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BGSU Planetarium spotlights space objects in ‘Firefall’

Rosiland Fletcher
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BGSU Planetarium is hosting a multimedia show, called "Firefall" about the life of comets, asteroids and meteorites. The show presents the impact celestial bodies have had on the Earth and the universe, in the past and present.

The presentation, originally sourced by the University of Florida, speaks about the effect of these celestial bodies that encounter the Earth and its atmosphere. It also spoke of the Big Bang, the sun and other astronomical objects in the universe that have affected where the Earth and its present, and potentially future, state in the solar system.

“Thousands of space objects pass through the atmosphere each year on Earth but tend to burn in the atmosphere before even reaching the ground,” said Dale Smith, the BGSU Planetarium Director.

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Snow much fun!

Check out what the BG News staff likes to do out in the cold or in the warm of home on winter days

Mary Ross
Forum Editor

Reading a book with hot chocolate
I love snow, don’t get me wrong, but I don’t always like getting drenched when I go outside to play in it. However, sitting in the foyer of my house with the front door open so I can see the beautiful winter scenery, with a cup of hot chocolate (or coffee) and either a book or notebook is always a move for me. For me, there is nothing in the wintertime as calming and enjoyable as that, especially if I’m home alone and there’s no commotion to distract me from what I’m doing.

Andrew Bailey
Pulse Editor

Eating snow
Sometimes tap water just won’t cut it. Snow is a gorgeously pure form of the liquid straight from the skies. It has all the benefits of drinking regular water, but it’s also more solid than water, so it can kind of feel like food if you really try. While I don’t run out into my yard with a plate and cutlery to dine on the fluffy goodness, scooping up a morning snack on my walk to class is the energizer I need to get me through the day. Also, I can stuff my pockets full of the white powder for a midday snack, as well as insulation. For some people, a blizzard means staying under blankets, but for me, it means dinner.

Hunter Huffman
Campus Editor

Lounging around with music, writing
Snow days are pretty cool sometimes (pun intended). Admittedly, I also enjoy just lounging inside for the day. It’s a great time to warm up in a blanket, plop on the couch and watch a flick or two on one of those newfangled internet things. Personally, I find it a good opportunity to write while jamming to some tunes — particularly jazz — as accompaniment to the blizzard outside. All in all, snow’s just a great excuse to be a recluse for the day, which is something all of us need once in a while. Happy holidays, y’all.

Brionna Scebbi
Editor-in-Chief

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Writing, drinking coffee and gazing out a window
Snow days are truly the best! It’s an opportunity to either be productive or enjoy the little things you like to do. For me, taking time to do a few of my favorite things, whether it’d be writing or reading, both with a cup of coffee next to me, I’m happy. Sitting by a chilled window and occasionally gazing out at the white snowflakes falling — it’s still and magnificent. Snow days also allow me to reflect on the coming of the new season and the lessons I may learn from the simple sight of snow.

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Celebrate veterans every day, not just Veterans Day

Nicholas Bowers
Columnist

Most people do not regard Veterans Day as more than a day off of school or a bank holiday. But Nov. 11 has substantial significance both historically and in the present context.

Veterans Day (also known as Remembrance Day in the United Kingdom and Canada) is a day dedicated to the servicemen of the nation who served in their nation’s armed forces honorably. The day was initially known around the world as Armistice Day, as a way to remember and reflect upon the First World War. The armistice agreement ceasing hostilities took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th month in the year of 1918, bringing an end to a horrific conflict like the planet had never seen before, leaving about 16 million military personnel from around the globe dead, and a further 20 million injured. In addition, over 6 million civilians were killed in the conflict.

On the one year anniversary of the end of the War to End All Wars, President Woodrow Wilson issued a declaration to the American people expressing what he believed the day meant. He said, “To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations” (Supplement, 8804).

Traditionally, the day was celebrated with parades, public meetings, and brief suspensions of public businesses. The day was celebrated unofficially in this nation until 1938, when an act of congress (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) officially passed it into legal status.

However, after the Second World War required the largest mobilization of troops in national history, and U.S. forces had successfully repelled communist offensives in the Korean War, the name of the day was changed to Veterans Day and was designated to honor all service members rather than just those of World War I.

