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Panel discusses US, Japan relations

By Drew Jackson
Reporter

Ambassador Shuji Shimokoji, former Ambassador of Japan to Panama and Venezuela, led a panel where more than a hundred University students were in attendance Friday, March 18. The Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan Event was hosted by the Asian Studies Program and sponsored by Japan’s prime minister in hopes of strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and Japan for the future.

Shimokoji focused the educational seminar on further deepening understanding about Japan, bringing awareness to the strong economic ties and promoting business, international education and cultural exchange between Japan and the Midwest.

“We are traveling across the United States to invite Americans to Japan, we want to bring awareness to the importance of the exchange of diplomacy, as well as serious matters like the security cooperation expansion,” said Shimokoji.

The seminar was geared towards the history between America and Japan in relation to trade and how they have benefitted one another in their past and present.

Shimokoji briefly introduced his panel and then each panelist came to the podium with passion and personal experience on Japanese culture and U.S. relations.

Shimokoji said, “The United States and (the) Japanese work together and benefit one another through their economy. They must work together for safety and security.

PHOTO BY KRISTY CARTMELL

Shuji Shimokoji, former ambassador of Japan, lead a panel meant to foster an understanding of culture and business between the U.S. and Japan.

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Sentinel-Tribune hires new editor

By Angelica Euseary

While reading The Dutchelite, the University of Akron’s student newspaper publication, then sophomore Victoria Dugger noticed several grammar errors in one of the stories, then saw an advertisement for a copy editor position. She quit her tutoring job and took on the position immediately. She’s been in the journalism field since then and was recently hired as the editor-in-chief for Bowling Green’s hometown publication, the Sentinel-Tribune.

“I love to know the news before it’s news; it’s a little selfish on my part,” said Dugger. “I love community journalism, giving people information that effects their daily lives and help them make good decisions.”

Though her high school didn’t have a newspaper program, Dugger came to love the field of journalism during college. “I started at the University of Akron as a music education major, double majored with English and eventually came to realize I wasn’t going to be a music educator or symphony tuba player,” Dugger said.

Working at her university’s publication led her to many opportunities in the field of journalism. She was offered the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund internship where she studied journalism concepts such as copy editing, wire editing, writing headlines and learned more about summer internships at Temple University for a week and a half. Dugger was then placed at a Dow Jones affiliated newspaper called The Herald in Sharon, Pennsylvania, building her love for journalism each day.

Her experience in the field led her to an editor-in-chief position at the Sentinel-Tribune. “I was looking for a position where I could grow and it seemed like an ideal fit, and it seemed like a good idea to come in and help shape the paper,” said Dugger. “I believe in community journalism and this size market is really good and touches people in Wood County.”

Dugger’s husband is a University alumnus and her stepdaughter, Gabby Dugger, is a current first year student at the University. She is a forensics science major and is thrilled to see her stepmom work for the Sentinel-Tribune. “It's really exciting because she’s such a great person and deserved this position,” said Gabby. “She’s always done good stuff for people.”

Dugger has planned a lot for the Sentinel-Tribune. She hopes to expand their reach through digital media by going to smaller areas of Wood County and add to the story coverage to deliver more news to more areas. “We don't need to try to be The New York Times of the Midwest,” said Dugger. “We need to give people things that matter to them; they want to know what that car crash was at 3 a.m. or why traffic is occurring. We need to give people things that impact them and do it accurately. We have a broad readership and a big social media audience. I take getting the news out to people very seriously.”

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- Victoria Dugger
  Sentinel-Tribune Editor
Statistics in favor of concealed carry

There is a 99.9 percent chance that I will have my concealed carry permit (CCW) when I turn 21.

There is a 99.9 percent chance that if made legal by House Bill 48 to carry firearms on campus (and the University approves the concealed carry) that I will carry my legally owned and concealed firearm on campus daily.

There is a 100 percent chance that I will not shoot people, whether students or teachers, because I don’t like what they have to say.

Teachers at the University of Houston are being trained on how to talk about sensitive topics that may upset students; and by trained on how to talk about these topics, I mean cautioned not to talk about them at all.

