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All-gender housing option introduced

Wing of McDonald Hall to be used for gender-inclusive housing in the fall

By Hannah Finnerty
Reporter

The Office of Residence Life will pilot an all-gender housing program on a floor of McDonald Hall starting in the fall of 2016.

In the all-gender housing, new and returning students may live with any student of any sex, gender, gender identity or expression.

Although any student can live in the all gender housing, it is proposed as a housing option for LGBT students.

“As is outlined in the description of the floor, it’s open to anyone who wants to cohabitate in this way,” Vern Cooper said, coordinator for the LGBT Resource Office. “But, it’s going to include and be intentionally inclusive of and affirming for TGNC (transgender and gender nonconforming) students.”

The Office of Residence Life produced this pilot program as a response to students voicing their concerns about housing options for TGNC students.

Most of the on-campus housing at the University reflects the traditional model for residence halls and is organized by sex, whether by room or by floor. This model assumes that a student’s gender matches their sex at birth, which does not account for students with transgender and gender nonconforming identities who do not fall into a binary gender role.

The all-gender housing program corrects the outdated sex-segregated model, Cooper said.

Different from the gender neutral housing currently located in Founders, the all-gender housing in McDonald will be available to both new and returning students. The gender neutral housing is traditionally for returning students.

McDonald also offers students a community-style bathroom rather than the private bathrooms in Founders.

“There’s a lot of conversation about gender, gender identity and sexual orientation in general. We’ve had different concerns raised about how we do our housing assignments,” Sarah Waters, director of Residence Life, said. “This year we heard loud and clear that students think that sharing a bath is important.”

The students on the all gender housing floor, regardless of sex, gender, gender identity or expression, will use the same community style bathroom.

Although gender neutral housing in Founders will continue to be offered to students, placing all gender housing in McDonald will offer a more economical option for students.

Founders is one of the most expensive housing options on campus, and the higher cost caused issues with students who showed interest in living in the gender neutral housing arrangement but could not afford Founders’ price tag. McDonald, one of the cheaper housing options at the University, is a more affordable option for students interested in the all-gender housing.

There is also no additional charge to live on the all-gender floor.

Pac Wood IV, a junior and transgender student looking to live in the all gender housing during the 2016-17 school year, said housing the program in McDonald gives her the financial ability to live in an environment where she can feel comfortable in her own home.

However, not everyone is as enthusiastic about the program as Wood.

Since announcing the program, the Office of Residence Life has received negative feedback from its Facebook and email, Waters said.

Despite the vocalized disapproval of the program by some, Waters said that meeting the housing needs of every student is important. If the program goes well, the Office of Residence Life will look to expand the program in the future.

Housing operations on campuses nation-wide are working to improve upon or develop programs similar to the all gender housing as members and allies of the LGBT community are becoming more vocal about concerns.

“We are trying to create supportive environments, and we are hoping that this is another option for housing that will allow someone to feel safe and comfortable here so that they can be academically successful,” Waters said.

“You have to be positive about where you live to go and feel good in your classes too.”

- Sarah Waters,
Director of Residence Life

Students interested in living in all gender housing can visit the Office of Residence Life webpage for more information or applications.
“We Are One Team (WA1T) uses sport as a forum to create a dialogue and to promote friendship between stereotyped groups on campus. WA1T aims to strengthen the sense of community at the University by creating awareness of social injustice and by facilitating an environment that values inclusion, diversity and tolerance. As a university-wide movement, WA1T represents a strong group of advocates for positive social change who are united by their mutual love and passion for sports,” WA1T mission statement 2015.

I joined WA1T after the president and founder, Yannick Kluch, came and spoke to one of my communication classes about the organization. I was immediately struck; in the past, I have lamented the lack of social dialogue in the sport world, even the hush-hush culture that forces athletes to remain silent on social and political issues.

Right now, as a grassroots organization, they are still establishing themselves among the University community. They have come a long way, though, with many on-campus athletic affiliations and coalitions as well as immense support from faculty, including President Mazey. Most of our meetings discussed the formations of these coalitions and how to generate ideas for future events that get the word out about sports as a powerful tool for social justice.

A recent event they co-sponsored with the Women’s Center during Women’s History Month was a panel with the historic “winningest team in sports history,” the Toledo Troopers. This female football team was a riotous success before the institution of Title IX in the 70s, with six perfect seasons and a fanbase of over 3000. These women didn’t mean to necessarily be a part of the beginning of a new era, many of them, “just wanted a space to be an athlete.” In my view, this is a core goal of WA1T, providing dialogue to create these spaces, for the social and political selves of athletes and fans alike.

