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Mourn Orlando losses first, push political agendas later

“These victims are not just names, they are who I was and who I am. They are my friends that I go dancing with and cry with and stand in solidarity with.”

My dear friend and coworker Michele Mathis said these words in a longer Facebook post Monday, and she couldn’t be more right.

LGBTQ+ community members across the country are mourning the loss of people they may never have known, but at the same time know all too well.

In the 100 plus victims of injury, some losing their lives, people like Michele are seeing themselves, friends, loved ones and partners. They are seeing their past, present and future experiences as part of a community that lives in fear of what hate-filled people are capable of.

Can we all put our political agendas aside for one moment and recognize that we lost 49 beautiful souls this weekend, and one clearly troubled soul.

This is not about shaming Christians for praying for massacre. This is not about shaming gun owners or wanting to change gun policy. And this is not about radical Islam and ridding our country of what some see as the threat they may pose.

I do want to quickly touch base on the religious aspect of this incident, as it does pertain to the victims.

As a Catholic who is relatively strong in faith, one of the things I have constantly struggled with is the notion that homosexuality is wrong. I’ve never held the belief myself, but I know plenty of amazing, loving people who have, and they are children of God.

I want to put to rest this issue of people saying Christians are saying God killed those people in Orlando because of their sins.

God did not kill the victims of this shooting. God loved each and every one of them. Just as God loves me.

I am a sinner. Everyone is a sinner. My sins may be different than others but they are not any more or less wrong.

So while I struggled with seeing homosexuality as a sin at the time, for argument’s sake let’s say it is—it doesn’t matter. God loved the victims.

The distraught man who murdered them was the one lacking godliness and lacking the loving message God aims to portray.

While I am an avid gun rights supporter, I don’t want to spend this time talking about why this man does not represent all gun owners, just like he does not represent all Muslims.

This man committed a hate crime by murdering 49 LGBTQ+ community members, wounding 53 other members and ultimately affecting all of their friends and family and especially those living in solidarity as LGBTQ community members who resonate with their stories.

Aside from the occasional concern about all the church shootings, and having a very strong Catholic faith, I understand that I do not know and cannot know what it is like to fear for my life because of the very nature of who I am.

I cannot know how it feels to be the

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Medical cannabis legalization needs reclassification

Last Wednesday, Gov. John Kasich quietly signed House Bill 523, which legalized medical marijuana for the state, making it the 25th state in the nation to have medical marijuana.

The bill passed in the General Assembly by differing margins: It passed in the Senate 18-15 and in the House 67-28.

The legislation comes after ResponsibleOhio’s Issue 3 failed during last November’s general election, where the legalization for both medical and recreational marijuana was up to the people to decide whether or not they would want 10 cultivators controlling over 1,000 dispensaries.

The bill will allow physicians to prescribe marijuana alternatives to patients who have one of the multiple ailments listed in the law. The law will go into effect in less than 90 days, with the hopes of having marijuana plants being cultivated in the state within a year.

Under this law, smoking and growing marijuana will still be illegal, but alternatives such as oils, patches, edibles and vapors will be legal.

Currently, there are 20 medical conditions on the list that will allow people to obtain prescriptions for medical marijuana. Some of these include epilepsy, posttraumatic stress disorder, fibromyalgia, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease and chronic pain that is either severe or intractable. More ailments can be added to the list with approval.

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The appropriate time for political movements will come, but if the result of this tragedy should put any political activism in motion, it should be toward LGBTQ rights. Though I’m still not sure if I think this is the time to act when we should be mourning.

Forget police brutality, radical Islam and gun rights. This is about people. This is about lost lives. This is about those living in fear as they stand in solidarity with those victims of a hateful, troubled man who doesn’t know God from a stick in the mud.

Reply to Holly at thenews@bgnews.com

Erika Heck
Forum Editor

Three boards will be overseeing and writing the laws pertaining to medical marijuana: the Department of Commerce, the Ohio Pharmacy Board and the Ohio Medical Board. The new law will also create a panel of 12 people to help advise the departments for the rules that are being formulated.

So what does this mean for the average Ohio citizen?

For starters, this new law does not hold any protections against employers taking action against employees for using marijuana medicinally.

