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SICSIC Sez: 70 years of secrets continue

By Holly Shively
Editor-in-Chief

It’s not likely to find Al Gore, the Grinch, Captain Planet, Groot, Mikey and Scooby walking around at the same time anywhere else in the world besides the University Campus. This Wednesday marks 70 years of SICSIC members scaring freshman, raising spirits and encouraging students. “SICSIC is so unique here at BGSU,” Mikey said. “There is nothing else like this group anywhere else.”

As the group prepares to celebrate its 70th anniversary, Dr. Jacob Clemens, SICSIC advisor since Spring 2014, said the group has continued to maintain the groups purpose.

Founded in 1946 by University President Frank Prout, SICSIC’s sole purpose was to increase school spirit and good will after World War II.

The original group didn’t wear masks, and all their work was done at night, hanging signs reading “SICSIC SEZ” around campus.

“They were truly secretive,” Clemens said.

But the group had to evolve to survive the changes in social media, University rules and other factors, Clemens said.

“While technology and new innovations come and go, the school spirit and love for BGSU will forever be unwavering,” Grinch said.

SICSIC evolved to wearing ski masks and general Halloween masks so they could do things in public, but still weren’t visible in attending games and events, Clemens said. Eventually, the spirit group would evolve to what it is today, wearing a Halloween mask that can never be reused by a future SICSIC member, attending public events and handing out candy to students.

“That’s a very long time for an organization to exist kind of in the nature that it exists—the secrecy,” Clemens said.

The Grinch’s favorite events are the ones that are unplanned or unexpected, such as going to the library during exam week.

“It was great to see the surprise on people’s faces, as well as knowing that we made that stressful time in the year at least a little easier even for just a few minutes,” Grinch said.

Scooby also enjoys the unplanned events.

“This group is full of very spontaneous people, and being able to do random things with them and decide to get in mask and go to random events on campus is such a fun thing. Even if it’s a quick stop at a residence hall on the way back from hanging signs, these kind of things often are the most memorable,” Scooby said.

Picking the next SICSIC members is a secret process, but Clemens assured it is both legal and ethical, and results in picking the best members to serve the University in secret.

He said being a member of the group becomes an extremely meaningful part of the college experience.

“I wanted to be a SICSIC because I saw it as an opportunity to develop myself, impact my community and be a part of something bigger than myself,” Captain Planet said. “SICSIC is one of the most influential parts of my life, and has allowed me to build spirit in a community that I care about so much.”

Clemens spends a lot of time with SICSIC, hosting social events at his home to “create that community where they can be themselves and hang out outside of the

As a member of SICSIC, it’s hard enough to keep a secret from the rest of the world, but former Miss Piggy and Herman Munster also kept a secret from their fellow SICSIC friends.

Just before halftime at Saturday’s football game, Matthew Bruening got down on one knee to propose to his Falcon Flame Kim Zaccaro.

Bruening and Zaccaro were unmasked and graduated in 2014, but during their time as University students, both were members of SICSIC, the University’s 6-member spirit group.

SICSIC advisor Jacob Clemens said the group had an unwritten rule of not dating within the group.

While not all the details of the relationship are known, Clemens said he found out about the couple on accident.

“They didn’t tell anyone—not anyone else in the group, not any friends, nobody,” he said.

One day, the two were in Clemens’ office talking about student loans when Bruening commented on how he wasn’t paying for Zaccaro’s loans, Clemens said. He questioned why Bruening would pay her loans in the first place.

“If you know Kim, she got super awkward and tried to leave,” Clemens said, smiling as he reminisced.

He asked if the two were dating and they fessed up.

Two years later, surrounded by the current SICSIC members, Zaccaro said yes.

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Traveling offers students a different perspective

I have been fortunate enough to travel a good amount in my short 19 years. My grandparents, and my parents for that matter, find joy in exploring other places and that has been passed down to me. While acknowledging that I have been able to travel more than most, I feel that I haven’t traveled enough. There is so much more out there for me to see and things to do that wouldn’t be possible here. I want to keep traveling as much as possible.

