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THE CORNER OF CLOUGH AND MERCER – ONE BLOCK FROM CAMPUS
Students get access to equipment

By Aaron Parker
Sports Editor

After tension between students and faculty, the Department of Architecture and Environmental Design has created a way to give students access to equipment while still protecting the new equipment.

When the department moved into the new 30,000 square foot space at the beginning of the spring 2016 semester, only 10 out of roughly 110 students in the department had a PED that allowed them access to the equipment room in the newly renovated Park Avenue Warehouse building. The building, which is located on Park Avenue, cost the University roughly $4 million to renovate.

The space includes brand new studios and pin-up boards, faculty offices, a materials and references library, an administrative suite, a lecture room, a gallery and a room with new plotters (which are used to print design boards), laser cutters (which are used to cut and shape building models) and a ventilation system for spray paint.

Although these upgrades are supposed to be beneficial for the department and its students, students were upset about not being allowed to use certain equipment despite paying an additional course fee for being enrolled in studio classes.

The majority of enrolled students do not have access to the plotters, laser cutters or ventilation system. The materials and references library is also currently off limits to all enrolled students. Assistant Professor Sara Khorshidifard, who teaches studio classes in the new building, said those students who had PED access were chosen at random.

Throughout this first semester in the new building, students from the Bowling Green chapter of American Institute of Architecture Students have worked with Interim Chair for the Department of Architecture and Design students need to complete projects for classes.

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TUE., APR. 19
8:33 P.M.
Eric J. Shadd, 40, of Jefferson, Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence and prohibited alcohol content/breath near the corner of E. Wooster and Williams streets.

WED., APR. 20
7:32 A.M.
Complainant reported the theft of keys and two pairs of Nike basketball shoes from their unlocked vehicle within the 200 block of S. Summit Street. The shoes are valued at $220.

2:34 P.M.
Jordan T. McGraw, 25, of Bowling Green, was cited for criminal trespass within the 400 block of S. Summit Street.

THUR., APR. 21
3:09 P.M.
Complainant reported two females used a fake credit card within the 1000 block of S. Main Street. The losses are estimated at $400.

FRI., APR. 22
2:07 P.M.
Vernon M. Collins, 25, of Detroit, and Ahrian L. James, 31, of Lithonia, Georgia, were arrested for felony forgery within the 1000 block of N. Main Street. They were lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

10:29 P.M.
Kyle J. Bishop, 19, of Van Buren, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of beer within the 200 block of S. College Drive.

SAT., APR. 23
12:47 A.M.
Brenna T. Brossard, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts and underage/under the influence within the 100 block of N. Main Street.

3:12 A.M.
Alexis D. Bulkowski, 22, of Van Buren, Ohio, and William E. King Jr., 21, of Fostoria, Ohio, were arrested for resisting arrest and obstructing official business within the 100 block of Clay Street. They were lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

4:04 P.M.
Complainant reported her BGSU flag and pole were stolen from her yard within the 300 block of S. Church Street. The items are valued at $100.

11:43 P.M.
Madison D. Smith, 18, of Tipp City, Ohio, was cited for prohibited acts within the 100 block of N. Main Street.

SUN., APR. 24
12:05 A.M.
Olie L. Moorer III, 20, of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, was arrested for underage/under the influence and disorderly conduct/unable to care for self within the 100 block of W. Wooster Street. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

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BEST OF BG
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Attack arguments, not humans

What a response to my last column! To date, it was my most discussed and viral piece. And most of that response was disgust and virulence. But still, I am always happy to foster dialogue.

Unfortunately, I was not presented with any decent counterarguments, and alas have no rebuttal to give. However, I was presented with a nasty logical fallacy, which I feel must be addressed. This will be a column on debate etiquette. Though not entirely. This will also be a column devoted to my very favorite subject: my egomania.

Friends, if you find yourself in a discussion on any given topic, I give you this one piece of advice: don't fall prey to the ad hominem attack. From either side.

As an example, let's get back to the frustrating response to my column. My argument was basically about my abhorrence of pretending words deliver real harm intrinsically when there are very true actual harms which deserve more attention.

