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Call for activism to create change

By Erika Heck
In Focus Editor

Over 300 people attended the 17th annual Black Issues Conference keynote luncheon to hear hip-hop activist and 2008 Green Party vice presidential candidate Rosa Clemente speak in the Union Ballroom on Saturday.

Clemente spoke at the University this weekend as part of her “If I Was President Tour.”

Before stepping onstage, student Ashli Ericka Hunter introduced her.

“Rosa has spent her life dedicated to scholarly activism,” Hunter said.

In 2001, she published an article in the Chicago newspaper, Final Call, called “Who is Black?”, which sparked discussion about cultural identity, political identity and racial identity.

Both Clemente and Hunter identify as Afro-Latino, a term used to describe people who identify with both African and Latino heritages.

“I am so tired of having to prove to others that I am black,” Hunter quoted from Clemente’s article.

Following her introduction, Rosa Clemente took the podium and read the article in its entirety.

“Being Latino is not a cultural identity, but ... a political one,” she said to the audience. “Being Puerto Rican is not a racial identity, but ... a cultural and national one ... Being black is my racial identity.”

Clemente brought up a lot of issues affecting both Latino and black communities, including education.

She discussed how power of protest helped in getting people of color into colleges and universities in order to have the same educational opportunities as their white peers.

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SAT., FEB. 20
10:26 A.M.
Complainant reported someone had smashed the windshield of their vehicle within the 100 block of S. Main Street. The damage is estimated at $500.

3:14 P.M.
Complainant reported that someone had run up the hood of her vehicle and smashed the windshield near Lot 2. The damage is estimated at $500.

7:41 P.M.
Edward A. Garrett Sr., 49, of Bowling Green, was arrested for drug trafficking near the corner of S. Main Street and Lehman Avenue. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

11:17 P.M.
Lindsey T. Hall, 22, of Lima, Ohio, was civilly cited for littering near the corner of S. College Drive and Fourth Street.

11:48 P.M.
Jerrod A. Poole, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for nuisance party within the 200 block of E. Reed Street.

Kevin M. Sweeney, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container of alcohol.

SUN., FEB. 21
12:07 A.M.
Carlie J. Alig, 18, of Fort Recovery, Ohio; Max J. Muhlenkamp, 19, of Coldwater, Ohio; and Holly A. Rindler, 19, of Coldwater, Ohio were cited for open container and underage possession of alcohol near the corner of Pike and N. Enterprise streets.

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SICSIC members balance commitments

By Hannah Finnerty
Reporter

SICSIC seniors Evan Steel and Ashley Materise were unmasked Saturday night at the Falcon hockey game, a culmination of their three-year experience with the organization.

Steel, formerly Spiderman, shed his identity first, followed by Materise removing her Laura Bush mask. Unmasking was met with roars of screams and cheers, not just from friends and family, but from all the people in the stands who have felt the effects of SICSIC’s presence on campus.

As a part of the longest continually active organization at the University, SICSIC members have several duties to accomplish, which were written into the SICSIC constitution when the organization was founded by President Prout in October 1946.

According to the SICSIC website, members of the organization must do everything in their power to “help make Bowling Green State University a better place by promoting school spirit and good will among the students and faculty.”

SICSIC accomplishes President Prout’s mission by creating signs that boast wet socks are better than Toledo, appearing at odd times to pass candy out around campus and cheering at sporting events.

Through these activities, members understand the importance of the University. Throughout their three years, members learn that SICSIC is not about any individual student or personality, SICSIC advisor and Assistant Dean of Students Jacob Clemens said. They learn to put the University first.

2014 University graduate and SICSIC’s Miss Piggy Kim Zaccaro described her humbling experience with SICSIC as servant leadership.

“Every time I was putting on Miss Piggy’s mask, I was serving the students and faculty at Bowling Green,” Zaccaro said.

SICSIC is a spirit group that attends events and leaves painted signs around campus. The senior members of SICSIC are revealed at the last game of the regular hockey season every year.

