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City council listens for student concerns

By Alex Alusheff
Reporter

With elections coming up next week, people on campus can learn about the government that affects the area.

With the exception of the 3rd Ward, which juts through Wooster and Clough streets and cuts off the Harshman and Kriescher Quads, the 1st and 2nd Wards are predominately student inhabited.

The current city council members representing 1st and 2nd Wards are Mark Hollenbaugh and John Zanfardino.

Both men work together to work with students and residents in their wards to voice their concerns at city council.

One way the council members become aware of student issues is through phone calls.

While the calls they receive are mostly from city residents, Zanfardino said, there have been a handful from students.

On one occasion, a student contacted Hollenbaugh regarding problems with his landlord.

"I interceded on the student's behalf and we reached a compromise with the landlord," Hollenbaugh said. "If you live in the 1st Ward and you have a problem, it is my responsibility to help you."

Another way they reach the students is through attending Undergraduate Student Government meetings.

Hollenbaugh said he tries to attend USG meetings whenever he is invited or at least twice a year. "Zanfardino and I are the first councilmen to attend the meetings," he said.

One particular case the council members recalled from last year was

the issue of immunity.

The immunity proposal dealt with underage drinking. If there is a case of underage drinking going on and one of the people get alcohol poisoning and require medical attention, the person who calls 911 would be immune from any prosecution that would typically result from that case.

The proposal was brought up at city council meetings but was ultimately declined due to a similar rule in effect, Zanfardino said.

At worst, I believe the student who called for medical attention would only be required to attend to alcohol awareness meetings, but it depends on the case and how the University decides to deal with it, he said.

That's just one example of how the local government communicates with the student population.

"We have been to a few luncheons

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John Zanfardino | City Council

with members of the local government to discuss issues that are affecting the students and community together," said junior Rob Orians, the vice president of USG.

Orians said he felt that communications between the two have gone very well and are overall effective.

While the council members haven't attended a USG meeting yet this semester, they said they plan on going soon.

When it came to student presence at the polls, the council members agreed that there could be more

involvement.

Local campaigns only bring out a couple hundred students, Zanfardino said, but if you look at the turnout of last year's discrimination bill passed and how hard the activists campaigned, you can see how the students affect the polls.

Because nearly half of the city is populated by students, they have the power to swing the vote of anything, said senior Daniel Gordon, who is currently running for Ward Two.

If it wasn't for the student's, the anti-discrimination bill wouldn't have passed, Gordon said.

Hollenbaugh said as a student government teacher, he thinks everyone should be more educated and involved in local politics.

Researching the issues and candidates will really help people when it comes time to vote at the polls, he said.

HAUNTED CAMPUS

Students share University ghost stories

By Jonathan Keilholz
Reporter

As a freshman, Lauren Downey expected some adjusting to college life at Kohl Hall.

But she didn't expect a ghost.

Halloween reminds her of meeting

Joey, the Kohl Hall ghost.

"A ghost first came to me a few weeks into the first semester," Downey said. "It was in my room — that's Kohl 352 — when my iPod player's radio turned on. Someone has to both turn on the iPod player and switch it to FM. My roommate and I weren't even close. It was

Joey, the Kohl Hall ghost.

Downey said at first she didn't like listening to the myth.

"I'm sort of a wuss when it comes to ghost stories," Downey said. "Since everything was happening in my room, I tuned out the stories."

Sophomore Brittney Murphy listened

to the stories.

"It's said that before Kohl Hall, there was a bakery here," Murphy said. "Joey's family owned it. He went into the bread oven and was cooked to death. They

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BYRON MACK

City ordinance restricts student living conditions

Zoning law allows no more than 3 unrelated roommates

By Tasneem Almuhanna
Reporter

For many students, the cost of rent and utilities may be overwhelming and it may be tempting to add an extra roommate or two to help carry the expense. However, the Bowling Green City Occupancy Ordinance sets strict limits on how many unrelated persons can legally occupy a residence.

City council member John Zanfardino said the city zoning ordinance, created in 1975, states that in many of the houses in the city, no more than three unrelated people may live together, unless the house is exempt from the ordinance.

The city is divided into zones, in which specific types of property uses are allowed. Downtown is zoned for commercial and office use, and another part of the city is zoned for apartments, Zanfardino said.

"The purpose of zoning is to make towns and cities more livable. For example, without zoning laws, a company might be able to buy a vacant lot next to your house and build a noisy factory on it," Zanfardino said.

Back in 1975, there were eight or ten unrelated people living together, and due to the number of complaints about parking implications and noisy renters, the law was enacted, he said.

Zanfardino explained that some landlords were "grandfathered," which allows them to continue operating under the previous laws. Landlords were only "grandfathered" if kicking their renters out meant they would end up losing money. However, if landlords had lost some of their renters from six down to three for a 12-month period, they

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ELECTIONS 101

FIRST WARD FACE OFF

In preparation for the Nov. 8 election, The BG News questioned the candidates running for the 1st Ward, which is where most students live.

WHY IS THE 1ST WARD IMPORTANT TO BG?



Daniel Gordon
Challenger

"Every Ward is important to Bowling Green, but the 1st Ward is distinguished from the others in several respects. A large percentage of students in Bowling Green live here, since our ward encompasses most of campus and much of the off-campus student housing.

Additionally, the 1st Ward is most representative of Bowling Green as a whole, being a mixture of on-campus students, off-campus students, and residents, including professors and families. The connection between BG and BGSU is really established in our Ward, and much of the diversity in Bowling Green is to be found here ...

Tensions sometimes rise between the two communities, and if we want to unify Bowling Green and make this a more harmonious place to live, we need to better focus on the 1st Ward."



Mark Hollenbaugh
Incumbent

"First Ward is important to BG for a number of reasons. As one of the older areas of the city, 1st Ward has a rich history that includes the history of BGSU. First Ward is also one of the most culturally diverse areas of the city. This is one of its greatest assets.

Both of my children attended Ridge Street Elementary School (K-6) and because of the diverse nature of the people living in 1st Ward my kids matured to be tolerant and respectful of others. Great ideas emerge when people from differing viewpoints work collaboratively to resolve societal issues.

Because of this, BG's 1st Ward is an essential part of moving the city forward and making it a place where people want to live, study and work."

KNOW YOUR ISSUES

PART 1 OF A 4-PART SERIES

This week, The BG News will explain the three issues and one levy on this year's Ohio ballot, so you're informed when you head to the polls Nov. 8.

ISSUE 1 — BASIC FACTS

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio. If approved, it would:

- Increase the maximum age at which a person may be elected or appointed judge from 70 to 75
- Eliminate the authority of the General Assembly to establish courts of conciliation, which are an informal courts that provide quick and inexpensive decisions for small claims such as divorces and labor disputes
- Eliminate the authority of the Governor to appoint a Supreme Court commissioner, which is a group appointed to conduct certain government businesses, especially regulation

YES OR NO?

A "yes" vote means approval of the amendment. A "no" vote means disapproval of it.

Information compiled from the Wood County Board of Education: www.cowood.oh.us/BOE/index.html

IN FOCUS

Dress to frighten

Managing editor Alissa Widman analyzes current Halloween costume trends, urging students to consider scary alternatives in her debut column | **Page 3**

FORUM

The voice of a columnist

Columnist Phil Shurrer explains the role of an op-ed writer, how he projects his voice through columns and how his writing affects students and his life | **Page 6**

SPORTS

Hockey swept by Notre Dame

The BG hockey team failed to claim victory in two hotly contested games to No. 5 Notre Dame this weekend. The Irish topped the Falcons 3-1 on Friday and 3-2 on Saturday | **Page 6**

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Have you ever seen a ghost?



EMMA SALES
Freshman, AYA English

"No, but my older sister thinks there's a ghost in our house." | **Page 4**



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Daniel Paul Kielbasa, 49, of Bowling Green, was arrested for theft/shoplifting at Aldi. He had stolen a vacuum cleaner.

11:33 A.M.

Complainant reported a vehicle was keyed within the 700 block of 7th St. The entire passenger side of the vehicle was damaged, costing \$200.

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Complainant's purse was found in a parking lot within the 1600 block of E. Wooster St. A Droid Bionic cell phone valued at \$300, two ATM/Debit cards, and \$20 in cash were missing from the purse.

4:07 P.M.

Complainant reported someone had run into a chain with a car within the 700 block of E. Napoleon Road.

4:14 P.M.

Complainant reported the bottom of the passenger side to her vehicle was damaged within the 1000 block of N. Main St.

6:02 P.M.

Sprint reported a display model Samsung Epic phone valued at \$459.99 stolen by two subjects on Oct. 26.

11:31 P.M.

Christopher Jon Irvine, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct/unable to care for self within the 700 block of Sandridge Road.

SUN., OCT. 30

12:03 A.M.

Aunre L. Davis, 20, of Warren, Ohio, was cited for open container and underage possession of alcohol within the 100 block of S. Prospect St.

12:45 A.M.