WA1T primarily wants to create an environment that bolsters the position of the athlete activist. Peter Kaufman, a sociology Ph.D. professor at State University of New York at New Paltz, in a 2008 analysis writes “(t)he activist athlete, more often than not, must be prepared to stand alone and bear the consequences [of activism].” In all the instances of US athlete protests, backlash was severe and from all directions. Referencing instances in which athletes have protested war in sport settings, Kaufman further muses, “...are they disparaged because they are against the country at war, or are they disparaged because they are against the country qua sport?”

Kaufman’s 2008 analysis provides a plethora of examples of athlete activism being smothered by the powers that be. Muhammed Ali spent time in jail, three years off in his prime and plenty of money was lost due to his protests of racial inequality and the Vietnam War. College athletes are confronted with injustices like sweatshop labor and the uniform sponsorships that profit, like in the case of Jim Keady, semi-pro and coach at St. John’s University in 1998. Racial disparity is...
Support for taxation alternatives

I’d like to take a moment in this column today to offer rebuttals to some counterarguments I received from last week’s column regarding replacing taxation with fundraising.

Before I do so, however, let me just say how happy I am from the reaction I received.

When my work can spark discussions and dialogue, I couldn’t be more thrilled. It vindicates my writing. So, I am thankful to everyone who responded.

Now, among the first counterarguments I received were calls against the manner of using fundraising instead of taxation. A particularly irritating phrase along the lines of “it can’t work” was repeated.

Some said it couldn’t work because of the bystander effect; that is, too many people would just expect others to pay and wouldn’t pay themselves. Some said it couldn’t work because of the scale of some government programs; too many people relying on too much coverage, in other words.

Here’s what I have to say to those. Firstly, those who say it can’t be done ought to get out of the way of those doing it. This is in response to the worry of a bystander effect. Social entrepreneurship, whether through GoFundMe or any given private enterprise, has proven itself time and again to be an efficient and powerful manner of fixing a problem. And simple fundraising is a time-tested and true means.

Whether the problem is building water filtration plants in Africa, helping someone pay for a lawyer, National Public Radio holding a filtration plants in Africa, helping someone pay time and again to be an efficient and powerful method of tax collection the way it is, but treat taxes as restricted donations. That is, allow people to choose what their taxes go to.

Every so often, the IRS can send out a booklet showing where an individual’s money is going. At the end of the booklet, there can be a form to change the direction of spending.

Basically, if I don’t want my money funding unlawful war efforts in the Middle East, then I will not allow my money to go there.

If I prefer to have my money going to fixing infrastructure in my local area, then I will choose to send my money there.

That seems like a good compromise to me. The government can keep collecting taxes, but the people get a more direct say in how those taxes are spent. Fair?

One more thing: a clarification of my view of the world.

I don’t care for violence. I do not like the idea of people being hurt in any manner by anyone. So, I will always support the least violent option or solutions I can find.

I beg you to do the same. The world is already the least violent it has ever been. Let’s keep the trend going.

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It can be done. The bystander effect is a small hurdle to jump over, and can easily be crossed with good marketing. If you make people want to do something, or make it their idea to do something, they will do it. No force is necessary.

As far as addressing the scale of taxation for government programs, I have two points to make. Firstly, someone brought up war. How would war be paid for through donation? Such a large, horrible, violent but sometimes necessary thing surely couldn’t get the funding needed simply by asking for it, right? Well, maybe.

During World War II, people were buying bonds to fund the war effort.

People were also willing to raise their own food in their backyards for the sake of freeing up agriculture for feeding the troops.

Because people cared about the war, enough people found enough worth in what was happening in Europe and the Pacific that they gave whatever they could. There was a very deep patriotic fervor that we can still feel today.

So, if war is worth funding, it will be funded. If not, then it won’t. Once again, it would be up to the fundraiser to convince people to give. No force is necessary.

And that is my second point. I don’t know how an emergency of a grand scale would be solved without utilizing taxed money. The thought baffles me. However, does my lack of imagination, or anybody else’s lack thereof, or a lack of innovation excuse using violence instead?

Just because I can’t think of a way to fix something does not mean I get to point a gun at someone’s head. I repeat, ignorance does not excuse violence.

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commonly shut down as an issue, and often the athletes’ politics become a scapegoat if a team or athlete performs poorly, as in the case of Ramogi Huma, a UCLA linebacker in 1998, as well as NBA player Craig Hodges.