There are a few good counterarguments that could have been waged against me. I have looked into them on my own, and some of them have altered my viewpoint. Things like psychological proof of the effects of violent verbiage, or how certain people on the autism spectrum can't respond properly to verbal stimuli. Or even how making a comparison between horrible things does not take away anything horrible about their natures. Et cetera.

But alas, I was not presented with any of these. Instead, I was told I am wrong simply because I am young, have no friends and am inexperienced.

Huh? What? What does that have anything to do with the subject? What in the name of Sweet Satan Buddha Christ am I supposed to do with that attack? How do I even respond to it?

Being the charming little vain cactus needle I am, I use it as a chance to talk about myself, of course! Not only to show off the irrelevance of my personal experiences, but also provide tongue-in-cheek sarcasm to those who think they can wipe me away with an insult so easily.

I will keep this short. Unfortunately. First off, I am 28-years-old. Not old, but not young either. Not to me anyway. Not only does every bone in my body ache when I wake up in the morning, but I have done my very best to live my life according to the mantra: it is not the years...
Disparity in merchandise for parents

The BGSU Bookstore is the number one place for official University merchandise and apparel.

You can buy things such as sweatshirts, sweatpants, umbrellas, tank tops and your class books. There is apparel specifically for students and even for alumni. There is even merchandise for parents and grandparents.

The bookstore sells novelty items such as “BGSU Mom,” “BGSU Dad,” “BGSU Grandma” and “BGSU Grandpa.”

This seems really cool and is an incentive for BGSU students to get their parents into the school spirit.

However, here is where the problem lies: most of the apparel geared toward mothers is very “generic” as far as designs go. The fathers apparel has much more of a better design on them. All of the dad apparel even has the official BGSU logo on it. Same with items meant for grandma and grandpa. The apparel for grandma is a lot more generic than the grandpa apparel.

When I say this, I’m specifically talking about the shirts. I think this is a bit sexist.

All parent shirts should have the equal quality of designs, not just the dads and grandpas. Also, adding the BGSU Athletics logo to the dad/grandpa apparel and not the mom/grandma apparel is assuming that all males are automatically into sports or that the sport logos would appeal more to them just because they’re male.

A lot males are into sports, but you can’t assume that every male is into sporting apparel or that women wouldn’t be into clothing that is sport themed or has an athletics logo.

Not every female is into wearing a shirt with a feminine design on it and assuming so is also pretty sexist.

It makes the designers of the shirts appear to favor dads and grandpas over moms and grandmas.

I tried to find something in the bookstore the other day for my mother’s birthday, and I was disgusted at the fact that I could not find anything that said “BGSU Mom” on it as well as the BGSU Athletics logo on it. All of the cool shirts said dad and grandpa on them. I told the associate in the bookstore how much of a problem this was.

This is also the short end of the stick for people who grew up in single homes primarily with their mother as the parent. Not everyone had a father in their household that was always present in their life. Even when it comes to apparel and clothing, each parent and grandparent should receive the same treatment, and not favoring one over the other.

Some had just their father in their home, others had just their mother in the home. I would like to contact the BGSU Bookstore and give them ideas on making t-shirts.

When making apparel for parents, please give each parent themed apparel the same treatment with the quality of the designs. I’m sure the moms of students here at BGSU would appreciate it very much.

Hopefully, this will change in the future for future students as well. Moms, dads, boys, girls, grandmothers, grandfathers, men, women. Everyone should be treated equally. Even with clothing.

Respond to Torrance at thenews@bgnews.com

In your life which matter, but the life in your years.

Those 28 years have been quite full.

I grew up in three different dysfunctional, abusive and alcoholic homes. Neglect in my youth led me to not only pursue adventure wherever I could find it, out of boredom, but also gave me the chance to become a “victim” of a “child predator” (quotes to remember to remind myself to be a “curse”)

By the latter half of my 13th year, I had started experimenting with sexuality. By the latter half of my 13th year, I had become a prostitute and developed a slight drinking habit.

I lost my first boyfriend to AIDS when I was 16.

After nearly flunking out of high school and becoming a pot head, I joined the Marine Corps in 2005.