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Sexual assault happens to men

Sexual assault is a very serious thing. It happens each day to many people.

What’s even more crazy is that the victim is not always a female. Rape and sexual assault happens to more males than people think.

People often think that males can’t get assaulted because of their masculinity, but that’s definitely not the case.

I have experienced some sexual assault in my life. Not only do I know of guys who have been sexually assaulted, but I have witnessed males get assaulted. Here’s something I’ve never told anyone.

When I first came to BG, I witnessed an altercation during Opening Weekend 2014. I was walking back to McDonald after visiting friends in Centennial and Harshman. I was passing through the Oval when I saw two parties coming the opposite way. A guy was getting harassed for being gay. The attacker then began to walk back towards the guy and attempted to fight him. A friend of the gay person tried to help his friend and get the guy off of him.

I was about to reach for my phone and dial 911, but before I could, the fighting had subsided and both parties went on their separate ways.

This happens more than what people think.

I watch a television show called “The Haves and the Have Nots.” In this show, there is a black character who is gay. In a recent episode, he was stopped by a white cop. Not only was he racially profiled, he was also sexually harassed by this cop.

This cop had specific knowledge on his sexuality, then proceeded to strip search him, while telling him in his ear how much he hates gays. The cop used his knowledge of the character’s sexuality, along with his abuse of his power, to touch this guy inappropriately.

He then placed the guy under arrest, and placed him in the back of his police car. The officer got in the back seat of the police car with him and used reverse psychology to try and trick the character into giving him oral sex.

In “American Crime,” another television show I watch weekly, a boy at a rich high school goes to a party thrown by the school’s basketball team. He gets drunk and is raped at the party by one of the guys on the basketball team. His mother speaks out to get justice for her son.

Rape isn’t always black and white—a female getting raped by a male. Sometimes, it’s much more different and complicated than that.

Don’t EVER let anyone tell you that males can’t be sexually assaulted, because they can.

Males could be more liable to fight their attackers back, but sometimes victims are overpowered by either force, or even blackmail of a secret they or one of their family members may have.

For males, the same statistics apply. They’re likely to know their attacker and they’re likely not to say anything following the attack because they’ll be called a coward or fear their sexuality may be called into question.

We need to stop thinking that this can only happen to females and accept that this can happen to anyone—gay, straight, lesbian, female, male, transgendered. You won’t realize the hardcore truth until it happens to you.

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Argentina should accept Syrian refugees

French President François Hollande is currently on a tour of South America and visited the country of Argentina yesterday, according to an article by the Associated Press.

President Hollande made a remark at a press conference, suggesting new Argentine President Mauricio Macri should accept refugees from Syrian and Jordanian camps.

The comment was conveyed via translator and President Macri did not seem to make any visible facial reactions to the comment.

The two men signed many agreements Thursday on issues such as fighting terrorism, but the receiving of refugees was not part of it.

I agree with Hollande when he says Argentina should take in refugees.

Argentina has gone through a lot since December when Macri was sworn in.

Since he has taken office, he has gone to great lengths to hold his country responsible for its issues with the international market, starting in 2001. Now he will look to make amends with some of people.

President Obama also recently announced he will be visiting the country after his historic visit to Cuba next month, showing that President Macri is serious about helping Argentina rebuild its relationship with the United States.

If Argentina does decide to receive Syrian refugees, it would not be anything new to the country. For one, they have accepted refugees in the past.

Argentina also has the second highest Syrian population in South America, with the first being Brazil. The migration of Syrians peaked in the 20th century because of wars happening in the Middle East. Coincidentally, I learned in my Ethnicity and Social Movements class this week that one of the biggest causes of immigration is war.

I am in no way saying the Argentine government should take refugees at this very moment.

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President Macri should not turn away from the idea of placing refugees in the country. He can always plan ahead of time as government agreements are continuously made and changed, and then act how he sees fit.