Honestly, it kind of makes you feel small; heading up onto a plane in a place you recognize, spending hours feeling a little claustrophobic and ending up somewhere that’s suddenly very different from your hometown. It puts more context on your life. While recognizing that a world outside your town, your state or your country exists and isn’t some abstract concept, can be a little jarring, it’s a good kind of jarring. Our world is becoming smaller in a lot of ways, and we need to keep up with that. We can’t keep focusing fully on ourselves, when American decisions can affect the rest of the world. I think the best way to keep from becoming too obsessed with ourselves is to travel.

There are pros and cons to traveling, and I know that not everyone can afford it, but getting somewhere that broadens your horizons is a good experience. Even though I want everyone to become worldly in some aspect, just traveling out of your state can be an illuminating experience.

If there is any time to travel it would be during college, if you can find the time or the funds. If the opportunity is available to you, take it. We get stuck in a little bubble of similar people with similar opinions and similar experiences. Forcing yourself out of your comfort zone and putting yourself in a place that isn’t familiar with people who have grown differently than you is an eye-opening experience.

Travel gives you a wider perspective and helps you become more open-minded. You get more flexible and realize how many things you take for granted. I spent time in Paris with my grandparents and I ate and did things I never would have had I not been in a different country. I was offered a glass of wine in a restaurant, despite the fact that I was twelve. Just little things like this can get you thinking critically. Why does letting children have small, watered down glasses of wine work in France and not America? Why is alcohol seen as more social and less adult in France compared to America? Who is doing something right, if not both or neither?

Our world continues to get smaller with the Internet and better ways to travel. Become someone who is adapting to that world. Take it upon yourself to see more than what you already have and broaden your horizons in a really exciting, exhausting and ultimately rewarding way. Also, you’ll make all your friends jealous.

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How Lauren got her bangs back

“I’m easy to cut your own bangs,” my mom said to me one day this past August. “You really could do it on your own.”

Well, let me tell you, it’s never a good idea to cut your own bangs.

As someone who loves her bangs but hates spending money to get them trimmed, I thought I’d be a little frugal and cut my own bangs right before Labor Day.

If I was really thinking, I would have waited a few days until I was with my family for an extended weekend in Columbus and asked someone to take me to an inexpensive place so I could get a bang trim and be able to see.

Instead, I propped a trashcan up in my bathroom sink and started cutting. It was going great. I was cutting them in a straight line, which is impressive if you know me at all. I even thought to myself that I was doing a great job.

I was getting cocky about it. Bad idea.

When I started to even them out a little bit, I made a mistake and took off more than I wanted, effectively giving myself lopsided bangs. Being the perfectionist I am, I tried to even them out, only to ruin them even more.

I was mortified.

I ran into my room and grabbed as many barrettes and bobby pins I could find to pin my bangs back in a little puff to hide what I did to them. And then, staring at my reflection in the mirror, staring at my bang-less reflection, I started crying.

First off, looking back, it’s ridiculous to cry over a bad haircut. When my mom and I would watch reruns of “America’s Next Top Model,” we would chuckle when people would cry over the makeovers they’d get. But I was so embarrassed that I’d ruined my bangs.

I called my dad in a panic and begged him to find all my headbands in my room and bring them to Columbus so I could have some cute hair accessories while going to let anyone see my tragic hairstyle.

I waited for my bangs to get back to normal. His response? He laughed at me, which only made me cry harder (What? I’m a drama queen).

That Friday, my mom texted me asking for a picture of my hair so she could try and fix it when she got to Columbus. I agreed to let her help try and salvage my bangs so they’d at least be one length. The problem with that was she was arriving on Sunday and there was a party at my grandma’s house on Saturday. I was not going to let anyone see my tragic hairstyle.

This past weekend, I realized that the shorter side of my bangs could be styled enough that my bangs would finally be in a straight line. Finally, I got my bangs back.

