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Multiculturalism was in the air as the World Student Association hosted the International Dinner on Nov. 19 in the Union ballroom. WSA executive board member Hasan Abugrain said the International Dinner is “an event that takes place every year here at BGSU” and said the event showcases different cultures from around the world.

The event tries to get as many different countries represented so those who attend the event can be introduced to as many cultures as possible.

Many different departments and organizations took part in the dinner, and Abugrain said “We feel like people are interested and they want such an event to happen on our campus.”

Many people showed up to the event, despite the snow that started falling about an hour before the dinner began. WSA President Sara Othersen said there were 350 people at the dinner, making it a sold out event once again.

The event started with flags from different countries being brought in to the ballroom. The flags were prominently displayed throughout the entire event and were only removed when the dinner ended. The two emcees for the evening, Amira Hassnaoui and Pempho Chinkondenji, entertained the crowd throughout the night in between the performances.

Hassnaoui told the story of when she first arrived in America from Tunisia and felt “so small” because of all the tall buildings.

Nitin Parbatbhai performs an Indian stick dance.

Dr. Marcia Salazar-Valentine, executive director of international programs and partnerships, took the stage to say the dinner was the end of International Education Week 2016 that included events like the peace march on Thursday and themed dinners in the dining halls. Provost Rodney Rogers spoke on behalf of University President Mary Ellen Mazey, saying the International Dinner has been happening at the University for 40 to 45 years.

Once the speeches concluded, the performances started. The performances represented different mediums and different countries from around the world including Japan, China, Vietnam, Puerto Rico and India.

Many of the performances included playing traditional music from different cultures. But there were also traditional dances from other countries, such as a Nepali folk dance that is usually performed with great enthusiasm from its participants. Isabel Velez performed a merengue dance that’s popular in Puerto Rico. George Ramirez performed a spoken word poem about what it means to be Latino and the different types of Latino representation in the media.

The event culminated in a fashion show of different cultural clothing, with some of the represented countries including Brazil, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Malawi.

Halfway through the performances, there was an intermission, and guests were able to have dinner, which included a salad, chicken, fish or vegetables with quinoa for vegetarians and cheesecake or chocolate mousse for dessert.

For fifth year student Heather Dawson, who attended the dinner for the first time, the night was an introduction to different cultures. One of the performers, Nitin Parbatbhai Odedara, who did a traditional Indian stick dance, was Dawson’s favorite, as she said she’d never seen anything like it.

Executive board member Elijah Salahuuddin said the dinner brought out the best parts of the executive board and thought the event was a success and succeeded in “spread(ing) international culture through the community.”
Rest is key when dealing with heavy school loads

Today’s article is for the over achievers. The go-getters, the never quit til it’s over-ers, the beautiful souls whose life motto is “work now play later.” Personally, I categorize as a try-hard. I work constantly and relentlessly, completing homework assignment after homework assignment. While I am proud of my work ethic, I also know that I work myself into the ground, and often become so stressed out, overwhelmed or exhausted that I can no longer think straight. And there is where my problem lies. I overwork myself and become so focused that I forget to care about myself. As finals grow closer, I have a feeling many of you may feel the same way and I’m here to tell you that it is totally okay and normal to feel stressed out. For many of us, we have almost completed our first semester of college and for others we are completing another stressful semester and are one step closer to that degree. But there comes a time when we all need to stop and breathe and just soak up the most amazing time of our lives.

While we are all struggling to raise our grades, turn in an essay on time or get though our agonizingly long math homework, everyone here at the University is working to be successful. Rest is a huge component of that. Work on work on work is exhausting. If that continues for prolonged periods of time it can be easy to become burned out and lose motivation to do well in class. That is why taking personal time is vital to success in college classes. For us workaholics out there, taking a break before the work is done just seems like a major chore, but it can be very beneficial to completing our work. Additionally, all work and no play is no fun for anyone. So, the most important piece of advice is to take a step back from the workload every once in a while, and take some time for yourself. Pick up a hobby like reading or knitting or working out or spend some time with friends or on the phone with family members. And remember that it is okay if you don’t finish that essay two days early, and it’s okay to struggle as a student- that is what college is all about. Balancing work and rest is a key to being successful and happy.