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Above: Fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha performs at the NPHC Step Show February 20th. The fraternity won first place.

Left: Junior Christopher Carter leads The Voices prior to the start of the luncheon at the Black Issues Conference on February 27 at the Bown Thompson Student Union.

Right: Megan Shell works on a ceramics project after class. Professor John Balistreri has been running the University’s Ceramics program since 1996.
Economics often used to shape political policy

By Tabitha Holowka
Forum Editor

The saying goes that money makes the world go round, but philosopher Dan Hausman thinks economics should be a guiding force of policy.

The Wisconsin-Madison professor was invited by the director of the philosophy, politics, economics and law (PPEL) program Kevin Vallier to present a talk titled “Should economics guide policy?” Hausman has authored many books and contributed to publications across the world, including The New York Times and the BBC.

“He’s one of the world’s leading experts in philosophy, politics type research, he’s maybe the most well known philosopher of economics,” Vallier said. “He’s a philosopher that asks questions about what economics does, what it can do and what it ought to do.”

According to Hausman, it seems generally intuitive that, given the state of the world being generally “a mess,” a comprehensive understanding of economics could help shape better policy. There exists a great number of economists that have say in policy-making.

Hausman traversed the current standing of economics in the public and political eye. He pointed out that many political think tanks will have a crew of economic advisors.

However, he questioned what he called “the queen status” of economics when used as such powerful evidence in the process of policy-making.

PPEL Club president Colton Veler recalled in an email an analogy Hausman provided, writing, “Predicting global economic trends (is) akin to asking a scientist to predict the time that a leaf will fall from a tree and where it will land. So many variables are in play, wind, biology, climate, ground conditions etc., such a prediction is hardly guaranteed to be accurate ... Economists should not be the sole source of blame when predictions about very complex processes turn out to be incorrect.”

An active question and answer event followed the event.

Vallier wanted students to get “a sense of the complexities involved in using social sciences, like economics, to determine what public policy is.”

Miles McGrew, a PPEL club member, wrote later in an email, “Economists cannot afford to live by a moral code to present every conclusion they find. They are often constrained by their employers.”

McGrew felt “pained” by this fact of bias present in the economics profession.

The presentation came in lieu of the newly approved Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law major by the University Board of Trustees starting fall 2016.

In the mean time PPEL club will meet to discuss reactions to Hausman’s talk on March 21.

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- Arnold Rampersad, ‘67
- Marcy Nighswander, ‘73
- Nate Thurman, ‘63
- Steve Hartman, ‘85
- Betty D. Montgomery, ‘70
- and many more!
SICSIC members Evan Steel, above, and Ashley Materise, below, celebrate during their unmasking at the hockey game Saturday. Members of SICSIC must keep their involvement a secret for three years, from when they join as sophomores to when they are unmasked their senior year.

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As rewarding as SICSIC membership may be, the organization requires commitment to and passion for the University and its students. One challenge members face is dealing with the anonymous aspect of the organization.

Because membership in SICSIC is secret from the moment they are initiated freshman year until unmasking at the end of senior year, members need a repertoire of excuses and explanations for their whereabouts during SICSIC events and meetings. The lies can build up and cause confusion.

“For three years you tell your friends excuse after excuse, and it’s hard to keep track of what excuses you’ve used,” Steel said.

Matt Bruening, 2014 University graduate and former Herman Munster of SICSIC, described the secrecy of membership as “a blessing and a curse.” Bruening went to enormous lengths to keep the secret, but the secrecy also allowed him to see whom he could trust with secrets of SICSIC magnitude.

But at the end of the day, members of SICSIC are still University students. They attend classes, keep good grades, have jobs and are involved around campus.

“You want to commit all your time to this University and put your best foot forward for the wellbeing of the University and the spirit crew, but at the same time you have a whole academic life and student life to fulfill,” Materise said.