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Cooking is possible for college students

Brionna Scebbi
Editor-in-Chief

Not having free time or not knowing how to cook isn't an excuse when there are so many resources.

Watch how-to videos.
From learning how to properly use a knife to how to cook scrambled eggs perfectly every time, there are unlimited YouTube videos for whatever kitchen skills you’re trying to master. There are even tutorials for easy microwave meals, snacks and desserts that take five minutes or even more challenging stovetop dishes.

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Disney+ streaming service launches

Disney is expanding their empire by creating an accessible streaming service for all of the Disney fans. This is making others worried about the effects it will create for other streaming services.

Disney+ launched on Nov. 12 for $6.99 a month; it is a streaming service that will hold popular television shows and movies owned by Disney for all ages, including from other networks bought by Disney. The company is increasing the demand for their network by promoting new Disney+ original shows that will be released with the launch of the application, like “The Mandalorian.”

Furthermore, various shows have already been confirmed to appear on the application later in the year. “The Falcon and the Winter Soldier” and “WandaVision” are examples of MCU shows that are set to premiere later in 2020 or 2021. Overall, the application sounds too good to be true. Given the combination of nostalgia from old Disney pictures, new upcoming expansions in big cinematic universes and affordability, the app sounds perfect for any age group to enjoy.

With the threat of Disney+, Netflix starts to feel pressure and concern. Netflix is charging nearly $13 a month and more companies are starting to pull their shows off the popular streaming service. Many companies are attempting to start their own streaming service, which explains Netflix’s dilemma of not having as many popular movies on the website. As Disney+ is almost less than half of the cost as Netflix, everyone is wondering the direction Netflix must take to stay afloat in the competition of streaming services.

Now, Netflix has many original shows and movies, which may be their next move in attempting to keep their subscribers. Promoting their original content and curating indie styled filmmaking on Netflix, may keep the streaming service around for a few more years. Several services in the future will only show their content and lack differentiation.

Netflix obtaining indie films and creating their own unique content with no clear cut and dry technique of filmmaking, may spark individuality in the service, where other services may lack.

Disney has all their bases covered in delivering content for this new application. As Disney owns two major franchises such as Star Wars and the MCU, these two features alone makes fans want to purchase the service. Nevertheless, these sources of pure entertainment leaves Netflix to scramble for their next marketing plan, which may or may not happen.

Conclusively, Disney+ is available in a few short days and will include hundreds of pictures for any fan to enjoy.

Ross loves Julia Michaels more after concert

Julia Michaels has been one of my favorite singers since my sister and best friend introduced me to her earlier this year. The vulnerability she has in each of her songs, especially her two newest albums, inspires me not just to be vulnerable in my own writing, but also in my life.

On Nov. 2, I had the opportunity to see her perform at Newport Music Hall in Columbus with my sister and mom. Though I was nervous that her vulnerability and the sweetness of her voice would be lost in a concert venue, my anxieties were instantly relieved the second she took the stage.

Not only did her vulnerability and the sweetness of her voice transfer to the stage, but her fun, bubbly personality had the whole music hall dancing and singing with her. Everyone around me was screaming every word to every song she performed, showing just how much Michaels music has impacted everyone.

Plus, Michaels took the time for smaller interactions with specific audience members. She has a talent for picking specific people out in the audience and having small, inaudible conversations with them, winking or waving. One specific moment that stuck out to me was a girl in the upper balcony was celebrating her birthday – all of her friends were screaming that it was her birthday – and Michaels, during a break in her song, looked up to the girl and mouthed happy birthday.

But not only does she have small interactions with singular audience members, but she did big, full audience actions, like most singers do, but for me, they were more powerful. During her songs “Apple” and “Falling for Boys,” Michaels came out onto the main floor where the audience stood, getting her closer to some of the audience members and giving them a better view. For me, this meant she stood literally two feet away from my sister and I. We even made it onto her Instagram post of her Columbus performance because of our close proximity to her.

Moreover, her performances of “Happy,” “Falling for Boys,” “Anxiety” and “Into You” all had me deep in my feels, especially “Anxiety” where I started bawling and my sister and I were screaming the words at the top of our lungs.