What is one way that is guaranteed to help get your mind off everything college? Spending time with family you love. And the perfect opportunity is coming up, Thanksgiving break. While many of us will be stifling negative comments toward our annoying family members or trying to drone out pesky cousins, just be thankful that at least they are giving you a break from your workload. So, this break I advise you to take a moment and set the books down, shut the laptops, put a pause on the stress and worry about the upcoming semester end and give thanks for what you have, who you are and where you’re going.

Reply to Bailey at thenews@bgnews.com
Re: President Mazey’s post-election “be gracious” letter

By Thomas A. Mascaro
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I commend Bowling Green State University’s president Mary Ellen Mazey for her Nov. 9 statement to our campus community joining President Obama’s call for a peaceful transition of power following the strange 2016 election. College administrators bear heavy responsibility for the climate of their institutions and overall safety and freedoms each of us expects and deserves. President Mazey wisely asserts her administrative leadership in that role through her letter.

I would also like to direct attention, however, to Dr. Mazey’s other hat—as an intellectual leader of one of America’s public universities—and invite her to extend the body of her original missive to our BGSU community and also appeal to her fellow presidents in higher education to reaffirm the relevance of Academe in a time of popular fervor.

We should of course be gracious in victory or defeat—but all of us in the academic community must also be vigilant regarding matters of language, information and communication in the face of cavalier politicians who would be kings, and we must be intellectually courageous regarding realities and hard truths.

Had a student or faculty member made a number of statements or acted as the president-elect has, he or she would have faced expulsion from any U.S. campus. That should matter as much to every college president as does his or her concern for historical context and measured reactions, not bombast. Being gracious does not mean we abdicate our responsibility in schools of higher learning to help everyone understand the difference between passion and knowledge and the consequences of each.

Another matter that deserves affirmation from leaders of higher education relates to intellectual preparedness, accuracy and respect for quality information. Foreign policy, international relations and global energy and climate changes are immensely complex. They call for adequate study and preparation, regard for historical context and measured reactions, not bombast. Being gracious does not mean standing silent in the face of intellectual folly. It is the university that should be demanding only the most diligent preparation for developing policies, statements and decisions that will affect everyone on the planet.

Now, populism, by definition, feels good in the moment, especially in uncertain times when problems threaten and solutions require hard work and sacrifice. Those of us who trust that America will survive this transition can revel in the victory and believe that things will turn out all right. Those of us who recognize disturbing trends that put vulnerable citizens and nations at risk can also be gracious and hopeful; but, as members of a vital public institution, as part of a university community, we must also be outspokenly diligent. The history of institutional blindness to abuses of power is not out of reach of the average search engine. It is known to many people, which is why many have suffered through history because of the silence or inactions of institutional leaders who failed to speak up when they could have prevented the ruination of innocent lives. Look up Japanese internment, the blacklist, McCarthyism, the Enemies List, abuse at the hands of priests. There is no glory in the chorus of hindsight or perfunctory calls for calm when the sea is crashing the gunwales.

We in Academe must be more than America’s job-training facility. We represent an important part of the intellectual and moral constitution of a nation, its people and our fellow global citizens. We are the ones who at some crisis moment will be summoned to use our powers to help others navigate treacherous waters. It happened after the crash of ’29. It happened after Sputnik. It is happening as the icecaps melt into the sea. This is the kind of readiness that takes experience, courage, vigilance and exercise—especially during uncertain transitions.

So as much as I support and welcome President Mazey’s plea for graciousness in victory or defeat, I also call upon her to amend her original letter and add a strong statement about the need for exercising the intellectual courage we need and to speak truth to power regardless of what is popular. I will be the first to co-sign.

And I’d also like to suggest a new common reading for Bowling Green State and other universities: Philip Roth’s novel “The Plot to Overthrow America,” due date Friday, January 20th. Roth makes palpable the sheer terror experienced by American Jews whose world has been upended by a presidential election. It will help everyone understand what Mexicans and other Hispanics, immigrants, refugees, African Americans, Muslims, women and a great many others feel at a time when everything that we hold dear in Academe has been diminished by self-serving, egotistical politics.
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The University’s Army and Air Force ROTC programs showcased their traditions and comradery at their annual fall military ball.