If you have one of the 20 ailments currently on the list, you’re in luck! Come September, you will be able to receive a prescription from an authorized physician. Unfortunately, with the laws taking effect in 90 days, cultivation starting within a year, with products hoping to be tested in as early as 16 months, patients will have to receive their medical marijuana products from neighboring states, such as Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Keep in mind, marijuana in all forms is still illegal at the federal level. Traveling with marijuana or marijuana byproducts across state lines could cause someone to be prosecuted on federal drug trafficking charges.

But now that half of the states in the U.S. have legalized marijuana medicinally, it is time for the Drug Enforcement Agency to stop procrastinating on the reclassification of marijuana and start working toward doing so.

Presently, marijuana is a Schedule I, which means it has no medical benefits and it is highly addictive. This labeling over the course of the last 20 years has become very outdated.

With the Schedule I labeling comes the inability to research more freely. Currently, the plant can only be obtained for research through one government garden and special grants have to be given in order for the research to be able to take place.

The DEA considers reclassifying drugs annually, but has been reluctant to reschedule marijuana since classifying it as Schedule I in 1970, and have declined on multiple occasions to reclassify it.

But with half of the nation, including Washington DC, now legalizing the plant medically, we cannot afford to keep marijuana at the classification it is without being able to have the proper research on it.

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Surviving customers of Pulse, the night club where the shooting took place, nor can I understand what it feels like to be Michele or other resonating members of the LGBTQ community, but I can recognize that this tragedy affects a wide range of people. Most of all I can recognize this massacre was undeserved and these victims deserve to have their lives recognized and mourned, apart from the political backlash of several different issues on both sides of the spectrum.

While I haven’t seen it mentioned yet as part of a political argument in the unfortunate circumstances, and it may be a stretch, the shooter Omar Mateen, had a criminal justice background, and I’m sure something will arise of police brutality as most of the victims were of color.

In all honestly, I doubt Mateen had any goal of shooting racial minorities when he entered the club that night. It’s clear his sights were set on another minority, and his goal was to kill as many as possible by entering a place full of targets.

The moral of the story is, America has become a place full of fear for everyone, especially discriminated groups, and with an incident like this, it’s impossible to point fingers at a certain group as the problem when we should be focusing on grieving the losses of victims. Only one man is to blame for this event.

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“The Voice” runner up fatally shot

Rising star Christina Grimmie and her message of being an individual will be greatly missed by many.

By Chelsea Schroeder
Pulse Reporter

Behind the issues of gun violence, social justice and controversy, the world lost more than just a victim on June 11; it lost a hero.

In Orlando, Florida, Christina Grimmie, singer and former “The Voice” contestant was shot three times by a 27-year-old man who attended a meet and greet with fans after a show.

Grimmie, who was only 22, opened for a band called Before You Exit right before she was fatally shot by Kevin James Loibl.

According to USA Today, the shooter “shot and killed himself after he was tackled by Grimmie's brother, Marcus” before dying a few hours later from the harsh injuries. Fans waiting in line gave statements to various news outlets, but all could say that no one suspected a killer in their midst.

Throughout the chaos and grief, it is easy to forget that Christina wasn't just a victim of a tragedy.

She was a rarity.
She was the unique face behind many Youtube videos and a talented singer that inspired thousands around her. She strived to embrace her individuality and could brighten up anyone's day, not to mention a whole stage with a single smile that captured the heart of millions.

Marcus Grimmie honored Christina in a Facebook post that said she was “A superstar. A goofball. Introverted. And a friend to everyone. Genuinely. But above all...she was my baby sister. She loved the Lord and her family and was always there for me, and I honestly don't know what I'll do without her.”

For her fans everywhere, it is hard to believe she is gone. She wasn't just a victim, she was a person—a girl who inspired people too numerous to count, but was cut off from the world by one.

One quote from Christina that I'll always remember is: “Be stupid, be dumb, be funny, if that's who you are. Don't try to be someone that society wants you to be, that's stupid. So be yourself.”

Christina always taught people around her to show their true colors, to be themselves and not care about what anyone may think. And while the world is rightfully full of the need to seek justice, it is easy to forget the unique and extraordinary person that Christina was.