Again, I craved adventure. I had the shit beat out of me at boot camp for being gay.

Not that I said anything, since Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell was still in full force. I just had that air about me.

I deployed to Iraq in 2006-2007, and I have so many experiences from that part of the world that I could write a dozen books about it. I might.

When I came home, I was stationed in Kansas City around 2008. I became a part-time lot lizard (look it up), while still in the Corps under DADT. I also met the former love of my life, whom I almost married.

“Instead, I was told I am wrong simply because I am young, have no friends, and am inexperienced.”

In 2010, I moved to Albuquerque, where I worked in recruiting and spent a considerable amount of time in Ciudad Juarez and the Navajo Reservation. I also worked as a go-go dancer and a drag queen. I had stopped looking by this point, but was also struggling with a sex addiction. I had an HIV scare, and my boyfriend gave me syphilis.

He tore my heart out in 2013, the year I left the Corps, lost a dear father-figure commanding officer to suicide, had my car stolen by Mexican drug mules, and moved to Bowling Green.

And now, aside from occasional nefarious trips to Detroit and Toledo for stuff, I am living the quiet life of an impoverished college student. I eagerly await my next adventure. Whatever pops up, really.

I have depression, anxiety, PTSD and three illegitimate children. That I know of. I’ve been raped multiple times, assaulted a number of times, and attempted suicide four times. Luckily, I have no STDs or other diseases. My knees are shot, but I am mostly capable so long as I don’t have to walk too fast.

That’s me in a nutshell. And you know what? None of it matters. I may never be the subject of a college course in which my life must be discussed. I might run for a political office, so I could be discussed there.

But otherwise, if I bring up a subject in my columns that is separate from my personhood, I would like it very much if dissenters could avoid the ad hominem. Counter my words. Don’t counter me.

Respond to Bryan at thenews@bgnews.com

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Ryan A. Elliott, 23, of Bowling Green, was arrested for drug trafficking and possession of criminal tools near the corner of S. Prospect Street and Palmer Avenue. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

12:57 A.M.
Douglas M. Finch, 20, of Toledo, and Crista A. Lutz, 19, of Bowling Green, were cited for open container and underage/under the influence near the corner of Pike and N. Enterprise streets.

1:44 A.M.
Alison N. Carroll, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia within 400 block of E. Wooster Street. Tabitha S. Sloane, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for obstructing official business. She was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:42 A.M.
Loyal A. Wyse-Campbell, 19, of Toledo, was cited for possession of marijuana within the 300 block of E. Wooster Street.

Volunteerism is only fun if you get to use fancy computers and criticize your peers without fear of retaliation.
Professor retires after 26 years

By Tiffany Jackson
Reporter

Nancy Brendlinger’s office, filled to the brim with books and artifacts from her travels, will soon be empty. After 26 years at the University, Brendlinger, an associate professor in the Department of Journalism and Public Relations, will retire in May.

“I’m trying really hard not to make a whole lot of plans,” she said. “I want to see how it will work out.”

When she retires she would like to read, knit and continue to travel, she said.

Brendlinger, known as Nancy to most of her students, started her career as a reporter in Muscatine, Iowa. After three years, she joined the Peace Corps in order to travel. After returning for a master’s degree in environmental journalism, she ended up switching to third world development communication. When she pursued her doctorate, her assistantship had her teaching journalism skills courses, which is when she fell in love with teaching.

Brendlinger has taught undergraduate courses in journalism ranging from Reporting and Feature Writing to Global Journalism and Diversity in Journalism. She has also taught graduate courses on development communication research methods and mass communication theory.

For the past 15 years, Brendlinger has also been involved with the undergraduate international studies program, teaching both a course and its senior capstone seminar, as well as advising. She made many contributions during her time at the University, including being the first woman tenured in the Department of Journalism and Public Relations and the first female chair, a position she held for nine years.

Aside from these achievements, beginning in 2005, Brendlinger was the adviser for all pre-journalism students. “One of my real joys was advising,” she said. “I just really like interacting with the students, I like being with the students over a period of years.”