Kevin P. O'Brien, 20, of Beavercreek, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct/public urination and underage under the influence of alcohol within the 400 block of E. Wooster St.

12:46 A.M.

Cade R. Hunt, 19, of West Liberty, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 200 block of N. Prospect St.

1:06 A.M.

Joshua S. Teet, 22, of Genoa, Ohio; and Lesleigh Beale, 18, of Rossford were cited for

open container of alcohol within the 100 block of N. Prospect St. Beale was also cited for underage possession of alcohol.

2:13 A.M.

Ravon McCorry, 24, of Toledo, was cited for criminal trespass within the 100 block of N. Main St.

2:17 A.M.

Cody Dominic Yonis, 18, of Raymond, Ohio, was arrested for underage under the influence of alcohol and issued a criminal ticket for criminal trespass within the 500 block of E. Wooster St. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:25 A.M.

Charles N. Shavers III, 21, of Toledo, was arrested for resisting arrest and given a criminal ticket for disorderly conduct/fighting near East Court and North Main streets.

2:38 A.M.

Complainant reported being punched in the face, causing minor damage to his front teeth, within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

2:57 A.M.

A subject was taken to Wood County Hospital after a fight in University Lot 4A.

ONLINE: Go to bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

The feature photo caption in the Oct. 28-30 print edition of The BG News did not identify the sponsor of the Domestic Violence Pumpkin Painting Fundraiser at the Union. The Collegiate Against Child Abuse sponsored the event.


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
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 - ▶ Wayne
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- ✓ Health screenings, consultations and wellness education by registered nurses
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Residential Student Association hosts children's event

By **Leslie McGriff**
Reporter

The Union was filled with tiny superheroes and supervillains, a few Marios and Luigis, and even a couple of Peaches on Oct. 25.

The Residential Student Association hosted a Halloween Fun Festival in the Union for neighborhood children to have a safe place to come to and also get students involved, Kevin Gates, Senior Coordinator of Residence Life said.

"Each of our 11 hall councils [had] a booth," Gates said.

At each booth, there was a different activity for the children to take part in.

Harshman Chapman/Dunbar's activity was called "Mystery Boxes" where children put their hands into boxes with unknown substances inside.

"My favorite part is watching people's faces when they touch stuff," freshman Ladonne Wilson said.

Some booths had candy and treats for the students. Kohl Hall had bag decorations for a place to put the candy, and Falcon Heights had "Monster Hands," which were rubber gloves filled with popcorn.

Other booths had activities, such as McDonald Hall's booth, which had

fishing for candy and chocolate. The children would stand a distance away from a "Witches Cauldron" and throw a fishing line to get candy.

Some games were a little more difficult than others, such as Harshman Anderson/Bromfield's ring toss, which was difficult even for University students.

Conklin, however, had something that grabbed attention and made a lot of noise.

"They're toilet paper mummy races," sophomore Jane Bailey said. The children would line up to become mummified by the Conklin Hall Council members and see who could become mummified first.

Not only was this night fun for the children, it was also fun for the parents and University students.

University students also became involved and dressed up.

"Our students who are organizing the event get valuable experience," Gates said.

The event happens every year. "It started a number of years ago and evolved over time," he said.

Not all of the booths were in the Multi-purpose room. In the entrance of the Union, there was bobbing for doughnuts, hosted by National Residents Hall Honorary.

The BGSU Marauders gave children a chance to feel like Harry Potter and try to catch "The Snitch" in order to win candy.

Candy wasn't the only treat the children would get to leave with. Centennial Hall had a tattoo station and Founders had face painting.

ALYSSA GANNON | THE BG NEWS

ALISHA MAY watches while Jamall Bryant, 4, goes fishing for Halloween candy at Halloween Fun Fest in the Union on Tuesday.

Halloween challenges us to look within



BOBBY WADDLE
IN FOCUS EDITOR

It's that time of year again, when the spirit of giving and a plethora of beautiful decorations come to bring joy to the hearts of every boy and girl.

I'm talking, of course, about Halloween, a holiday I have loved ever since I was old enough to walk and demand candy from strangers.

Of course, the holiday meant a lot more to me than the chance to satiate my savage sweet tooth; I viewed every year as an opportunity to display whatever fasci-

nated me to the general public through a costume, whether it was my idolization of the green Power Ranger when I was six years old, or the crazy pencil-thin mustache of John Waters when I was 20.

Naturally, many things change in 14 years, as I am sure they do for the rest of you. The beautiful thing about Halloween is its demonstration of how our most basic instincts remain intact as we grow up.

While several college students can be seen heading off to the bars or hosting creative parties, the sense of wonder that came from Trick-or-Treating as children is still in the air.

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University, city police on patrol for holiday

By **Dominic Binkley**
Reporter

Police want students and community members to remember one thing on Halloween — be smart.

Captain Timothy James of the University Police Department said Halloween safety relies on good common sense which can sometimes be over-exaggerated and overplayed because of the Halloween season.

Staying visible, walking in groups and staying in well-known areas are three safety tips that can be easily overlooked, said Captain Mike Campbell of the University Police Department.

An increase in the number of pedestrians means that drivers, as well as the pedestrians, should be extra attentive and obey traffic laws, said Lieutenant Brad Biller of the Bowling Green Police Division.

"Obviously we don't want anyone wearing dark-colored clothing being anywhere near a roadway or in a roadway," he said.

Individuals planning to dress up should make sure their costumes allow them to see clearly, Biller said. If costumes have props, make sure to take into consideration what they could be mistaken for, he said.

"A lot of people think it's funny to dress up as a bad guy and maybe display what looks to be a gun," Biller said. "Unfortunately some people in public safety services have to attend to those types of things, and if somebody points a toy gun at a cop and the cop doesn't know it's a toy gun, that can have some very bad ramifications."

Pranks become more prevalent during the Halloween season, especially among the high school



Timothy James
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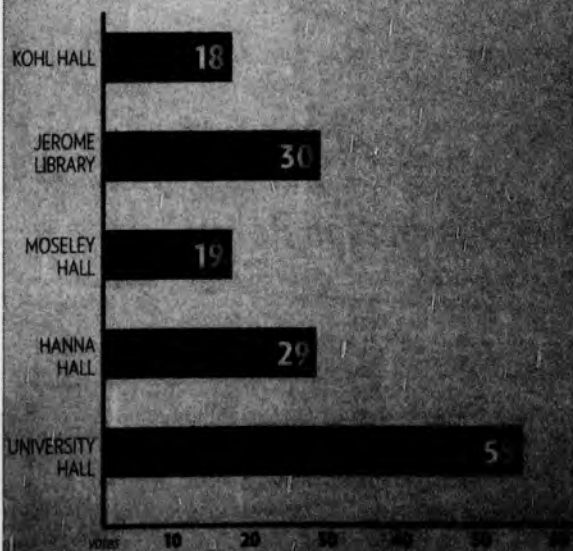
kids, James said.

"The standards are typically toilet papering trees and houses and other vertical structures ... Those that we can expect more frequently during this time of year are damage to people's properties, the smashing of pumpkins and other types of organic stuff," Biller said.

Police usually expect a few more incidents related to disorderly conduct and alcohol than they would on a regular weeknight due to the Halloween atmosphere, James

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WHAT HALL ON CAMPUS WOULD WORK





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Daniel Paul Kielbasa, 49, of Bowling Green, was arrested for theft/shoplifting at Aldi. He had stolen a vacuum cleaner.

11:33 A.M.

Complainant reported a vehicle was keyed within the 700 block of 7th St. The entire passenger side of the vehicle was damaged, costing \$200.

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11:32 A.M.

Complainant's purse was found in a parking lot within the 1600 block of E. Wooster St. A Droid Bionic cell phone valued at \$300, two ATM/Debit cards, and \$20 in cash were missing from the purse.

4:07 P.M.

Complainant reported someone had run into a chain with a car within the 700 block of E. Napoleon Road.

4:14 P.M.

Complainant reported the bottom of the passenger side to her vehicle was damaged within the 1000 block of N. Main St.

6:02 P.M.

Sprint reported a display model Samsung Epic phone valued at \$459.99 stolen by two subjects on Oct. 26.

11:31 P.M.

Christopher Jon Irvine, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct/unable to care for self within the 700 block of Sandridge Road.

SUN., OCT. 30**12:03 A.M.**

Aunre L. Davis, 20, of Warren, Ohio, was cited for open container and underage possession of alcohol within the 100 block of S. Prospect St.

12:45 A.M.

Kevin P. O'Brien, 20, of Beavercreek, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct/public urination and underage under the influence of alcohol within the 400 block of E. Wooster St.

12:46 A.M.

Cade R. Hunt, 19, of West Liberty, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 200 block of N. Prospect St.

1:06 A.M.

Joshua S. Teet, 22, of Genoa, Ohio; and Leslie Beale, 18, of Rossford were cited for

open container of alcohol within the 100 block of N. Prospect St. Beale was also cited for underage possession of alcohol.