The reason this training, through PowerPoint presentation, has come about is because Texas has recently passed a law, that will go into effect in August, similar to that of House Bill 48, allowing firearms to be carried on college campuses.

Teachers are having their freedom of speech censored because they fear gun violence from legally carrying students who will be offended by sensitive topics.

You have to be 21 to obtain a CCW. In most university circumstances, less than half of students are even eligible to concealed carry. Let’s say for most this is beginning to mid junior year, sometimes even later. What junior-level college student do you know that will be willing to dedicate eight hours of training, $100 or more for the training and another $60 to $100 for the actual permit depending on how long they have been a citizen of Ohio?

Let me tell you what kind of college student would dedicate those resources.

It’s the ones who probably don’t need that eight hour training to begin with because they’ve been using firearms their whole lives, the ones who really care about second amendment rights and the ones who would never do anything to make people frown upon gun use more than they already do (especially not something as stupid as shooting a professor for saying something that may offend them).

These students who would get their CCW most likely care just as much, if not more, about their first amendment rights as their second, which means not pressuring teachers, students, advisors or anyone else to refrain from talking about something in fear of offending someone.

Let’s be honest about the fact that most continues on Page 5
Warren calls out Trump for what he is

On Monday afternoon, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) graced social media with a barrage of anti-Trump rhetoric.

Warren humorously turned one of Trump’s favorite insults against him, writing, “Let’s be honest — Donald Trump is a loser” in a Facebook post.

As many of you are probably aware, a “loser” (n.) is any and everybody who disagrees with Donald Trump, and/or a person who is reduced to utter incompetence by his or her inability to further Donald Trump’s brand and overall value.

Note: if you are interested in successfully adopting this term into your own vocabulary, repetition is key.

To support her claim, Warren cites Trump’s failed businesses, the scam that is known as Trump University and multiple corporate bankruptcies that Trump has exploited in order to evade debt. Even still, much of Trump’s appeal to certain individuals seems to be the fact that he is perceived to be a successful businessman.

In the Facebook post, Warren goes on to caution that Trump is a force to be reckoned with: “Many of history’s worst authoritarians started out as losers — and Trump is a serious threat.” Warren’s ultimate end goal, and her petition to voters, is to ensure that Trump ends his campaign for the White House in the same way that he started it – as a loser.

While “loser” is too feeble of a word for my liking, Warren is absolutely correct in her admonition that a Donald Trump presidency gravely threatens the prosperity of the United States. In fact, The Economist maintains that his presidency would threaten not only the U.S. economy, but the global fiscal climate as well.

A leading global forecasting service ranks a Trump presidency at number six on a list of major threats, nestled nicely between the full-blown collapse of the Chinese market and another Cold War between Russia and the Western Bloc.

Now, everyone may collectively heave a sigh of relief because these same analysts don’t actually anticipate Trump winning the election and taking the White House by storm this November.

However, if he did, the economists believe that the combination of his utter lack of detailed policies or plans of action, racist slanders, and his aggressive stance opposing free trade incite a high risk to global and economic stability.

Economist Barry Bosworth, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, sums up the potential risk quite nicely. He believes that a Trump presidency would be a “cataclysmic global event with enormous implications for other countries.”

If nothing else, let this be a plea to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election in November, because Trump’s supporters surely will. Perhaps your Democratic candidate of choice will not clench the nomination, but let’s not forget Trump’s claim that he “could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and [he] wouldn’t lose voters.”

I don’t know what’s scarier — the fact that that statement might be accurate or the fact that this “loser” and potential Leader of the Free World has been ranked as the 6th-most major threat to our global security.

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people that are unfamiliar with firearms are afraid of them. Even after the eight hours of CCW classes, most still won’t feel confident carrying without extensive practice on their own.

If you want to know the real statistics, according to the Crime Prevention Center, located in Florida, only 0.006 percent of concealed handgun permit owners have had their permit revoked from 1987-2014 for any gun-related crime, with the most common crime being accidentally carrying a firearm into a gun-free zone like an airport or school. That’s about 0.0002 percent annually.

To make it better, the rates are getting lower over time, and between 2008 to 2014 there were only four permits revoked.

You can see by comparing that to the gun-related crime rate statistics, that those concealed carry holders are not the problem with gun violence.