Journalism Department Chair Katherine Bradshaw said Brendlinger’s student advising was a huge time commitment and contribution.

“Year after year, students tell me that Nancy helped them make important life and career decision,” Bradshaw said.

According to Bradshaw, Brendlinger made important contribution to department staff as well.

“In faculty meetings, she can be counted on to bring up concerns about how our decisions affect a range of students,” Bradshaw said.

Aside from teaching, Brendlinger also has a passion for travel. She has received two Fulbright Scholar awards and has visited 40 countries to date. She obtained her first Fulbright in 1992 for her work at Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung, Indonesia. At the university, she taught three graduate and undergraduate courses concerning mass communication research and development communication.

While in Southeast Asia, Brendlinger also gave guest lectures, presented week-long workshops and consulted on development communication graduate programs in several other Indonesia cities, Thailand and Malaysia.

She was awarded her second Fulbright fellowship to work in Slovakia in 1998 and ’99, where she worked for the Center for Independent Journalism in Bratislava.

She taught journalism courses at Comenius University in Bratislava and the University of Sts. Cyril and Methodius

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By Lily Bartell and Audrey Quinn

Religious organizations need more than just a wealth of participants with heart and soul; they need the funds to keep them invested.

Whether the groups have 10 members or hundreds, each organization provides a community away from home for students who are used to the structure of worship but are seeking it out on their own for the first time.

According to the University’s 2016 Proposed Budget, $422,776 is distributed among the nearly 300 student organizations on campus. Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Senate and University Activities Organization receive separate funding through predetermined University funds.

Within this number, there is a smaller group of approximately 18 organizations that focus on religious or spiritual aspects, and each serves its own purpose in the landscape of campus. Each year, organizations requesting funding from the University submit a budget to the Student Budget Committee and are allotted the amount that the SBC has available or that it sees fit for the upcoming school year.

Within this amount of funding for the upcoming school year, about $300,000 is for annual funding about $90,000 is for non-competitive travel and about $60,000 is reserved for spring 2017.

“Organizations can apply for funding in the fall and spring,” said Laura Saavedra, coordinator of student organizations and major events. “These funds are given to us by the University to use.”

The $300,000 reserved for annual funding is only available to student organizations that have been on-campus for three consecutive years and have used less than 10 percent of funding during that time.

All organizations on campus can apply for spot, Coca-Cola or SBC funding and members of an organization, typically the treasurer, have a set meeting time with the SBC to discuss the reasons for the request and any hesitations the committee may have about the allocation of funds.

Each form of funding has its own specific forms of limitations, which are noted on the corresponding application.

During this process, Saavedra stays upfront with organizations about not being able to fund certain things, such as t-shirts. “It’s always about trying to find a way for all organizations and making it as equitable as possible for all,” she said. “I’m very adamant in remembering that we’re student-centered and need to be transparent.”

Saavedra uses historical trends and tips available online to help make decisions for fund distribution.

These different areas of funding directly feed into the funding each religious or spiritual organization has on campus, and each organization handles its funding in different ways.

The Muslim Students Association is a social group for Muslim students at the University and aims to create a community for these students.

The organization is funded by the SBC, but is also funded by donations from the Muslim community. Members fundraise by selling items in the Union.

The organization’s activities include religious celebrations and weekly prayers in their prayer room in Hanna Hall. The prayer room is open to everyone and contains a small library with pamphlets and books about Islam.

Although the Muslim Students Association has been funded by the SBC, President Adnan Shareefi, a Ph.D. student who founded the Muslim Students Association, said the organization’s budget was denied for next year and they are appealing the decision.

“We try to do one major event each year,” he said. “At the beginning, we faced financial problems, but now we are in pretty good shape.”

Shareefi says that without the money from the SBC, their event may not be possible. So, it is important for them to inquire why they were denied.

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian ministry that works with outreach to the community’s youth. This year, Young Life at the University has about 28 members between the communities of Bowling Green and Toledo and is involved with seven local schools.

President of Young Life Amanda Tanzer said most of her responsibilities in the organization are logistical and include reserving rooms, coordinating events and planning their yearly Young Life Camp.