Sadly, in most of these cases, the lives of the athlete activists were never the same and many careers have been devastated. Despite the precedents, however, there is promising research that indicate these attitudes could change.

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App created for BG community

By Hannah Benson
Campus Editor

With the desire to be more “cutting edge” and appeal to the more tech friendly citizens in town, BG Convention and Visitors Bureau has created a new home website, an events website and an app.

GoBGOHIO.com is the community events calendar and interactive map, which can also be downloaded as an app on the App Store and Google Play. VisitBGGOHIO.org is the new convention and visitors bureau website.

The app and website is not only for community events, but also provides information about local businesses.

To help create the calendar, interactive map and app, Executive Director of BG Convention and Visitors Bureau Chambers said the bureau selected ten key partners.

These partners are the Wood County Library, Wood County Park District, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, the Bowling Green Economic Development, Bowling Green City Schools, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, First Federal Bank, Bowling Green State University and the city of Bowling Green.

All local businesses and organizations can post their events on the calendar for free.

However, members of GoBGOHIO.com are able to add a photo, link to their website, post deals on the calendar, add business listings and add promotional articles to the newspaper.

As part of an introductory offer, $100 memberships are available and are good from the date of purchase throughout 2017.

After this intro membership expires, members will pay $100 a year.

“We really do look at this as a gift to the community,” Chambers said.

Any business in town is eligible to participate including retail, restaurants, attractions, churches, banks, doctor offices, insurance companies, clubs and organizations.

“If someone downloads the app, you’re going to be one of the premier businesses on it,” Chambers said. “It will link them to your website and take them to your door with the map. It’s going to promote your business first and foremost.”

A launch party for the new technology was hosted on April 7 at the Four Corners Center downtown.

During the event, Chambers thanked her student interns for helping in the creation of the websites.

Emily Wilhelm, convention and visitors bureau intern, said she helped by inputting information and pictures into the website.

“I think it’s important that we did this because it’s all in one spot,” Wilhelm said. “For people who don’t know anything about Bowling Green, if they type in Bowling Green, Ohio, this will come up. They will see everything they can do, everything they can eat, every place they can stay. It’s just one convenient location for everything.”

Candace Roane, convention and visitors bureau marketing intern, said she helped with the creation of the bureau’s new home website, VisitBGOhio.org, from the ground up.

After meeting with Martini Creative to learn how the website would operate, Roane said she worked with

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12:58 A.M.
Deion H. Smith, 19, of Henrietta, New York, was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia within the 100 block of W. Gypsy Lane Road.

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Durrell V. McClellon, 24, and Brandon K. Abdullah, 21, both of Detroit, were arrested for possession of criminal tools, theft and criminal trespass within the 200 block of Evergreen Lane. They were lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:25 P.M.
Lorenzo J. Holloman, 20, of Southfield, Michigan, was arrested for aggravated burglary within the 1000 block of Fairview Avenue. He was lodged at the Wood County Justice Center.

5:30 P.M.
Phillip A. Panning, 27, of Custar, Ohio, was arrested for felony aggravated possession of drugs and possession of marijuana within the 1000 block of E. Wooster Street. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

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Organization targets unsafe driving

By Jessica Speweike

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and Sandy Weichman is at the helm ready to educate Wood County about traffic safety.

Weichman is the coordinator of Safe Communities of Wood County, an organization dedicated to “creating awareness and prevention of death and injuries caused by traffic crashes,” according to their website.

According to a pamphlet created by Safe Communities, there were 20,500 crashes caused by distracted driving in 2015. In Wood County, there were 19 fatal crashes in 2015.

“There’s a need for a Safe Communities in every county because we’re there as an educational tool, but we’re (also) there to help,” said Weichman.

With their office located in the Student Recreation Center at BGSU, Safe Communities of Wood County has worked closely with the University, local businesses and law enforcement agencies to raise awareness and educate the community about the consequences of distracted and drunk driving.

Weichman worked in law enforcement for 30 years and 26 of those years were spent working at the Wood County Sheriff’s Office. In 2012 she retired from the Sheriff’s Office and joined Safe Communities.

“It has been the most wonderful thing to come here,” said Weichman. “The possibilities are endless for Safe Communities with BGSU.”

The organization operates on grants that are issued by the National Highway Safety Administration. Weichman was responsible for issuing grants from the Sheriff’s Office and the experience has helped her secure grants for Safe Communities.