The Crime Prevention Research Center even showed that CCW permit holders commit less crimes than police officers (0.01 percent for police officers and 0.0003 percent for CCW holders nationally).

So, I’m going to once again reiterate: Having knowledgeable people carrying firearms does not put anyone in increased danger, but it is more likely to save a life.

Violent crimes are going to happen by violent people, which is not usually those who go about the process of legally obtaining a firearm and the training to carry it.

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issues.”
Hirokichi Nadachi shared how the U.S. and Japan became close allies and about their shared values through his personal experiences.

“Together we can strive to improve our world,” said Nadachi.
Toshiyuki Miyaki expressed the evolution and development of the U.S. and Japan’s current relationship along with the importance of that relationship improving, and how each country has helped one another and joined together.

College student Saho Miyashita talked about her culture, community and her hometown in a small rural area in Japan. She brought awareness of the decreasing population and its stagnant increase of youth supporting the elders who have become the majority of her town.

Takaki Minamota talked about America’s and Japan’s formal way of greeting. He shared a personal example from meeting his first American friend from Ohio that taught him how to greet with a handshake and he shared how bowing is Japan’s greeting and viewed as polite courtesy and respect.

The discussion ended with an array of questions from the audience and ended with a mixer.

The consulate general of Japan in Detroit, Mizuki Eguchi, shared ideas of how people who want to learn more can get involved and learn more about the Japanese culture. A few of these programs are the Japanese Exchange Training program and the MEXT scholarship, which is made for people who want to be researchers. All information can be found on the consulate general of Japan in Detroit’s website.

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Smoking age debated

California bill awaits approval to raise age to buy tobacco to 21

By Lauren Fitz
Reporter

In an effort to curb teen smoking and the underage purchasing of tobacco products, state legislatures in California have recently passed a bill that would raise the age to buy tobacco from 18 to 21. The bill has been sent to the governor of California and is awaiting his signature. If the bill is passed, California will be the second state behind Hawaii to raise the minimum age to purchase to 21. The bill was passed on March 10.

Many University students approve of raising the age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21, with many of them citing the health issues as the reason the minimum age should be raised. Junior Jena Korecky is one of the students who approves of raising the minimum age.

“It’s people’s decisions what they do with their bodies and they are adults at 18, but it also has to do with the fact that it’s a really harmful thing to do to your body and it might be for the better if it’s raised to the age of 21,” she said.

Korecky also pointed out that 21 is the legal drinking age in the United States, so it makes sense for the two ages to be the same.

According to The Los Angeles Times, in August, lawmakers brought six bills to the California state floor that also included raising the minimum age and also would limit the places where e-cigarettes would be used. These bills would also allow counties to add more taxes to the selling of tobacco products and would make it harder for loopholes to be exploited in business places.

Many Democrats in the California state house supported by the bill whereas Republicans tried to stop the bill from going through, citing that the government shouldn’t make the decisions for people’s personal lives and also said that if 18-year-olds are able to fight for their country, they should be able to smoke.

The bill also faced opposition from the tobacco industry, who said there’s a difference between tobacco-based cigarettes and e-cigarettes since the latter uses water vapor instead of actual tobacco.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the one-time tobacco fee for retailers would be eliminated and instead would be replaced with a $265 licensing fee. All-in-all, the changes that are looking to be made will produce an extra $11.1 million per year to help the state enforce laws on the tobacco industry.

University sophomore Diego Martinez thinks that it may be time to think about
THUR., MAR. 17
7:38 A.M.
Robert D. Everard, 22, of Bowling Green, was civilly cited for nuisance party within the 100 block of Troup Avenue.

9:24 A.M.
Austin M. Martin, 20, of Delphos, Ohio, was arrested for trafficking in drugs near the corner of E. Merry Avenue and N. Enterprise Street. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

10:54 A.M.
Brandon L. Shirkey, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence near the corner of W. Wooster and S. Church streets.

12:21 P.M.
Kristin M. Titus, 22, of Brighton, Michigan, was civilly cited for open container within the 200 block of E. Merry Avenue.

1:16 P.M.
Nathan J. Ball, 25, of Toledo, was cited for furnishing alcohol to person under 21 within the 100 block of N. Main Street.