It is a tricky balance, but members of SICSIC must know what it takes to take care of themselves and serve the University and its students in ways that accomplish what President Prout intended.
The Bowling Green State University women’s basketball team played its final regular season home game this past Saturday, picking up a 76-56 win over Miami University. The Falcons (10-15, 6-10 in MAC) honored seniors Lauren Tibbs and Miriam Justinger before the game in front of the home crowd, with Justinger also scoring her 1,000th career point during the game as well.

“I’m so happy that we were able to honor them the way we did, to be able to recognize them and get a standing ovation, because basketball is hard,” said head coach Jennifer Roos. “It’s a tough sport physically, it’s a tough sport mentally, and those two have battled through injuries and have stepped up.”

Justinger was one of five Falcons to score in double figures, with her 12th point of the night and 1,000th of her career coming on a three-pointer from the top of the key with 1:24 left to play. Tibbs and Sydney Lambert each had 13 points and seven rebounds, while Haley Puk had 11 points and Carly Santoro scored 10 points off the bench.

The game was one of the more well balanced performances the Falcons have had all season, as they shot 39 percent from behind the arc, outrebounded Miami 34-22, and forced sixteen turnovers as well as getting the balanced scoring effort.

“Some early keys for us, we had six kids hit a three-pointer. We outrebounded Miami by double digits, and we had five kids in double digit scoring,” Roos said. “When you have that balance, I think that makes a result in that score today against them.”

The Falcons got off to a strong start in the first quarter, shooting 64 percent to open the game and surging out to a 21-7 lead on the back of a 11-0 run to close out the quarter. They proceeded to shoot 56 percent from the field for the entire first half, holding a commanding 41-21 lead at halftime.

While Miami closed the gap to as few as 16 points in the third quarter, the Falcons went on a 9-0 run, ignited by Justinger, to widen their lead, which grew to as large as 28 points late in the third quarter, 59-31. The Falcons then held a comfortable lead for the entire fourth quarter, finishing the game with a 76-56 win.

Justinger was five points away from the 1,000 point milestone in the fourth quarter, cutting it to only three points needed with a pair of free throws at the 3:24 mark. She then buried her triple with 1:24 left, bringing her career point total to an even 1,000 on an emotional night for the senior captain.

“It was a pretty amazing feeling,” Justinger said of scoring her 1,000th point. “It’s just always been a great environment here, with amazing support from my family and friends. It was just an amazing way to end my home experience here at Bowling Green.”

The Falcons will close out their regular season schedule on the road, with their next game against Ohio University on March 2. They will then travel to play Akron on Saturday, March 5, with that game being their last game before the MAC tournament starts.
Falcons win series against Ferris

By Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcons hockey team took both games of their final home series of the season against the Ferris State Bulldogs, winning on Friday night 4-3, then completing the sweep on Saturday night with a 6-2 victory.

“The difference between being good and great at the college level is being able to finish off weekends with a second win,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “There’s lots of splitting that goes on usually, you win one game, you lose another, but finding a way to win the second game in front of a great crowd … is huge, it keeps us in the conversation for a regular season championship.”

The Falcons had a slow start to Friday’s game, allowing goals from Ferris State at 4:24 of the first and 5:51 of the second, respectively, to tie the game 2-2. However, the team rebounded as they were down 2-0 early. After those goals, the team rebounded as they tied the game 3-3.

Mitch (McLain) was in front and got the puck, Dufour said on the tying goal. “He got the puck, tried to shoot it on net and then Mitch (McLain) was in front and tried to shoot it, then I got the rebound and just put it in.”

Ferris State would retake a 3-2 lead at 11:52 of the second, but Dufour scored again just over a minute into the third period to tie the game 3-3.

“The game would remain tied until just under three minutes to go in regulation, when Baylis scored the eventual game winning goal to give the Falcons a 4-3 win.” Dufour said. “He just gave it to me and I took a shot on net and it went in.”

“Pierre-Luc Mercier got on the left wing and gave it to (Stephen) Baylis,” Dufour said. “He just gave it to me and I took a shot on net and it went in.”

