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La comunidad Latinx cuenta su propia historia, enfatiza la importancia de la representación
Latinx Heritage Month kicks off

Rosiland Fletcher
Copy Chief

Sept. 15 kicked off a month of “bailes” and “fiestas” for Latinx Heritage Month. According to the Latin Times in August 2019, it is a time “…To recognize the contributions and vital presence of both Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and to observe their native heritage and contributing culture.”

Celebrations started Sept. 16 at BGSU with “El Corazón de México Ballet Folklórico,” a group of traditional Mexican dancers alongside other traditional festivities.

Latino Student Union and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are collaborating to celebrate the month alongside other Latinx students at BGSU, with various events planned with students.

Ana Brown, the director of OMA, expressed what Latinx Heritage Month means and what it means for Latinx students.

“It’s a chance for those people on campus whose voices are not typically heard, whose voices aren’t typically brought to the forefront, to show a little bit of pride and show a little of ‘this is who we are.’ When we are talking about Hispanic and Latino, we are talking about a huge vast array of people from a bunch of different cultures,” Brown said.

She recalled, the reason that Latinx Heritage Month starts specifically in the middle of September, between Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, is because the independence days of five Latin American countries fall on Sept. 15.

The independence days of other Latin nations fall around the same date and the month has become a recognized celebration of Latin American peoples and cultures and liberation from Spain.

Brown also mentioned the history between Mexico and the United States and how the history is unknown to many Americans especially in the current political state.

“I think it’s important to understand marginalized communities in the United States and the reasons why we celebrate these months. It’s important to acknowledge the fact that we don’t know nearly as much about Latino and Hispanic heritage as much as we should,” she said.

During the celebration of Latinx Heritage Month, learning and understanding between students creates a sense of belonging.

“Hispanic Heritage Month to me is something that is dedicated to my culture. … Having that opportunity to be able to just celebrate my culture with people who are like me; it’s just uplifting, especially on campus,” LSU President, Xavi Boes said.

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Office of Multicultural Affairs: Latinx Heritage Month Events

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**
6-8 p.m. | Office of Admissions
Nuestra Historia Latina

**Thursday, Sept. 26**
5 p.m. | Lourdes University Franciscan Center
30th Anniversary Diamante Awards

**Thursday, Oct. 17**
11:30 a.m. | BTSU 207
Latinx Heritage Month Keynote Speaker Hector Hernandez, Talent Acquisition Manager Tenneco Inc., BGSU Alumnus and former LSU President

**Thursday, Oct. 17**
7:30 p.m. | BTSU Theatre
Fall 2019 International Film Series presents “The Official Story”

**Thursday, Oct. 24**
7:30 p.m. | BTSU Theatre
Fall 2019 International Film Series presents “The Motorcycle Diaries”

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Columnist reflects on Greta Thunberg’s speech to U.N. at Climate Action Summit

Mary Ross
Forum Editor

Greta Thunberg has been all over my Twitter feed for weeks, but since Friday, almost every other tweet I have read has been about her and her activist work to bring awareness to world leaders about the detrimental effects of climate change. During her speech to the U.N. on Monday, Thunberg had several remarkable quotes worth discussing.

“People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction. And all you can talk about is money and fairytales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!”

Especially in the United States, where we have grown to not be empathetic in many circumstances, certainly in some ways, it is easy to forget about how the changing environment is affecting people all across the world. However, if we look at our own country, think about all the horrible hurricanes that have struck the southeast United States, including Puerto Rico. Since 2017, there have been many hurricanes making landfall and a lot of people have died. It is documented 16 people died in Hurricane Michael, an estimated 2,975 people died due to Hurricane Maria, 47 people died due to Hurricane Irma; 68 people died due to Hurricane Harvey, and 50 people died due to Hurricane Dorian. Why are there such intense hurricanes? The short answer is global warming.

“They also rely on my and my children’s generations sucking hundreds of billions of tons of your CO2 out of the air with technologies that barely exist. So a 50% risk is simply not acceptable to us— we who have to live with the consequences.”

