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USG creates senate seat for international students

By Keefe Watson
Campus Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution creating a new senate seat for international student representation.

The implementation of the resolution begins immediately with the appointment of a senator by the International Student Services Office. The international student appointed by the office will be sworn in on Sept. 12.

In the future, this seat will be up for election, and only international students will be able to vote for this position. The resolution is in reaction to the increasing amount of international students enrolled at the University.

Speaker Nadia Oehler said the passing of the legislation is a “big step to becoming a more inclusive senate and representing the entire student body.” The resolution was passed with overwhelming approval; 17 members voted in favor and two members abstained.

USG members dedicated much of the meeting’s time to a brainstorming period during which senators were encouraged to think of at least five changes they would like to see occur around campus this school year. Ideas presented during this time included parking passes for overnight desk clerks and student desk managers, an upperclassmen peer mentorship program for off campus first-year students and increasing student awareness of remote printing.

Accessibility to emergency blue lights was also discussed, noting that other campuses tend to have more blue light posts visible at any one time. There are also no blue lights in the new Greek Village. Senators were encouraged to begin action on at least one of their ideas within the next 48 hours.

USG President Amanda Dortch announced the creation of a student advisory committee that will team with Capital Planning Vice President Steve Krakoff. The committee’s purpose is to create direct student input in the planning of future construction projects and the usage and allocation of campus spaces. Space usage is of growing importance as the University enrollment continues to consistently increase.

Membership on the committee is open to students outside of USG. Concerns of the committee will include Union space and other common places that tend to face congestion during the school day.

Dortch stressed the importance for USG members to thoroughly read proposed legislation and to make informed votes. Dortch also reminded members to keep consistent communication with their standing committees.

New business at the meeting included bylaw amendments and additions, particularly those concerning the attendance policy for USG members.

Oehler informed the body of proper meeting etiquette including attire, the use of technology and side conversations. Oehler also announced that President Mary Ellen Mazey will be attending the next general assembly meeting on Sept. 12.

Fellows from the Clinton campaign presented an opportunity for students to join the campaign during the next two months. A fellow on the campaign generally gives about 10 hours a week and engages in activities including voter registration, phone banking, digital marketing and general campaigning. The campaign is specifically seeking students who are “experts on Bowling Green.”

Eight new senators and officers were sworn in on Monday and three USG senate positions are still open. Open seats will be up for election with international student representation.

“The resolution is in reaction to the increasing amount of international students enrolled at the University,” said Dortch.

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- Keefe Watson
Campus Editor
Have we become completely desensitized to the internet

As you probably heard, Saturday Night Live and Ghostbusters (2016) star Leslie Jones was recently subjected to a great number of racially motivated sexism on the Internet, primarily Twitter. While plenty of people stood up for the comedian, defending her and condemning the many “trolls”, a good majority of the world just sat back and watched, scrolling right past the countless amount of hate.

On one hand, it’s fantastic news that the primary aggravator in this harassment was caught and banned. On the other hand, this case only became as big as it did and received the results that it did because of Jones’ celebrity status.

So what is “trolling” anyway? The technical definition is “to (informally) post inflammatory or inappropriate messages or comments online for the purpose of upsetting other users and provoking a response,” according to dictionary.com. Yet, the term has evolved into a word that often times isn’t even taken as negative.

For example, a friend of mine recently used the term to describe her sending another friend inappropriate photos during a meeting to make her laugh, embarrassing her in front of her serious colleagues. In no way in that context does the term “trolling” seem harmful or something to be alarmed about. In fact, I would argue that in cases such as this, “trolling” comes off as a humorous term for pranking another person.

There’s no harm in pranking, right? It’s what we do to our siblings growing up when we place saran wrap over the toilet bowl and laugh when we hear them yell after a midnight trip to the restroom. Completely harmless, isn’t it?

With all of that being said, I believe that this is the reason why people don’t think twice when they hear about Internet trolling. In harmful cases such as Leslie Jones, and the hundreds of others that go through these kinds of bullying on a daily basis that go unnoticed, this isn’t some kind of joke that is to be laughed at.

Jones and so many other victims’ lives have been forever changed from this online bullying, something to not take lightly.

In a country built on freedom of speech, how exactly do we deal with these issues? Where do we draw the line in telling people when and where they can’t say what’s on their minds? Some say that the line only needs to be placed where Internet comments get life threatening. Others argue that any offensive comments need to be blocked from social media sites.

Sarah Smith Forum Editor

Forums: ‘Sarcastic and cheap’

Holly Shively, Forum Editor

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Sometimes the best experiences are the ones you don’t plan for

This past summer, I learned what it really means to stand by someone when they’re going through something. And while it’s something that I thought I already did, it took on a whole new meaning this summer.