The game would remain tied until just under three minutes to go in regulation, when Baylis scored the eventual game winning goal to give the Falcons a 4-3 win. “I liked the fight in our team tonight,” Bergeron said. “On Ferris’ first two goals, they showed how good they are, they were as bang-bang of plays as you’re going to get, but our guys didn’t let that deter them or stop them … we told our guys that we were going to have chances, (and) we were going to need to score. Obviously, the last 40 minutes of the game we did a better job scoring.”

Saturday’s game was evenly matched through the first two periods, both teams tied 1-1, with the Falcons getting a goal from sophomore forward Brandon Hawkins at 15:45 of the second. Ferris State broke the tie under a minute into the third, but Dufour scored at 3:14 and McLain scored at 5:13 to give the Falcons the lead, 3-2.

“It was one of those things where the puck was bouncing all night,” McLain said. “For the first two periods it didn’t seem like it was bouncing our way … it’s one of those things where, especially in our league, when the games are tight like that, it’s good to jump in front and see guys have success.”

McLain scored again at 9:30 to give the team a two goal lead, then senior forward Mark Cooper, playing in his final regular season game at BGSU Ice Arena, got an empty net goal to put the game out of reach. Sophomore forward Brett D’Andrea tacked on another goal 18 seconds later to make it a 6-2 final.

The Falcons will play on the road against the Alabama Huntsville Chargers for their final series of the regular season on Friday and Saturday night, then will return home for the first round of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

Why Curry is the NBA’s best player

This weekend, Golden State’s Stephen Curry torched the Oklahoma City Thunder for 46 points, including a record-tying 12 three-pointers. Curry’s onslaught, in addition to the absolute tear he has been on this year, proves one thing: he is the best basketball player on the planet.

In what might have been considered basketball blasphemy just over two years ago, fans everywhere are now labeling Curry as the best player in the world. Yes, better than Lebron James, better than Kevin Durant and better than Anthony Davis. The once-doubted guard out of Davidson College now holds the top three spots in the NBA’s record book for most threes in a season. He claims the top spot with 288 threes. And that is from this season.

There are 24 games left.

Some might try to refute the notion that Curry could really be the best by saying “he is only a shooter.” Curry is averaging 6.6 assist, 5.3 rebounds and 2.11 steals this season on top of his monstrous 30.7 points per game, which is the highest in the league. He is much more than “just a shooter.”

He leads the NBA in Player Efficiency Rating (PER), which is a measurement of a player’s overall positive or negative affect on his team. An outstanding PER would be 20.0.

Curry’s is 32.95.

So, if after all these statistics are presented and you still don’t believe that Curry is the best there is, let’s take a look at Twitter. After Curry’s dazzling performance on Saturday and, specifically, his game-winning 32-footer, several of the league’s other most notable players sent out tweets to express their states of awe.

“(Curry) needs to stop it man!! He’s ridiculous man! Never before seen someone like him in the history of ball!” James said.

“Curry is unreal,” perennial All-Star Dwayne Wade said.

“He can’t be human,” Toronto Raptors star DeMar DeRozan said.

The NBA’s top players could not believe what they were watching, and that was an undersized point guard executing one of the most incredible shooting performances the world of basketball has ever seen.

Now, as Curry and the Warriors approach the home stretch of the NBA season, an unimaginable amount of attention will be directed at him.

Talk has recently been initiated about Curry becoming the first player to ever be unanimously voted as MVP. Back-to-back MVP’s, as well as consecutive NBA Championships would be the perfect conclusion to this video game-like season for Curry.

He has brought the art of shooting back into the spotlight of basketball. He is doing things with a basketball that we never thought were possible. He is embarrassing defenders each time he touches the ball. And every night he takes the court, the world appears to stop for a moment in hopes of witnessing yet another record-setting performance.