Let it be known that although each person has their own individual effects on the environment, generations before the current generation are the reason why we lead lifestyles that harm the environment more than they give back to it. Industrialization. Mass Production of Goods. Over consumption of meat and dairy products. Desire for economic growth without factoring in other results. We live in a very self-centered society, and we have to change our self-centered ways or else there will be no people left in society.

“You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say we will never forgive you.”

Though I was late to the party in understanding just how dangerous climate change is, I stand with Greta Thunberg. Climate change is causing intense storms, poorer quality of life and the possibility of human extinction. If you do not believe in climate change, you are part of the problem. If you are part of the problem, young adults will never forgive you for the mess you’ve made that young people will be forced to fix. If you are part of the problem, future generations if there are any will never forgive you, just as Thunberg stated.

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Climate activist Greta Thunberg.
Children are leading climate change movement

Berthold M. Bonny
Guest Columnist

Sept. 20 marked a historical Friday in the world. Children all over the world came together to organize a climate strike of four million people in 163 countries to demand world leaders start to take action on climate change. This worldwide awakening was started by an enthusiastic 16-year-old from Sweden named Greta Thunberg in August 2018. Since 2018, Greta has skipped Friday classes to strike for climate change, and today the world tells her that she is not alone in this movement.

“I thank 16-year-old Greta Thunberg and other children for awakening the world.”

Impacts of climate change such as heat waves, storms, rising sea levels, wildfires and prolonged drought periods have been felt by all countries in the world. Climate change is now one of the leading growth threats to human life and the economy. Recently, the temperature rise and heat waves have led to wildfires with devastating impacts in places like California, Siberia and the Amazon Rainforest. Storms and floods have also swept away peoples’ belongings and reduced them into poverty. By 2050, it is estimated more than 140 million people will be internally displaced by these climate change effects. Most of these people will be children.

When I saw a worldwide strike organized mostly by children on Sept. 20, I was so moved by this awakening. I realized this is the generation of children that has vowed to protect those displaced individuals. It is the generation which tells their parents and grandparents who designed and supervised the world’s auspicious economic plan that, “ending extreme poverty conditions by 2030 will not be possible unless you tackle climate change.” And their message is simply to reduce carbon emission to the atmosphere.

When the world leaders gather for United Nation General Assembly on Sept. 23, it is important for them to realize that climate change threatens peace and stability of the world. It is time for the countries that have echoed the cry of our children and promised to cut carbon emissions to zero percent by 2050, such as the United Kingdom and France, to lead others to do the same. Nothing substantial on climate change has been received from the current United States administration. However, I trust Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey’s “Green New Deal” will bring something to save the environment. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has been a vocal supporter of the climate strike movement. She has spent time listening to them and their demands. I believe she understands that climate change affects children more than adults. My expectation is that her “Green New Deal” will highlight where America stands in a fight for climate change. A fight that I expect all heavy industrialized countries, which are the major polluters, to lead in carbon emissions cut.

Children school strikes remind us that offices, schools, homes and industries we build can be lost in a blink of an eye with some of the effects of climate change. I do not vouch for students or pupils to be out there striking instead of schooling. However, school strikes mean the world should take actions to protect schools and homes from being swept away by floods and storms. We can help reduce the occurrences and impacts of climate change effects by taking decisive actions today such as investing in clean technology.

I thank 16-year-old Greta Thunberg and other children for awakening the world. It is time for all the people in the world to take actions to protect our planet. I believe those who are reluctant to take action because they believe it will affect their economies have also learnt that climate change affects economic growth. Infrastructures and crop productions damaged by storms and prolonged droughts have proved to devastate countries’ economic growth. Furthermore, people whose belongings have been destroyed or lost in an incidence of climate change have never received enough compensation to regain their economic status. These people are voters and taxpayers. It is a pity when administrators close their eyes and refuse to take action on climate change.

Earth is our planet, and it is the only planet living organisms can exist, according to Chemistry World. However, when heat waves, storms, tsunami, wildfire and prolonged droughts intensify, life on earth will be impossible. We should all come together to protect our earth. Children have led the way by pressuring administrators to act on climate change. We must support their cause.
TV Shows to look forward to this fall

Owen Ehinger
Pulse Reporter

With the weather getting colder, there is less to do outside. So why not kick back and relax while watching some of TV’s finest fall releases? From comedies to dramas, there will certainly be plenty of shows to binge watch. Luckily, this is the time of year most networks come back for the season. Here is your guide for TV shows to watch this fall.