So remember her not as just a victim from a hate crime, but as the crazy, unique, kind and talented person that she was. She was someone who went above and beyond the expectations of society and someone who never failed to be herself in a world that tells you who you should be.

She was a true hero, and she will be missed.
Old campus modernized, but restored

By Holly Shively
Editor-in-Chief

It’s no secret that two of the University’s traditions buildings, University and Moseley halls, have been under renovation since February. With the uproar of concerns from faculty, students and alumni about losing the traditional aspect of the buildings, minds can be set at ease knowing the renovation plans intend to restore the buildings to their early 1900s style.

“The design for this building focused on keeping the tradition of the original building… but also modernizing it, bringing it up to the students’ expectations of what they want to see in a classroom,” Project Manager of Design and Construction for University Hall Kristi Hafer said.

When looking at University Hall, many see the gaping hole where two theaters once stood, but imagine a new east-side entrance to the building—one where a stretch of glass doors will open into a collaborative space that will be “kept with the feel of the building but added a lot of light into the space and gave a new twist to the tradition aspect,” Hafer said.

While the theaters are gone, many parts of the original 1900s structure will be restored to the original design existing before several renovation projects over the last 100 years.

When entering from the traditional west side entrance to the building’s notable marble staircase, a ceiling constructed years after the original building hid the design of column structures against the walls stretching from floor to ceiling. When construction began on the building, leaders on the project found the columns weren’t destroyed in earlier renovation and could be salvaged for the new building.

Upon climbing the conserved marble staircase, current and prospective students will find the new admissions reception desk as admissions will fill the entire second floor. Where the upper level theater was will be the new admissions presentation space, a smaller version of a room similar to Olscamp 101 with what Hafer called “amazing views of campus.”

The corridor near the reception desk will give views out windows to both the east and west sides of campus and will include prefunction waiting room around the marble stairs.

While renovating, the team working on University Hall also found the structure of a fireplace in what used to be the president’s conference room, so a modernized fireplace will be put into the same exact location, viewed from the prefunction waiting room.

Floor two will also be home to several

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The traditional marble stairs at the west entrance are being preserved in the new building. At the top of the stairs will be the admissions front desk.

The floor plans of the second floor show the plans for the admissions prefunction waiting room and the presentation space where the second-level theater once was. The photo on the right shows the plans for the new East Facade, replacing the theaters.
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conference rooms where students can collaborate on projects and meet with advisers. “They wanted to have a one-stop-shop for what they call these high impact programs that enhance the undergraduate experience,” Brian Swope, assistant director of design and construction for University Hall said. “That’s the whole mentality of the building.”

The building will have four 60-person classrooms. The first floor will have one on the east side of the hallway in the north wing and another on the same side of the hallway in the south wing. The third floor classroom setup will match the first.

In addition to those four classrooms, the third floor will have a large, circular, parliamentarystyle classroom on the east side in the center.

While the east side of the third floor is mostly filled with classrooms, a few offices are interspersed along with the entire west side of the hallway, belonging to Actions/AIMS and International Programs and Partnerships.

The fourth floor of University is much smaller and will be broken down into two graduate seminar rooms, an interactive classroom space and two smaller conference rooms for general building use.

The windows will also be replaced to match those on the Centrex building, which are replicas of both buildings’ original windows.

While the building is being renovated to match original architecture, it will take a new modern feel. “The outside will look very historical while the inside will be new and modern and really a fun place to be,” Swope said.

Along some hallways benches will have whiteboard backgrounds for small group collaborations.

“It’s kind of a great breakout space from the classrooms,” Hafer said.

A second elevator is also being added.

University Hall’s leading construction team is Mosser Construction and renovations are scheduled to be complete by the spring of 2017.

“I think it’s important to note that obviously University Hall is our most iconic building on campus. It’s our first building, and it’s being done correctly,” Swope said.

Senior Project Manager for Moseley Hall Tim Burns said Moseley Hall takes on the same goal as University—to modernize while restoring the traditional feel.

Moseley Hall will be the home to several science department labs when its renovation, completed by Lathrop Company, is finished in the spring of 2017.

The building will mainly be used for first and second-year students with the chemistry department using the fourth floor, biological sciences commandeering the second and third floor and Geology and medical lab studies taking on the first floor.