The amount of money Safe Communities receives is based on the total number of fatal crashes per year in Wood County. When Weichman first came to Safe Communities she said there were 15 fatal crashes per year, so the organization received $50,000 in grant money.

Since the number of fatal crashes in Wood County has increased, Safe Communities may receive an increase in grant money that would be issued to them in October.

The organization reaches the community through monthly press releases, support from University marketing and athletics and their own marketing strategies.

Weichman even worked out a deal with Lamar Outdoor and got a safe driving billboard put up on Route 6, the location with the highest amount of fatal crashes in Wood County.

Safe Communities also directly interacts with the public by setting up events like distracted driving simulations at the Wood County Fair and giving free rides home to students.

In fact, a new initiative Weichman created at Safe Communities called “Swallow Your Pride, Call for a Ride” provided rides home to students on St. Patrick’s Day. Weichman and other Safe Communities volunteers drove through downtown Bowling Green offering rides to students during the drinking festivities.

Lindsay Harmon, a senior at the University and an intern for Safe Communities, said working so close with the University has benefited both Safe Communities and the students.

“I think it’s really important that (Safe Communities) is on a college campus because not a lot of colleges have this program,” said Harmon. “It’s important for all students to … have ‘Swallow Your Pride’ and events like that.”

A quote on Weichman’s white board in her office reads, “True strength is keeping everything together when everyone expects you to fail.” And though she may have experienced failure, Weichman continues to look for new ways to engage the community.

“Even when some of the programs don’t work, she still gets everything out there and pushes people,” said Harmon, “no matter … how many times we get denied for some activities or materials.”

With her history in law enforcement, Weichman used the connections she had in the Sheriff’s Office and Bowling Green Police Division to create a strong support system for Safe Communities.

“I would say Sandy is somewhat of a facilitator of the idea of Safe Communities, and she is a bridge to bring different organizations together,” said Maj. Justin White of the BGPD.

White met Weichman when she worked in law enforcement and “wasn’t really aware of (Safe Communities) until Sandy became involved in it.”

Mike Stock, the safety and education director for the Ohio chapter of American Bikers Aimed Toward Education, also said not many people in Wood County knew what Safe Communities was all about.

“She knows a lot of people, and a lot of people know her,” said Stock. “She’s really dedicated to what she’s doing.”

Weichman’s ability to “beat the pavement” and put in extra work has benefited Safe Communities, especially when it came to events, said Stock.

What stood out to him about Weichman was that she didn’t struggle to find volunteers for events nor did she have trouble getting donations.

“Swallow Your Pride, Call for a Ride” was a perfect example. Weichman’s partners and connections in Wood County supplied her with vans and radios without charge so the Safe Communities team could work and communicate easily.

Since the month of April is dedicated to distracted driving awareness, Weichman and her team at Safe Communities have planned events for work zone driving awareness and trips to senior centers in different parts of Wood County.

These events often involve the BGPD and University police who bring their bike patrol and canine units to the public, especially young children, can meet them and get to know their local law enforcement.

The three paid student interns who work with Weichman help her “think
Athletic Director Chris Kingston resigns

By Aidan Markey
Assistant Sports Editor

Bowling Green Director of Athletics Chris Kingston resigned early Monday after accepting an offer to become the vice president of Learfield Sports, a sports media and marketing conglomerate. Kingston, who has held his position since June 2013, released a letter to the University community, informing them of his resignation.

“Bowling Green State University is truly a special place,” Kingston said. “This is one of the most innovative and transformational times in Falcon history.”

Kingston joined the Falcon community after serving as the executive senior associate director of athletics for the North Carolina State Wolfpack. He accepted the offer from BG following the resignation of previous athletic director Greg Christopher, who accepted a position at Xavier University after serving as a Falcon from 2006 to 2013.

“Onward and Upward’ are the three words that come to mind when I think about the incredible opportunity afforded to me by our President,” Kingston continued in his letter. “I will be forever grateful for being able to serve BGSU. Thank you, President Mazey.”

Mazey also released a statement in response to Kingston’s resignation.

“I greatly appreciate the energy and enthusiasm Chris brought to BGSU athletics,” Mazey said. “Under his leadership, our student athletes found great success in the classroom and on our fields and courts. He will be missed.”

Kingston had numerous accomplishments during his few years at BGSU. One of the most significant, though, was his hiring of Dino Babers, who lead the Falcons to three consecutive Mid-American Conference Championship games. The team won two of those championship games, all of which were against Northern Illinois.

In his letter, Kingston noted that the football championships were some of his most memorable moments at BG.