So, moral of the story is that very few people should trust themselves to cut their own bangs in an appropriate fashion. At least in my case, that is.

And that’s the story of how I got my bangs back.

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The truth about sharks

Sharks are portrayed as evil man-eaters in our society. However, all is not as it seems. Sharks have bitten and killed people, but it is not because they are craving human flesh. It’s often a case of mistaken identity. For sharks, the stakes are high. Most species must keep swimming constantly in order for water to flow over their gills so they can breathe. That burns a lot of calories; so to function properly the shark must gain those calories back. Because of this, the shark is an opportunistic eater, they literally can’t afford to be picky. Unfortunately for us, our swimming patterns sound like a struggling fish, and thus a ringing dinner bell, to most sharks.

Does this mean you’re going to be attacked every time you swim in the ocean? Absolutely not! You’re actually more likely to be struck by lightning twice than to be attacked by a shark. There are even incredibly simple measures you can take to avoid an attack, such as not swimming at dawn or dusk and avoiding low visibility waters.

Somewhere between Hollywood and dramatic news stories, we have grown to hate the shark, regardless of its true nature and now all species of shark are facing certain destruction. Though shark hunting has been popular since the release of Jaws, there’s something darker looming just underneath the surface that most people have never heard of. Sharks are being killed in incredibly brutal ways for their fins. People are catching sharks, regardless of species, hauling them onto a boat and cutting off their fins only to throw the body back into the ocean. The worst part about this is that the sharks are alive throughout all of this, even once they are tossed back into the ocean. The sharks drown because without their fins they cannot swim to move water across their gills. It’s a slow, agonizing death for these unlucky sharks. Shark fins can sell for thousands of dollars. They are used to cook shark fin soup, which is completely tasteless.

We are decimating our shark populations globally, and it will alter our oceans forever. The shark is an apex predator. This means they are at the top of the food chain and responsible for keeping other species of fish in check. Without the sharks, other fish populations will be out of control and competition will cause many species to go extinct. The food chain is an incredibly delicate phenomenon. For example, the algae rely on sharks to reduce populations of fish that eat them. Without sharks, the fish will gorge wildly on the algae, decimating the population. This is something you should care about as well because the majority of our oxygen worldwide comes from algae in the ocean.

Multiple species of shark are up for adoption into CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) this week. If they are all accepted, this could help protect the shark population immensely. There are also multiple petitions for banning shark finning, which would end this needless violence. Additionally, multiple companies such as UPS and DHL have vowed to stop shipping shark fins, which has placed a huge dent in the trade. Unfortunately, FedEx continues to ship shark fins, perpetuating the trade and the killing.

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Pizza royalty closes

By Keefe Watson
Campus Editor

While many homecoming traditions are expected to continue next year, one Bowling Green tradition will not. Myles Pizza Pub closed its doors for good on Sunday.

Chip Myles, owner of Myles Pizza Pub, opened the restaurant 39 years ago. Myles is closing up shop because of retirement. “It’s just time, we’ve been doing it for all our lives and my wife and I just need a break, it’s just that time,” Myles said.

Rosie Losoya has worked with Myles for 16 years now, spending the first 15 of those years working at Dairy Queen, formerly owned by Myles. “I’ll miss Chip,” Losoya said. “I work beside him, not for him. He’s an amazing man.”

Myles sold the Dairy Queen last year, and has run other businesses throughout the years too.

“I’ve enjoyed all of our businesses. Our family has been in retail for over 70 years, we’ve just had a great time and it just had to come to an end,” Myles said.

At noon on Thursday, there were over 200 people in line waiting to put in their orders for one last taste of the popular pizzas and specialty breads offered by Myles Pizza. The line stretched out of the parking lot, and some patrons came prepared with lawn chairs and umbrellas. Delfino Garcia was next in line at noon to place his order. Garcia worked at Myles Pizza for two years as a delivery driver when he moved to Bowling Green five years ago.