‘Saturday Night Live’
Network: NBC
Genre: Sketch Comedy Variety Show
Return: Sept. 28, 11 p.m.

NBC’s sketch comedy powerhouse will be returning for its 45th season this year. Last season, the show was nominated for seven Emmy’s in categories such as Outstanding Guest Actor, Outstanding Guest Actress, Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics, and, of course, another nomination for Kate McKinnon for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series. The cast will be very familiar, adding only two new cast members: Chloe Fineman and Bowen Yang—the first Asian cast member of SNL. The only actress to leave is 52-year-old comedian Leslie Jones, who was the oldest cast member to join. She left the show to pursue other projects. Aside from the small cast change, the hosts that have been announced so far are very exciting. Woody Harrelson, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, David Harbour, Kristen Stewart and the return of legendary former cast member Eddie Murphy. Along with the hosts, the show includes a set of outstanding musical guests such as Billie Eilish, Taylor Swift and Camila Cabello.

‘It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia’
Network: FXX
Genre: Dark Comedy
Return: Sept. 25, 10 p.m.

“It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia,” a sitcom about a group of five friends who run a bar in South Philadelphia displaying unethical behavior in every way possible, will be starting its 14th season. They will now tie with “The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet” as the longest-running, live-action comedy series in TV history. It is needless to say Rob McElhenney and friends show no signs of taking their foot off the gas. Coming off last season’s very deep and emotional performance of Rob McElhenney’s character coming out as gay to his father in the finale, it will be exciting to see where the gang goes this year. This season will include a guest appearance from Dolph Lundgren as John Thundergun, and feature cast member and “A.P. Bio” star, Glenn Howerton’s directorial debut. Since August 2005, the cast and crew have proven they are truly in this for the long haul.

‘Modern Family’
Network: ABC
Genre: Single Camera Comedy
Return: Sept. 25, 9 p.m.

The family comedy “Modern Family” is making a return for its 11th and final season. Over its past 10 seasons, the show has won 22 Emmy Awards and has been nominated for a total of 80. Although the last couple seasons haven’t had a great audience, the show still holds up as one of ABC’s top five scripted series on a consistent basis. This season is going to be taking a lot of turns. According to co-creator Steve Levitan in an interview with “The Hollywood Reporter,” this season is going to be different.

“One of the arcs for next season will just be Dylan, Haley and these two new babies living in the Dunphy house, and how it affects that household and everybody in it. We will keep her working so that it’s not easy and everybody has to help out a little bit. So that’s a good place to start, that there’s going to be literally some new life into that house. We have a couple of other ideas for the other two households as well. That’s how we start it, and then we had to begin aiming toward what we think our ending might be”, Wilton said.

This season will also feature a few new voices aside from the already outstanding cast: Jud Hirsch as Andrew’s Grandfather, Wanda Sykes as the ghost of Harriet Tubman, Ali Wong as a pansexual student and Brooklyn Nine-Nine’s Chelsea Peretti voicing Nick’s cell phone. With this cast, it’s hard to believe the show is going to be slowing down anytime soon.

‘9-1-1’
Network: FOX
Genre: Procedural Drama
Return: Sept. 23, 8 p.m.

“9-1-1” looks to be making a “splash” this year. The third season of the very popular, high-pressure first responder experience is about to be back. As the trailers show, this season is going to be as ridiculous as ever. This season, newlyweds Athena and Bobby aren’t going to have the chance to enjoy their time with each other as a tsunami shoots toward the Santa Monica Pier. The show has yet to fail to amaze people, and it doesn’t look like season three is going either.

BGSU trivia: Falcon fun facts you never knew

Max Brickner
Reporter

BGSU fault line

The Bowling Green fault line has been dormant for thousands of years, according to a figure provided by Charles Onasch of the University Geology Department for a 2007 paper. Despite this, minor earthquakes do happen every so often in Bowling Green, with most being of such low magnitude that they are undetectable without the aid of equipment.