Some other moments he mentioned were: hearing Richaun Holmes’ name called in the 2015 NBA Draft; standing on the sideline at The Doyt as Roger Lewis caught a corner fade from James Knapke to defeat the Big 10’s Indiana Hoosiers; and hosting student-athletes at his home with his family during the holidays as the athletes stayed in Bowling Green to practice and compete.

Kingston was the 13th athletic director at the University. The athletic department will now search for Kingston’s successor, as his term is set to officially come to a close on May 10.

“In addition to the top-notch student athletes, Falcon Athletics is full of talented coaches and administrators,” Kingston said in closing of his letter. “It is my sincere hope that I have made some lasting contributions that others can continue to build on, in my absence.”

UPI PHOTO

Athletic Director Chris Kingston introduces Michael Huger as the new mens basketball coach in a press conference last spring.
Falcons swept in doubleheader

By Zane Miller  
Sports Reporter

The Falcons baseball team was swept on the road by the Miami RedHawks over the weekend, losing 5-1 on Saturday, then losing both games of a Sunday doubleheader 7-5 and 4-3, the latter game going into extra innings.

“We expected more going down there,” Falcons head coach Danny Schmitz said. “We didn’t quite get the job done, that’s the bottom line.”

Saturday’s game began with Miami scoring an RBI single in the second inning, then getting a solo home run from Gary Russo in the fourth to make it a 2-0 game. Miami would score two more runs in the sixth and seventh innings for a 4-0 advantage, before junior infielder Greg Basalyga had a sacrifice grounder to score senior outfielder Matt Smith to cut the lead to 4-1. However, the momentum would not last long as Miami scored another run on a sacrifice bunt in the bottom of the eighth for a 5-1 lead, which they would hold onto for the win.

“I thought the pitching was good and we did have opportunities,” Schmitz said. “We’re the type of team that has to execute the three phases and we’re not going to win with only one phase, we’re going to have a difficult time winning with just two phases, we have to put all three phases together.”

The first game of Sunday’s doubleheader began with Miami scoring six runs in the first three innings to chase sophomore starting pitcher Zac Carey from the game early, but relievers Devin Daugherty and Brad Croy held them off the board for the next four innings while the Falcons mounted a comeback.

The Falcons started the scoring with a bases loaded walk of sophomore infielder Cody Callaway to bring home the team’s first run of the game, then followed it up with freshman infielder Riley Minorek drawing another walk right after Callaway’s to make it a 6-2 game. The team then scored two more runs on a fielding error to close the deficit to 6-4 after six. Minorek got another RBI in the eighth inning, but this time on a solo home run to make it 6-5. However, that would be all for the Falcon scoring as Miami added an insurance run in the bottom of the inning to take the series victory with the 7-5 win.

“We fell behind six to nothing at one point,” Schmitz said. “But we did battle back to score four ... I’ve got to give the guys credit to how they played, they did a good job, I thought our bullpen did a good job.”

In the second game of the doubleheader, Miami scored two runs early, getting one run in each of the first two innings. But the Falcons tied the game in the third on a Minorek two run home run. Both teams held off the board for the next seven innings, with spectacular pitching from Falcons senior pitcher Andrew Lacinak and Miami pitcher Zach Spears as well as the teams’ bullpens to force extra innings. The Falcons got on the board first in the extras with an RBI single from sophomore pinch hitter Derek Drewes in the 11th inning to give the Falcons their first lead of the series, 3-2. However, Miami would counter with an RBI single of their own in the bottom of the inning to tie it up again. They would score the winning run in the 12th on a sacrifice fly to complete the sweep with the 4-3 victory.

“It’s kind of a tough defeat there,” Schmitz said. “The guys showed a lot of heart, especially after the first loss (earlier in the day), but they battled and we were just a couple of strikes away from winning that ballgame.” The Falcons will next play with a home game against the Dayton Flyers on Wednesday afternoon.
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outside the box” to create new ideas or put a different spin on ideas that have already been tried.

The staff at Safe Communities used the upcoming prom season as a chance to market the idea of safe driving. They created stickers for corsage and boutonniere boxes with the words “Don’t Tempt Fate, The Text Can Wait.”

Weichman also finds inspiration for new events and initiatives from other safety organizations in the counties surrounding Wood County.

“I work closely with Lucas County, Fulton County and Williams County, and we get together and we’re just like, ‘What are you doing? What’s new?’” said Weichman.

