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Freshmen reflect on first month of college

Aubreyonna Van Hoose
Reporter

The first month of college is overwhelming, yet exciting for many first-year students. College is also one way to find new opportunities and interests. However, there are hardships and obstacles in any new environment. Some BGSU freshmen offer their thoughts on surviving the first month at the university.

Independence is a perk of college, but it can lead to homesickness. Many students feel lonely in the first month because of the unfamiliarity with the people on campus. Grace Scalese, freshman, mentioned her difficulties with the effects of homesickness and being outside of her comfort zone.

“Homesickness is definitely a real thing. I miss home every single day. Some concerns I had personally was meeting new people in such a large campus,” she said.

Another freshman, Arianna Soldan, expressed similar feelings about making friends on campus.

“I haven’t gotten involved much because I have social anxiety. I’m scared to do anything alone,” she said.

There are commonalities in both of these statements, but they both agreed attending BGSU was the right choice for them.

Getting involved on campus is an important feature in college for networking, discovering new interests or understanding social life in college.

Marissa Boyd, freshman, said she’s involved in Feed My Starving Children, which works to end hunger in adolescents, and Young Life, a faith-based club. She has enjoyed her time in both clubs.

Another freshman, Paige Lyons, joined the University Dance Alliance and advises next year’s freshmen to join activities.

To the class of 2024, the current freshmen have some tips and advice for surviving the first month of college. Scalese said she had concerns with meeting new people in a large campus her first month, but said her concerns quickly diminished as everyone was very welcoming.

“Don’t be afraid to try new things,” Scalese said for the class of 2024.

Soldan wants the incoming students to know if they ever decide their major is not a good fit, such as she did when she switched from journalism to education, to talk to your advisor.

Lyons said students should get involved even at this point in the year.

“Find your group. Whether it’s singing, dancing, acting, politics … it really helps create friendships and gives you a way to release stress from classes.”

Overall, the first month brought many obstacles for students, but it seems that support from clubs and their fellow peers makes the college experience worth it.
Columnist discusses backlash, criticism to journalistic choices

Why we write what we write and who we're really writing for (Hint: It's you)

Mary Ross
Forum Editor

There was some backlash about the relationship edition the BG News just published, mainly because there was an article discussing condom usage and safe sex. I heard about this backlash when I was in class and it took me aback. Yes, reading about sex and condoms when you aren't specifically looking for such content can be shocking and displeasing. There is no denying that. However, it is essential information the public could learn something from.

You see, I don't like seeing articles about President Trump having meltdowns on Twitter over whatever scandal he is caught up in.

I don't like seeing child activists being attacked by politicians because politicians are too occupied trying to keep their egos intact to recognize the real issues.

I don't like seeing sexual assault survivors talk about their experiences and be publicly laughed at and humiliated by people of power who choose to not believe them or disregard it.

I don't like seeing articles about my favorite sports teams losing.

I don't like seeing articles about crimes, especially crimes where people are hurt or killed.

I don't like seeing articles about people in countries affected by natural disasters who are struggling to survive.

There are many more articles I don't like seeing. However, all of them are essential for me to make the best decisions possible for my life and the lives of those around me.

I need to see the articles discussing President Trump's meltdown, so I can help educate people about why we should not re-elect him in 2020.

I need to see articles about crimes so I can protect myself from possible serial criminals who could hurt me.

I need to see articles about people in countries affected by natural disasters so I know how I can assist them from this small town in Ohio.

If you don't get the picture yet, there is a lot of news nobody wants to see and read. But news is news for a reason. News and mass media were created to keep the population informed.

And seeing as we are a college newspaper, and sexual intercourse is a common occurrence among college students — one of our main audiences — discussing condom usage was a story worth covering. The stories we write, the people we interview, the events we cover, the pictures we take, they all have a purpose — informing people. And if you would rather remain uninformed, then so be it. But we will continue to write about seemingly displeasing articles as long as they continue to serve and inform the public.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

“Why do you think catcalling is so prevalent in Bowling Green?”

“In BG, there are many people and no repercussions for yelling at random people.”

TYLER CAMACHO
Senior | Criminal Justice

“Many people around and a lot of people to yell at. People can act goofy and do stupid things in college.”