Though I have been a huge fan of Julia Michaels since hearing her music, this concert deepened my love for her and her music even more. Not only did the concert give me a chance to see my sister for the first time since August, but it also gave me a space to thoroughly immerse myself in something wonderful and forget about the outside world for a few hours.

Plus, her performance gave me a space to dance. And sing. And scream. And cry.

And just express myself along with an entire audience. The emotions throughout the night were incredible and I have craved to go back to the concert venue since I left.

To listen to Julia Michael’s music and love her as much as I do, it can be streamed on Spotify, YouTube Music, Apple Music, Pandora, Deezer, Play Music, iHeartRadio and TuneIn.
7 more artists to watch out for

RC
Pulse Reporter

A couple weeks ago, we compiled a list of seven artists to watch out for before they hit the mainstream. Since there’s so much music coming out these days in the advent of the internet, and you can never get enough music, we decided to do it again! Therefore, here are seven more artists to watch out for before they sell their souls to pop radio.

Jetty Bones
Consider it punk-rock, Carly Rae Jepsen. The stage name for Kele Galluzzo, Jetty Bones is essentially a pop artist behind an alternative backdrop; similar to that of a Blink-182 with more of a female point of view.

Moths In The Attic
With a debut album soon to arrive to streaming services, which is already available on Bandcamp, Moths In The Attic have a promising future ahead of them. A seemingly more mysterious take on the music of American Football, these Northwest Ohio natives have a unique style and a very talented group of guys at the helm.

Foxing
Another quality indie band, Foxing’s song “The Medic” has accumulated over 10 million streams on Spotify. The band, however, still has a relatively smaller fanbase. The song just proves that the band has mass appeal potential just waiting to be further tapped.

Snarls
Music that just sounds so good. Listening to Snarls evokes childhood memories you forgot that you had, and is a throwback in a sense to alternative music of the 90s. Similar to Snail Mail, who was mentioned in the first part of this article, Snarls is music for the youth.

Morgan Saint
Morgan Saint has a sound very similar to that of a Billie Eillish or an FKA twigs, but let’s not act like that’s a bad thing. As that sound has started to become more and more mainstream, thanks to the rise of artists like Lorde, it’s not unfeasible to see an artist like Morgan Saint topping the charts soon.

Protomartyr
By this point, it may seem like the amount of indie and alternative bands on here could be considered overkill. However, none of the bands mentioned prior will feed your appetite if you’re looking for some gothic rock. That’s what Protomartyr is here for.

Sam Bekt
Although Sam Bekt may have the lowest amount of monthly listeners of anyone on this list, it may be the most interesting music here. Kind of like a mix between Lil Peep with less aggression and Beck at his strangest, Sam Bekt is someone to keep your ears open for.

Alicia Kobasic
WBGU-FM Promotions Director

“Of all the shows we’ve played in the last four years, this one will remain with us the longest, because not only is it the last show of this album, but it is the last show that we’ll ever do,” were the words spoken by Creeper front-man Will Gould before they played their last song of their Nov. 1, 2018 show. The show was at London’s KOKO venue and was sold out. Following their final song “Misery,” each member placed their Callous Hearts jackets in a pile and left the stage, the backdrop reading, “Even Eternity Ends,” a reference to their 2017 debut album, “Eternity, in Your Arms.”

Once videos of the Southampton-based band hit social media with no explanation from the band about what happened, fans were confused. Was this the end of Creeper? Did they just witness the band’s last show without even knowing it? Or was this just a dramatic way for the British rockers to end their current era?

Answers did not come the days, weeks or even months following the show. It was as if the band just disappeared, never to be seen again. Even as a casual fan of this band, I was confused and wanted to know what was next for this band.

It would be almost a year before fans would get their answer. There was no activity on any of the band’s social media accounts, no word of what was next to come for this band, until cryptic posts on their social media accounts started to appear. Then, on Sept. 29, the band reappeared and tweeted out “NOVEMBER 1st. NO ONE FORGIVES.” with a link to an event page for an intimate show at Club 229 in London. The headline of the show being listed as Fugitives of Heaven, the band also changed their name of social media to Fugitives of Heaven. The show also marks exactly one year after their KOKO show.