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Suicide prevention focus of walk

By Lauren Fitz
Reporter

For the third year in a row, service sorority Omega Phi Alpha hosted the Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention on the University’s grounds. The funds raised go to the American Foundation for National Suicide Prevention, which uses science-based research and grassroots advocacy to raise awareness about suicide and suicide prevention. The AFSP has a goal of reducing the national suicide rate by 20 percent by the year 2025.

Fifty-six people attended the walk this year, including members from the Omega Phi Alpha sorority, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The walk took place at the Union oval and circled around campus. Different stops on the walk included facts about suicide, such as suicide being the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

Suicide is important to Omega Phi Alpha as they have lost alum members to suicide. Philanthropy Chair Molly Post said the Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention has been Omega Phi Alpha’s philanthropy event for a while now.

“For as long as I’ve known, this has been our thing and our big event,” Post said. “We’re a service sorority so one of our biggest priorities is raising money for our philanthropy, which is suicide prevention.”

She said that while the fundraising for AFSP is important, it’s more about the awareness that the sorority focuses on.

At the walk, there were signs that were taped to the light posts that had encouraging sayings on them, such as “You are never forgotten” and “No one else can play your part.” Participants in the walk could wear different colored beaded necklaces that had a different meaning, such as the blue necklaces supporting suicide prevention. There were also different colored necklaces for walkers to wear if they had a family member or friend commit suicide.

For some, coming out to the walk was a way to show support for the cause, which is what second year student Olivia Gapuz did.

“My sorority is a big part of it,” Gapuz said, adding that this was her first year doing the walk.

But for some University students, coming out to the walk was to remember what they’ve been through and what they’ve overcome.

“I personally have dealt with mental issues and mental illness,” senior Keely McGree said. “I lost someone very close to me to suicide.”

McGree hopes the walk will promote more awareness about suicide awareness and suicide prevention and “for people to get help if they need it.”

Post thought the walk went well this year, saying she’s “really proud” about how many people came out to support the cause.

Sami Reife, a junior and last year’s philanthropy chair of Omega Phi Alpha, said there was a great turnout this year.

“The more we do it, the more the community will know about it,” Reife said.
The Bowling Green women's tennis fell to Buffalo Sunday, 5-2, on the Falcons' senior day and final home match of the season. Drew Fillis, the only senior for the Falcons, played in her final match at the BG tennis courts in the loss.

"Drew has been an amazing leader and captain. Not only was she great for us on the court, but she was also extremely successful off the court."
- Olga Elkin, Head Coach

Fillis, an athletic training major, has a very high GPA and is also president of the BGSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee. According to the University athletic website, the SAAC “strives to be the primary link between student-athletes and administration to enhance the experience of all student-athletes.”

To begin the day, the Falcons took the doubles point in a match for the first time since an early March victory over the University of South Dakota. Fillis and freshman Paula Comella won their set, 6-4, and Polina Radeva and Marina Ferrero notched a 6-4 victory over their opponents.

"The energy was great today," Elkin said of the team’s effort Sunday. “The girls really left it all out there.”

Comella earned the only singles victory for the Falcons with her 6-3, 6-3 win over the Bulls’ Tanja Stojanovska. With her victory in singles, she now posts a 6-2 singles record in the Mid-American Conference.

Following Sunday’s match, coach Elkin noted Comella’s impressive play.

“She has worked so hard this year, and she deserves the success that she has had on the tennis court,” Elkin said. “She is one of the most talented players I have ever seen.”

In Bowling Green’s April 17 match at Ball State, Comella became just the seventh Falcon ever to earn 22 wins in a season. It is no surprise that her youthful but sound talent proved a dynamic complement to Fillis’ confident and experienced play.

“The connection those two had was surreal,” Elkin said. “We put them to play together day (one), and they just clicked.”

The duo lost only one match in regular season MAC play.

After a winless campaign last season, the Falcons posted a 2-19 record this season, but battled closely in numerous matches throughout the year.

Bowling Green will now look to improve even further for next season. In returning all but one of its players, the outlook for the Falcons is nothing but positive as they will aim to compete atop the MAC in 2016-17.