The other organizations that work with Weichman and Safe Communities are able to spread awareness about their topics and often participate in the same events Safe Communities participates in.

With May being motorcycle safety awareness month, Stock and Weichman will both be planning safety events, and this will give ABATE and Safe Communities an opportunity to speak to the public in an effort to reduce motorcycle crashes.

Weichman plans to continue building her support network for Safe Communities as she finds support among the other safety organizations as well as local businesses and law enforcement agencies in Wood County.

Though it’s not always easy, Weichman says her most and least favorite part of her job is overcoming the obstacles she meets.

“The end goal is not me, and it’s not (other agencies), it’s us and our communities because we want our communities to be safe,” said Weichman.

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other staff to develop different marketing strategies for the website.

“From there we looked at different marketing perspectives to make the website as easy to interact with as possible,” Roane said.

Chambers said she thinks the new website will be accessible for everyone, while she anticipates the app being used primarily by millennials.

“I think it will definitely make us more cutting-edge because I think that a lot of people see BG as an older community, but I don’t think they see all that goes into making BG what it is,” Roane said.

Roane said she thinks students at the University will learn about the map by word of mouth.

Chambers said that the community would learn of the app in a similar way as businesses see the benefit of becoming members.

“It’s an education process,” Chambers said. “We are going to have to pound the pavement and educate the community that every single business should be a member.”

Mayor Richard Edwards spoke at the event saying, “This is a very happy occasion and I want to thank Wendy because I know how hard you work.”

The event also celebrated the convention and visitors bureau as a whole, being an independent department for ten years now.

Before becoming its own entity, the convention and visitors bureau was part of the chamber of commerce.

“It’s humbling, but I think they see the value of the convention and visitors bureau and what we have brought to the table,” Chambers said about all the individuals and businesses at the launch party in support of the bureau.

A drawing also took place at the event, where winners were given GoBGOhio tote bags, t-shirts and mugs.
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TUES., APR. 5
1:43 A.M.
Complainant reported an unknown male exposed himself to her within the 800 block of Fourth Street.

4:20 P.M.
Alexandra E. Garthrite, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for menacing and telecommunications harassment/threats within the 700 block of E. Napoleon Road. She was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

WED., APR. 6
3:56 P.M.
Sherri L. Passmore, 44, of Findlay was arrested for burglary within the 1000 block of E. Wooster Street. She was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

7:09 P.M.
Julie A. McNeal, 59, of Findlay, was cited for theft/shoplifting.

5:26 P.M.
Irma A. Burres, 41, of Liberty Center, Ohio, was arrested for theft/shoplifting within the 1000 block of N. Main Street. She was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

THUR., APR. 7
2:59 A.M.
Robert T. Sickles Jr., 20, of Marion, Ohio, was arrested for assault, criminal trespass and underage/under the influence within the 300 block of Palmer Avenue. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:10 P.M.
Complainant reported the theft of a bookbag, purse and checkbook from her vehicle within the 800 block of Seventh Street. The items are valued at $276.

11:12 P.M.
Brandon K. Abdullah, 21, of Detroit, was cited for receiving stolen property within the 1000 block of Dublin Court.

FRI., APR. 8
5:56 P.M.
Aryn L. Williams, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for theft/shoplifting within the 2000 block of E. Wooster Street. She was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

11:51 P.M.
Jaron M. Siefker, 19, of Ottawa, Ohio, was cited for open container and underage possession of alcohol within the 400 block of E. Wooster Street.
New leadership for USG elected

Outgoing USG President Victor Senn (far left) and Vice President Danielle Parker (far right) will hand over leadership of USG to incoming president and vice president Amanda Dortch and Richard Racette.

What do you hope for next year's president elect?

"(I hope for) continued positive momentum, continuous accountability and visibility for USG and also serving students in a proactive way."
- Danielle Parker

"I hope they can tackle the issues that they’re passionate about. I hope they continue to listen to students, and I hope they create good working relationship with the faculty and staff that we have. Overall, whatever they’re doing, they’ll be able to put their full selves into and trust each other and work together."
- Victor Senn

What are you most looking forward to/what’s the first thing you’re going to tackle for next year?

"We’re going to go out and talk to more constituents. We want to get a good read on people’s ideas on what’s going on with the Union and spacing... We definitely want an emphasis on inclusion and making sure that people feel safe on this campus. Student safety is extremely important to me."
- Amanda Dortch

"We want to create a better space where everyone feels more included ... a more creative space for ideas to flow, and to give USG an appreciation (for what we do)."
- Richard Racette

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