2:13 A.M.

Ravon McCorry, 24, of Toledo, was cited for criminal trespass within the 100 block of N. Main St.

2:17 A.M.

Cody Dominic Yonis, 18, of Raymond, Ohio, was arrested for underage under the influence of alcohol and issued a criminal ticket for criminal trespass within the 500 block of E. Wooster St. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:25 A.M.


Charles N. Shavers III, 21, of Toledo, was arrested for resisting arrest and given a criminal ticket for disorderly conduct/fighting near East Court and North Main streets.

2:38 A.M.

Complainant reported being punched in the face, causing minor damage to his front teeth, within the 100 block of N. Prospect St.

2:57 A.M.

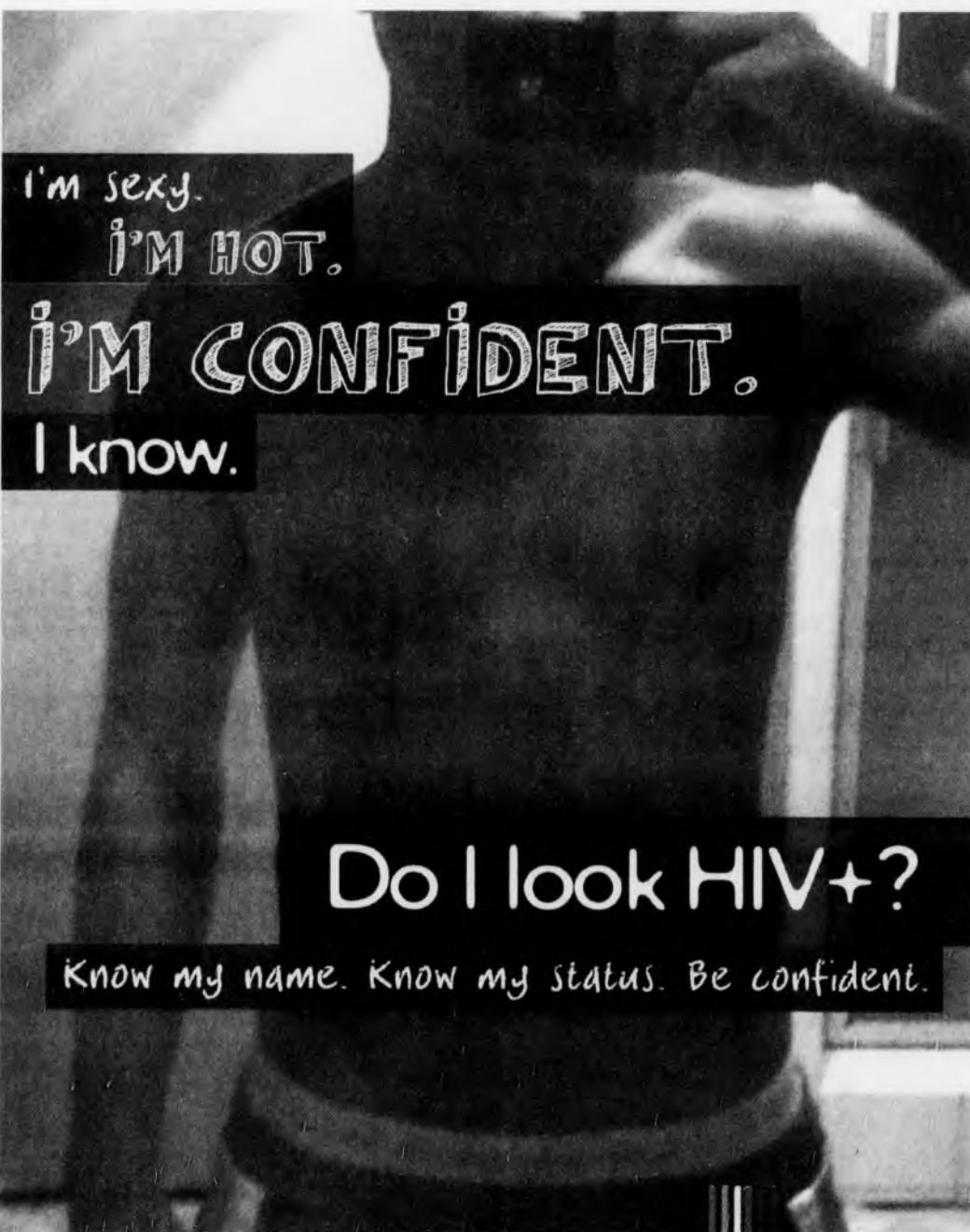
A subject was taken to Wood County Hospital after a fight in University Lot 4A.

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Residential Student Association hosts children's event

By **Leslie McGriff**
Reporter

The Union was filled with tiny superheroes and supervillains, a few Marios and Luigis, and even a couple of Peaches on Oct. 25.

The Residential Student Association hosted a Halloween Fun Festival in the Union for neighborhood children to have a safe place to come to and also get students involved, Kevin Gates, Senior Coordinator of Residence Life said.

"Each of our 11 hall councils [had] a booth," Gates said.

At each booth, there was a different activity for the children to take part in.

Harshman Chapman/Dunbar's activity was called "Mystery Boxes" where children put their hands into boxes with unknown substances inside.

"My favorite part is watching people's faces when they touch stuff," freshman Ladonne Wilson said.

Some booths had candy and treats for the students. Kohl Hall had bag decorations for a place to put the candy, and Falcon Heights had "Monster Hands," which were rubber gloves filled with popcorn.

Other booths had activities, such as McDonald Hall's booth, which had

fishing for candy and chocolate. The children would stand a distance away from a "Witches Cauldron" and throw a fishing line to get candy.

Some games were a little more difficult than others, such as Harshman Anderson/Bromfield's ring toss, which was difficult even for University students.

Conklin, however, had something that grabbed attention and made a lot of noise.

"They're toilet paper mummy races," sophomore Jane Bailey said. The children would line up to become mummified by the Conklin Hall Council members and see who could become mummified first.

Not only was this night fun for the children, it was also fun for the parents and University students.

University students also became involved and dressed up.

"Our students who are organizing the event get valuable experience," Gates said.

The event happens every year. "It started a number of years ago and evolved over time," he said.

Not all of the booths were in the Multi-purpose room. In the entrance of the Union, there was bobbing for doughnuts, hosted by National Residents Hall Honorary.

The BGSU Marauders gave children a chance to feel like Harry Potter and try to catch "The Snitch" in order to win candy.

Candy wasn't the only treat the children would get to leave with. Centennial Hall had a tattoo station and Founders had face painting.



ALYSSA GANNON | THE BG NEWS
ALISHA MAY watches while Jamall Bryant, 4, goes fishing for Halloween candy at Halloween Fun Fest in the Union on Tuesday.

Halloween challenges us to look within



BOBBY WADDLE
IN FOCUS EDITOR

It's that time of year again, when the spirit of giving and a plethora of beautiful decorations come to bring joy to the hearts of every boy and girl.

I'm talking, of course, about Halloween, a holiday I have loved ever since I was old enough to walk and demand candy from strangers.

Of course, the holiday meant a lot more to me than the chance to satiate my savage sweet tooth; I viewed every year as an opportunity to display whatever fasci-

nated me to the general public through a costume, whether it was my idolization of the green Power Ranger when I was six years old, or the crazy pencil-thin mustache of John Waters when I was 20.

Naturally, many things change in 14 years, as I am sure they do for the rest of you. The beautiful thing about Halloween is its demonstration of how our most basic instincts remain intact as we grow up.

While several college students can be seen heading off to the bars or hosting creative parties, the sense of wonder that came from Trick-or-Treating as children is still in the air.

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University, city police on patrol for holiday

By **Dominic Binkley**
Reporter

Police want students and community members to remember one thing on Halloween — be smart.

Captain Timothy James of the University Police Department said Halloween safety relies on good common sense which can sometimes be over-exaggerated and overplayed because of the Halloween season.

Staying visible, walking in groups and staying in well-known areas are three safety tips that can be easily overlooked, said Captain Mike Campbell of the University Police Department.

An increase in the number of pedestrians means that drivers, as well as the pedestrians, should be extra attentive and obey traffic laws, said Lieutenant Brad Biller of the Bowling Green Police Division.

"Obviously we don't want anyone wearing dark-colored clothing being anywhere near a roadway or in a roadway," he said.

Individuals planning to dress up should make sure their costumes allow them to see clearly, Biller said. If costumes have props, make sure to take into consideration what they could be mistaken for, he said.

"A lot of people think it's funny to dress up as a bad guy and maybe display what looks to be a gun," Biller said. "Unfortunately some people in public safety services have to attend to those types of things, and if somebody points a toy gun at a cop and the cop doesn't know it's a toy gun, that can have some very bad ramifications."