2:22 P.M.
Michael G. Kish, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct/intoxicated and underage/under the influence within the 300 block of E. Wooster Street.

2:50 P.M.
Justin M. Smith, 30, of Bowling Green, was arrested for violation of a protection order, menacing by stalking and criminal trespass within the 1000 block of Quail Hollow Drive. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

3:39 P.M.
Cameron J. Courtad, 20, of Lima, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct/public

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urination and underage/under the influence within the 100 block of S. Summit Street.

5:10 P.M.
James G. Reilly, 21, of Bowling Green, was civilly cited for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 200 block of N. Enterprise Street.

9:43 P.M.
Bruce W. Sims Jr., 21, of Toledo, was cited for possession of marijuana near the corner of E. Wooster Street and Troup Avenue.

10:05 P.M.
Jase T. Grosjean, 20, Archbold, Ohio, was cited for underage/under the influence and prohibited acts within the 400 block of Lehman Avenue.

11:05 P.M.
Brady M. McCurdy, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts within the 100 block of N. Main Street.

11:32 P.M.
Austin R. Wendt, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence and prohibited alcohol content/breath near the corner of E. Wooster Street and Troup Avenue.

11:36 P.M.
Devin M. Pasquerella, 19, of Ravenna, Ohio, was civilly cited for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 100 block of E. Oak Street.

11:41 P.M.
Eric W. Brittner, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence, prohibited alcohol content/breath and failure to comply with order of police officer near the corner of E. Wooster Street and S. College Drive.

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12:04 A.M.
Mikaela T. Kucera, 21, of Toledo, was cited for open container within the 100 block of N. Main Street.

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Falcons end WCHA tournament run

By Zane Miller  
Sports Reporter

The Falcon hockey team was defeated 2-1 on Friday afternoon by the Minnesota State Mavericks in the semifinal round of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Final Five, eliminating the Falcons from further playoff competition.

The Falcons got off to a rough start, allowing two goals on the first three shots taken by Minnesota State.

“Both (were) defensive zone breakdowns and we don’t normally do that,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said regarding the goals. “We’re normally pretty solid in our own defensive zone but both those goals were D-zone breakdowns. Minnesota State, like any good team does, they make you pay for it and they end up in your net.”

Brad McClure scored for Minnesota State at the 5:18 mark of the first period, then the Mavericks scored again on a goal by Casey Nelson shortly thereafter at 7:00. However, those would be the only goals they would score, as the Falcons held them scoreless the rest of the way.

“I didn’t have to say a whole lot, they were talking to each other. They were angry, they knew they needed to play better and then I thought they started to play better.”

- Chris Bergeron, Head Coach

Both teams were scoreless in the second period, but Falcons’ sophomore forward Mitch McLain scored on a late power play at the 16:05 mark of the third to cut the Minnesota State lead in half.

“Matt Pohlkamp made a great play to Mitch McLain and he scored,” Bergeron said. “It was a good play and there was still enough time for us to score again, it was just now there’s desperation and you’re pushing real hard. We just weren’t able to get the equalizer.”

The Falcons were unable to score the tying goal in the final minutes of the game, and Minnesota State took the 2-1 victory to move on to Saturday’s closing round of the Final Five. The Falcons’ season came to an end with the loss.

“After the first 10 minutes, I thought we played okay,” Bergeron said. “I would have liked to have seen us be more opportunistic around the other team’s net, but other than that, we did lots of good things. I thought we killed penalties great, we defended harder after that, still made some mistakes, but we were able to continue to push forward and at least make it a game.”

The team is also looking to make more playoff runs in the next few seasons.

“I feel good about our program,” Bergeron said. “It doesn’t specifically talk about next year’s team, but I feel good about our program.”
Womens track prepares for start of outdoor season

By Teddy Blythewood
Sports Reporter

The Bowling Green womens track and field team is coming off a strong showing at the Mid-American Conference Indoor championships. The team’s 39 points were the most points scored at the meet since 2011. The outdoor track and field season will start Friday with the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Freshman Jade Nolan will look to build on momentum of the indoor season, where she was named MAC’s Freshman Field Performer of the Year after the two-day championships. Nolan performed well in the triple jump and high jump. She also placed fifth in the triple jump and high jump. She also placed sixth in the triple jump with a best jump of 39 feet 5.75 inches. Nolan finished in seventh place with a best throw of 55 feet 7.25 inches. Velasquez had a best throw of 50 feet 6 inches. Wheat had a best throw of 49 feet 3 inches. Allie Farmer had a shot put of 52 feet 9.5 inches and a 13th place finish.