“The interesting part about the building is this is the original science building that was on campus that was built 100 years ago so we’re taking the sciences and putting them back in the building,” Burns said.

Moseley is an entirely different beast than University as there are several more structural challenges in the building. Some of Moseley’s classrooms haven’t been touched with repairs in a very long time, Burns said.

“They all need a little loving touch,” Hafer said.

Burns hopes to bring back a skylight from the original building that was reroofed over in the 60s, and the building will get its first elevator with the new renovation.

While the buildings are the oldest on campus, Swope said tearing down the buildings was never really an option to the Board of Trustees.

“You would have lost the character of the University, and you’ve got to have that history,” he said.

The University Hall lower theater once had layered seating here. Soon it will be flattened to become the entrance from the east side of campus.

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SRC kids camp, registration open

By Sam Sharp  
Pulse Editor

Now that June is well underway, kids are beginning to run out of ideas to keep themselves busy during the long hot days. Luckily for parents of children ages 5 to 12, they can send their children to the University’s Kids Camp.

The camp runs for eight weeks and parents have the option to sign-up for before-care or after-care from 7:30-9 a.m. or 4-5:30 p.m., if they have obligations that prevent them from making the 9-4:00 p.m. duration. Admission costs $130 per camper for a community member, but there are discounts available for faculty members and those who enroll more than one child.

“You can still register. It’s week by week, so each week is a new session. You can register for part time or you can register for full-time,” graduate student Jeff Blumenthal said.

Most kids camp counselors are student employees at the SRC.

Safety is a top priority for the Youth and Family department of the University and they ensure there is a minimum of four counselors along with a supervisor watching the children at all times. All counselors go through a rigorous training program that lasts three days and includes background checks.

“All of our counselors are CPR and First Aid certified through the American Red Cross, so they are all certified in providing care for first aid, CPR and AED training,” Blumenthal said.

Each week of camp has a different theme ranging from fairytales to July holidays that were selected by camp counselors. Rain or shine, the counselors plan schedules for both so the children get a planned program regardless of the weather conditions.

Most of the activities are located in the rec center, but community field trips are also a part of the program.

“We will be taking field trips. Sometimes we will be going to Wintergarden Park, but for the most part we are in the rec,” senior counselor Tricia Kushen said.

Camp activities include swimming, rock wall climbing, basketball and group-oriented games that don’t create a hostile competitive environment. Classroom space is also utilized for intellectual-based games that allow kids time to rest between games.

“We keep them active, it’s not like they’re sitting at home watching TV and playing video games,” Kushen said. “We keep them very active and a lot of them go home dead tired and ready for bed.

Although the age group is large, the campers are not split up by age or gender. Every counselor is responsible for all of the children and is not assigned a specific group. Age difference is not a concern because the kids are being given a chance to make friends with people they might not usually be around.

“I prefer the kids to be a little bit older because they understand the games a little bit better, but there’s some young ones that do just as well,” senior counselor Michael Gisana said.

The camp is a full day for most kids and parents are expected to provide their child with a lunch.

“Every Friday we have pizza and they bring their own lunch on the other days, every morning and afternoon we have a snack,” said Kushen.

Campers experience a variety of healthy living habits like proper exercise techniques, effective socializing through team games, balanced nutritional snacking and bonding with camp counselors.

“It’s just a good place for them to interact with other kids, while learning about new games and activities they can do and also making new friends,” Gisana said.
In early June and just under a year and a half removed from an ACL tear, Falcon redshirt sophomore Aliyah Gustafson competed in the shot put with some of the best athletes in the country at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Gustafson finished 24th in a field of the 24 best throwers in Division I with a throw of 49-feet-6.25. She also notched 48-4.5 and 49-3.5 on her other throws. She was one of only 12 competitors to throw at least 48-feet in each of their throws.

"It was good to get out here in front of this crowd and to keep up with the elite shot putters," Gustafson said. "I was a little nervous at first, but I just tried to zone in and focus on what I was doing..."

-Gustafson

As the course of the season went on and on, improbability from Gustafson's injury turned into sureness that she was destined to accomplish feats that only a handful of Falcon athletes can say they have done.