Pranks become more prevalent during the Halloween season, especially among the high school



Timothy James
University Police
Captain

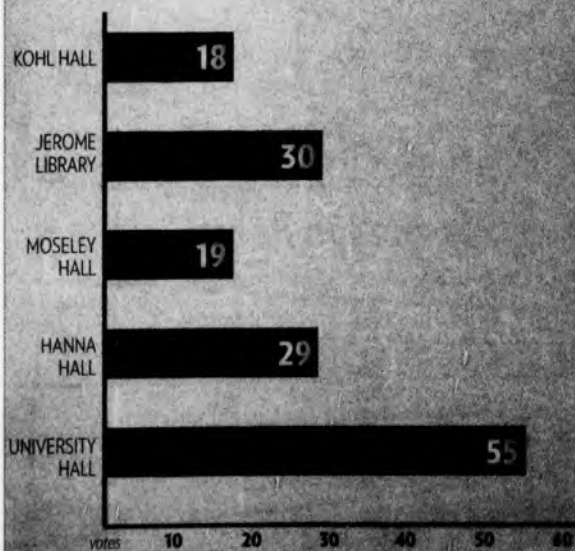
kids, James said.

"The standards are typically toilet papering trees and houses and other vertical structures ... Those that we can expect more frequently during this time of year are damage to people's properties, the smashing of pumpkins and other types of organic stuff," Biller said.

Police usually expect a few more incidents related to disorderly conduct and alcohol than they would on a regular weeknight due to the Halloween atmosphere, James

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WHAT HALL ON CAMPUS WOULD WORK BEST AS A HAUNTED HOUSE?

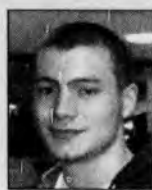


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"The purpose of zoning is to make towns and cities more livable."
— City council member John Zarfardino on local zoning regulations and their importance to citizens [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Have you ever seen a ghost?



"No, but I would like to see one."

ANDY ZIMMERMAN, Freshman, VCT



"Yes, when I was in my dad's factory."

COREY CHISLOW, Sophomore, Finance



"No, but I think it would be interesting."

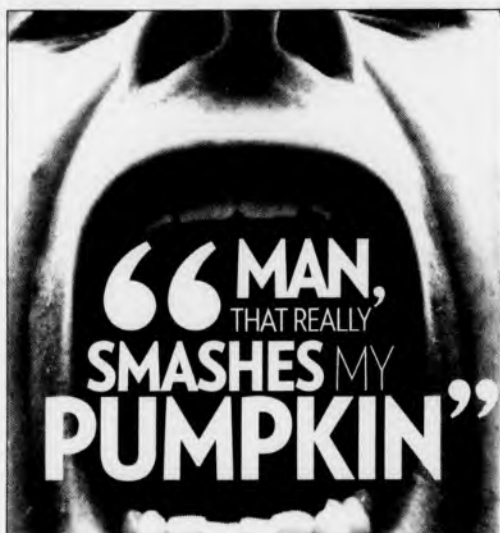
JESSICA PATRICK, Senior, Spanish



"No, I wouldn't feel like seeing one either."

KASSIE KURZHALS, Freshman, AYA English

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To the girl sitting next to me at the Union screeching like a banshee, your friend is less than two feet away from you, not five tables away. Please stop screaming! Especially with your mouth full of Zona.
—SHUT YOUR MOUTH

So what if people dress risqué on Halloween? They are having fun. Honestly, if you are the one name calling, you are probably just jealous of how good they look!
—PROVACATIVE HALLOWEENING

Oh, hey dude next to me in the parking lot. I see you are staring at me. Is it because I'm singing? Well, you are one to stare. You were just SCREAMING at your vehicle. Keep your eyes on the road and off of me.
—VEHICLE VOCALIST

Check your email! I sent that last week, and sent another one yesterday. Don't ask me about something when you have two unopened emails in your inbox about it. I know you're on Facebook all night; take 30 seconds and check it!
—OPEN A NEW TAB

Can you spell vocabulary? Have you heard of it? Dropping the f-bomb and cussing every other word doesn't make you mature; it doesn't prove that you are an adult. My 13-year-old brother walks around cussing all the time; congrats on having the same vocabulary as him. You're in college.
—IT'S CALLED A DICTIONARY

Chase my dreams? I'm doing exactly that, so why does everyone feel the need to remind me that my major is kind of risky? Go get an accounting degree and work at a desk your whole life. I never lost sight of my aspirations; I'm travelling the world and becoming famous. Try to stop me.
—CAN'T STEP ON ME

To the people in my class, please answer questions during the review session! The professor is doing this for us. And if you guys don't answer her, I will have to, then you all get pissed because you think I'm trying to show you up.
—REVIEW RAGER

BRINGING SEXY BACK



TAYLOR WILKES | THE BG NEWS

Editorials are opinions, not reports



PHIL SCHURRER, FACULTY COLUMNIST

What does an op-ed commentator have in common with Willie Stargell? The answer is in a moment.

I recently received an email from a faculty member who congratulated me for citing misleading anti-SB 5 ads, but criticized me for not holding pro-SB 5 ads to the same standard.

He noted my lack of a "fair and balanced" approach, as though my column was meant to be an even-handed analysis of the issue, such as one might find in a purely scholarly debate.

He misunderstands the role of an op-ed contributor. In some columns, my role is less of a fact-balancer and more of an advocate.

In these instances, I feel duty-bound to be a vigorous, passionate and hopefully effective voice for the cause I'm championing.

I have an obligation to the truth, but not to be a mouth-piece for the opposition.

When I teach a tax course,

I teach students how to brief, or summarize, tax cases.

I want them to understand that litigation is an adversarial process, a debate of sorts, in which each party presents a side of the controversy.

Out of this debate or clash, truth will hopefully emerge. The Roman aphorism is appropriate here: 'in medio stat veritas,' the truth stands in the middle.

In order for the truth to be known, it's sometimes necessary for both sides to present their case in the clearest light and strongest terms.

People can then make a hopefully informed decision.

Does this approach always work? Of course not, but it's the best method available, especially with issues that are complex or generate a lot of emotion — or both.

I can't recall exactly, but I think it was one of the Founding Fathers who spoke about truth emerging from a chorus of voices.

That's how we generally find the truth. We discuss and debate, look at facts old and new, and then re-discuss and re-debate. This is

true diversity — the diversity of ideas.

So it is with some of my columns.

I see no need to either cite or support the facts, positions and points of view of the opposition. That's their job.

In many cases, their groups are better organized, seem to have a louder voice, and in some cases are better financed than the side I represent.

I don't deliberately seek issues to contest or positions to take. In our current liberal "anything-goes" culture and climate, these contentious topics just naturally seem to present themselves.

And I don't see my role as that of a provocateur.

Given my age, a few have suggested that I should confine myself to somewhat neutral issues and positions, or just simply fade away.

I take comfort in Churchill's response to the same suggestion: "I fight for my corner, and I leave when the pub closes."

And, to tell the truth, at times I rather enjoy the fight, the matching of wits, the clash.

Sometimes I win, sometimes I lose, and sometimes I change my mind in the light of new evidence that either I uncover or is shoved in my face by the other side.

A line from Dorothy Parker comes to mind: "They sicken of the calm that know the storm."

And the process enhances my mind, my wit — and sometime my humility.

The only guidelines I insist upon are respect for the truth and for each other.

The "B and B" rule should prevail: after the debate, all sides should be able to adjourn for a "Burger and Beer" in a spirit of respect and even cordiality and talk of other things.

Who was Willie Stargell? He was the captain of the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1979, the year they won the World Series.

When asked to describe his role, he simply said, "I'm just the straw that stirs the drink."

I couldn't have said it better.

Respond to Phil at thenews@bgnews.com

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Halloween costumes should get back to basics



ALISSA WIDMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

I'm sure you heard the same question all last week: What are you going to be for Halloween?

The topic most likely encompassed a majority of discussions prior to the weekend.

I, however, was pondering a different question all last week: Why doesn't anyone dress as something scary for Halloween?

Think about it.

When most University students paraded down Wooster Street this weekend, what did you see?

People dressed as celebrities and television characters. People dressed as athletes. People dressed as superheroes.

But when was the last time you saw a legitimately scary vampire, werewolf, ghost or zombie at your Halloween celebration?

When Halloween comes and goes each year, I gradually become more confused why America markets the holiday as the "spookiest" time of the year.

After all, as we grow older, it seems much more socially acceptable to dress comically or provocatively, rather than scarily.

As a woman, I'm even more confused about what is expected of me on Halloween. Most girls have traded their

flowing princess gowns and witch hats for skimpy dresses and high heels when they hit high school. Slap on a pair of bunny ears or devil horns and voila — you have a Halloween costume.

I think Cady Heron, Lindsay Lohan's character from the movie "Mean Girls," sums it up nicely: "Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it."

Most costumes for women have "naughty" or "sexy" attached to their names, which seems to support this theory. Finding an adult female Halloween costume with a skirt longer than the boots that accompany it seems like a rare find these days.

I'm not saying it's right or it's wrong, but it's the truth.