“You really don’t know what you have until it’s gone,” Garcia said. “I used to have it all the time and now I’m never going to have it ever again.”

Garcia will not be the only customer missing Myles Pizza once it closes. Kris Fauver graduated from the University in 1975, and was a regular patron of Myles. “I’ve been coming here I think as long as it’s been here,” she said. On Thursday, her son-in-law, Jay Sharp,

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Falcons start new QB, lose MAC opener

By Aaron Parker
Sports Editor

The Bowling Green football team lost their opening Mid-American Conference game to the Eastern Michigan Eagles on Saturday 28-25 in front of their homecoming crowd. The game also marked the 50th anniversary of the inaugural game played at the Doyt Perry Stadium.

Prior to the game, Head Coach Mike Jinks alluded to the importance of this contest and what it means for his Falcons moving forward.

“No doubt it’s the most important game of the season, and not just because it’s the next one,” Jinks said. “Our goals are ahead of us, but we have to have this win to stay on that path.”

Jinks also announced earlier in the week that he would be making a critical change to the offense. Redshirt freshman quarterback James Morgan started against the Eagles over the more experienced senior James Knapke.

Knapke took over this season after the departure of Matt Johnson and has played relatively well for the Falcons considering the defenses he has been up against. In four games, he has completed 59 of 118 passes for 636 yards. He has three passing touchdowns and nine interceptions.

While those numbers don’t seem glorious, half of those games have been against some of the best defenses in the country. The Ohio State defense is ranked first in the nation and Memphis is ranked 26th, which are the two biggest blowout games the team has had this year.

Despite the change against Eastern, Jinks has stayed confident in his senior quarterback.

“James Knapke is not the reason this team is where it is,” he said. “Knapke has played well enough to win. The team has not played well enough around him to win.”

Although Morgan is not as experienced as Knapke, he entered this contest with an efficiency higher than Knapke, even though he had fewer than 50 attempts. Morgan completed 27 of his 46 passes for a 58.7 percent completion rate, along with no touchdowns and three interceptions.

After a 27-minute weather delay, Morgan and the rest of his offense stepped on to the field. The Falcons were the first to score with Morgan hitting redshirt junior running back Donovan Wilson in the end-zone on a fourth and goal situation from the two-yard line. It was the first career touchdown reception for Wilson and the first career touchdown pass for Morgan. That would be the only touchdown for the two in the game.

The Falcons led at just one more point after that score when kicker Jake Suder hit a 32-yard field goal. Eastern Michigan went on to lead the rest of the game.

Morgan finished the game completing 23 of his 46 attempts for 250 yards and one touchdown, all of which were career highs.

“There were some things that I thought we did as an offense that we did really well, and there were some things that we could improve upon, me specifically, in some of those throws,” Morgan said. “I can’t say enough about the heart of our guys today. Hats off to Eastern Michigan. They’re a good team and they played well.”

Senior running back Fred Coppet was the only other Falcon to score a touchdown in the game, crossing into the end-zone twice on two-yard rushes.

The Falcons, whom fans were hoping to see make another title run this season, are now 1-4 and winless in their conference. They are currently tied with Kent State for the second worst team in the conference behind only 0-5 Miami. They now look forward to next week to play the top team in the East Division, Ohio University.

“I’ve got an idea that this is the way it is going to be the rest of the year. I think we’re going to be in dog fights week in and week out,” Jinks said. “You’re always looking for things to grow on.”
Volleyball gets first conference victory

By Brandon Luthman
Sports Reporter

The Bowling Green Falcons’ volleyball team got their first conference win of the season this past weekend. On Friday, the Falcons hosted the Ohio Bobcats, resulting in a defeat. However, a game against Kent State on Saturday resulted in a victory for the Falcons.