"I told Aliyah to think about where she was a year ago today, rehabbing and starting a summer job," BGSU throws coach Matt Conley said. "Everything that could go right for us this year has gone right for us. After the year she endured last year, it was a special thing to see unfold.

"This whole season has been a wonderful thing to be a part of," Conley added. With Gustafson returning and coming off of invaluable experience at the NCAA Championships, it's looking like next season will be too.
The BGSU football team is experiencing major changes. The team has a new head coach, Mike Jinks, a new athletic director, Bob Moosbrugger and will also see changes to its home stadium, the Doyt Perry.

The Doyt Perry Stadium, or “Doyt,” has been Bowling Green’s home football stadium for 50 years. Since the Falcons have been at the Doyt, they have won a majority of their home games. In the 214 games the Falcons have played at home, their overall record is 140-68-6.

The BGSU football team has experienced much success over the past five years. Despite coaching changes, the Falcons have managed to win multiple MAC championships and establish themselves as a top competitor in the MAC.

The stadium upgrades are intended to make the Doyt an even more fan-friendly environment. Students attending BGSU will see many changes to the stadium over the next ten years.

According to the University athletic website, the Doyt has a maximum seating capacity of 24,000, and the University prides itself on maintaining a fan-friendly atmosphere.

In 2007, the stadium experienced major upgrades including the Sebo Athletic Center, luxury suites and offices, turf field upgrades and improved training facilities. However, the stadium is once again in need of renovations and upgrades.

“There are plans of really doing some aggressive things in the stadium... putting the new turf down is a huge improvement”

- Jim Elsasser
Associate athletic director for Internal Affairs.

“The purpose of the renovation is two-fold,” said Jim Elsasser, associate athletic director for Internal Affairs. “One is to address structural and deferred maintenance deficiencies to sustain the stadium to go forward for another 50 years. Secondly, to continue to add some game day experience improvements for fans coming to the game and being able to experience it at a different level.”

Much of the construction will focus structural changes to the stadium.

“There are some structural components that are being addressed. The average fan will not realize, from a structural standpoint, what has been done. They have addressed some things with the way the stadium was built 50 years ago,” Elsasser said.

The second component involves stripping everything from the main grandstand seating area. The stadium will be waterproofed, and the old brown chair backs will be replaced with brand new orange chair backs matching those of the Cleveland Browns, he said.

This summer will begin the two-phase improvement to the stadium.

“For a stadium that is 50 years old, it is not the newest stadium but it’s phase one of what we want to address. During phase two, when the campaign starts and fundraising happens, that will take us to the top,” Elsasser said.

While working on the current renovations, Elsasser looks forward to the bigger changes down the road.

“There are plans of really doing some aggressive things in the stadium, but for where we are right now, the improvement (of) putting the new turf down is a huge improvement,” he said.
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Doctor
Dr. Alok Ahlawat
Summit aims to educate on understanding Autism

By Chelsea Schroeder
Reporter

Parents, teachers, intervention specialists and students alike gathered in the support and education of autism at the 15th Annual Northwest Ohio Autism Summit.

The Summit was an open event to the public held on June 10 in the University’s Lenhart Grand Ballroom. The purpose of the Summit was to educate those in the northwest region on how to best understand and work with children and adults affected by autism, or ASD, Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

“It (the event) was very insightful,” said student attendee Adam Mitchell, “I didn’t know the deeper effects of autism or how it worked psychologically until attending.”

The event was presented by the University’s College of Education and Human Development, and partnered with the Autism Society and OCALI, the Ohio Center of Autism and Low Incidence.

A major highlight of the event was the keynote address, “Meltdowns in Individuals with ASD: Neurology, the Cycle and Interventions” spoken by award-winning OCALI consultant Brenda Smith Myles.

According to the event’s pamphlet, Smith Myles has “made over 1,000 presentations all over the world and written more than 250 articles and books on ASD.”

At the Summit, she presented a powerpoint with information on how to not only understand the details of the brain that affect a person with autism, but more importantly, how to react.

“Meltdowns are related to sensory issues and many individuals with autism have more brain activity,” said Smith Myles in her presentation, and later said, “No autistic child wakes up in the morning and thinks that they are going to make life difficult for their parent, teacher or friend.”