SAVANNA BROWN
Senior | Conservation Biology and Ecology, Spanish

“Bowling Green is a college town and college kids just want to have fun.”

KEIZIYA PATE
Junior | HDFS

“The maturity level is very low with college kids.”

BRADEN TUCKER
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There is no perfect long-distance relationship — and quite frankly, long distance sucks.

Before giving you all of my wisdom on long-distance dating, I thought you should know how much I hate it. Just the other day, I locked myself in my room with a box of tissues and a bowl of dark chocolate, crying rather hysterically over how much the distance between my boyfriend, Connor, and I sucks.

Connor had just left after visiting for one night and one day, and we had just given what had to have been our five millionth goodbye. We’ve been doing love like this for about two years now — well, technically that isn’t accurate. Let me start at the beginning. I met Connor the summer before I started college on the boat we were both working on in Cleveland.

He walked with me to the lot all the crew members parked in every day. Over time, we got to know each other and started hanging out in the parking lot after long days at work. Eventually, I asked if I could kiss him, and he asked me out.

That was the best summer of my life. And then it ended. It was time for both of us to head off to college, which left us at a crossroads. He was a rising junior at the University of Maryland at the time — that’s a seven-hour drive from BGSU.

With probably not as much thought as we should’ve given the issue, we decided to drag our relationship through that distance. Four months later, Connor broke up with me.

At this point, you might be wondering what advice I could give from a failed long-distance relationship. But after six months of not talking to each other, Connor and I were back on the boat for the summer. It was awkward and uncomfortable. I was angry and sad; he was quiet and hard to read. We reconnected and hashed out everything that went wrong during those four months of distance. We healed and forgave, and soon, we started dating again.

When the end of summer rolled around, we had a long conversation about if we wanted to try the distance again and how we were going to do things differently this time if we did.

Over a year later, long distance still sucks, but the relationship is rock solid. Connor graduated and moved from Maryland to Cleveland, a mere two hours from Bowling Green. I have a car on campus for the first time and can visit him whenever I need to. His work schedule and my school schedule line up well enough that we can chat during his lunch break and when he gets home most days.

We have a new hope for our relationship, and with a shorter distance between us and some consideration for the lessons we learned the hard way, it’s going much more smoothly. It’s with this new perspective on long-distance that I present to you my advice for surviving a long-distance relationship.

1. Communicate about everything.

Don’t stop talking to each other. I’m a very independent person, so part of me likes the freedom long distance affords me. But don’t get me wrong, I talk to Connor at least a little bit every day. Good morning and goodnight texts or Snapchats are the minimum; it’s been helpful to genuinely ask how his day went to feel like I’m more connected with him. If your partner isn’t the most generous person when it comes to sharing their feelings, ask them out right how they are doing. Give them the space to tell you they’re feeling lonely or miss you or really need to have a date night soon.

And when I say everything, I mean everything. Don’t think that just because you only get so much time in person with your partner that you should only talk about happy things. Sometimes there are hard parts of your relationship you need to address. Sometimes you both need to just cry about how much long distance sucks.

Don’t bottle in problems until they burst because that will be way worse than just talking it out. Believe it or not, your partner can’t read your mind, so you have to let them know when something is bothering you.

2. Use the resources you have to stay connected.

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Skype, phone calls, texts, letters. Realize that surviving the distance today is much easier than it once was, and use that knowledge to communicate even better with your significant other.

Connor and I switched from texting to almost solely Snapchatting since we got back together because there was something about being able to see each other’s smile or facial expression with each message that made it easier for us to communicate. We typically video chat once a week when I know I can’t make the drive to him or him to me. However, we recently decided to try video chatting twice a week since the distance has been extra tough lately. I put these little “dates” with him in my calendar and plan things around those times like I would if we had a date planned in person.

Read the rest at bgfalconmedia.com.
**BG music collections home to rare items**

Reid Zura  
**Reporter**

Local music connoisseurs, such as Finders Records & Tapes and the BGSU Music Library & Bill Schurk Sound Archives, are home to a few rare items in the music industry.

Greg Halamay, owner of Finders Records & Tapes in downtown Bowling Green, feels what makes Finder's stand out in the local environment is their size.

“We're probably one of the largest record stores in the Midwest,” said Halamay. “Just our selection, alone, makes us very unique to the area and the state of Ohio.”