Many women buy in to the idea, taking advantage of the opportunity to "play make believe" and unleash the inner sexual goddesses they apparently lock up the other 364 days of the year.

But for those women like me who aren't too fond of the idea, current costume options leave much more to be desired. It's disappointing.

When I look at Wooster Street and see a parade of women dressed as Katy Perry and Lady Gaga and men dressed as nerds and drag queens, I can't help but wonder, when did this all begin?

Most historians trace the origin of Halloween to the early Christian holiday of All Hallow's Eve.

It was designated by Pope Gregory III as the day before All Saints Day (also known as All Hallow's Day) to help divert attention from pagan traditions marking the change of seasons. Gradually the pagan traditions became secular, but people still wore the costumes once used by the pagans to scare away the spirits of death.

Clearly the intention of Halloween costumes got lost in translation somewhere — although it could be argued that some girls' provocative costumes come off scary, rather than appealing, to some people.

Granted, there are exceptions to my observations. One of my friends did dress as a vampire this weekend. That's nothing new though, because

he does that every Thursday.

Maybe more of us should be like him and challenge the clothing status quo. Maybe some of you did this weekend. You can always drop me an email and let me know — I would be glad to hear about it.

Oh, and in case any of you are interested in what I dressed up as for Halloween this year: I decided to go to Cedar Point's Halloweekends this weekend, rather than give in to the worn stereotypes of Halloween apparel for college women.

I had a great time leaving the scaring and costume wearing to the paid professionals.

Respond to Alissa at
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Halloween carries spiritual, secular significance for different groups

By Bobby Waddle
In Focus Editor

In the midst of Halloween's bevy of scares and thrills, University Christian groups find the holiday is a great way to display their own values.

Some Christian denominations celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, and Halloween is also known as All Hallow's Eve, similar to Christmas Eve.

Rob Hohler, director of development at St. Thomas More University Parish, said the reason some people would oppose the holiday is because it originated from a pagan celebration called Samhain.

In Ireland, the Celts believed the veil between the living and the dead was thinnest on that day, and celebrations would be held in gravesites in order to communicate with the dead. When Christianity reached Ireland, the celebration of All Saints Day was moved right after this in "a redemption of a pagan holiday," Hohler said.

"The idea of Christianity, originally, is not to come in and destroy culture, but to come in and embrace that culture into what Christianity is," Hohler said. "[It's] kind of a redemption of the culture."

Other churches that do not celebrate All Saints Day also find plenty to celebrate in the modern Halloween traditions. Bryan Wiles, pastor of the interdenominational H20 Church, said there are misconceptions that Halloween and Christianity are at odds with each other.

"I don't believe that you're a better, stronger Christian if you abstain from celebrating Halloween," Wiles said. "In fact, I think you may be

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Rob Hohler | St. Thomas More University Parish

missing some opportunities to build relationships with people, which is an important part of our faith."

Wiles said Halloween is a major part of culture and society, but also emphasized good moral judgment.

"As Christians, we're called to engage in and be part of the world that we live in," Wiles said. "At the same time, I believe evil is a real thing, and I think that [Halloween is] certainly something that needs to be done in a way that's honoring to God and not celebrating evil."

Hohler said he enjoys the modern Halloween traditions of trick-or-treating and dressing up as well, but said some aspects of the college celebration, particularly alcohol consumption and the sexual nature of some costumes, can go too far.

"I really like and enjoy the culture of Halloween in America," Hohler said. "I think it's something to be embraced, but not to forsake in light of what our faith tells us."

Mitch Kaiser, president of the Catholic campus organization Veritas, said he does not have a problem with people dressing up for Halloween, particularly scary things like monsters, because it is important to remind society of the evil in the world.

"If we do believe that Christ is our Savior who is going to be redeeming us through His sacrifice on the

Cross at Calvary, we really don't have anything to fear because He can take care of it. He's the judge. His Will will be done ..."

Sophomore Elaina Thompson, who attends a Bible study, enjoys Halloween because of the theme it can set for get-togethers, particularly with the fall season.

"If you want to dress up as something a little gruesome, as long as it's in good fun for you, that's your decision," Thompson said. "I personally dress up as those things, but at the same time I don't think a lot of students are dressing in costumes like that with the intent of glorifying evil."

Wiles said the secularization of the holiday allowed certain Christian groups to change their nature.

"There's many Americans who don't believe in Christ, and yet still celebrate Christmas," Wiles said. "I think there's certainly a lot of Americans that are not pagans or don't worship pagan gods, but they celebrate Halloween."

Both H20 and Veritas have held Halloween parties in the past, and they continue to hold get-togethers and costume parties within their organizations.

Wiles also enjoys another aspect of the Halloween tradition.

"I mean, how can you go wrong with the candy, of course," he said.

POLICE

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said. The number of incidents on Halloween is typically about the same as a weekend, he said.

James said people are going to drink alcohol, but they should drink responsibly.

"If you insist that you

have to drink, be smart about it and don't overindulge to the point where you can't function or you're not aware of the people around you," he said.

This past Halloween there were three reported incidents of disorderly conduct on campus in which police issued verbal warnings to six students for their behavior but no arrests were made.

Police will treat the night just as any other and will not adjust the number of officers on patrol, Campbell said.

Everything should be fine as long as people make smart decisions and act appropriately, James said.

"I think it can be a lot of fun if people just do things safely and practice the season in a safe and responsible manner," he said.

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I have seen people well into middle age dress up for Halloween, and it is good for people to keep that tradition. These costumes reveal important parts of our personality, whether it is something we aspire to be (my green Power Ranger costume) or perhaps making a satirical statement on society by dressing like a "bro."

Many decorations are creepy, but this adds another thrill to the night by allowing us to explore the side of ourselves that enjoys an adrenaline rush provoked by a good scare. I enjoy being grossed out by things that I know cannot really hurt me (like a big, furry fake spider).

The holiday weaves several contradictions like this together. We enjoy being able to explore the dangers of the unknown from the safety of our home (or town).

However, we are expected to conduct ourselves in

the best interests of others. While we all enjoy candy, laughs and even some good pranks, no one I know enjoys hurt feelings, alcohol poisoning or a trip to the Wood County Justice Center.

While we can each explore different sides of our personalities, Halloween is not confined to the celebration of your ego. The fact that people often stay in on the holidays and hand out much of their well-earned candy to trick-or-treaters deserves tremendous credit, especially if they decorate their house to make it fun for these brief visitors.

Students on this campus certainly engage in this, not only decorating residence halls for our own amusement, but also through staging Halloween events that children in the community can enjoy as well.

The holiday also carries a deeper spiritual meaning for some people on campus as well, and no, I am not just talking about Wiccans. Catholics celebrate Halloween as the evening

before All Saints Day, similar in spirit to Christmas Eve.

Lastly, the holiday also promotes a spirit of socializing and fellowship through these celebrations of personality, allowing us to understand each other better.

One of the things I find funny after listing all of this is how similar it is to Christmas. While people can weave on either side of the religious or commercial spectrum of the holiday, its meaning is largely something that can benefit a large number of individuals and challenge us to become better people.

Halloween is most fun because it is the most boisterous celebration of these aspects, placing great importance on exposing the liveliest aspects of our personalities to each other.

That's kind of ironic for a holiday with so much emphasis on death and zombies.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Have you ever seen a ghost?



"No, but I would like to see one."

ANDY ZIMMERMAN, Freshman, VCT



"Yes, when I was in my dad's factory."

COREY CHISLOW, Sophomore, Finance



"No, but I think it would be interesting."

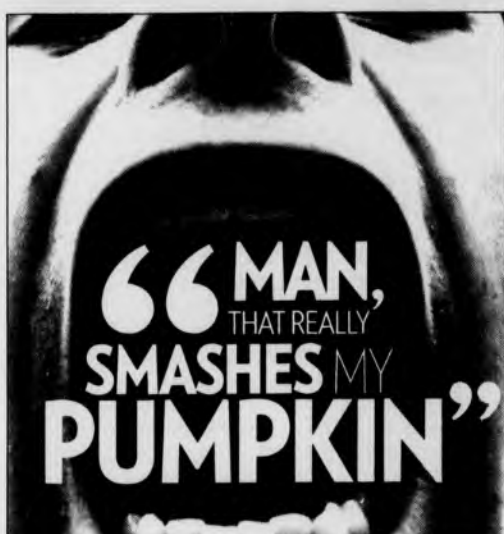
JESSICA PATRICK, Senior, Spanish



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KASSIE KURZHALS, Freshman, AYA English

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So what if people dress risqué on Halloween? They are having fun. Honestly, if you are the one name calling, you are probably just jealous of how good they look!
—PROVACATIVE HALLOWEENING

Oh, hey dude next to me in the parking lot. I see you are staring at me. Is it because I'm singing? Well, you are one to stare. You were just SCREAMING at your vehicle. Keep your eyes on the road and off of me.
—VEHICLE VOCALIST

Check your email! I sent that last week, and sent another one yesterday. Don't ask me about something when you have two unopened emails in your inbox about it. I know you're on Facebook all night; take 30 seconds and check it!
—OPEN A NEW TAB

Can you spell vocabulary? Have you heard of it? Dropping the f-bomb and cussing every other word doesn't make you mature; it doesn't prove that you are an adult. My 13-year-old brother walks around cussing all the time; congrats on having the same vocabulary as him. You're in college.
—IT'S CALLED A DICTIONARY

Chase my dreams? I'm doing exactly that, so why does everyone feel the need to remind me that my major is kind of risky? Go get an accounting degree and work at a desk your whole life. I never lost sight of my aspirations; I'm travelling the world and becoming famous. Try to stop me.
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Editorials are opinions, not reports



PHIL SCHURRER, Faculty Columnist

What does an op-ed commentator have in common with Willie Stargell? The answer is in a moment.