So, what happened next? During the show on Nov. 1, the band played their old music, but also debuted a new song titled, “Born Cold”.

Creeper tweeted, “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. This is Born Cold,” with a link to their website that has all the ways to stream the single.

Gould also said in a Kerrang! magazine article, “this song is an introduction of one of the more villainous characters from our new story. It was inspired by what the Thin White Duke was for David Bowie - a more selfish, narcissistic character,” explaining the story behind the song.

There has been no announcement of what the title of their second album will be or when fans can expect to hear it.

It was also announced that the band will be supporting the band BabyMetal in the UK in February. The dates run Feb. 19-23.

Creeper were also on the cover of the UK-based music magazine Kerrang! A picture of the six-piece band, straight-faced, with Gould in a black suit jacket, pants and tie with a white shirt and a red rose pinned on the jacket, while the other five were all in white outfits with accents of black in belts and suspenders. The headline reads “The Resurrection of Creeper: How Punk’s Dark Knights Cheated Death.”

That is all that Creeper have revealed about what fans can expect from the band’s return. But, Creeper are no strangers to mystery and at least the fans now know the band is not over, they are just beginning.

Follow the band on Twitter @creepercultuk to see what they will surprise the world with next.
Brown Bag Food Project helps fight Wood County food insecurity

Megan Finke
Reporter

Supplying food items to necessary hygienic products is only the start of what the Brown Bag Food Project does. Its true goal is to let citizens of Wood County who are struggling with food insecurity know there is help for meeting their needs and accessing vital information on community resources.

The idea for the organization started in 2013, and the Brown Bag Food Project earned non-profit status in 2015. Since then, it has strived to diminish the food insecurity problem in Wood County. Many people the organization serves do not qualify for federal help, so the community does what it can to ensure these people have something to eat.

The Brown Bag Food Project’s website says 14.8% of Wood County residents struggle with food insecurity.

Going into their fifth year, the organization holds various fundraisers and events throughout the year to raise money and get products for those in need. Amy Jeffers, vice chair of the organization, said there are many things they do to raise money.

“We are an all-volunteer organization, so any money that we raise is through fundraising events, we are able to get a couple of smaller grants each year and that carries us over a little bit,” Jeffers said.

Fundraising events range from selling chocolate covered strawberries during Valentine’s Day, gourmet caramel apples during the fall and more. These events are highly anticipated by the community, meaning they will call ahead just to see if they can order early.

The Soup Bowl event is a new fundraiser in collaboration with the university. Students in the Clay Club create a little over 300 handmade bowls which are then donated to the organization. Community members then purchase their own ticket and are able to select a bowl of their choice and taste test provided soups or enjoy a full meal.

Aside from fundraising, the organization gets their products from many other sources as well. Sometimes, community members will stop by and drop off basic necessities, but they also take advantage of SeaGate Food Bank in Toledo, where they can get pre-bought store items for a discounted price or free.

When it comes to benefitting the public, the Brown Bag Food Project not only helps with food insecurity issues in Wood County, but also provide many forms of community outreach.

“We go to festivals, we have tables setup, we give talks to a number of classes and organizations on campus, we’ve talked with churches,” Jeffers said. “In that respect, we really try to get the Wood County residents to understand that food insecurity is one of those issues that could happen to anybody.”

With the winter and holiday season approaching, reaching those in need is crucial. One of the main things done in this season is handing out Thanksgiving dinner to those who needed it. The organization pairs with BGSU’s honor fraternity, Order of Omega, to get donations for all of the items associated with a full Thanksgiving dinner.

“We try to prep for the holidays and help out a little extra. We will usually be able to purchase hams and other items like that because we know that usually there are people that can use a little bit of extra help around the holiday times,” Jeffers said.

While food insecurity is still a problem among those in Wood County, the Brown Food Project gives hope and a sense of security.

“We need to recognize that there is a lot of people out here that need help, and there are places they can get it,” Jeffers said.