Halamay put the size of the selection into perspective; they have thousands of LPs and CDs in the store, he said.

Others may agree when they see three entire rooms filled wall to wall with bins full of vinyls, CDs, tapes and other retail items pertaining to the music industry.

Aside from their collection, the history of Finders and reason for their selection is considered by others to be extraordinary in itself.

Finders has been open since 1971, and in the 48 years since, Halamay said it “has evolved to what it is today over the experience of knowing our customers, buying for our customers and trying to project what we feel is appropriate for our customers.”

As a result, Finders has surpassed the era of the digital age. Some consider it to be one of the best go-to spots for students and community members to find physical copies of their favorite artist’s work.

While Finders Records & Tapes will continue to serve Northwest Ohio and the Midwest with an individualistic and vast selection of music, the BGSU Music Library also gives students and community members the opportunity to experience an even larger collection of pieces from the music industry.

“One of the special things about our collection is we have a lot of rare and unique things that are (from) artists you wouldn't know and a lot of things that were pressed locally,” David Lewis, sound archivist for the BGSU Music Library, said.

Lewis also shared details about items such as colored vinyls and shaped discs he considers to be unique. For instance, there is a purple heart-shaped vinyl record in the archives by Suicidal Tendencies, which was released in 1993. They also have records shaped like bats, pumpkins and other geometric shapes.

On the other hand, some believe the archives represent a more diverse sector of the music industry. Music industry instructor Justin Johnston said the archives have items for those who might be interested in less popular music.

“(The collection) definitely speaks to the group of people who enjoy music that’s off the beaten path and not mainstream,” said Johnston.

Aside from different colored and shaped records, the archives have a large collection for visitors to explore. Lewis claimed the archives have nearly a million recordings ranging from different types of physical disc to digital pieces.

In the past, records and albums had more to it than just the music itself. Included in the packaging were history, stories and details about the artists releasing the music.

“Part of what we’re doing here is trying to document, as well as we can, recorded pop music,” Lewis said. “Some of these recordings are things scholars of this music, historians, or people involved really value, either for what is on the disc’s sound or what’s on the liner notes, like cover art or bios of bands, that would otherwise be gone.”

The archives give historians a place to relive the evolutions of music throughout time.

“The music industry isn't always great at looking back,” Johnston said. “Refusing to look at history of the music industry fails us to learn the lessons of history.”

However, the archives “helps us learn about the music of the past and how we got here,” Johnston said.

While the legends and tales of the music industry span across the entire world, Bowling Green is home to some of the widest variety of music and unique items in the area, according to many in the industry.
Streaming in October: What to watch this month

Andrew Bailey
Pulse Editor

Spooky season is here, and with it is a new batch of entertaining films and television shows to watch this month. They may not all be spooky, but they will leave you laughing, crying, screaming and everything else in between.

‘Bojack Horseman’ (Season 6)
Streaming on: Netflix
If there is one animated show today that consistently subverts expectations and presents a cast of deeply complex characters, it would be “Bojack Horseman.”

The sixth and final season will premiere in two parts. Eight episodes will premiere on Oct. 25 and eight more episodes will premiere on Jan. 31.

Season five ended with BoJack reaching an even newer low as he physically choked his co-star in a fit of drug-induced hysteria, and then finally relenting to check himself into a rehabilitation center at the behest of his friends. BoJack has always tried to become a better person but ultimately failed due to his personal shortcomings. Rehabilitation is looking to be his last hope to save himself from complete self-destruction.

Despite the controversial cancellation of the show, BoJack and the rest of the cast will hopefully overcome their personal struggles and achieve happiness.

‘Big Mouth’ (Season 3)
Streaming on: Netflix
The irreverent animated comedy is returning for a third season on Oct. 4.

Season two ended with the gang ridding themselves of David Thewlis’ Shame Wizard and embracing their oddities, as well as Andrew and Nick venturing into the world of their hormone monsters’ day jobs to find answers and save Jessi. Season two also contained some unexpected commentary on depression in youth and what it means to be yourself while layering their classic crude humor throughout.

Season three looks to continue the trend of the uncomfortable realities of puberty and social outcasts with Ali Wong as a new pansexual student, Chelsea Peretti as a talking phone, Thandie Newton as Missy’s Hormone Monstress and the cast of the television show “Queer Eye.”