The team huddles before a match earlier this season. The Falcons finished the 2015-2016 season with a 2-19 record.
Falcons take series over Akron

By Elias Fanuef
Sports Reporter

It was a successful weekend for the BGSU softball team as it went won a road series against the University of Akron, taking two of three games.

In the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader, Akron got on the board early in the bottom of the second inning as Gabrielle Fredricks hit a 2-RBI double following the previous two baserunners successfully stole their bases from second and first. Going into the third, the Zips had a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third, UA’s Cassie Gillespie hit an RBI double towards center field to score Savannah Fruin. The Zips would add two runs in the bottom of the sixth following Caitlin Gambone’s RBI double and Cassie Gillespie’s RBI single that cut the deficit to just three as BG led 6-3 going into the final inning.

With one out, Hannah Giammarino hit an RBI single towards right field, giving the Falcons one more run after Carley Childress hit a RBI double and Cassie Gillespie’s RBI single that cut the deficit to just three as BG led 6-3 going into the final inning. The Zips would add two runs by a series of groundouts by Haley Schrock and Hannah Giammarino that led to RBIs giving BG a 9-3 lead, and the Falcons would eventually take the 9-5 victory.

BG Head Coach Sarah Willis was impressed by the team’s response to game one as the team seemed to execute better from what it showed that first contest.

“I thought we made some good adjustments from game one to game two offensively and defensively,” Willis said. “Offensively, our team did a better job of executing the game plan which is adjusting and attacking early on pitches that we know we can do something with.”

Sunday, UA took a 1-0 lead shortly into the game. The Zips would add two more runs after Casley Childress hit a two-RBI double deep in left center. BG would then respond with a run of its own as Morgan Evangelista reached on an error, giving the Falcons one unearned run.

The game was ultimately decided in the top of the sixth inning as Braiden Dilllow hit an RBI single, cutting the deficit to one with the bases loaded. It was Evangelista’s turn to shine as she hit a huge three-RBI double to right center to give BG a 5-3 lead, and the Falcons would eventually take the game.

Coach Willis was pleased with the team’s willingness to fight and get the big hits when called upon.

“Overall, the entire lineup did a nice job hitting to the situation, and they manufactured runs when we needed them,” Willis said.

BG’s next game will take place on the road versus Toledo, where the team will play the University of Toledo in a non-conference doubleheader on Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m.

Baseball wins weekend against Ball State

By Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcon baseball team won its second consecutive Mid-American Conference series against the Ball State Cardinals this weekend, winning 5-1 on Friday, losing 3-1 on Saturday, but coming back on Sunday to take the series victory with an 8-7 win.

“I’m extremely proud of the guys,” Falcons head coach Danny Schmitz said. “Ball State’s an extremely tough place to play for us and the guys showed a lot of heart, a lot of character.”

Friday’s game began with Ball State driving in a run in the first inning on a double to take an early lead. The lead would not last long as sophomore outfielder Hunter Clanin got an RBI single to tie the game in the second inning. The Falcons eventually took the lead in the fifth on an RBI fielder’s choice from senior outfilder Matt Smith, then added to the lead on an RBI double from junior infielder Greg Basalyga to make it a 3-1 game. BG finished off the scoring in the ninth on a two run homer from freshman infielder Riley Minorik.

“I thought it was an outstanding team victory,” Schmitz said. “Ball State’s an outstanding team, so it’s a nice start to the weekend.”

In Saturday’s game, the Falcons got off to a good start, taking advantage of an RBI single from sophomore catcher Justin Mott in the second inning to jump out to a 1-0 lead. The team held the lead until the fourth inning, when Ball State got a run across on an RBI single to even it up. Both teams would be held to one run apiece until Ball State’s Alex Call hit a two run homer in the seventh for their first lead of the game. The Falcons would be held scoreless for the remainder of the game as Ball State claimed the 3-1 victory.

“We definitely pitched well enough to win,” Schmitz said. “Unfortunately, we scored first, but we didn’t add on to that … that was the difference in the game.”