The stats show it, the media shows it and his game shows it. Steph Curry is the best basketball player in the world.
USG updated on academic initiatives

By Hannah Benson
Campus Editor

Rodney Rogers, provost and senior vice president, answered seven questions asked by the Undergraduate Student Government last night.

The questions focused on upcoming initiatives, the new eCampus, weekend classes, study abroad, STEM programs, how courses are chosen to be removed and a summary of current initiatives.

Three initiatives were outlined by Rogers: revitalizing the University’s academic portfolio, reimagining the way students and faculty interact in learning spaces and elevating the research activity of the University.

He explained how eCampus is a fully online program which is offered on a different calendar than what on-campus students are used to. He said it is “designed for a new student population who does not have access to the traditional BGSU campus.”

Another way for the University to cater to students’ schedules is through the possibility of adding weekend classes.

Rogers said other universities have implemented them along with early evening classes and they have provided students with more flexibility.

Another topic discussed by Rogers is how courses are chosen to be removed from the University.

Rogers said courses are now analyzed in accordance with House Bill 64 to see how many degrees are granted from each program. Programs with low graduate numbers are identified and the chairs and faculty of those programs work together to see if there is an opportunity to improve curriculum or add additional programming.

“Every program we remove goes through the governance process, which ultimately takes time,” Rogers said.

The final area Rogers spoke on was the current efforts being made by the University to “elevate the quality of academic programs.”

He referenced the construction and renovations to Moseley, University and South Hall and said the improvements being made to these buildings better the University as a whole and set it apart from other universities.

“Makes me smile everyday when I see those fences around those buildings,” Rogers said.

Sue Zwayer, TRIO writing specialist, spoke to USG about TRIO’s student support services. The goal of this program is to retain students with an academic need and help them graduate.

She said the program stands out from other tutoring programs because of its focus on one-on-one service.

Nadia Oehler, cabinet member and director of campus and governmental relations, informed the USG body of a new leadership employment role in relation to the new Greek Housing Project. This position would be a mixture between an RA and programming position, she said.

Those interested in the position can apply online before March 18 at 5 p.m.

Jodi Webb, dean of students, ended the meeting by encouraging students to attend presentations or forums held when candidates for the Vice President of Student Affairs come to campus in mid to late March.

She also said that she had some extra funding that she would like to put towards programming for the weekend after the first week of classes.

This funding would be separate from the Student Budget Committee and would be provided to student organizations so they could hold programming to help get students engaged at the beginning of the year.
Students forego licenses

By Alan Hunt
Reporter

A University of Michigan study is seeking to explain why young adults across the nation are foregoing obtaining driver's licenses.

However, do not expect parking pass sales to rise at Bowling Green State University any time soon, as many students are also experiencing this trend.

"I went to Cleveland State for a while and I lived in Cleveland. I took the RTA or the Rapid everywhere or I just took an Uber. (Not having a license), wasn’t a big deal, until I moved into a more rural area," said junior Emily Shirak.

According to USA Today, the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute reported a significant decline in driver's licenses possessed by young adults ages 20 to 24. Of that age group, in 2014, 76.7 percent of people had a driver's license.

"I like public transit. I think it's a cool thing and we should have it ... It's bad for the environment to be driving so many cars. We are so car-centered in this country," Shirak said. "It’s kind of like a need that's not really a need if the government supplied us with something else."

While caring about the environment may explain why some young adults don't drive, others simply cannot take on the financial burden that comes with driving or getting a car.

"I was so involved in drama club in high school that I had no time to get a job and my parents required me to pay for driving school," said freshman Ashley Evans. "There was basically no availability of getting a car, so I chose what was more important, which was being in school and drama club instead of getting a job."

Fourth year Shalena Mitchell agreed with Evans. "I do think one of the big factors for people not having their license is not necessarily technology or where they live at," she said. "It just might be they might not have the money for it... Me and my sister didn't grow up with much and unfortunately sometimes that happens."

The University has a shuttle service with routes throughout campus that also makes stops to off-campus apartments, and Bowling Green has a $4 cab servicing the whole city. Both of these services could help students get around without a driver's license.