Army and Air Force cadets were decked out in their formal uniforms and were accompanied by friends, parents, spouses and partners.

“It’s a formal event that we hold,” said Army Recruiting Operations Officer Marilyn De Walt. “It’s just to show (the cadets) what to expect in the Army when we have a formal event.”

David Chilson, a retired University computer science professor and retired Navy captain who has been attending the ball since 1975, said unlike field training, this event is an “evening of celebration and comradery.”

The ball, organized by junior and senior Army cadets, was held in the Union ballroom this past Friday and provided the cadets with an opportunity to participate in a formal military event.

The Army and Air Force cadets alternate between organizing the military ball each fall, and this year was the Army ROTC cadets’ responsibility.

Cadets and their guests went through a reception line where they had the chance to meet honored guests, President Mazey and the guest speaker, Bob Sebo.

Sebo, whose namesake is the Sebo Center next to the Doyt-Perry Stadium, graduated from the University and the University's ROTC program in 1958 and is a US Army veteran.

As the guest speaker, Sebo discussed leadership.

Sebo said he would be speaking about “leadership and attitude,” and it was an “absolute pleasure” to have the opportunity to speak in front of the University cadets.

And while Sebo focused on student and military leadership, the students who organized the ball focused on traditions.

The honored guests had the opportunity to meet the cadets and their guests in the traditional receiving line and were then welcomed by a saber arch composed of University cadets.

After the presentation of the colors and the formal introduction of honored guests, toasts and speeches were given, dinner was served and attendees had another chance to meet people at the ball.

While the students had the opportunity to socialize with both Army and Air Force cadets, they also had the chance to meet officers and University alumni.

“It’s all about socializing, meeting people Army cadets for example,” said Joseph Masson, an Air Force cadet lieutenant colonel from the University of Toledo.

Masson also said the cadets don’t often have the chance to meet high-ranking officials, like the one-star general who attended, so the event presented the rare opportunity to the cadets.

Not only were Army traditions showcased, but overall military traditions as well. One table was left completely empty of guests with all the chairs leaned against the table and the glasses empty.

This table was set to honor the prisoners of war and those missing in action. The five leaning chairs stood for the five branches of the military: Army, Navy, Marines Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force.

“IT’s meant to remember those who cannot be here tonight, those who have given everything,” said Masson.

University alumni and staff who were or are in the military also attended and participated in the festivities and provided a chance for veterans to interact with the cadets.

Chilson said it’s an opportunity for the community to see the “commitment that the young men and women are making.”

“For me, it’s an absolute pleasure to be associated with military, both veterans, cadets and active duty folks,” Sebo said.

Cadets line up as they enter the military ball.
Hockey sweeps Alabama Huntsville

By Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcons hockey team swept the Alabama Huntsville Chargers in a two-game road series, winning 4-1 on Friday night and winning again 8-3 on Saturday night. The team also swept the Northern Michigan Wildcats in their previous series, making it a four-game road trip sweep.

“Looking at the schedule, normally we don’t have back to back road trips,” Falcons Head Coach Chris Bergeron said. “We knew that this four game stretch was going to be difficult, but being on the other side of it and having gone 4-0 is great.”

On Friday, the scoring was tight early on as the teams were scoreless until Alabama Huntsville scored midway through the second period. The Falcons were able to get on the board at 2:16 of the third period with senior forward Pierre-Luc Mercier tying it up. Junior forward Tyler Spezia put the team ahead at the 9:15 mark and Mercier scored his second goal of the game on the power play to give the team an insurance tally.

Sophomore forward John Schilling scored an empty net goal late in the game to secure the Falcons’ 4-1 victory.

“I like the fact that they weren’t going to be denied,” Bergeron said. “The one goal that we gave up going into the third down 1-0 wasn’t discouraging, the guys kept playing, kept pushing, that’s what I liked the most.”

Saturday’s game got off to a very similar start to Friday’s game, as the game was scoreless throughout the first period. However, it was the Falcons who scored first on Saturday, as junior forward Mitch McLain gave the team the lead 45 seconds into the second period. Alabama Huntsville responded halfway through the period with a power play goal, then scored again a little less than three minutes later to go ahead 2-1.