Let me back up a bit. On Friday, April 15, 2016, my life changed forever. And not only my life, my best friend’s life changed too. On that Friday, which some people know as tax day, my best friend unexpectedly gave birth to a healthy little boy after not knowing she was pregnant. And on that day, I got a new identity: I became Fun Auntie Lauren.

As that weekend progressed, I thought about how our summer plans had changed in an instant. Before my nephew was born, we’d briefly talked about the summer being the summer of us. I wasn’t working a full-time job so the two of us could do literally anything we wanted.

But now, it was changing. And, being the type of person I am, I sent a mushy text to my best friend telling her that I’d be there for her no matter what this summer and beyond and that she’s still “my person” (yes, the two of us are huge “Grey’s Anatomy” fans) – even with a newborn in the picture.

That text signaled to her that everything I’d promised before the baby was born – that we’d always be best friends, no matter what happened – told her that I’m all in on our friendship and an extremely unexpected surprise wasn’t going to change that.

Even if that unexpected surprise is a totally adorable one.

After nine years, I’m still proud to say she’s my best friend and one of the best people that I could have ever asked for in my life. She’s been there for me in some of my darkest times and I’ve been there for her in some of her darkest times as well.

Now that my story is over, it’s time to get down to the moral of the story. If you want to show someone that you’re truly invested in your friendship, you have to stand by the promises you make when things are going well.

No one wants a friend who’s only around for the good parts. Being a good friend means you have to be around for the good and the bad that’s going on your life and for what’s happening in your friends’ lives. Show up and be present – both for the good and the bad. When you’re there for every single aspect of a friendship, you’re showing that you’re there and that you care.

Just being there for someone can strengthen an already strong friendship.

You don’t even have to physically be there as a way to strengthen a friendship. If you live two and a half hours away from each other, like my best friend and I do, even just the smallest text to let them know they’re thinking of you can make someone’s mood improve infinitely.

And while my summer wasn’t at all how I expected it to go, I completely enjoyed getting to know my new little nephew and loved getting to spend time with the both of them.

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“Have we become so numb to seeing all of the hatred in the world that we’ve become almost heartless?”

Sarah Smith
Forum Editor

While I strongly believe that being negative towards others on the Internet is both pointless and just plain mean, I do see both sides of the censoring debate. Who’s to tell people that they can express their opinions certain places and not others? It’s a blurry line to walk when it comes to this issue.

No matter where you may stand on the issue of Internet trolling, we, sadly, as a country typically tend to gloss right over it. I can’t tell you the amount of times that I scroll through Twitter throughout the week, see mean tweets and comments, and just keep scrolling. It’s almost as if we’ve been programmed to see hatefulness as a social norm, as if it’s something that is expected to happen when we sign up for a social media account.

Why is this? Have we become so numb to seeing all of the hatred in the world that we’ve become almost heartless? It’s something that I even think about when I see shootings and bombings and other wrong doings of the world. It’s almost as if hearing about the latest public shooting doesn’t register in our heads completely. We’re becoming so used to the hatred of the world that it often doesn’t feel like a big deal, when it should.

So let’s start noticing all of the hate in the world, and do our part to put a stop to it, even if it is just as simple as standing up for someone being bullied.

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Clinton heads to Ohio

By Paul Carbarino

Hillary Clinton's campaign team is hiring interns, fellows and volunteers to secure votes from Ohio's big cities to universities, including Bowling Green State University. Ohio has voted for the winning presidential candidate since 1964; the last candidate to win the election without Ohio's vote was John F. Kennedy in 1960. With 36 campaign offices open in Ohio, including their headquarters in Columbus and the Wood County Democratic Party office right here in Bowling Green, the Clinton campaign is fully engaged in solidifying Ohio's crucial vote in this election.

From Facebook to Snapchat, and text messages to Pokémon GO, organizers and volunteers are utilizing every tool they can to recruit more volunteers and reach out to voters.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the Clinton campaign has spent $61 million on television ads alone in just the last two months. The Clinton campaign reports that local organizers in Ohio have collectively completed 4,441 hours - or more than six months worth - of training to use these tools in addition to other methods to expand their influence.

University students will see volunteers dispersed throughout the campus, making phone calls, handing out fliers and registering people to vote at buildings such as Bowen-Thompson Student Union and the Education Building. Clinton campaign fellow and University student Dylan Poe said he volunteers for about “15 to 20 hours a week” and his main objective is to encourage students to register to vote.”

With the upcoming voter registration deadline on Oct. 11, the Clinton campaign team makes voter registration their first priority.

Poe added that the feedback he receives from students is consistently “positive” and students will simply “walk up to us” eager to vote regardless of political views.

“I would expect both campaigns to begin having more of a presence on campus and trying to get out the vote.”