Built with a tombstone

The Oak Grove Cemetery is where most tombstones on campus are located. But as it turns out, that might not be the only location on campus with tombstones. The Aug. 29, 1994 edition of the Monitor identifies the date plate on the Little Red School House as originally belonging to a tombstone. The original owner of the tombstone is unknown.

Early on the net

The domain name bgsu.edu has existed since 1986, making it one of the first universities to have a domain name, and beating institutions like Yale and Princeton, which registered their own domains in 1987, and The Ohio State University, which registered osu.edu in 1989. Bowling Green also provided the namesake of early webcomic “Mac Hall” — named after McDonald Hall. Delivery drivers in town were using cellular phones as early as 1988, and computer labs on campus could be used to play computer games as early as 1973.
New NBA video game includes female athletes

Monet Brown
Sports Reporter

For the first time, the National Basketball Association included female basketball players in its video game NBA 2K20.

An August Bleacher Report article highlighted the best features for this year’s game, including commentary on the female athletes. Some BGSU students bought the game and are excited about its newest line-up.

Released on Sept. 6, the game includes features that allow gamers to play with Women’s National Basketball Association players and their 12 different league teams. Gamers can play with the WNBA teams in regular season mode against one another. They can also play in multiple pick-up games against other gamers in person or online.

“You can’t make your own MyPlayer of a female athlete, so they should have added that in. But I like the fact that you can play with a full WNBA team against someone else,” BGSU graduate Mark Clayton said.

Some say there needs to be female athletes featured on other sports video games in the upcoming years.

“This increases people to be more interested in women’s sports because it is bringing awareness to their talents. Having women featured in the 2K20 game shows they are just as good as the men. Female athletes get to see themselves represented in a popular video game. Other sporting video games should include women athletes in them, especially FIFA,” junior chemistry major Denaja Haygood said.

The new NBA 2K20 can change the perspective people might have about female athletes.

“The inclusion of females athletes in the video game 2K inspires and brings awareness to the issues at hand. With gender inequality, it will also help shape the way women sports are viewed,” junior media productions studies major Tierra Jones said.

Students may become more interested in women’s sports in college and attend more games to support them.

“This makes me want to start paying more attention to female sports in real life. I want to start watching more women’s basketball,” Clayton said.

Who is to blame for quarterback situation?

Shayne Nissen
Sports Columnist

The BGSU Falcon football team is enduring a rough stretch of games. In the last three, their opponents have scored a total of 149 points and the Falcons have scored a total of 27 points. The latest loss was at the hands of Kent State 62-20, a team that even former head coach Mike Jinks beat twice in three seasons. Obviously, when a team is dominated this much by three different teams there isn’t just one problem. But there is one problem that sticks out more than the rest — the current quarterback situation.

Throughout those last three games, quarterback Darius Wade, a graduate transfer from Boston College, has thrown for a combined 411 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions. That obviously isn’t going to help the passing game, or the rushing game as teams will load the box to stop both Andrew Clair and Davon Jones. Both players, who have shown potential in the running game, just can’t get much going with no real threat of an air attack.

Who is to blame for this situation, though? It falls on a few different people, but it mainly falls on the shoulders of Jinks. The previous head coach did an awful job at recruiting quarterbacks. We only need to know that the Falcons did not get a quarterback recruit in the class of 2019, and the general dysfunction of the program helped shoo away Jarrett Doege — the starting quarterback from last season who had shown some promise — to see how much Jinks really is responsible for.

This situation is in no way the fault of Scot Loeffler, because when Loeffler was left with this awful quarterback situation he tried to get athletes like Darius Wade and Matthew McDonald to transfer over from his previous gig at Boston College. Obviously, Loeffler was successful at getting Wade to Bowling Green, but only because Wade had nowhere else to go. Wade thought that his playing career was over, and he was given new life when Loeffler offered for him to come to Bowling Green.