However, the Falcons came back late in the period with a power play goal, then scored again a little less than 17 seconds later. Alabama Huntsville regained the lead on another power play goal, but Spezia tied it back up just 17 seconds later.

“Going into the third period, we thought the second goal to make it 2-2 was huge,” Bergeron said. “We got ourselves in penalty trouble and went from a one goal lead to a one goal deficit, so to get the second goal to make it 2-2 and third goal to make it 3-3 right after they scored to make it 3-2 was huge. Those were two momentum areas of the game where it looked like we lost the momentum and then got it right back.”

The team's offense then came alive in the third period once again, as Brett D’Andrea scored at 6:19 to give the team a 4-3 lead. Senior forward Kevin Dufour then scored two consecutive goals at 12:26 and 18:27 to make it a 6-3 game. Freshman forward Lukas Craggs scored with 52 seconds remaining and McLain completed the first Falcons hat trick since 2013 to give the team the 8-3 victory.

“I thought we played well in the series overall,” Bergeron said. “There were times (Friday) night where we didn’t play great and I think we were kind of a victim of self-inflicted poor decisions, but for the most part we played well, anytime you go on the road and win two games, you’ve played well.”

The team will next play at home against the Alaska Anchorage Seawolves on Friday and Saturday night.
Men’s basketball beats UMKC 71-69

By Elias Faneuff
Sports Reporter

A late score with 2.2 seconds left by the Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos gave them the win over the Falcons men’s basketball team by a score of 71-69 on Saturday at Stroh Center. This was the third straight loss for the team as they couldn’t quite hold off a Missouri-Kansas City rally at the end.

Leading the way for the Falcons was sophomore guard Antwon Lillard, who recorded 19 points, three rebounds and three assists. Also standing out for the Falcons was senior guard Zack Denny who recorded a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

“We gave up some easy buckets in transitions,” Falcons head coach Michael Huger said. “We relaxed at the wrong time. Critical situation with us needing a rebound towards the end and they got it. We’re getting better despite no wins and that’s what I like so far.”

The Falcons came out firing on all cylinders as Lillard hit a pair of threes to give his team the lead at 11-5 with three minutes into the game.

Missouri-Kansas City came back later in the game with a 9-0 run to give them their first lead of the game at the 12 minute mark. Five minutes later, the Falcons answered back with a 9-0 run of their own as Denny was able to get six points in that span. For the rest of the half, Missouri-Kansas City and the Falcons each traded baskets until freshman guard Dylan Frye knocked down a pair of free throws to give his team the lead with 20 seconds left in the half.

The team would go into the half with the lead by a score of 37-35. The Falcons outrounded Missouri-Kansas City 24-14, but also had 12 turnovers. Lillard led the team in scoring at the half recording 10 points, but it was Denny that came up with crucial rebounds and second chance opportunities.

In the second half, Lillard set the tone early with a three point play on the first possession. This started a 6-0 run for the Falcons and would eventually get their biggest lead of the game at 47-39. However, Missouri-Kansas City would respond with an 11-4 run to cut the deficit to just one at 51-50 at the midway point.

Later in the game, BG held on to a 62-61 lead with four minutes left in the game. It wasn’t until junior Matt Fox knocked down a three pointer to give them a 65-61 lead. The next couple of minutes were dominated by Missouri-Kansas City as they were able to execute plays and went on an 8-2 run to give them the lead at 69-67. Senior guard Ismail Ali tied the game driving to the lane with a game tying layup.

Missouri-Kansas City would get the final possession following a huge offensive rebound to give them that extra possession. They would convert with a game-winning floater with three seconds remaining. Red-shirt sophomore Rasheed Worrell would catch a full court pass and shot a fade away jumper that would miss giving Missouri-Kansas City the win.

“We had careless turnovers and they have to do a much better job of taking care of the ball,” Huger said. “We can’t win games by turning the ball over and we gave them too many opportunities to score.”

Volleyball falls in MAC Tournament

By Brandon Luthman
Sports Reporter

After a hard-fought weekend, the Falcons volleyball season came to an end in the MAC Championship Tournament Semifinals. After defeating the Western Michigan Broncos in the second round of the tournament, the Falcons advanced to the semifinals to take on the top-seeded team in the tournament, the Miami University RedHawks.