Evans said she often walks a lot of places or asks a friend for a ride. A state issued ID can be used in place of a driver's license for identification purposes such as voting. However, Evans, Mitchell and Shirak all consider getting a license as a necessity, in order to complete their field placement courses, and have plans to get their licenses this summer.

According to USA Today, some automakers have taken notice of fewer young adults driving.

The publication reported that General Motors invested $500 million in the ride sharing service, "Lyft," with plans of producing self-driving cars for the vehicle service.
Self-defense tips promote safe travels

By Holly Shively
City Editor

With spring break just a few days away, University students started to prepare for a safe vacation through a personal safety and self-defense workshop in the Union Monday night.

University History Professor Scott Martin has been practicing martial arts for over 30 years. Martin took his wife, University Communications Professor Lara Martin Lengel, to one of Justin Plavic’s self defense classes, which she said more people needed exposure to.

Plavic is the director of Wing Chun—BG Martial Arts School and teaches Wing Chun Kung Fu and self defense classes at Bushido Kai America Family Martial Arts Center on North Main Street. He is a third-degree black belt in Japanese jujitsu and a second-degree black belt in Japanese swordsmanship.

Together, Plavic, Lengel and Martin arranged with several organization sponsors to bring the self defense and martial arts workshop to the University.

“We just thought it would be a good idea for not only awareness of spring break … but also how to not become the victim,” Martin said.

Plavic said he wanted to focus on getting out of unwanted situations at the workshop, whether that situation is domestic violence, sexual assault or a mugging. The event also focused on being aware of surroundings at all times.

“I can tell you from experience that the stuff he’s going to teach you will work,” Martin said during the event introduction.

Within the first half hour, attendants were on their feet practicing hands-on martial arts.

“This is great to have everybody, but certainly particularly girls and young women, to participate in martial arts, not just for risk mitigation, but for confidence boosting,” Lengel said.

Plavic’s wife, known as Sunshine, helped with the workshop, and didn’t let the importance of martial arts go unnoticed.

“As somebody who has been in a compromising situation, knowing what to do and practicing that is something that is important, because you never expect that to happen to you,” Sunshine said. "Knowing what to do is power — knowledge is power.”

The event specifically revolved around a safe upcoming spring break, including protecting the self along with safe travel.

“That’s (spring break) where everybody wants to let loose, go out and party, and there’s nothing wrong with that … but there are things you need to be aware of still in the back of your head,” Plavic said.

Bay County, Florida, where Panama City Beach is located, has also taken extra safety measures for the upcoming spring break.

The major rule changes include no alcohol on beaches or in parking lots, no underage vacationers in establishments selling alcohol after midnight, no digging holes deeper than two feet and anyone renting a moped or mobile scooter must wear a fluorescent green vest and cannot drive at night.

Self-defense moves are demonstrated for students at a workshop focused on teaching students how to be safe during spring break, especially if they travel.
12:19 A.M.
Kyle R. Howe, 21, of Brunswick, Ohio, was cited for nuisance party within the 300 block of N. Main Street. David B. Klein Jr., 22, of Bowling Green, was civilly cited for disorderly conduct/public urination.

12:49 A.M.
Jacob Z. Duvall, 19, of McComb, Ohio, was cited for underage/under the influence and disorderly conduct/public urination within the 200 block of N. Main Street. Garrett M. McQueen, 24, of Arcadia, Ohio, was civilly cited for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 200 block of N. Main Street.

1:18 A.M.
Alexandra R. Schmidt, 22, and Heather M. Baruxes, 22, both of Bowling Green, were cited for criminal trespass within the 100 block of E. Court Street.

1:21 A.M.
Brandon E. Sloane, 23, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct while intoxicated at 1:21 A.M. within the 100 block of N. Main Street. Baruxes, 22, both of Bowling Green, were cited for criminal trespass within the 100 block of N. Main Street.

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