On Friday, the Falcons fell three sets to none to the Ohio University Bobcats. After losing 25-19, 28-6 and 28-6, Bowling Green kept the match close throughout, despite not winning a set. Jelena Sunjic led the team in kills, with a total of 14 kills. Isabel Kovacic also contributed with 11 kills. Madeline Garda led the team with 11 digs. It was an even matchup, as the Falcons posted more kills at 47, compared to Ohio’s 45. Bowling Green’s biggest flaws of the games were errors and hitting percentage. The Falcons recorded 19 errors compared to Ohio’s 11. The Falcons posted a hitting percentage of only .233, while the Bobcats posted .301. The Bobcats were able to just outlast the Falcons in a tight battle between MAC opponents. With the win for Ohio, the Bobcats improved to 7-9 and 3-1 in MAC conference play. For Bowling Green, the defeat set the Falcons at 10-6 and 0-3 in conference play.

On Saturday, the Falcons won against the Kent State Golden Flashes three sets to one. In a tight contest, the Falcons won 23-25, 27-25, 25-16 and 25-17. An impressive offensive game for the Falcons, Jelena Sunjic had 19 kills, Alyssa Maloney and Madeline Brandewie had 12 each, and Isabel Kovacic had eight. Madeline Garda had an impressive matchup for the Falcons, as she posted 29 digs. She improved a national leading average to 6.38 digs/set.

It was clear that Coach Danijela Tomic was glad to finally get her first conference win of the season, stating, “I think the monkey is finally off our backs, I think this was more mental for our team, and we needed to win that second set … I told them at the end of the match that I’m very proud of them to bounce back this way. I told them before the match, let’s see what we are made of. This is what good teams do. We are going to hit adversity, but let’s learn from that adversity and be better, and that’s what we did tonight. So, I am very proud of them.”

With the Falcons finally getting their first conference win of the season, the Falcons will look to continue the momentum they currently have to finish the schedule. As Bowling Green looks to make a run in the conference tournament, they will need to make improvements based on the early MAC games played already.

Coming up for the Falcons are four straight road games. With a match against Akron on Oct. 7, they will travel to Buffalo the following day to play the Bulls on Oct. 8. After that, the Falcons will travel to Michigan to face Eastern on Oct. 14 and Central on Oct. 15.

Nationally ranked Falcons beat Windsor

By Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcons hockey team defeated the Windsor Lancers 3-2 on Saturday afternoon in the team’s first and only preseason game this season.

“I liked the way we competed,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “I thought we stuck together pretty good, specifically I liked our penalty kill, it looked like we were on the same page with that, but big picture-wise I liked the fact that we stuck together and we competed hard.”

The scoring began with a shorthanded goal from Windsor at the 12:46 mark of the first period, as they held the 1-0 lead through the end of the first period. However, the Falcons got on the board early in the second period at 5:01 with a power play goal from junior forward Brett D’Andrea to the game at one apiece.

“I thought we had some good movement on the power play,” D’Andrea said. “We hadn’t had much time to work on it, but we had good chances.”

D’Andrea would score again not long after the first goal, this time giving the Falcons the lead at 10:26. The team would take a two goal lead at the 17:46 mark on a power play goal from senior forward Kevin Dufour, allowing the team to close out the second period with a 3-1 advantage.

The insurance goal would prove important in the third period, as Windsor scored 35 seconds into the third period to cut the lead in half. However, both teams would be held off the board for the rest of the game, as the Falcons took the 3-2 victory.

The game also featured a combined 30 penalty calls, not including those called in the post-game altercation. Of the penalties, 17 were called on Windsor and 13 were called on the Falcons.

“There’s been a mandate throughout the NCAA and the WCHA that we need to crack down on the hooking and the holding and the face-off interference and so on,” Bergeron said. “We’re all just going to have to figure this out together… our guys are just going to have to get used to it, I think the referees are going to have to get used to it, so I think it was a culmination of that.”

The team also felt that they did a good job of following their game plan to not only get the win, but get a solid start to the season as well.