To learn more about the Brown Bag Food Project or learn how to get involved, one can Visit Brownbagfoodproject.org.
Women’s soccer wins MAC Championship, will face Michigan in NCAA tournament

Maxwell Marko
Falcon Media Sports Director

After a thrilling MAC Championship win over Eastern Michigan via penalty kicks, Bowling Green women’s soccer will be heading to the NCAA Tournament to take on the Michigan Wolverines in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Eagles gave the Falcons their toughest test of the MAC tournament, pushing them to extra time for the second consecutive year. Junior midfielder Nikhita Jacob finessed a clinching penalty kick that earned BGSU their fourth all-time MAC Championship.

“(Head coach) Matt (Fannon) and I had talked earlier in the season how I kinda struggled in the big moments,” Jacob said after her heroic strike, “but I was just happy to put this one away.”

Fannon, since being hired in 2016, has been credited with transforming the culture of the women’s soccer program. He has accumulated 41 wins after his arrival from York, England.

Women’s soccer celebrates their second consecutive MAC Championship.

Rugby wins another MAC Championship

Roger Mazzarella
Guest Columnist

Say ‘back to back’ 38 times and you have the number of times Bowling Green rugby has won the Mid American Conference.

This is the fourth time in five years BG and WMU have met in the MAC Championship. BG has won the MAC every year since 1982. Each year it gets tighter, as evidenced by BG’s mid-season conference losses as teams like Cincinnati, Louisville and WMU get better.

“The forward domination by BG SU was unreal. Scientifically, it did not make sense. Western had to have 200 more pounds of muscle on the forwards,” said Louisville head coach Frank Viancourt.

The Falcons defeated Louisville 41-14 in Saturday’s semifinal to set up the Western rematch. The Falcons had lost to both Louisville and Western in the regular season.

Every year it gets harder to keep this streak going. We are just walking around with a huge target on our backs. I hate close games. I can’t calm down until it is 40-0. This one was as tight as it gets, though. It took a last-second penalty kick to win the game.

The historical significance of the streak isn’t lost on the players either.

“None of us want to be known as the squad that ended the championship streak,” senior captain Bob Kiskin said. “Win a national championship one year and lose the MAC the next. No, that wouldn’t be cool.”

Nonetheless, the Falcons have been trying to mesh together as a team that lost 27 players to graduation. That has led to a lot of playing time for the squad’s freshmen. BG had six freshmen on the field by the end of the final game. Nine freshmen made up the playing squad of 23.

Freshman scrum-half Ryan Niemiller made the winning kick, who was just as happy as anyone to see the game come to a close.

“All I could think of was that if I made the kick I could go home,” Niemiller said. Niemiller lives in Clayton, North Carolina — about an hour from the national playoffs in Greenville. Ironically, Niemiller shanked a kick this spring that cost his Clayton high school team the North Carolina High School Championship.

“(Head coach) Tony (Mazzarella) laid out a very detailed plan Saturday night on keeping the ball away from the bruising WMU forwards and dealing with their cross kicks from their fly-half,” vice-captain Sam Ciancutti said. “We knew we had to swing the ball out to the backs and just gas their forwards to death.”

I have to hand it to forwards coach Brad Stott. He had his guys pushing Western all around the field. We completely dominated the scrums and mauls.

The Falcon ruggers will move on to the National Collegiate Championship in Greenville, North Carolina, Nov. 23-24. In addition to being the defending National Champion, the Falcons have been a national finalist 12 straight times.

Roger Mazzarella is the operations manager for the BGSU rugby team.
Football looks to keep its bowl eligibility alive against Miami on Wednesday

Shayne Nissen  
Sports Columnist

BGSU football got a huge win in their last contest against Akron on Nov. 2, keeping their hopes to stay bowl eligible alive heading into a midweek contest with Miami.

It was an absolute drubbing of the Zips that said much more about where the Akron program is compared to the program of Bowling Green. They looked helpless on both sides of the ball for pretty much the entirety of the game, giving the Falcons a multitude of short field opportunities.

The Falcons capitalized on most of these opportunities as Andrew Clair returned to the lineup and was able to punch it in the endzone twice in his first game back since the 62-20 loss to Kent State on Sept. 21. Grant Loy also was a crucial part of the Falcon’s success as he totaled two touchdowns on the day. One on his feet, and the other off a jump pass to Quintin Morris.