The focus of the event was on behavior and literacy. During the keynote, many who were present were educated on how individuals with ASD behave and process changes and information.

“All individuals have malleable brains,” said Smith Myles as she gave light to those present, “we now know that we can help the brain rewire.”

Throughout the day there were various speakers and sessions on autism that were held open to attendees.

“We have over 200 professionals and parents, and we are very excited to have had everyone here today,” said Alicia Mrachko, a speaker at the event as well as an employee at the University and OCALI.

“It’s serving all folks in the region, and beyond,” Mrachko said. Regardless of the success of the event’s outcome, the Summit still strives to make sure that it gives back to those touched by autism.
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No official office hours policies

By Tiffany Jackson
Reporter

One of the expectations of being a professor is holding office hours, but official policies that confine professors to their office during designated times are virtually non-existent on campus.

“We don’t have specific expectations in ‘The Charter’ or Collective Bargaining Agreement,” said Bill Balzer, vice president for faculty affairs and strategic initiatives. The Chairs and Directors Handbook for the College of Arts and Sciences offers a short and non-prescriptive excerpt on office hours stating that a faculty member must provide regular meeting hours in his or her office for students that feel they need individual instruction.

Raymond Craig, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said, “The situation for office hours is variable by department, course type and medium of communication.”

Craig said 30 to 40 years ago policies regarding office hours were more common. “A specific number of hours per course was required by faculty,” he said.

Craig said this has changed over time due to courses changing and the invention of e-mail and the Internet. Simon Morgan-Russell, dean of the Honors College, said the Honors College also does not have a policy regarding office hours.

Professors in the Honors College currently have affiliation with other departments on campus and are not

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Blotter

WED., JUNE 8
6:23 p.m.
Kayde L. Miller threatened to blow up the urgent care if she was given a bill. She was advised that she is no longer welcome at the facility and should not return.

SAT., JUNE 11
5:05 p.m.
A bike was stolen from the 100 block of South Enterprise Street sometime over the previous night.

SUN., JUNE 12
12:24 a.m.
Randolph R. Righter, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol near the corner of Troup Avenue and Scott Hamilton Avenue.

2:57 a.m.
A taco Bell manager stated that there was a fight in the parking lot of 320 East Wooster Street.

MON., JUNE 13
3:42 a.m.
Jordan A. Desola, 18, of Bowling Green was cited for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near the corner of West Poe Road and Fairview Avenue.

10:00 a.m.
Kyle O. Bridget, 42, of Bowling Green, was arrested for shoplifting in the 100 block of West Gypsy Lane Road. He was transported the Wood County Justice Center.
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tenured to the college so any policies for them would be dependent on the department with which they are affiliated.

He said all disciplines tend to do office hours differently which makes office hours one of those requirements that is hard to pin down because of department cultures.

“Making a rule like this you’d have a bunch of departments saying, ‘well I don’t work that way,’” he said.

Morgan-Russell suggests that professors have one hour of office hours per three-hour class.

The Dean of the College of Musical Arts, Jeffrey Showell, said the music college also has no policy regarding office hours.

“There’s an unspoken rule that you have to have them,” he said.

He said one reason no policy on office hours exists is because the college has never received any complaints.

The professors and the students in the College of Musical Arts are almost always in the building and the idea of a music professor not being available is unheard of, he said.

If a policy were to be implemented, Showell would suggest four hours as a minimum spread throughout the week.

When it came to negotiating the new faculty contract, more detailed guidelines about expectations for teaching were included, but nothing directly about office hours. Stephen Demuth, vice president of the BGSU Faculty Association, was the chief negotiator for the faculty. He said office hours are only mentioned a couple places within the contract.

Section 2.6 of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement states that syllabi should include “indicators of support for student success.” This entails office hours but there are no specifications or requirements for the number of hours.

Demuth said setting a minimum number of required office hours would raise the question of whether that was per class or overall. They didn’t want to be prescriptive and leave professors with huge blocks of time where students don’t show up since one of the biggest problems with office hours is the lack of attendance.

“If we encouraged a culture that had students take advantage of office hours then we would need more office hours,” he said.