“We look to have a game plan, we look to have a system in play, there was a bounce here, a bounce there both ways, it happens, but overall it’s fair to say that I’m happy with how we played,” Bergerson said.
Council addresses solar project

Hannah Finnerty
City Editor

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Editor-in-Chief

To Jason Barker, being the 2016 Homecoming King isn’t about praising what he has already given to the University, but instead celebrates his individual growth in something much larger than himself.

Barker said when he thinks about being homecoming royalty, he thinks about the story of the person being crowned and how not only has that person impacted the University, but how they have let the University change them as well.

“That is just what BGSU has been to me. It has allowed me to grow and learn and has given me so many opportunities, and it is an honor to be crowned homecoming king,” he wrote in an email.

Barker is a sports management major with a general business minor and has been extensively involved in student organizations.

Throughout his time at the University, he has been the president, vice president and treasurer of Alpha Tau Omega, the director of outreach for Undergraduate Student Government and a Bikes for Tikes participant for Dance Marathon.

His favorite homecoming tradition is tailgating at Falcon Tailgate Park before the homecoming game, and he specifically likes witnessing all of the reunions that happen between alumni and the University.

“It is such a cool time for Alumni to come back and remember the great times they had here at BGSU and learn about all the current things that are going on now through the current students,” Barker said. “It’s a time to bond the past with the present and to celebrate the great times at BGSU.”

Senior Tulsa Fearing said her favorite homecoming tradition is the king and queen crowning ceremony at halftime of the game.

“This year, Fearing was one of those passionate people she referenced, earning her spot as 2016 Homecoming Queen.

“Being Homecoming Queen is one of the highest honors at Bowling Green State University. It is so great to be able to represent the University that I love in such a way and to be a role model for other students,” she said.

A human development and family studies major, Fearing has been a member of Phi Sigma Pi, a McNair Scholar, a LeaderShape Institute Participant and this year’s Homecoming Student Steering Committee director.

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arrived at Myles Pizza at 8:15 a.m. and claimed place 31 in line. When the pizza shop opened at 11 a.m., there were over 300 people in line, Sharp said.

“They were brought up on this pizza,” Fauver said motioning toward her daughter and son-in-law.

The Sharps love the pizza so much that Fauver would bring half-baked pizzas to them when they lived out of state for a few years.

Sophomore Kahlie Paoletti and junior Brittany Mercer were last in line on Thursday, behind more than 200 people. They weren't sure if they'd be able to stay in line long enough to order.

Paoletti had Myles Pizza Pub one time before the closing announcement was made earlier this week.

“I’ll fulfill my future cravings for pizza because I’ll never be able to do it again,” Paoletti said.

Mercer was hoping to get a half-baked pizza for her father.

“Maybe I’ll come back on Saturday at 8:30 in the morning and take a chair,” Mercer said.

On Thursday at noon, a cheese pizza order came with a two and a half hour wait, Garcia said.

“It all stays in the family,” Myles said regarding the pizza recipe.

The Myles Pizza building has already been sold and will open as a restaurant, Myles said.

Myles Pizza is “nothing but memories,” Losoya said. “This is not just affecting the community, this is affecting everyone, and you’re talking about all of the U.S.”

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Band embraces homecoming spirit

By Jessica Speweike
Managing Editor

The Falcon Marching Band, a staple at the University, is composed of a group of hardworking students whose dedication to music is only paralleled by their dedication to each other.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the FMB started their day at 9 a.m. at the Perry Field House to begin their rehearsal process for the game that started at 3:27 p.m.

The band, which is composed of 245 individuals including the color guard and twirlers, started their rehearsal with stretches, from their necks down to their feet.

"You need to be extremely dedicated," said Graeme Materne, a junior music composition major and one of the four drum majors for the FMB. "We practice every day, we meet almost every other weekend…it's extremely taxing."

Marching band is a two credit hour class, but Dr. Michael King, the director of the athletics band, said the students far exceed the amount of work required for a two credit class.

As rehearsal started, one of the graduate assistants who led the warm-up warned the students not to "blow their chops" before the game.