Other than that it was a relatively quiet day for the Falcons on offense, as Akron was just unable to move the ball on the Falcon defense and only managed 100 yards total in the game. They also turned the ball over four times in the game with Ty Redding, Davin Wilson, and Karl Brooks all getting big interceptions.

Now, the Falcons move on to the Miami Redhawks, who they will play on Wednesday in Oxford on national television. The Redhawks are currently one of the better defensive teams in the MAC, and BGSU head coach Scot Loeffler knows this going into the matchup.

“They play great defense. Any time that you play great defense you’ve got a chance to win and that’s what they do. I like how they built that program and I like how defense is a major emphasis with them. There’s not too many places out there that still do it that way but they do and that’s why they’re winning at home and that’s why they’re a good football program.” Loeffler said.

The Redhawks are especially solid in pass defense as they rank 27th in the country in passing yards allowed per game. Their run defense however, has been more susceptible. They have allowed 205 rushing yards per game this season, good for 106th in the country coming into the contest with the Falcons.

With the Falcons getting Clair back and coming off a bye week where they hope to also return Davon Jones to the backfield, the Falcons shouldn’t have any problem developing a run game on Wednesday night. Not to mention the added threat of Grant Loy rushing the ball too, as he has proven time and time again to be dangerous with his feet.

What might be most important for the Falcons tomorrow though, is figuring out how to win games on the road — especially in the second half.

“We’ve generally handled it quite well in the first half and in the second half we have not. So to be able to play a full 60 minutes on the road would be outstanding and hopefully get some guys, other new bloods on the field, I’m hoping that our depth problems won’t be as horrific as they have been in the past which keeps you in the game longer,” Loeffler said.

As mentioned before, the depth should be much better than it has been in previous weeks coming off a bye week, so there won’t be any excuses for finishing games this time around.

Even with the added depth, it still won’t be easy. While the Falcons are 0-4 in road games this season, Miami is a perfect 3-0 at home with victories over Tennessee Tech, Buffalo and Northern Illinois. To top it off, the Redhawks have won three MAC contests in a row and currently sit at the top of the MAC East with a 4-1 record. Their last win was a big one too, as they defeated an Ohio team that was the preseason favorite to win the MAC on the road.

This is a Miami team that went 0-12 back in 2013. They hired their current head coach, Chuck Martin, a year later and it might have taken a while, but they are now knocking on the door of a MAC Championship berth for the first time since 2010 when they last won the conference. For Loeffler, this is exactly what he wants this BGSU program to become.

“I think Chuck’s done a great job of building the program, I think he’s done it right. He hasn’t won the junior college route, he hasn’t won too much of the transfer route, he tried to build it with high school kids and it’s taken a little bit of time but I think he’s done it the right way and I think their football program will continue to improve and grow and build,” he said.

For short, a win against a hot Redhawks team probably isn't very likely as evidenced by the Falcons being 18.5 point underdogs going into the game. Still, the Falcons will head to Oxford with the motivation of keeping a bowl berth alive.

You can watch the Falcons try to pull off the upset on ESPNU Nov. 13 at 8 p.m.
2019 International Dinner to incorporate ‘garden-esque’ theme

Giang Nguyen
Reporter

“Each country has a recognized flower, while they are beautiful individually, together they make a bouquet.”

This quote, found at the back of the World Student Association's ticket to their annual International Dinner, reflects the special theme of this year's dinner. The event will take place on Nov. 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union ballroom.

President of WSA Connor Borowitz chose this quote himself because it adequately represents the diversity of every nation and their cultures.

“Last year’s theme was the Elements: Water, Fire, Air, Metal and Wood. We went along with the Asian theme,” he said. “(This year's theme) is definitely a more global topic, and that is what I really want to shoot for because flowers are very universal and not really exclusive to one location, obviously. So that is my goal for this year.”

The WSA aims to incorporate the flower theme into the ballroom’s interior decor as well.

“Because of the rarity of some of the flowers and how hard they are to get, we can't really get those but the ballroom is going to be decorated in greenery,” Borowitz said. Nevertheless, he said attendees are going to spend the night in a “garden-esque” space.