‘Little Monsters’
Streaming on: Hulu
If you still want a dose of spooks on your television, “Little Monsters” is looking to blend zombies with dry humor from director Abe Forsythe.

Underrated actors, such as Josh Gad who will play a kids show character named Teddy McGiggle, Lupita Nyong’o as protective teacher Miss Caroline and Alexander England as a has-been musician, will join a zany cast of characters as they face a zombie invasion at a kindergarten day camp.

The trailer showed self-awareness toward the played-out trope of zombie movies, while humorously contrasting obscene violence and language with the innocence of kindergarteners. The movie will see a limited theatrical release on Oct. 8 and will be available on Hulu on Oct. 11.

‘El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie’
Streaming on: Netflix
“Breaking Bad” ended in 2013 and now audiences will finally get to learn what became of Aaron Paul’s Jesse Pinkman after his intense escape in the series finale.

Pinkman will now have to contend with the police and his own inner demons without the aid of Walter White. Rectifying the past and creating a better future for himself is no easy task, but Pinkman has shown in “Breaking Bad” that he is more than capable.

The movie will also be bringing back fan favorites such as Matt Jones’ Badger, Charles Baker’s Skinny Pete and Jonathan Banks’ Mike Ehrmantraut.

On Oct. 11, fans will receive the long-awaited closure on one of television’s most groundbreaking dramas.

DIY Prom rocks Howard’s Club H

Ryan Cummings
Pulse Reporter

The atmosphere was electric. The smell of smoke filled the air while cigarettes filled the lungs of spectators outside of the venue. The more you walked into the event, the more you became enamored with the culture surrounding you. Everybody was dressed to the nines on this evening. This was Saturday night, this was Howard’s Club H and this was DIY Prom.

DIY Prom, sponsored by The Summit Shack, was put together by Conor Kinkade; the drummer for the band American Spirits, who also closed the show on this night.

“I flew in from Florida to come help,” volunteer Taylor Banks said. “I helped decorate last night and this morning and I’m kind of at the tables and doing whatever needs to be done to make sure the show runs smoothly … we’re kind of like a unit.”

The event featured an eclectic mix of different characters, from different bandmates to different fans. The fashion ranged from the extravagance of ballgowns and tuxedos to the classic punk looks of yore with spikes on everything.

Spectator Terrah Bruhner talked about her experience mid-way through the show. “Today’s been really fun. It’s been super cool and all the bands have been really great. It’s been really cool to see a lot of these touring bands that I’ve never seen before as well as seeing some local acts that I’d never seen before. It’s been a great atmosphere … yeah, really cool,” she said.

As for those who might have missed the event, there may be no need to worry. According to attendee Denise Mojica, there may be more to come in the near future. “Fauxchella should be happening next Spring and I think in January there should be a Snowchella. There’s going to be a lot of cool stuff coming up.”
Music in October: What to listen to this month

Oct. 4
October gets off to a tremendous start with the return of both Angel Olsen and Danny Brown. Both released their last albums — “My Woman” and “Atrocity Exhibition” respectively — to widespread acclaim. Olsen’s indie opus took her career to the next level, while Brown’s being anchored by her typically sharp songwriting, these should both be considered Album of the Year contenders when all is said and done. If neither of those suffice, Oct. 4

Oct. 11
Big Thief already released one critically acclaimed album in “U.F.O.F.” this year, but they look to repeat that success with “Two Hands.” Kim Gordon, formerly of Sonic Youth, will release her first solo venture after all these years in the form of “No Home Record.” Experimental crew Lightning Bolt will also make their return with “Sonic Citadel.”

Oct. 18
Gucci Mane will be dropping the sequel to his 2016 mixtape “Woptober,” and Clipping returns to try and extend their stay at the top of experimental hip-hop with “There Existed An Addiction To Blood.” If you’re interested in bands well past their prime, Jimmy Eat World and Third Eye Blind will both be releasing albums on this day, alongside Foals.

Oct. 25
Arguably the most anticipated album of the entire year, FKA Twigs will be realizing her first full-length LP since 2015’s “LP1.” But the day has much more to offer from there. Neil Young & Crazy Horse will be releasing a new album, Van Morrison will be releasing a brand new album and Rex Orange County will be releasing his latest studio album. Alongside all of them are other big names including Swans, Underworld, Little Scream, Amon Tobin, Sunn O))) and plenty more.