- Russell Mills
Professor

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With Clinton's campaign coming to Ohio, volunteers, fellows and interns are being recruited to help secure Ohio's vote.
By Stepha Poulin
Reporter

On Monday at 8 p.m. the Student Wellness Network (SWN) hosted a panel of experts to talk about a risqué topic: sex. The sexperts joined together in Olscamp room 115 to answer any anonymous questions students had about sex.

“I think students need to be more open about sex. It is not about bragging or anything like that – it’s about harm prevention and being aware of the thing that brought us into this world,” junior Keith Sarver said.

The SWN wanted to get the facts straight since high schools mainly focus on abstinence-based sex education. Both freshmen and returning students were encouraged to attend the talk. SWN Publicity Coordinator Aleah Carey wanted to shed some light on a topic many consider taboo.

“The talk is all about students having no misconceptions about sex and also including members of the LGBTQ community, since some students may come from a school that mainly teaches abstinence,” Carey said.

Monday’s talk outlined what college sex lives could entail and focused on questions from the attendees. The student-based talk dispelled common myths about sex and promoted sexual responsibility.

Confidentiality was not a problem. Questions could be written down and then given to the sex experts.

“SWN thought this was needed because we need to make sex less taboo and bring things like STIs out in the open,” Carey said.

According to Ph.D Sandra L. Caron's...
Falcons open season with two Wins

By Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcons mens soccer team won both of their opening matches to start the regular season, defeating the Indiana-Purdue Indianapolis Jaguars 4-0 on Friday night, then beating the Appalachian State Mountaineers 3-1 on Sunday afternoon to begin the season with a 2-0 record.

“I know we have a good team, so it’s not totally surprising,” Falcons head coach Eric Nichols said. “But I honestly think we can be better.”

Friday’s match began with the team getting on the scoreboard early, with sophomore midfielder Vincent Giannini scoring his first collegiate goal on a header at the 12:30 mark to allow the Falcons to go up 1-0.

“They’ve got to stay hungry to score goals,” Nichols said. “That’s what we’re out here to do is score goals, there’s some tactical things about how we’re forming our patterns in the field and our structure in passing, but for the most part, it’s just an eagerness and a hunger to score.”

The team would score once more in the second half, with sophomore defender Moe Mustafa scoring at the 62:09 mark to make it a 4-0 match. That would be more than enough insurance, as freshman goalkeeper Anthony Mwembia secured the shutout in his first collegiate match.

Sunday’s match had both teams dealing with very warm conditions. The game time temperature topped at 86 degrees, where it stayed throughout the afternoon contest.

“We had to deal with it,” Nichols said. “It slowed us down a little bit and we’d like to play at a higher pace, but we were able to manage.”

The team allowed their first goal of the season at the 2:18 mark, with Appalachian State’s Jordan Melia knocking in a rebound to hand the Falcons an early 1-0 lead.

The team then took the lead with just under a minute remaining in the first half, as junior forward Keaton Reynolds scored off of a Mustafa header for a 2-1 lead to close out the half. Flynn added another goal at 60:49 to give the team a 3-1 lead, where it would remain to complete the weekend sweep for the Falcons.

“(I liked) the toughness,” Nichols said. “Given that we played on Friday night and the other team didn’t, it was a real challenge for us to not only match their energy but I think we outdid their energy.”

The team will play next Friday night against the Marshall Thundering Herd.

Sophomore Midfielder Vincent Giannini embraces his teammates after a goal against Appalachian State on Sunday.

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### Looking forward to CFB opening Week

By Aidan Markey
Guest Columnist

This weekend will host the first full Saturday slate of college football, but that does not mean that there are not any games that will have an intense, late-season feel. Here’s a look at some of the biggest matchups for college football’s 2016 premiere.

Bowling Green will be traveling to Columbus to face the 2014 National Champion and currently sixth ranked Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday. The Falcons, while unranked, have won two of the past three Mid-American Conference titles. OSU lost several big names from last year’s team, including star defensive end Joey Bosa. With Bowling Green’s high-octane offense combining with the energy and excitement of a game against the Buckeyes, don’t be surprised to see the Falcons hang close with the Big Ten juggernaut.

Lambeau Field is set to bring SEC powerhouse LSU in to face the Big Ten’s Wisconsin Badgers. The Tigers, ranked fifth in the preseason rankings, have a Heisman candidate in Leonard Fournette. The unranked Badgers are the underdog, but a home game in a legendary venue like Lambeau could be just enough to help Wisconsin erase Fournette’s Tigers hope for an opening weekend victory.

Defending National Champion Alabama will meet the USC Trojans in a Saturday night prime time showdown. The Crimson Tide earned the top ranking in both the AP Poll and the Coaches Poll, the Trojans being ranked 20th and 17th, respectively, in the polls. Legendary Alabama coach Nick Saban is looking to lead his 2016 squad to a national championship, which would be the school’s fifth in the past eight years. In contrast, USC head coach Clay Helton hopes to bring the Trojan program back into the forefront of college football with a win over the recently dynastic Crimson Tide. The game, which will be held at AT&T stadium in Arlington, Texas, will be the highlight of Saturday’s schedule. Expect Alabama to come out handily on top, though.