Triple jump is a strong event for the team, as senior Tiera Parker placed fourth. Parker completed a jump of 39 feet 6 inches. Parker, a senior, also participates in jumps, relays, and sprints. Last season, she competed in the triple jump, 100 and 400 meter hurdles.

Kyla Paster finished eighth in the triple jump at the MAC Championships. Paster had a best jump of 38 feet 4 inches. Last season, she qualified for the MAC Championships in triple jump placing 10th at the event.

Junior Raven Porter had a strong third place finish of 5-85 in the high jump. In the 2015 season, Porter qualified for the outdoor MAC Championship in the long jump and high jump.

Senior Alicia Arnold placed fifth in the 60-meter race with a time of 7.56 seconds. Arnold placed fourth in the 200-meter race with running time of 24.24 seconds.

Gabrielle Edwards, Kera Lamotte, Cheyenne Oswald and Taylor Rambo sparked a good performance in the 1600-relay at the MAC Championships. The team finished in eighth place.

The Raleigh Relays are the first outdoor events for the womens track team. This is the first time athletes will be able to show improvement and build on the production of the indoor season.

Softball records three straight losses

By Elias Faneuff
Sports Reporter

It was a poor weekend for the Bowling Green softball team as it went 0-3 in the Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Indiana.

The team fell to 11-14 on the season and currently has a 10-10 record at neutral sites.

The first game was played against Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne in the first game of Friday’s doubleheader.

The first score of the game came from first at-bat, Haley Schrock, who hit a home run.

IPFW was in a position to score at the bottom of the second inning as two runners were on first and second. A hit towards Schrock nabbed the base runner heading for second and fired a strike to first, resulting in a double play.

It wasn’t until the bottom of the seventh inning when an IPFW player hit a triple towards center field as it put IPFW in a position to win the game. IPFW hit a ground-er, resulting in a fielder’s choice and giving the team a 2-1 win over the Falcons.

The second game of the doubleheader was against Western Illinois on Friday afternoon.

Western Illinois scored quickly in the top of the second for BG as Molly Holliday hit a single towards center field. Western Illinois then had a series of errors, causing four unearned runs for the Falcons, giving them the 4-2 lead over Western Illinois.

After Kiley Sosby grounded out with a runner on third, Kayla Gregory hit a single up the middle and got an RBI single as Marisa Shook scored, giving the Falcons a 6-2 lead in just the third inning of the game.

Western Illinois responded in the bottom of the fifth as pitcher Kiley Sosby gave up 5 hits, including two doubles and a home run. This gave Western Illinois four runs in the bottom of the fifth before Brooke Parker came back in the game to close the inning.

The deficit was cut to 8-6 going into the sixth inning.

The deciding moment came in the bottom of the seventh as Western Illinois loaded the bases and scored off a fielder’s choice and errors. This gave up three runs, resulteinge in Western Illinois getting the walk-off win by a score of 9-8.

BG softball coach Sarah Willis acknowledged that her team had two heartbreaking losses in one day, but she expressed some optimism as more games need to be played.

“Today was a tough day, to say the least,” said Willis. “We will get better. The great thing is that we get a chance to take the field again tomorrow and take a positive step forward.”

The team took the field Saturday morning as they squared off against Michigan State to complete the Hoosier Classic.

BG got on the board in the fifth as Shook hit a single towards the left field line, scoring two runners. The Falcons ended up scoring another run as Schrock hit a single, followed by an error from Michigan State, giving Chelsea Raker the unearned run. BG crawled back into the game down 7-3.

The deficit was cut to 8-6 going into the sixth inning.

The offense came alive in the sixth and seventh innings for BG as they scored a total of six runs, evening the score with Michigan State at 9-9.