Along with all of these, who knows if Kanye West will finally decide to release “Jesus Is King” after much delay in September. But just in case, be on the lookout for the potential latest from Mr. West.

Apps that will make a college student’s life easier

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College can make you feel unorganized or overly stressed by the cluster of assignments. This list includes free applications that will make your life at college slightly easier. The following apps will organize your schedule, assignments, to-do lists and study plans.

Pocket Schedule Planner
Pocket Schedule Planner is a neat app that provides a calendar or weekly views of assignments. By adding in your classes, you can keep track of all the assignments from past to future and divide them into higher or lower priority sections. You can also add in everyday tasks, projects or goals to track and manage. Furthermore, the app will even keep track of holidays to remind you that class is canceled. It’s the perfect all-in-one app for time management, assignment organization and reminders for general tasks.

Duolingo
Are you planning on studying abroad or have an upcoming foreign language test? Duolingo provides numerous languages that you can learn from daily. It curates levels of difficulty to keep you on your toes when learning a new language. Even if you are just interested in learning a new language, this app is free and easily accessible to use. On the app, quizzes and flashcards are provided regularly to help you improve your grammar skills. There are over 90 languages to master, and partner apps like Tinycards allow you to take studying one step further.

Groupon
Let’s be honest, college can get expensive, but Groupon can help you save some cash. Groupon is an app that has special coupon codes for online or local shopping purchases. If you are in need of some small shelves for your dorm, buy it through Groupon and save a trip to a local store. Also, there are special deals on local restaurants or shops that would make a perfect inexpensive day to spend with your friends. Honestly, the best way to discover new places is by using the map on Groupon to see the hottest deals for places nearby.

Quizlet
In a rush to study for a quiz? The Quizlet app makes it easy to study on the go. You can share your flashcards with your peers or keep them for yourself. It is an effective way to review vocabulary in a flash. Also, the app can generate quizzes or matching games to make studying more interactive for the user. It’s the perfect on-the-go tool without the hassle of carrying flashcards.

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BG Undead puts gun fears to rest

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Reporter

A high school student in Texas was arrested and charged after bringing a toy gun to school, according to a 2019 Valley Central article. As a result, students at the Texas high school believed there was an active shooter roaming their halls.

All over the U.S., fake guns are being mistaken for real guns, causing an inflation of fear – especially with the rise of real shootings. BGSU’s largest campus club is called “BG Undead” where students run around campus with Nerf guns, shooting other members in hopes of winning Students vs. Zombies. When the group was first created 13 years ago, they scared students and thus had many run-ins with campus police.

Several times a semester while walking through campus, one could come across students with bandanas tied around their arms, sometimes in huge trench coats, with a Nerf gun in hand running from building to building.

Members of the Bowling Green community have mixed feelings about BG Undead. Sophomore nursing major Lea Lopresti believes that BG Undead are actually quite frightening.

“You don’t always know they are playing the game when you see them. Sometimes you’ll just see one with a gun and for a second your heart stops,” Lopresti said.

While members of the BG community have reservations about BG Undead, the group itself tries very hard to make the community feel safe and comfortable on campus. Andy Betts, president of BG Undead, was clear on the measures the group takes to make the BG community feel safe.

“Bandanas symbolize who is part of the group on campus. If a member is playing the game, they will have a very visible bandana tied on their head or arm. Also, all of the fake guns must have an orange tip, and we enforce both of these rules very strictly,” Betts said.

Betts said the BG Police know what is happening at all times.

“We work with the police, so they know where we are and when we will be there. If there are ever any problems, we report these to the police, and they take care of it,” he said. Betts explained much about the safety and precautions the BG Undead takes, and previous treasurer and current moderator of BG Undead, Jessie Walton, was adamant that the BG Undead is an inclusive space at BGSU.

“Some members have suffered from PTSD, alcohol or drug abuse, anger management or didn’t have a place they could fit in. They come to this physical activity and have a very positive outlet where they are accepted,” Walton said.

She added, “The BG Undead is not there to harm, it is just there to keep the kid and the nerd inside of you. If you have any interest, please join.”