I recently received an email from a faculty member who congratulated me for citing misleading anti-SB 5 ads, but criticized me for not holding pro-SB 5 ads to the same standard.

He noted my lack of a "fair and balanced" approach, as though my column was meant to be an even-handed analysis of the issue, such as one might find in a purely scholarly debate.

He misunderstands the role of an op-ed contributor. In some columns, my role is less of a fact-balancer and more of an advocate.

In these instances, I feel duty-bound to be a vigorous, passionate and hopefully effective voice for the cause I'm championing.

I have an obligation to the truth, but not to be a mouth-piece for the opposition.

When I teach a tax course,

I teach students how to brief, or summarize, tax cases.

I want them to understand that litigation is an adversarial process, a debate of sorts, in which each party presents a side of the controversy.

Out of this debate or clash, truth will hopefully emerge. The Roman aphorism is appropriate here: 'in medio stat veritas,' the truth stands in the middle.

In order for the truth to be known, it's sometimes necessary for both sides to present their case in the clearest light and strongest terms.

People can then make a hopefully informed decision.

Does this approach always work? Of course not, but it's the best method available, especially with issues that are complex or generate a lot of emotion — or both.

I can't recall exactly, but I think it was one of the Founding Fathers who spoke about truth emerging from a chorus of voices.

That's how we generally find the truth. We discuss and debate, look at facts old and new, and then re-discuss and re-debate. This is

true diversity — the diversity of ideas.

So it is with some of my columns.

I see no need to either cite or support the facts, positions and points of view of the opposition. That's their job.

In many cases, their groups are better organized, seem to have a louder voice, and in some cases are better financed than the side I represent.

I don't deliberately seek issues to contest or positions to take. In our current liberal "anything-goes" culture and climate, these contentious topics just naturally seem to present themselves.

And I don't see my role as that of a provocateur.

Given my age, a few have suggested that I should confine myself to somewhat neutral issues and positions, or just simply fade away.

I take comfort in Churchill's response to the same suggestion: "I fight for my corner, and I leave when the pub closes."

And, to tell the truth, at times I rather enjoy the fight, the matching of wits, the clash.

Sometimes I win, sometimes I lose, and sometimes I change my mind in the light of new evidence that either I uncover or is shoved in my face by the other side.

A line from Dorothy Parker comes to mind: "They sicken of the calm that know the storm."

And the process enhances my mind, my wit — and sometime my humility.

The only guidelines I insist upon are respect for the truth and for each other.

The "B and B" rule should prevail: after the debate, all sides should be able to adjourn for a "Burger and Beer" in a spirit of respect and even cordiality and talk of other things.

Who was Willie Stargell? He was the captain of the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1979, the year they won the World Series.

When asked to describe his role, he simply said, "I'm just the straw that stirs the drink."

I couldn't have said it better.

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Halloween costumes should get back to basics



ALISSA WIDMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

I'm sure you heard the same question all last week: What are you going to be for Halloween?

The topic most likely encompassed a majority of discussions prior to the weekend.

I, however, was pondering a different question all last week: Why doesn't anyone dress as something scary for Halloween?

Think about it.

When most University students paraded down Wooster Street this weekend, what did you see?

People dressed as celebrities and television characters. People dressed as athletes. People dressed as superheroes.

But when was the last time you saw a legitimately scary vampire, werewolf, ghost or zombie at your Halloween celebration?

When Halloween comes and goes each year, I gradually become more confused why America markets the holiday as the "spookiest" time of the year.

After all, as we grow older, it seems much more socially acceptable to dress comically or provocatively, rather than scarily.

As a woman, I'm even more confused about what is expected of me on Halloween. Most girls have traded their

flowing princess gowns and witch hats for skimpy dresses and high heels when they hit high school. Slap on a pair of bunny ears or devil horns and voila—you have a Halloween costume.

I think Cady Heron, Lindsay Lohan's character from the movie "Mean Girls," sums it up nicely: "Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it."

Most costumes for women have "naughty" or "sexy" attached to their names, which seems to support this theory. Finding an adult female Halloween costume with a skirt longer than the boots that accompany it seems like a rare find these days.

I'm not saying it's right or it's wrong, but it's the truth.

Many women buy in to the idea, taking advantage of the opportunity to "play make believe" and unleash the inner sexual goddesses they apparently lock up the other 364 days of the year.

But for those women like me who aren't too fond of the idea, current costume options leave much more to be desired. It's disappointing.

When I look at Wooster Street and see a parade of women dressed as Katy Perry and Lady Gaga and men dressed as nerds and drag queens, I can't help but wonder, when did this all begin?

Most historians trace the origin of Halloween to the early Christian holiday of All Hallows' Eve.

It was designated by Pope Gregory III as the day before All Saints Day (also known as All Hallows' Day) to help divert attention from pagan traditions marking the change of seasons. Gradually the pagan traditions became secular, but people still wore the costumes once used by the pagans to scare away the spirits of death.

Clearly the intention of Halloween costumes got lost in translation somewhere—although it could be argued that some girls' provocative costumes come off scary, rather than appealing, to some people.

Granted, there are exceptions to my observations. One of my friends did dress as a vampire this weekend. That's nothing new though, because

he does that every Thursday.

Maybe more of us should be like him and challenge the clothing status quo. Maybe some of you did this weekend. You can always drop me an email and let me know—I would be glad to hear about it.

Oh, and in case any of you are interested in what I dressed up as for Halloween this year: I decided to go to Cedar Point's HalloweenWeekends this weekend, rather than give in to the worn stereotypes of Halloween apparel for college women.

I had a great time leaving the scaring and costume wearing to the paid professionals.

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Halloween carries spiritual, secular significance for different groups

By Bobby Waddle
In Focus Editor

In the midst of Halloween's bevy of scares and thrills, University Christian groups find the holiday is a great way to display their own values.

Some Christian denominations celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, and Halloween is also known as All Hallows Eve, similar to Christmas Eve.

Rob Hohler, director of development at St. Thomas More University Parish, said the reason some people would oppose the holiday is because it originated from a pagan celebration called Samhain.

In Ireland, the Celts believed the veil between the living and the dead was thinnest on that day, and celebrations would be held in gravesites in order to communicate with the dead. When Christianity reached Ireland, the celebration of All Saints Day was moved right after this in "a redemption of a pagan holiday," Hohler said.

"The idea of Christianity, originally, is not to come in and destroy culture, but to come in and embrace that culture into what Christianity is," Hohler said. "It's kind of a redemption of the culture."

Other churches that do not celebrate All Saints Day also find plenty to celebrate in the modern Halloween traditions.

Bryan Wiles, pastor of the interdenominational H2O Church, said there are misconceptions that Halloween and Christianity are at odds with each other.

"I don't believe that you're a better, stronger Christian if you abstain from celebrating Halloween," Wiles said. "In fact, I think you may be

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Rob Hohler | St. Thomas More University Parish

missing some opportunities to build relationships with people, which is an important part of our faith."

Wiles said Halloween is a major part of culture and society, but also emphasized good moral judgment.

"As Christians, we're called to engage in and be part of the world that we live in," Wiles said. "At the same time, I believe evil is a real thing, and I think that [Halloween is] certainly something that needs to be done in a way that's honoring to God and not celebrating evil."

Hohler said he enjoys the modern Halloween traditions of trick-or-treating and dressing up as well, but said some aspects of the college celebration, particularly alcohol consumption and the sexual nature of some costumes, can go too far.

"I really like and enjoy the culture of Halloween in America," Hohler said. "I think it's something to be embraced, but not to forsake in light of what our faith tells us."

Mitch Kaiser, president of the Catholic campus organization Veritas, said he does not have a problem with people dressing up for Halloween, particularly scary things like monsters, because it is important to remind society of the evil in the world.

"If we do believe that Christ is our Savior who is going to be redeeming us through His sacrifice on the

Cross at Calvary, we really don't have anything to fear because He can take care of it. He's the judge, His Will will be done..."

Sophomore Elaina Thompson, who attends a Bible study, enjoys Halloween because of the theme it can set for get-togethers, particularly with the fall season.