In the end, BG was unable to keep up with Michigan State throughout the game and the Falcons fell 20-13.

The team will look to end this losing streak as they head home to face IPFW at Meserve Field on Wednesday, March 23.
Use of fees, parking topics at USG

By Michele Mathis
Managing Editor

Chief Financial Officer Sheri Stoll spoke about the University budget and where students’ tuition and general fees are used on campus at the Undergraduate Student Government meeting Monday night.

Stoll said that tuition collected by the University goes into its general budget, called the Education and General Budget (ENG), and is used for all operations on campus grounds.

These general operations include academic departments and general university departments such as Payroll and Human Resources.

There is an implemented general fee that is separate from the ENG budget and is labeled as a non-academic student support service fee. Stoll said that this fee funds student union, intercollegiate athletics, the recreation center and student organizations.

Additional fees, such as rooming and board plan fees, are used for the residence halls and meal plans for most students who live on campus.

Stoll said that the University looks for options to generate revenue besides state support, even though “(Ohio) is expecting for state support to go up again” in the next few years.

“Our spending actually hasn’t gone up, it’s actually been low since (the few past years),” she said.

The University looks for a variety of different areas beside state support, which include but are not limited to: conferences and events, stadium and Stroh rentals, music and sport summer camps and different forms of philanthropy.

Stoll reported that Ohio is on a biannual budget.

“This is the first year of Ohio’s biannual budget,” she said. “One of the only states in the country that does the budget two years at a time instead of just one.”

Stoll said that there was not tuition increase in 2015, and there will remain a tuition freeze in 2016, carrying on to 2017.

“Both the house and senate proposed zero percent tuition increase for 2016 and 2017,” she said. “Both sides actually came forward for more state support.”

When asked about where athletic fees hide in the student’s tuition, Stoll said that as a student, you have to compare the University to the size of the conference we exist in.

“If you were to compare BGSU to all of the other schools in our conference … BGSU, given our size, we give the lesser amounts to our athletics department … while our athletics department generates more revenue than one or two other schools in our conference,” she said.

“It says a lot about our fan support.”

Stoll concluded her presentation by answering, “How much does BGSU make from parking fees?”

“We average one ticket per student,” she said. “That averages out to around $500,000 a year.”

Stoll said that the University uses this money to take care of the parking lots by repaving or restriping them.

USG Vice President Danielle Parker said that parking passes will become available to desk managers who work the 4 a.m.-8 a.m. shift in residence halls.

“This summer we had heard from Nadia Oehler that it was a concern in the residence halls, and we said, ‘Wow, that’s a big safety concern,’” she said.

Since parking becomes enforced by 7 a.m., workers will be able to take the pass when they clock in, place it on their car and then return it when they clock out.

The University first annual Creed Day will kick off tomorrow from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. in the Falcon’s Nest.

University Spirit Crews and Freddy and Frieda will be in attendance, along with Mayor Edwards, declaring March 22 officially as Creed Day at Bowling Green.

The University Creed was created by members of USG who believe that the Creed will help future, current and past students stay connected to what they believe “being a Falcon” truly is.

“(The creed) connects the BG community to BGSU students to BGSU alumni,” said Parker. “It’s everything we hope you would stand for as a Falcon.”

President Victor Senn encouraged the senate to attend and use the phrase #IamaFalcon to spread awareness on social media.

“(This day) is like voting... extremely important,” he said.

The USG tables will be giving out free t-shirts, and the Office of Residence Life will be holding giveaways, games and prizes during Creed day.
Green initiatives recognized

By Holly Shively
City Editor

With the Bowling Green community’s growing focus on environmental action and protection, the University, the City of Bowling Green and several smaller organizations will be recognized by a community green team.

The Black Swamp Green Team will be hosting Creation Care Celebration Sunday to recognize the policy initiatives of both the University and the City for more environmental responsibility and sustainability, Black Swamp Green Team member and University chemistry professor Neocles Leontis said.

“There’s some things happening that are just simply amazing,” Leontis said. “I’m not just talking about the solar array; although that is really amazing.”