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—Andy Betts—
President of BG Undead
Hockey opens season ranked 17th

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Falcon Media Sports Director

BGSU hockey head coach Ty Eigner and senior captain Alec Rauhauser met with media Monday morning to preview their upcoming season; at the same time, U.S. College Hockey Online published their first rankings of the season where the Falcons are slotted 17th.

Eigner, entering his first season as head coach, will coincidentally match up with his former boss in Chris Bergeron and the Miami Redhawks come Sunday night.

“I think it’s probably the best way to do this is to get it out of the way right away,” Eigner joked, “because at some point we were going to coach against each other, right? It’ll be special, though, at least from my side.”

One key storyline that has latched onto the program this particular year is the personnel changes not only off the ice but on the ice as well. The Falcons received three freshmen to their blueline, but this defensive platoon has put in the time and effort with Eigner throughout their individual recruiting process.

“We’ve been really fortunate over the past five or six years as we’ve been able to attract some really good high-end defenseman to come be a part of our program … So we expect them to come jump in feet first and get after it,” Eigner said.

There will always be a transition for freshman no matter the position they play, but add on top of that being brought into a program vying for its own transition into a national championship contender, and there is plenty to deal with.

The players feel they are ready for that challenge.

“Everyone in that locker room last year was pretty upset with the way the season ended,” Rauhauser said. “I think there’s a lot of motivation from the guys from last year. Even the freshmen probably felt it too and weren’t very happy with it.”

Rauhauser and the defensive core will be tasked with protecting the crease of starting goaltender Eric Dop. The junior keeper from Lewis Center, Ohio, has already appeared in 24 games throughout the course of his Falcon career, but this will be his first as the true starter in net.

“When he got in the games last year everyone was confident. I think maybe he was first (on the team) in save percentage last year. He’s a very confident goalie in the net and the guys are confident playing in front of him, so there’s no change,” Rauhauser said.

Continuity will be needed to be present on the ice in order for this program to return to the NCAA tournament, but in order for consistency, there needs to be an understanding that just because Eigner and Bergeron once worked on the same staff, it does not mean they are the same coach.

“I think there’s a different way to do the same things we’ve been doing and the same things we’re known for,” Eigner said. “Me having to be myself is obviously going to be a change for the players. Berge and I are as close of friends as you can have, but we’re different people.”

This is the first time hockey has broken the top 20 of the first USCHO poll of the season since the start of the 2016-2017 season.

First impressions bode well for hockey team

Ashley Kimmel
Sports Reporter

Ready for another shot at a championship title. BGSU hockey is gearing up for an eventful season.

Expectations are set, there’s a sense of unfinished business in the locker room, and everyone is aware of the opportunities ahead. As the season approaches, all eyes are on the prize.

The previous season concluded with not only the loss of some talented players, but also the team’s head coach. Regardless, newly appointed head coach Ty Eigner is ready to make his mark.

“I think I’m most excited to continue moving the program forward with the people (involved),” Eigner said.

And the chapter on the past season has been closed. In its place, the ‘19-’20 season is a welcome challenge.

“It’s hard to compare such an insanely awesome year that we had last year,” Connor Ford, a newly appointed assistant captain, said. “As much as you want to set that bar, and that’s the bare minimum, at the end of the day you have to take it one day at a time, one practice at a time, and just be the best version of yourselves.”

Despite the humble attitude the team possesses, it’s clear the bar has already been set high.

“I did not get a sense from any of (the players) that they are satisfied with how the year ended … even though by all accounts we had a really good year,” Eigner said.

And the loss of their graduated players has only pushed the team to up their intensity.

“I know with my class there’s a lot of pressure … to really step up. That’s basically the main thing,” starting goaltender Eric Dop said.

But the awareness is there: they know they have the talent to replace what they lost. Specifically, when it comes to producing on the ice, this year’s offense wants to prove themselves to be even better than last year’s.

“There were times last year when we struggled to score goals, and I think this team has shown the ability to make high level offensive plays that in the past we’ve struggled to make,” Ford said.

And in taking that next step, they’re putting themselves in a better position to continue producing.