Sunday’s game saw the Falcons have their best first inning of the season offensively, where six runs came home. The scoring began with a Basalyga RBI sacrifice fly to give the team another early lead. Senior outfilder Kory Brown, senior catcher Tyler Greiner and freshman infielder Cam Daugherty all took bases-loaded walks to plate three runs for a 4-0 advantage, which also forced Ball State’s starting pitcher to take an early exit after pitching only two thirds of an inning. The Falcons would add to the lead on a two RBI single from Minorik on his second plate appearance of the inning.

The Falcons would extend their lead to 8-0 in the following innings, but a rally by Ball State would make the score 8-7 before BG was able to close out the game.

“We were really dejected after yesterday’s loss,” Schmitz said. “We talked to them right before we got off the bus and we just said, ‘Hey, you’ve got to forget about it. We came here to win the series, so we’ve got to refocus and be ready to go.’ I thought the team did a great job that way.”

The team will next play on Wednesday in a road game against the Youngstown State Penguins.
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“You have to depend a lot on the Lord,” she said. “We get really busy and it’s hard to get everything done.”

Young Life does not receive any money from SBC or the University to fund the organization. They rely on money from Young Life National and from fundraising.

Tanzer says it is difficult to get financing approved by the SBC because most of the money the organization would be requesting and using would be for the kids they work with, who are minors and not affiliated with the University.

She says she understands not receiving funding from SBC, but says the University could make it easier for Young Life to reserve rooms and tables at the union or be more supportive in their fundraising and involvement in Campus Fest.

“Campus Fest is really good for us to get people involved in Young Life and it’s primarily how we get the word out to get people involved in Young Life and involvement in Campus Fest.”

She says if Young Life had full-time staff like H2O Church or Cru, other religious organizations on campus, they might have more merit when requesting funding or might have more time and energy to fundraise and promote their organization.

Veritas, a Catholic Christian life group at the University, has about 50 members and is partnered with a community church, St. Thomas More Parish.

President Veronica Flacke said the organization receives funding from the University and also from St. Thomas More Parish for events on campus, like Mass at Christmas in the Union ballroom.

Flacke said Veritas recently tried to get spot funding to buy books to give to members, but was denied because it was considered a giveaway and not a sale.

“We had already told our members the books would be free, so we couldn’t take that back,” she said.

Flacke says in order to create more of a brand for Veritas, they could really use some full-time staff. One of their biggest problems is promotion for Veritas and their events and she says members don’t have the time to do enough promoting.

Veritas and six other religious organizations are teaming together for the event “Let’s Talk About It,” which took place in Olscamp on Monday. The event brought together members of different organizations to provide an open discussion to talk about each different religion and the religious and spiritual organizations on campus.

BGSU Hillel is an organization for Jewish campus life. Hillel organizes religious, social and service events for those that associate with the Jewish faith.

BGSU Hillel has events throughout the year including Shabbat twice a month, alternative spring break in Orlando, Florida with Give Kids the World Village where they help children with life-threatening illnesses and their families, parties for Hanukkah and Passover and they will be part of the “Let’s Talk About It” event this month.

Secretary and treasurer Sarah Budin says she is pretty satisfied with the funding that comes from the SBC for her organization.

“We could always use more, but I’m guessing most organizations on campus say that,” she said. “I’m honestly happy to get anything.”

She says they receive donations from community donors and the organization has done fundraising nights at Buffalo Wild Wings and Chipotle to raise money for the alternative spring break trips.

“The big holidays we have are what we get the most funding for,” she said. “We could always use more for more Shabbats throughout the month or more events, but we are pretty successful.”

One aspect of SBC Budin says she does not like is the complexity of submitting organization budgets. She says it can be a confusing and time consuming part of being treasurer.

“It can be really difficult, but thankfully I have resources within our organization to help me get everything right,” she said. “I tend to look at all the past budgets.”

Cru is an organization at the University that explores students’ spirituality and is open to anyone no matter their religious affiliation.

Treasurer for Cru’s leadership team Heidi Brubaker said that requesting money from the SBC is an interesting process.

“Anything we get from SBC is a huge blessing,” she said. “Each year we submit all the events and activities we would like money for and then we are allocated the amount they are willing and able to give us.”