The megawatt photovoltaic solar array is planned to fill a 100-acre field. The city will be able to sell a partial amount of megawatts to other towns that are part of American Municipal Power, the city’s power provider. AMP has entered into a joint development agreement through Next Era Energy called BG AMP Solar LLC, meaning that upon presentation to the board and council’s decision, construction on the solar field can begin.

Leontis said Green Energy Ohio will hold their annual convention in Bowling Green this summer because of the city’s coming solar panels.

Leontis also wants to recognize the electric car charging ports behind Sam B’s and Grounds for Thought at the event. “It’s a start…. In five years, they’ll be dozens,” Leontis said.

He also said that the car charging ports are a great business attraction for the city. In the near future, when more people are driving electric cars, the city will be able to advertise charging ports on travel apps to draw drivers from the highway into the town. While these drivers are here, they may eat at restaurants and visit the shops while they charge their cars.

Another important environmental project the city is working on is the complete streets initiative. When complete streets are finished in the city, the streets will be easy and safe to use for community members of all ages and abilities, as well as for all transit methods, including pedestrians, cyclists motorists.

“These are all things that will help people get around with lower costs and lower emissions,” Leontis said.

The University is also being recognized for its plan to become carbon neutral by 2040. “Hopefully it will be soon enough,” he said. In his article, “Does each of us individually have a moral duty of justice to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?,” Leontis laid out that humans are adding roughly 400 giga-tons of carbon dioxide each year to the atmosphere. That means at the current emission rates, we will exceed the remaining carbon quota in about 20 years.

The Black Swamp Green Team is a roughly year-old organization that aims to “ensure that our region does its part in the worldwide effort to avoid climate disruption and ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for our children,” according to Leontis.

The recognition event will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, at Peace Lutheran Church. “For me, I’m a scientist. I’ve been following this issue for years,” Leontis said. “I have children…. The situation is absolutely frightening.”
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raising the age to 21.

“I think that raising the age is probably a good idea,” Martinez said. “Hopefully it will prevent or turn people away from smoking cigarettes, which is a bad habit to develop.”

Junior Alex Kyle also supports raising the age of purchasing tobacco, citing that her grandfather died from smoking-related illnesses and that she hated seeing someone she cares about be so sick.

“Right now, with a lot of the generational stuff going on currently and wanting to change our generation so we’re not smoking generation and that generations past us continue to be non-smoking, I think it would be a good thing and essentially help the tobacco industry be cut down and destroyed,” Kyle said.

In addition to California and Hawaii raising the minimum age to buy tobacco, many cities throughout the country, including New York City and Boston, have raised their minimum age to purchase tobacco products to 21. According to The Atlantic, Cleveland raised their smoking age to 21 this past December. NPR reported that more than 100 cities have changed the tobacco age.

The cities and states that have raised the tobacco age have also put more restrictive bans on e-cigarettes, such as banning them from movie theaters and restaurants. Many places where people were using e-cigarettes had banned tobacco-smoking in the years prior.

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**CAMPUS BRIEF**

**Education fair changes focus in 10th year**

Though the University Teaching and Learning Fair has reached a decade of existence, organizers of the fair agree that this year stands out from the past.

“It’s the 10th annual, but it’s a different animal from (prior) fairs,” said Karen Harris, assistant director of the Center for Faculty Excellence.

Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Julie Matuga said this year’s fair, which runs until Wednesday in the Union, is about refocusing on supporting students both inside and outside the classroom.

Rather than showcasing work done by CFE Learning Communities as in the past, the 2016 fair was built around strategies for student success advocated by Vincent Tinto, who researches student success at colleges.

Tinto encourages institutions to set high expectations for students, provide academic and social support, bring engaged learning into classrooms and provide early feedback. Presentations have been coded according to which goal they align with.

Past fairs didn’t have the same amount of structure, John Fischer, vice provost for Academic Affairs, said.

“I like that it’s a little more focused this year,” he said.

Matuga said the fair allows faculty come together as a community, gain professional development and learn what their peers are doing, though Fischer said the fair is open to anyone. Among the attendees at the fair were faculty and administrators from Owens Community College and graduate students from the University.

“A really broad range of the university was in this room today,” Fischer said after Tinto’s keynote speech Monday, which roughly 375 people attended.

A full calendar of presentations and events can be found on the CFE’s website.
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