He was successful at getting McDonald to come, too, which is a more impressive feat considering he is still a redshirt sophomore. With all McDonald’s qualifications, it didn’t come as a surprise that Loeffler said McDonald won the job. But winning the job is only one part of the equation here, as McDonald had another battle going on too.

That battle was with the NCAA — who finally came to a decision a few weeks ago to decline his immediate eligibility waiver; therefore, making him sit out the entire 2019 season while losing a year of eligibility in the process. For this reason, Falcon fans can also rest some of the blame on the NCAA. With McDonald, the Falcons probably wouldn’t be faring too much better than they are now, but at least there would be hope for the future in the position. Plus, McDonald would be getting valuable game experience. Instead McDonald is limited to practice reps and spends his Saturdays sitting on the bench, watching a graduate senior quarterback taking the snaps he was supposed to be getting.

Overall, there can still be hope for the Falcons in the future. McDonald will more than likely be the starter for next season, and hopefully that will give improvement to this Falcon offense. But there isn’t expected to be much change even then, as Loeffler’s recruits will only be freshman and sophomores, going up against much more experienced foes in the MAC. So think of this Falcons rebuild as very similar to that of the Dolphins in the NFL. There is going to be continued suffering for at least two years, but hopefully all of this suffering will give way to a lot of good in the future.
**Volleyball, men’s soccer pick up losses to Cincinnati**

Maxwell Marko
Falcon Media Sports Director

**Volleyball**

The Falcons finished the Queen City Classic tournament with a record of 1-1, pushing the program to a 6-6 record on the season. Led by Isabelle Marciniak’s 42 assists and 23 digs, BGSU topped Xavier 3-1 in a near sweep on Friday.

After losing the second set, the Falcons controlled the pace of play in sets three and four. Freshman Petra Indrova was responsible for a Falcon-best 16 kills, but not far behind her was Jacqueline Askin with 14. Askin along with Julia Walz, Katie Kidwell and Kerstie Shaw combined for six service aces compared to Xavier’s one.

Saturday, the continuity and chemistry that helped them succeed against Xavier was missing. The Falcons were swept by the Cincinnati Bearcats and never eclipsed 20 points in any of the three sets. There was an unsuccessful effort to string together consistent offense for the Falcons. The Bearcats contributed eight service errors, but BGSU was unable to capitalize.

Askin remained a strong point with 11 kills. Marciniak’s 16 assists would prove to be a leading statistic for the Falcons once again.

Volleyball now turns to their MAC schedule with upcoming visits against the Ohio Bobcats and Golden Flashes before returning home against Akron.

**Women’s soccer**

After a stagnant match against DePaul that ended in a 1-1 double-overtime draw, the Falcons finished the week with a 2-0 shutout loss to West Virginia.

The Mountaineers struck early after a breakdown in coverage for BGSU. Alina Stahl’s shot traveled across the body of goaltender Kathleen Duwe and trickled into the net to give WVU the early lead. From there, the Falcons would apply pressure to the Mountaineer side of the pitch, but Ryler Foster stood strong in her crease.

Eleven shots were peppered in Foster’s direction, but she was able to turn away all five that hit the net. She would go on to earn the 35th shutout of her career, the third most in WVU history.

Stahl continued her stellar game and was a nuisance for the Falcons. They struggled to contain her and she would eventually go on to seal the game for the Mountaineers with her second goal in the 83rd minute.

Similar to volleyball, the MAC schedule is all that remains for the women’s soccer program before postseason action gets underway. Akron and Buffalo travel to Cochrane Stadium Friday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 29.

**Men’s soccer**

With a disappointing loss to Ohio State out of sight and out of mind, the Falcons looked to take frustrations out on their next opponent Cleveland State. The outcome was a mere 1-0 win, but it was an aggressive and successful game on all accounts for BGSU.

Chris Brennan rocketed a cross-crease pass from Matt Walters for his second goal in just as many matches.

The 1-2-1 Vikings were faced with 14 BGSU shots, with the Falcons carrying the momentum for most of the contest. Anthony Mwembia was challenged seven times but managed to record his fourth clean sheet on season.