"If you want to dress up as something a little gruesome, as long as it's in good fun for you, that's your decision," Thompson said. "I personally dress up as those things, but at the same time I don't think a lot of students are dressing in costumes like that with the intent of glorifying evil."

Wiles said the secularization of the holiday allowed certain Christian groups to change their nature.

"There's many Americans who don't believe in Christ, and yet still celebrate Christmas," Wiles said. "I think there's certainly a lot of Americans that are not pagans or don't worship pagan gods, but they celebrate Halloween."

Both H2O and Veritas have held Halloween parties in the past, and they continue to hold get-togethers and costume parties within their organizations.

Wiles also enjoys another aspect of the Halloween tradition.

"I mean, how can you go wrong with the candy, of course," he said.

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said. The number of incidents on Halloween is typically about the same as a weekend, he said.

James said people are going to drink alcohol, but they should drink responsibly.

"If you insist that you

have to drink, be smart about it and don't overindulge to the point where you can't function or you're not aware of the people around you," he said.

This past Halloween there were three reported incidents of disorderly conduct on campus in which police issued verbal warnings to six students for their behavior but no arrests were made.

Police will treat the night just as any other and will not adjust the number of officers on patrol, Campbell said.

Everything should be fine as long as people make smart decisions and act appropriately, James said.

"I think it can be a lot of fun if people just do things safely and practice the season in a safe and responsible manner," he said.

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I have seen people well into middle age dress up for Halloween, and it is good for people to keep that tradition. These costumes reveal important parts of our personality, whether it is something we aspire to be (my green Power Ranger costume) or perhaps making a satirical statement on society by dressing like a "bro."

Many decorations are creepy, but this adds another thrill to the night by allowing us to explore the side of ourselves that enjoys an adrenaline rush provoked by a good scare. I enjoy being grossed out by things that I know cannot really hurt me (like a big, furry fake spider).

The holiday weaves several contradictions like this together. We enjoy being able to explore the dangers of the unknown from the safety of our home (or town).

However, we are expected to conduct ourselves in

the best interests of others. While we all enjoy candy, laughs and even some good pranks, no one I know enjoys hurt feelings, alcohol poisoning or a trip to the Wood County Justice Center.

While we can each explore different sides of our personalities, Halloween is not confined to the celebration of your ego. The fact that people often stay in on the holidays and hand out much of their well-earned candy to trick-or-treaters deserves tremendous credit, especially if they decorate their house to make it fun for these brief visitors.

Students on this campus certainly engage in this, not only decorating residence halls for our own amusement, but also through staging Halloween events that children in the community can enjoy as well.

The holiday also carries a deeper spiritual meaning for some people on campus as well, and no, I am not just talking about Wiccans. Catholics celebrate Halloween as the evening

before All Saints Day, similar in spirit to Christmas Eve.

Lastly, the holiday also promotes a spirit of socializing and fellowship through these celebrations of personality, allowing us to understand each other better.

One of the things I find funny after listing all of this is how similar it is to Christmas. While people can weave on either side of the religious or commercial spectrum of the holiday, its meaning is largely something that can benefit a large number of individuals and challenge us to become better people.

Halloween is most fun because it is the most boisterous celebration of these aspects, placing great importance on exposing the liveliest aspects of our personalities to each other.

That's kind of ironic for a holiday with so much emphasis on death and zombies.

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BG hockey swept by No. 5 Notre Dame

By Matt Nye
Reporter

Despite close efforts each night, the BG hockey team was swept in this weekend series against No. 5 Notre Dame.

The Irish, coming into this weekend, had scored a lot of goals and they didn't disappoint, with a 3-1 win Friday and a 3-2 win Saturday.

In the beginning of the game Friday there was really good defense being displayed by both teams, but eventually Notre Dame standout sophomore Anders Lee took over.

Billy Mayday found Lee on the side and Lee made sure he didn't miss. The goal was the ninth for Lee, who leads the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

Heading into the second peri-

od, the Irish scored again. They went up 2-0 on a wrist shot from Garret Peterson.

BG then came back and Bryce Williamson got the Falcons on the board when he banged home a wrist shot that flew past Irish goalie Mike Johnson into the back of the net. The goal was assisted by Ryan Carpenter, which gave him a share of the lead in team points at seven with Cam Wojtala.

Right after BG got on the board, Dan DeSalvo rushed down the rink and his shot clanked off the post. After it all the score was still 2-1 heading into the third period.

Notre Dame dominated the third period and wouldn't let the Falcons come back. About six minutes into the period the Irish put the game away when Robbie Russo scored on a power-play. Despite a mad rush at the Notre

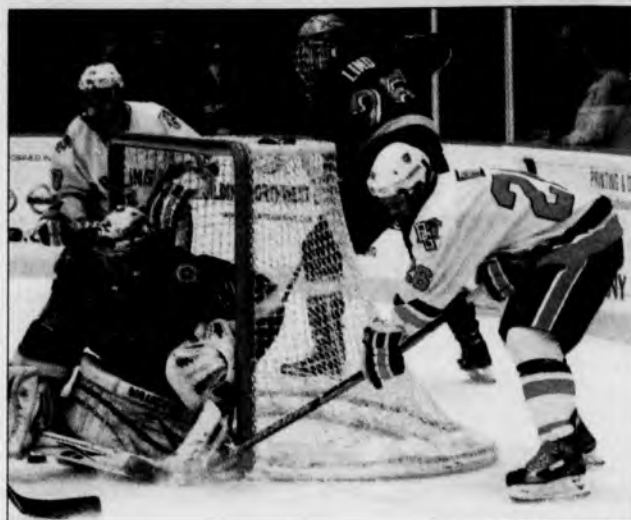
Dame net late in the period, BG could get nothing to go in.

Coach Chris Bergeron was disappointed, just like his team was, and said they need to start making plays.

"They are a top team and it came down to about four or five plays," Bergeron said. "We were on the negative part of the plays tonight. We together have to prove we can make those plays that top teams make."

Saturday, Notre Dame once again came out on a tear, chucking pucks at the net, but Andrew Hammond shielded the net, letting nothing get by him. The Fighting Irish outshot BG 11-4 in the opening period, but there was no score heading into the second

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MIKE FINK, No. 26, tries to jam the puck past Notre Dame goalie Mike Johnson as Ryan Viselli (No. 18, white) and Kevin Lind (No. 25, blue) look on. The Irish won the game, 3-2.



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DENISE VAN DE WALLE, volleyball coach, exchanges embraces with her players following the Falcons' loss to Ohio Saturday. After the game, the University honored Van De Walle, who has the most wins in Mid-American Conference history and is retiring after the season.

Honoring the coach

Falcons honor Van De Walle's career, split pair of weekend MAC games

By Nick Marlow
Reporter

While the rematch between BG and Ohio University again resulted in a Falcons loss, things played out a bit differently this time.

Back in late September, the Falcons entered Mid-American Conference play riding a 12-game win streak only to be pushed around by the Bobcats in three sets. This match was unlike that match, which was played in Athens, Ohio, in every way. It was held at the Stroh, it was competitive and it was dramatic, with both teams living up to their first and second place rankings in the MAC East.

The game came down to a fifth set in which Ohio out-blocked and out-dug BG 3.5 to zero and seven to six, proving to be the x-factors as BG

in fact had four more kill attempts than the Bobcats.

OU would jump to a 9-6 lead on the strength of three Falcons miscues and two kills and never look back, taking the set 15-11.

"I think [Ohio] just came out a little more aggressive," said setter Laura Avila. "Their offense was kind of rolling along and we couldn't quite get it there with ours. We passed well, but offensively they had the upper hand."

Momentum swung like a pendulum during the match, with OU taking sets one, three and five, and BG winning sets two and four. In a must win set four, BG made it clear it would be putting its faith in outside hitters Daniel Tonyan and Paige Penrod, as the two received 30 of the team's 40 sets; both answered the calling.

Tonyan — who recorded a match-high 23 kills — would post an amazing nine kills on .438 hitting in the fourth set and Penrod added six at .286.

"It was extremely competitive," said coach Denise Van De Walle. "It was just teetering back and forth. They got hot and then we got hot. And then in the fifth set, it seemed like they were just a little more aggressive at the net ... it just comes down to a couple points here and there."

But perhaps the most impressive individual performances came from Avila and Erika Fullenkamp. Each had a double-double, with Avila's coming on 29 assists and 14 digs and Fullenkamp's on 21

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BG football falls to Kent State, 27-15

By Ryan Satkowiak
Sports Editor

KENT, Ohio — Despite 400 passing yards from Matt Schilz, the BG football team fell to Kent State Saturday afternoon, 27-15.

Mistakes cost the Falcons a shot at points all afternoon. Schilz was intercepted twice in Kent State territory, including once in the end zone, the Falcons failed to convert a fourth down play at the Kent 30-yard line in the first quarter and Stephen Stein missed two field goals.

