful way,” Rogers said.

Rogers will present the task force’s findings to the Board of Trustees Thursday and Friday.

The senate made a motion during the meeting to support a statement of concern regarding changes to Title IX. The changes were proposed by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, and the statement referenced five changes along with the potential ramifications of each change.

The statement reads, “Several of the proposed changes could negatively influence our students, creating challenges in our ability to provide a safe space for all members of the BGSU.”

GSS President Daniel Ricken said the statement was drafted by a graduate student issues sub-committee of the graduate council, which includes both graduate students and faculty.

Another item presented to the committee was the implementation of two-step authentication for BGSU email accounts. Matthew Haschak, chief information security officer, said there were various motivations for the change, which will take place on Aug. 1.

Around $58,000 were stolen from BGSU health savings accounts by hackers in 2018. The majority of the health savings accounts were accessed through phishing emails.

However, no accounts with two-step authentication were compromised. The new system will operate exactly like MyBGSU two-step authentication.

The senate also reviewed a resolution to commission a work group to investigate student bias in teacher evaluations. The resolution was not voted upon, but will be brought up again next academic year. The findings of the ad-hoc committee that performed the investigation can be found here.
Heartbeat Bill makes abortion harder to access

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While access to abortion in Ohio was already difficult for many, the passage of the Heartbeat Bill can make it almost impossible. For some, this is the thrilling outcome of hard work, but for others, it’s the start of a dark time in Ohio history.

The bill is colloquially considered a six-week ban, but this number is an estimate of the earliest time when the fetus has a heartbeat that can be seen via ultrasound. The bill prohibits “an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat.”

Most women do not know they are pregnant before six weeks, especially if they have an irregular period, as this point is only two weeks after a missed period. In effect, the Heartbeat Bill all but bans abortions, which is the goal of anti-abortion groups like Ohio Right to Life.

For Jamieson Gordon, the director of communications and marketing for Ohio Right to Life, the Heartbeat Bill is a huge success. Her organization had a hand in getting it passed and was there to see Governor Mike DeWine sign it.

Right to Life wanted the bill to be “as strong as possible.” Her position, which is faith-based, is that abortion is a “human rights abuse” and “the killing of another human being.”

For Taylor Harrison, abortion is healthcare and a right. She works for Unite for Reproductive Justice and Gender Equity.

“Abortion has existed since the dawn of time; it will continue to exist. It has vital importance to society. … Getting things that people need is a social good, and it’s really important to me that people have access to abortion whenever they need it,” Harrison said.

A common reason for abortion is economic stability and whether a parent can afford to have a child. According to an article from CNN, it costs more than $233,000 to raise a child, a cost not every family can afford. Especially when, according to NBC, 60% of parents getting abortions have already given birth to one or more children.

While pregnancy centers and groups like Right to Life provide support for pregnant parents and newly born children, there are few support systems in place for their entire lives. To Harrison, lack of access to abortion is “keeping poor people poor.”

“Access to abortion is about more than just the procedure itself. It’s about limiting people’s upward mobility; it’s about keeping an uneducated and … a proletariat that is unending,” Harrison said. “So if you have poor people that stay poor because they keep having children they can’t afford, then you have a never-ending workforce.”

In Ohio, abortion was already difficult to access, especially for those with lower incomes. An abortion requires a 24-hour waiting period between the first consultation and the procedure. There are seven clinics in Ohio that provide surgical care and two that provide only medicinal care in Ohio.

The closest clinic to Bowling Green is Capital Care Network in Toledo.

With the distance, even just getting to a clinic may prove impossible for some parents, on top of a potential need for childcare, time off work and hotel rooms.

Now, it will be even harder to get to a clinic with the six-week time limit, even if they are aware of their pregnancy before a fetal heartbeat can be detected.

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