To the players, nobody else’s expectations matter. They are their own harshest critics, and they’re ready to take it to the next level. They know they can do it again, so when the season starts, they’ll be ready to bring the heat.
Men's and women's soccer crush at Cochrane

Maxwell Marko
Falcon Media Sports Director

Football
After losing big to Kent State, BGSU football travels to South Bend, Indiana to take on 10th ranked Notre Dame in a game where the Falcons are labeled as 45-point underdogs. This will be the first time BGSU has ever played the Fighting Irish, and with the bye week sandwiched in, head coach Scot Loeffler has had plenty of time to prepare.

“The one thing where (Notre Dame) is different is their recovery speed right now is off the charts,” Loeffler told media on Monday. “When they make a mistake, they are so fast that they can recover.”

The Fighting Irish are among the collegiate elite when it comes to stopping explosive plays; limiting plays that would normally go for 20+ yards to only 5 yard gains.

Loeffler, with his experience at Michigan and Boston College, has seen his fair share of Notre Dame games. However, he trusts his players know what they are going up against.

“He knows that they’re tough guys and knows and Boston College, has seen his fair share of Notre Dame games. However, he trusts his players know what they are going up against. "He knows that they’re tough guys and knows what we have to be disciplined with our game,” said middle linebacker Brandon Perce.

Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Stadium and can be seen live on NBC.

Volleyball
After entering their conference schedule, the Falcons remains unschathed against MAC opponents this year. Wins against Ohio and Kent State push their record to 8-6 on the year.

The East Division front runners won three straight sets against the Bobcats with standout freshman Petra Indrova leading the charge. The Jihlava, Czech Republic native recorded 21 kills—one shy of her season high.

The Golden Flashes of Kent State witnessed the true veracity of BGSU in a three set sweep where the Falcons overcame two separate deficits. Katelyn Meyer and Katie Kidwell teamed up for a combined 29 kills. Volleyball returns home for matchups against Akron and Buffalo.

Men's soccer
A close first half saw the Falcons pulled away in the latter half in a 4-1 victory over Canisius. An all-around team effort saw four different players put shots past Golden Griffins goaltender Fabio D’Errico. Chris Sullivan, Chris Brennan, Ike Swiger and Matt Walters scored unanswered goals.

“Probably the first time this year that I’ve been really disappointed with the full 45 minutes,” head coach Eric Nichols said postgame. “I thought we were flat. We lacked our motion, our energy, our bite, our fight. All the things we hang our hat on were lacking.”

Falcons goaltender Anthony Mwembia was involved in a collision that took him out of the game early, but his replacement Logan Kowalczyk stopped all three shots that came his way.

Chris Brennan and Chris Sullivan continue their battle for the top scorer on the team. Sullivan's goal and assist put him at 11 total points on the year leaving him a mere single point behind Brennan (12) for the lead.

“IT speaks volumes to the character of our team we can realize ‘Hey, we’re not playing how we want to play’, and we were able to turn it around,” Sullivan said.

Men's soccer takes the road this week with matches against Detroit Mercy and IUPUI.

Women's soccer
Back-to-back wins against Akron and Buffalo put the Falcons in a tie for first place in the MAC with Central Michigan. Lynsey Spotts scored just before the end of the first half against the Zips and the Falcons were able to hang on for the shutout victory.

Buffalo were peppered with shots from Matt Fannon’s squad that totaled 26 shots on the weekend. Chelsea Washington set up the game-winning strike with her team leading fourth assist on the season in the 2-1 victory.

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Sports Columnist

The wounds for BGSU football has had a chance to heal thanks to a bye last week. After being outscored 149-27 over their past three games, the Falcons now travel to South Bend, Indiana, to take on ninth ranked Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish, who are coming off of a 35-20 win over Virginia last Saturday, is looking to keep their momentum rolling after losing to Georgia the week before. The Falcons come into the game 44.5 point underdogs. Here are three keys for the Falcons to be able to keep this one close.

Control time of possession.
One of the biggest keys to winning any football game is to have the ball more than your opponent. This is especially key when going up against a top 10 team on the road.

Notre Dame obviously has the better athletes, so keeping the ball out of the hands of those athletes would go a long way in keeping this one close. Ian Book has been great once again for the Fighting Irish, throwing for 993 yards, 8 touchdowns, and just 2 interceptions this season. If BGSU wants any chance of winning this game or even just keeping it close, they need to keep the ball out of his hands.