"You have to practice and memorize the music and come to rehearsal every day and you have to dedicate almost your entire Saturday, but it's so much fun, it's so worth it," said Adam Behrendt, a junior music education major and mellophone player.

In fact, all band members are required to have their music memorized while also memorizing their movements on the field.

This past weekend's show theme was "Anniversaries of Film" to correspond with the Doyt Perry Stadium's 50th anniversary.

"This year, honestly, I'm probably most excited about the show today," said King. "I'm really excited to see what the crowd response is to it."

The band played pieces from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Top Gun," "Hook" and "Moulin Rouge!"

During "Moulin Rouge!," three of the four drum majors, along with other members of the band, joined the twirlers for a dance feature, something not usually done.

"We've certainly done dancing before," said King. "But I don't know that we've gotten the athletic department involved and the video board involved, so I think it'll be a really, really cool production."

The twirlers also used different props in their routines, switching from batons to knives and back to batons. The knives are blunted instruments that have a hook which allows the twirlers to latch them together during their routine.

Homecoming weekend was a busier event than usual for the FMB as over 100 band alumni returned to participate in the festivities.

"You feel like, when you come to an alumni game…you feel like you're coming home to the band," said Kara Kordella, a 2015 University alumna.

The pregame show was changed to accommodate the alumni band that was featured front and center for the audience to see.

That is something that is special about the Falcon Marching Band, said Materne.

"It's cool to see those who have graduated… and how they meld with us," he said, "seeing old friends and everybody come back. So, it's just one big party."

Behrendt agreed that family and friendship were key components of the tight-knit group of students.

"Honestly, 90 percent of my friends are from band and…just having everybody there for you is so nice," said Behrendt.

While the alumni were at the University, they had the chance to preview what the new band uniforms would look like.

The FMB will not get them until next fall, but Behrendt said he is looking forward to having them.

"We haven't, as a whole (group), seen it all yet," said Behrendt. "But I heard they look pretty sweet."

Behrendt and Materne both said they are also looking forward to watching the FMB progress as a group.

"I think it's cool to see the evolution of where we started and how we grow together," said Materne. "Seeing where we go, I think that's just the coolest thing."
By Keefe Watson
Campus Editor

Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Gibson addressed the Undergraduate Student Government on Monday night.

“I am thrilled to have an opportunity to spend some time with you this evening,” Gibson said. “I have spent the last 90 days assessing the campus condition for student success.

In his time at the University, Gibson has been seeking to understand student engagement, the partnerships within the University and how the various departments work together.

“We need your assistance and your help ... is creating vibrant learning and campus experiences for students,” Gibson said.

Gibson’s goal for the Department of Student Affairs is to “foster pathways for student success,” including engagement, retention, persistence, learning and post-graduation success. Conversation between the USG body and Gibson included frequency and timing of programming, marketing for programming and how to track student engagement.

“How can all of you help me to get more students involved,” Gibson asked USG.

Feedback included the lack of advertising for programs, including no centralized location where programs are listed, and poor communication amongst campus organizations in spreading awareness of programming.

Solutions were discussed such as using a swiping system to track engagement and improving the digital platform of how programs are communicated to the student body.

President Amanda Dortch expressed the importance of members serving to the full calling of their positions.

“You all, when you signed up to be a representative...were going to serve in this role and act as a senator and a liaison between USG and the people that you represent,” Dortch said.

“If you are not sitting at the table, you are not providing a voice for those students.”

Vice President Richard Racette announced the date and time for a USG town hall event. This will be an opportunity for “any and all students who want to come in” and voice any concerns or ask questions.

The event will be held in the Union Theater on Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

USG also heard from student Jackie Corfman, secretary and treasurer of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Corfman asked USG to consider a good Samaritan policy on campus.

“A good Samaritan policy is a life saving measure that prevents students from hesitating to call for help if there is a medical event that takes place in situations of alcohol abuse or substance abuse,” Corfman said.

Corfman is seeking revision of the current three-strike policy at the University, which she believes is too punitive.

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