In all, the Falcons turned the ball over four times — two interceptions and two fumbles, each of which occurred inside the BG 15-yard line and led to Kent State touchdowns — and scored only twice in four trips to the red zone, both scores being field goals.

"We have to focus on the red zone, we have to get better or we're going to keep losing these close games," receiver Kamar Jorden said. "We got to produce in the red zone, that's why the result is what it is today."

Despite getting 24 first downs in the game, the Falcons only converted 4-of-14 third down opportunities. While BG only punted once, it turned the ball over on downs twice, on top of the four turnovers and two missed field goals in 13 total drives.

"We made too many mistakes to beat anyone in this level of football," head coach Dave Clawson said. "We had the ball six times on their side of the 50 (yard line) and got zero touchdowns out of it."

"You can go up and down the field, but good teams execute in the red zone, and today our red zone execution was terrible."

The Falcons also could not get the run game going, running for 45 yards on 28 attempts, good for 1.6 yards per carry.

Jamel Martin received the start in the backfield, replacing Anthon Samuel, who was out with post-concussion syndrome. He carried the ball 18 times for 50 yards, before giving way to Erique Geiger mid-way through the third quarter.

"[Martin played] OK, not great," Clawson said. "We ran the ball for 45 yards. How much of that is on him ... I don't think we blocked them very well, so it's hard to say that a different running back would have made a difference."

While Schilz had his highest passing yardage total since throwing for 437 yards in a loss to Wyoming on Sept. 17, the lack of a consistent run game and game-long deficit forced him to put the ball in the air 49 times.

He completed 29 of those passes, but also threw two interceptions and fumbled once.

"We never had any balance today offensively, we played pitch and catch, but they kept [the play] in front of them," Clawson said.

Entering play, Kent State had one of the worst offenses in the nation. It was 119th in the nation in rushing yards per game (75.3) and passing

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EUGENE COOPER, BG wide receiver, runs up the field past Kent State defensive lineman Roosevelt Nix in the Falcons' 27-15 loss to the Golden Flashes on Saturday.

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BG rugby suffers first loss of season to No. 1 Davenport

By Max Householder
Reporter

The BG rugby team lost their first game of the season in this match-up of colossal rugby powers on Saturday.

This game pitted No. 4 ranked BG against No. 1 ranked Davenport, which showed why it is the defending national champion.

The final score was 58-12. However, the Falcons are already moving away from this one while trying to learn from it.

"Yes this game was a wake-up call, but we are putting this game behind us to focus

"We missed key tackles and played into our opponents game plan allowing them to offload at will."

Ed Luther | BG Lock

our attention on our match with Miami this Saturday which is essential to our goal of reaching Nationals," lock Ed Luther said. "We know our season will be determined this Saturday and we are putting all of our concentration and focus on Saturday's game."

The Falcons, although they played hard against Davenport, were still

making some of the mistakes that they've become accustomed to throughout the season.

Although the Falcons had previously been undefeated, they had not looked sharp in most of their wins. At times they do not spread out the defense enough and become too individual on offense.

That lack of consistency continued yesterday,

which allowed a skilled Davenport team to take control of the game.

"We missed key tackles and played into our opponents game plan allowing them to offload at will," Luther said. "One thing that hurt us was that we failed to spread the field as we needed to on defense whereas their defense was good at keeping spread which gave our offense troubles."

The Falcons will not hold onto this loss for long as they look to rebound against another good team in No. 7 ranked Miami next week at home.

Men's soccer falls to Northern Illinois on senior night

By Cameron Teague Robinson
Reporter

Saturday night, the BG men's soccer team played Northern Illinois on their senior night.

However, the energy from senior night could not help the Falcons on the field as they lost to the Huskies, 3-0.

This win improves the Huskies to 11-4-0, as the Falcons drop to 7-6-3.

The Falcons honored Colin Armstrong, Byard Ebling, Miguel Rosales, Chris Jurtofski and Tanner Fink.

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Eric Nichols | BG Soccer Coach

Nichols. "It wasn't always smooth sailing, but they stuck by me. I am very grateful for that and am very proud of how we have worked together to move this program forward."

The Huskies scored 19 minutes into the match off of an odd play. The Huskies received a corner kick, which was taken by Gael Rivera. The ball was deflected off of the head of a BG defender in the penalty area, and sailed to NIU defender Pat Sloan on the left side of the box. Sloan

received that ball and took a shot. The shot hit a Falcon defender, and BG goalie Michael Wiest got a piece of the shot, but it went under him and into the net.

Kenny Kranz doubled the NIU lead with 28:18 remaining in the match. James Stevenson made charge a through the BG defense into the box where he slipped a pass to Kranz. He took the shot from about 10 yards out and there was little Wiest could do to stop it.

The Huskies scored

again with less than six minutes left. After a BG foul just to the left of the penalty box, Karim Darbaki passed the ensuing free kick to Jayson Leset. And for the second time on the night, a shot was partially blocked by a Falcon defender, and the change of direction sent the ball past Wiest, who had already started to dive.

The Falcons did not provide much of an offensive threat in this game but during the few times they got down on the Huskies penalty box they could not finish.

"Northern is a good team they definitely deserved to win," Nichols said. "They were much more committed to each play than we were today."

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period.

The second period was quite the opposite since there was plenty of action. It started when Ryan Viselli put the puck between the legs of Johnson, into the back of the net. The goal was set up by a beautiful wrap around pass from Mike Fink that found Viselli.

Notre Dame would respond two minutes later with Austin Wuthrich scoring on Hammond. With minimal time remaining in the second period, BG stormed Notre Dame's zone and shot the puck on goal; it was deflected right to Bryce Williamson who buried the rebound.

Williamson's goal was his second straight game with a goal. The goal was assisted by Ryan Carpenter and Brett Mohler.

The Falcons had the lead 2-1 over the Fighting Irish, but couldn't finish.

Lee tied the game with a power-play goal and Patrick Gaul ended the game by putting another goal on the board with just eight minutes remaining in regulation. The Falcons could not respond. Notre Dame won the game and swept the Falcons in the weekend series.

Bergeron had a look of frustration after the game

Saturday night.

"Simply, this was not good enough," he said. "Going into the third period up 2-1 you should win, period. They scored, we didn't."

Viselli agreed with Bergeron and said that the players have to believe in the process and the wins will come.


"We let them off the hook," Viselli said. "We are playing to win and we have to be confident late in games."

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assists and 13 digs. Both credited a strong block-set-up from the front row as the source of their double-digit dig efforts. Fullenkamp also made a mark in the team's offensive game, posting five kills and zero errors on a .357 clip.

"Danielle and Paige and other hitters, are considered more of the strong hitters," said Fullenkamp. "That leaves a lot of seems for me when I hit ... therefore I'm able to get some holes in the block and put some balls away because Laura gives me a great set and team's don't zone in on me as one of the bigger hitters."

Post-match featured the recognition of the upcoming retirement of Van De Walle. She and the players would stand center-court and watch as several sentimental graces written by the coach's peers, complimenting her on a successful 29-year career, appeared on the jumbotron. Afterward, fans were able to come down onto the court and meet with Van De Walle.

"It's emotional," said Van

De Walle. "When I read those things, it means a lot to me from people you work with ... for them to have such nice things to say it makes me feel really good. I feel like God has blessed me with a tremendous career here. I've made great friendships through these 29 years and it was really emotional for me to read that. It meant a lot."

Before the 18-25, 25-23, 19-25, 25-21, 15-11 loss to Ohio, BG played host to Kent State on Friday. That rematch also ended in the same fashion as the prior one, with the Falcons sweeping the Flashes 25-22, 25-15, 25-21.

Tonyan posted a match-high 11 kills on .318 hitting, middle Emily Kauth had seven on a .500 clip and Fullenkamp nearly earned a triple-double with 13 assists, 10 digs and seven kills at a .538 rate.

With four games left, BG no longer has the opportunity of a first place finish in the MAC East, and will need to finish strong as Miami University still has the opportunity to catch them for second place.

"We have Buffalo and Akron next weekend, those are two matches we need to win," said Avila.

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yards per game (105.3). It was also last in the nation in points per game, averaging 10.7 points per contest.

However, the BG defense reverted to old habits after a stellar effort last week against Temple. It allowed Kent to put up 319 yards of total offense - 140 on the ground and 179 through the air - and to score 27 points.

"I guess we have trouble getting up for road games," said linebacker Dwayne Woods. "I can't really put my finger on it, but I would say we had a problem showing up."

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Sophomore Makenzie Nelson also lived in Kohl

Zackary Bell, a junior at the University, said that living as an off-campus student could be expensive and if the rent

"I don't think that if more than three unrelated people lived in one apartment means that they would be noisy or a nuisance to anybody," Bell said. "There should be some sort of exemption for local students."

"At the end of the final dress rehearsal before the show goes

"I'm sure people will think this is phony, but for one who was skeptical I was surely turned into a believer," Downey said. "I encourage people to hangout and see for themselves these phenomena."

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