Aside from the main dinner, the night’s activity highlights include cross-cultural performances and a traditional clothing fashion show, both of which have been trademarks of this annual event.

“At the 2018 International Dinner, students performed a traditional Nepali dance. — and that I can understand the cultural backgrounds and social etiquettes of different cultural regions,” he said.

Speaking from his perspective as an American, Borowitz hopes that the WSA's events will foster reciprocal learning from both domestic and international students about each other's respective cultures.

Borowitz had some struggles of his own with bridging gaps among cultures.

“I use English slangs a lot, so my adjustments there have been just trying to be more concise with my language,” he explained. “But, being on the World Student Association, I'm really glad to help international students to kind of understand U.S. culture more, as well as have it as their second home, while still respecting their backgrounds.”

For ticket information, contact Andrew Betts, WSA’s treasurer at afbetts@bgsu.edu.

PHOTO BY KEVIN MENSAH
BGSU student speaks on viral tweet

RC Reporter

Picture this: one day you’re just an average joe minding your business. The next thing you know, you send out a tweet that captures that ever-so-rare lightning in a bottle that’s called Twitter fame. That’s what happened to Brandon Kohler, a student at BGSU.

“I honestly expected to get no more than 20 likes on the tweet,” he said. “I just thought it was funny and that some of my friends who knew my brother would laugh at it.”

The tweet itself, which has accumulated over 34,000 retweets and close to 352,000 likes as of Nov. 12, described what exactly Twitter’s imagination.

“The tweet was a screenshot of a text from my 10-year-old brother. He had called me to tell me he had a girlfriend, and then he sent me a pic of him with her scrunchie on his wrist,” he said.

This was not a moment he had been working for all this time, like many other people who have tweets go viral, as he claimed he doesn’t post frequently.

“I’ve always been active with following people on social media, but I don’t post super frequently,” he said.

The transition from “guy who didn’t post too much” to viral sensation has caused him to be seen differently by many people and be approached by people he doesn’t know.

“People that I haven’t met before on campus have recognized me from my tweet. I’ve had people DM me on Twitter and Instagram from all across the globe. The tweet more than doubled my previous follower count on Twitter. I’ve made some new friends because of it,” he said.

As far as another tweet that could gain a cult following, he wasn’t too sure that kind of success could be replicated so soon after, if ever.

“I have no idea how I could replicate the success of this tweet,” he said. “From the replies to it, apparently a lot of other kids are wearing their girlfriend’s scrunchies, and I feel like I capitalized on it before anyone else did.”

You can follow him on his Twitter @brandonrkohler.

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD FIX

1. Fellow
2. Satan’s territory
3. Dwarf buffalo
4. Kiss
5. A crime syndicate
6. Feeds
7. Render unnecessary
8. Perishes
9. Flower part
10. Rigid
11. Governors
12. Relative of a giraffe
13. Salamanders
14. Reddish brown
15. Death notice
16. Microwave (slang)
17. Apart
18. Eye layer
19. Imperfection
20. Copyright infringement
21. Past tense of Leap
22. A dwarfed ornamental tree
23. Diva’s solo
24. Vomiting
25. Eastern Standard Time
26. Be dressed in
27. Constellation bear
28. 1000 kilograms
29. Gramophone
30. Medium-sized tubular pasta
31. Veto
32. Pinnacle
33. Throat-clearing sound
34. Vernacular
35. Scorn
36. Greek letter
37. Smile
38. Monster
39. Monogram
40. Greek letter
41. One sank the Titanic
42. Yields
43. Fat
44. Anagram of “Rustic”
45. Edge on a cutting tool
46. Anagram of “Note”
47. Among
48. Butchers’ offerings
49. Gait faster than a walk
50. The Nikita
51. Feudal worker
52. Marsh plant
53. French for “Our”
54. Bit of gossip
55. Bygone era
56. Office
57. Typographer
58. Space
59. Got up
60. 1000 kilograms
61. River of Spain
62. Medium-sized tubular pasta
63. Sea eagle
64. And so forth
65. Grandfather clock
66. River of Spain
67. Constellation bear
68. Anagram of “Note”*