Take care of the ball.
This one kind of goes hand-in-hand with the last key, because turning the ball over means giving the ball to the opposing team, and more specifically placing the ball in the hands of Ian Book. Currently, Bowling Green is giving the ball away an average of 1.3 times per game. While this number doesn't seem too bad, and it isn't, they need to be absolutely flawless against Notre

Limit penalties.
In order to control the possession in any game, a team needs to have long, drawn out drives that eventually end in a score. Ideally, you want to be able to run the ball well, draining clock and keeping third downs short. Too many penalties, though, and you will be forced to convert third and longs, and to put it frankly, I don't see the Falcons being able to convert many long third downs against a top ten team. So for that reason, the Falcons need to make sure that they are limiting their penalties. The offensive line is going to struggle at times in this game, but at the very least they need to play disciplined, in order to give the Falcons a shot at keeping their drives going. Bowling Green has been fairly disciplined so far, committing an average of just 6 penalties per game through four games. That being said, they haven’t played in a hostile environment that Notre Dame is going to offer on Saturday. They might be a little nervous to begin the game, and that's expected, but overall the BGSU has to play penalty free football in order to keep this one from getting out of hand.

Those are the three keys to the game for this Saturday. The game is set to kickoff at 3:30 p.m. ET and you can watch it on NBC.

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Football attempts to slow down Notre Dame

Kennedy White plays the ball off her chest.
USG revisits tobacco-free campus policy

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Undergraduate Student Government is revisiting the possibility of a tobacco-free policy at BGSU with a resolution presented at Monday’s general assembly.

The resolution supports prohibiting the use of all tobacco products campus-wide. According to Sen. Gil Lutz, author of the bill, it would apply to students and faculty alike.

If passed, Sen. Raegen Shull said the policy will directly coincide with the new state law, effective Oct. 17, where Ohio residents under 21 will be unable to purchase tobacco and vaping products. She also stated any use of tobacco would be classified as a code of conduct violation.

According to the resolution, “An Act as so passed would present a backing to the Office of Recreation and Wellness’s university wide initiative to promote healthy living habits. A tobacco free campus will support the health and well being of the campus and the environment,” stating that BGSU is the only public university in Ohio to have not implemented tobacco-free policies.

Faith DeNardo, director of the BGSU Wellness Connection, commented on the resolution during open forum, expressing support of a tobacco-free campus.

“All the data tells us it’s the right thing to do,” she said. “I am, of course, going to keep advocating for it, but I am not the only voice here on this campus.”

She said the policy would be important to combating recent health concerns related to vaping and e-cigarettes.

“It’s just concerning because we don’t have a lot of information on that. This is happening very quickly, and this is happening to young folks,” she said.

A similar bill was proposed to USG in February 2018 but failed in its final vote. Later in the year, the BGSU Wellness Connection’s Tobacco Free Initiative was revised for discussion, receiving mixed responses from students.

The resolution will receive a final reading and vote at the Oct. 7 assembly.
Starbucks to undergo renovations

Eric Cox
Reporter

Starbucks franchises are required to undergo major renovations every ten years, and it is about that time at the BGSU location.

The campus Starbucks, located in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, is scheduled for such a renovation this summer.

Dining services is in the early stages of this process and has not proposed a final plan yet. Since Starbucks is a franchise, BGSU must work with Starbucks in order to keep within the confines of their contract.

BGSU Dining Director Michael Paulus is excited about the new innovations that can be brought to campus with a renovation. The campus Starbucks is looking to double the size of the current location by moving it within the student union.

BGSU Dining hopes to work to bring new features to this new location. Mobile order, Nitro Brew and other coffee innovations not currently available on campus are potentially coming with the expansion. Mobile order would require a separate system, however.

Paulus said they would want it fully integrated within BGSU’s meal plans.

This change could be important for the student body since the Starbucks campus location is one of the highest grossing Starbucks in Northwest Ohio. Dining services hopes to expand the size of the current location to be able to better accommodate the large demand for coffee at BGSU.

There are still many steps before the renovation is possible as dining services would only have the summer to complete this project. Closure of Starbucks during any part of the fall 2020 semester is not something they would like to do.

The Union Starbucks will be renovated in 2020.