The Falcons quickly turned to the University of Cincinnati on Saturday. The action commenced right away as the Bearcats made it clear they were going to play with a high octane offense the whole night. Shevon Stewart finished off a subtle touch from Darryn Comissioning three minutes in to pull UC ahead 1-0. After a Falcon was taken down in the Bearcat box, Achille Robin converted on the ensuing penalty kick to even the score.

Goals by Chris Sullivan and Kale Nichols put BGSU in a 3-2 lead with time winding down in the second half. With under a minute to go, Commissioning scored on a rush uphill to tie the game, then two minutes into overtime Donovan Segree won the game for UC.

“I’m not going to say we should have won it because Cincinnati was deadly in the final third. They pressed us with their attack like we hadn’t been pressed before,” BGSU head coach Eric Nichols said after the match.

The Falcons now sit at 4-2-1 on the year, good enough for second in the MAC. Next on the schedule is #18 Kentucky, and despite giving up a lead in the second half Nichols remains confident in his squad.

“I’m really pleased with how the guys went through the 90 minutes — pleased with the reaction going into overtime … Sometimes you can look to one play, or one moment or one particular thing that we were lacking, but I wouldn’t say that was it,” Nichols said.

After a critical test with Kentucky, BGSU welcomes Canisius to Cochrane Stadium before departing on a four-game trip to Detroit Mercy, IUPUI, Akron and SIUE.

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**BGSU Football Upcoming Schedule**

vs Toledo  
Doyt Perry Stadium  
Saturday, Oct. 12, TBA

vs Central Michigan  
Doyt Perry Stadium  
Saturday, Oct. 19, TBA

vs Akron  
Doyt Perry Stadium  
Saturday, Nov. 2, TBA

vs Ohio  
Doyt Perry Stadium  
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

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**Football**

The Kent State Golden Flashes dominated the Falcons in every facet in a 62-20 blowout victory. Not only did Kent State set a new school record for total yards produced in a game with 750, but this game had Kent State’s largest margin of victory over BGSU since 1935.

The Falcons continue to lack consistency from the quarterback position. Darius Wade and Grant Loy have shared snaps in each game this season, but neither has been able to truly take the reins off the offense. Wade completed 18 of his 25 pass attempts for 161 yards, but his accuracy issues continued. His two interceptions resulted in points for Kent State.

Wade took over for the Falcons in the fourth quarter and was able to muster up two touchdown drives. The BGSU running back committee carried a majority of the weight as Andrew Clair, Davon Jones and Bryson Denley combined for 154 yards on the ground.

Falcon football now faces an important bye week. Reflection and transition will be key themes throughout the off week. The toughest opponent on the schedule, Notre Dame, will welcome BGSU on Oct. 5.

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For Boes, it’s a comfort to be around other people like him. He stated when coming to Bowling Green he experienced culture shock due to the amount of Latinx students at BGSU compared to that of his hometown which was predominantly white.

As he established his place at BGSU, he established the same ideals for others that step foot on campus.

“Provide that safe space for people, not only that look like you, but are like-minded and have the same feelings of the issues that we discuss. The importance is to have that representation on campus,” emphasized Boes.

“The importance to embrace it is to celebrate it; like this is a time for us. There’s not a lot of representation on campus,” emphasized Boes.

Boes and Ruiz alike emphasized the importance of understanding others who are different.

“Going out there and learning more about the world around you … Knowing and understanding that there’s certain groups of people that will have different experiences than you … Understanding that their stories are important too; we need to hear those stories,” Ruiz said.

Brown, Boes and Ruiz alike emphasized the importance of multicultural students’ experiences and stories. They feel it will help to cultivate a spirit of “diversity and inclusion.”

“Understanding, as people of color, our stories are often untold or they’re not told by us. They’re told through an observational lens rather than through an experienced lens, and the heritage months are a way for us to tell our stories from our lenses. And maybe shed some light in a different way than the observational lens does. So, it’s a great way to learn and grow in ways you might not otherwise. And representation matters. I can’t say that enough,” Brown said.

For more information on Latinx Heritage Month, refer to the Office of Multicultural Affairs webpage or contact the office at oma@bgsu.edu or 419-372-2642.

Latino Student Union meets bi-weekly, Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in BTSU 207.