College football is almost back. A weekend on your couch, and probably the edge of it, is imminent. Whether your favorite team is destined for an opening weekend defeat or a boring blowout win, Saturday should turn out to be one of the more enjoyable days of the 2016 season.
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study on college students' sexual behavior. 87 percent of students surveyed report they have or have had sexual intercourse. That means about 5,200 out of a sample size of nearly 6,000 have had sex.

“Freshman and even returning students may be having new sexual experiences – they have the opportunity to be in a safe space and ask anonymous questions,” Carey said.

Caron’s study revealed college students think their peers are having more sex than they actually are. This gap shows students might see their peers as more promiscuous than what is reality. Students may find themselves comparing their own sex lives to what they think their peers experience.

“I try not to compare my sex life to others experiences, but people can’t help wondering what other people are experiencing when it comes to sex,” freshman Osi Okoro said. “I’m not saying they have more sex than me, but the guys that they do have (sex) with are probably better all around.”

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Mazey stresses freshmen retention

By Keefe Watson  
Campus Editor

President of the University Mary Ellen Mazey presented the State of the University Address in the Donnell Theatre in the Wolfe Center Friday.

“We need to be nimble and be able to change with the environment and what is happening,” David Levey, Board of Trustees chair, said as he set the tone for Mazey’s address.

Mazey thanked students, faculty, alumni and state executives and administrators such as Gov. John Kasich and Randy Gardner, chair of the Senate of Higher Education Finance Committee.

She highlighted the University’s recent rankings, including the University’s place on Money Magazine’s list of Best Value Colleges. The online Master of Science in Criminal Justice’s rank as the number one online master program by College Choice and SICSIIC’s recognition by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

“With these rankings we transform ourselves with greater recognition of BGSU throughout the state, across the country and around the world.”

Mary Ellen Mazey  
University President

The previous year...This year, it appears that our retention rate will be 76 percent, but we can do better. We must all work on achieving our goal of 80 percent retention for the fall of 2017, and I am confident we can reach this goal,” Mazey said.

New bachelor degree subjects offered by the University include Allied Health, Forensic Science, Biology and Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law.

Mazey said there are several key ways the University caters to specific needs of students through online courses, such as programs that serve veterans and the Falcon Express Dual Admissions program with Owens Community College. The University also recently signed on with Lorain County Community College to create another dual admissions program.

Mazey reported that enrollment in graduate programs increased 11 percent and external funding increased for the first time in five years by 13 percent.

The opening of the Collaboration Laboratory, or Collab-Lab, is coming this spring in the Jerome Library, Mazey announced.

“The lab, led by Jerry Schnepf, will build the spirit of entrepreneurship across campus and link with many partners in the public, nonprofit and private sectors,” Mazey said.

Mazey spoke about collaboration through University partnerships with Wood County Hospital, First Solar and Cedar Fair. Academic partnerships exist with Owens Community College, University of Toledo, University of Findlay, Lorain County Community College and Northeast Ohio Medical University.

In regards to the Master Plan, Mazey boasted about the many recent improvements and renovations around campus. These include the demolition of Johnston Hall and construction of a new parking lot at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, renovations to the Health and Human Services building, upgrades to the Doyt Perry Stadium, construction of the Greek Village and the complete renovation of the new Kuhlin Center.

Mazey wrapped up the address by asking everyone to work with the administration, each other and others outside of the University to ensure the accomplishment of the goals of this year and years beyond.

“On each unit on campus to have a strategic plan that aligns with the vision, mission, core values and goals of the University Strategic Plan...Then each day, ask yourself and others what you are doing to implement your unit’s plan? ... Have a productive semester and academic year. Again, I appreciate all you do to build BGSU’s future,” Mazey concluded.
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In cases where campaign volunteers are approached by critics, as University political science professor Dr. Russell Mills said, volunteers will “try to deflect the criticism by focusing on positive aspects of the candidate they support. Most campaign organizers are trained in how to deal with hostile citizens and to deescalate situations by thanking citizens for their time and focusing on providing information rather than trying to convince someone to vote for their candidate.”

With the Nov. 8 election day approaching, Dr. Mills said, “I would expect both campaigns to begin having more of a presence on campus and trying to get out the vote. Additionally, there will be several voter registration efforts by groups including the Center for Civic and Community Engagement.”

Despite tilting slightly more Republican in recent years, the latest polls by the Wall Street Journal show Clinton currently leading over Donald Trump by just under 5 percentage points here in Ohio.

By watching the first presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York on September 26th, viewers can become more informed on what candidate they want to see most in the White House for the next term.