Cru has a full-time staff as well as a leadership team.

She said the Cru organization funds everything that the SBC cannot fund and that being a smaller organization must be difficult because there isn’t money for everything those organizations want to do.

“If we didn’t have full-time staff, we wouldn’t have our huge fundraiser dinner,” she said. “I’d have to definitely request more money from SBC. I like having staff because we have a larger capacity to do anything.”

H2O Church is another Christian organization on campus, but is open to everyone.

The organization is registered as a student organization so they receive money from the SBC, but they also receive money from Sunday service tithes and donations from the community. Pastoral ministry student Ronnie Goble has been with the organization since his time as an undergraduate student and football player at the University. Goble says the full-time staff has to support raise their salaries, benefits and any other finances and none of the money the church receives goes into their pockets.

“Sunday services are the most expensive,” he said. “With the sound equipment, room rental and other expenses it ends up being pricey.”

For organizations without full-time staff, it can be difficult to achieve their goals within the organization.

At the moment, the Office of Campus Activities does not offer resources to help organizations without full-time staff find someone to help them with these needs.

Laura Saavedra noted the distinction between full-time staff members and advisors, the latter of which is required to be a registered organization on campus and therefore receive funding.
Brendlinger's experience with traveling and students also came into play when she worked with Associate Professor Catherine Cassara overseas. They worked together on an environmental communication project in Tunisia and Algeria from 2008 to 2010, as well as for USAID in Croatia in 2004, and they have taken students to Paris for a study abroad opportunity every two years since 2004.

Cassara said she appreciated having Brendlinger's traveling experience.

"I needed somebody that I could count on to help that wouldn't go off on their own," Cassara said.

Most of their trips involved working with students, and Brendlinger understood that one person had to be the tail and one has to be the head when leading them, Cassara said.

Cassara said one of the things she will miss most is not having Brendlinger right down the hall after working together for 24 years.

As Brendlinger's time at the University comes to a close, it becomes clear that she leaves behind a position that will be hard to fill.

"Dr. Brendlinger is the heartbeat of the Department of Journalism and Public Relations," Bradshaw said. "It's the combination of her kindness, her generosity and her knowledge that I will so desperately miss."
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On the administrative side, not allowing all students access to equipment is meant to preserve it and prevent future loss of budget because of damage. Each plotter costs between $7,000 and $9,000 and each laser cutter costs roughly $23,000.

“We don’t want them do misuse or do damage to the laser,” said Roudebush. “It’s like a firm. It’s taking care of things and not trashing it and, if something happens, letting someone know to get it fixed.”

The rules were also based off student behavior in the past, before Roudebush was the interim chair. He said that students would spray paint models on the floor of the old building, marking up the tiles in the process. The old building also never had a specified area for spray paint like the Park Avenue building.

“We didn’t want that with the new building so they got really upset,” said Roudebush. “If they want to paint their finished model they could take it in the paint booth, but we didn’t want to have them use the paint booth right now because if you have 20 students with something due on Monday and a couple use the paint booth, the others get desperate and then they’ll be painting on the floor. That lack of professionalism is something that we need to not instill in them.”

While the students do acknowledge that they did not preserve the old studio, they did not believe that it should infringe on their use of the newer resources.

“Our old studio was in pretty bad shape when we got to it,” said junior Will Bohannon. “We did spray paint our models on the floor but there were paint stains on the floor already. We were required to paint our projects or we got points taken off, and we didn’t have a paint booth to avoid it.”

Aside from the equipment that is currently off limits, students are generally satisfied with what the building has to offer.

“Honestly, I like the building. It works really well for what we need and it gets everybody under one roof,” said Bohannon. “It’s definitely an upgrade from what we had on Poe Road.”

The old studio also only had a pin up board for one student to fit a project on at a time. The new studios are surrounded by pin-ups and serve classes well for students to observe and critique the work of their peers.

The building is also one of the only buildings on campus with every classroom equipped with a smart projector, according to Roudebush.

“Things have gotten better, but we still don’t know what’s going to happen in the long term,” said Zurcher. “We’re hoping that everyone has access to everything next year.”
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