In the matchup with the RedHawks, the Falcons suffered their third defeat of the season by the hand of the team. The Falcons finished the season with an overall record of 21-10.

On Friday, the Bowling Green Falcons faced the Western Michigan Broncos, in which the Falcons won in four sets. With scores of 22-25, 25-21, 25-18 and 25-18, the Falcons were able to beat the Broncos for the second time this season, after sweeping them in an earlier regular-season matchup in October. In the matchup, Madeline Garda the Bowling Green record for single-season digs, as she recorded her 664th dig. Jelena Sunjic had a very impressive matchup as well, as she posted 22 kills in the match.

After the win, Coach Danijela Tomic was anticipating the matchup with Miami, stating, “I’m very happy with getting a win in the MAC Tournament. It’s always really nice. The last time we were here in 2013, we lost in the first round. This is a big success, and we are really proud with our performance today. We will see what happens tomorrow. We have nothing to lose. We are playing the No. 1 seed, and everyone is expecting Miami to advance. We are going to go for it, and compete, and play the best that we can. We will play with pride, and we will play together. Whatever happens in the end – that’s what happens. That has been my message to the team – just no regrets.”

In the matchup on Saturday with Miami, the Falcons fell in four sets with scores of 26-24, 14-25, 22-25, and 20-25. In the match, seniors, Sunjic and Alyssa Maloney both had very good matchups to close out their careers. Sunjic had 23 kills while Maloney had 12. Garda posted 36 digs to end her career with 1700 career digs at BGSU, while posting 726 in this season alone. It was the last game for those three players along with Delany Arkelipane.

Coach Tomic stated after the game, “Our team left everything out on the floor. We didn’t have any regrets leaving after this match, and I am so proud of them. The defensive effort that we had tonight led by Madeline Garda – she is the best libero in the country in my mind. It’s just unbelievable. We fought until the end. This team made all BGSU fans and alumni proud with the effort that they displayed against a very good Miami team. They should hold their heads high. I’m sad for the seniors, but I’m also so proud of the legacy that they left. They showed our young players what it takes to develop a championship culture. There is a lot of responsibility now on our returning players to continue what our seniors started.”

It was a great season for the Falcons, as they exceeded expectations and made the Bowling Green community proud all season.
Org honors patients, survivors

By Elias Faneuf
Reporter

Many people gathered at Perry Field House to participate in Relay for Life, which began on Saturday night at 7 to Sunday morning at 7. This event signifies cancer awareness and honors people who have survived cancer in the past, people currently fighting cancer and to honor people who have lost their lives to cancer.

The relay is a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around the track. Each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. When a certain team is not called onto the track, there are many games, food and activities to participate in while they were waiting.

Heidi Nafziger, the community manager for Relay for Life, said how much money was raised last year and what the expectations were this year.

“Last year we raised just over $43,000,” said Nafziger. “I would say our goal for the event is about $50,000, which is definitely attainable considering how we had so many wonderful people participating last year, and I expect the same this year.”

While many people participate in the event to donate to a good cause, many people do it for a personal reason. Taylor Hertzfeld, who is involved in the College Against Cancer program, participated not only to help raise awareness, but also to help a special person in her life.

“I got involved in Colleges Against Cancer, which is the organization here at BGSU that puts on (the) relay, because my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, and I wanted to help raise awareness of cancer,” Hertzfeld said. “I wanted to help raise money for the American Cancer Society because all of the money raised goes directly to help out cancer patients and to help find a cure. I am very passionate about this organization and event and it is very eye-opening to see how many people out there who have loved ones that are battling cancer or have had cancer in the past. We relay for them and we want them to know how much they mean to us and that they have all of our support through their journey.”

Perhaps the most emotional part of the night was the first walk for all of the participants. Heartfelt music blasted through the air and emotions were high throughout the first walk of the night. Joe Clifton, who was a participant of the event, walked in honor of his two grandmothers. One of them battled breast cancer and won, but the other lost to pancreatic cancer. Nevertheless, Clifton felt very happy walking around the lap kicking off the event.

“I mean, it was nice seeing everyone doing it,” said Clifton. “It kind of creates the feeling that it’s larger than what you think it is. How many people it actually touches and what it actually goes from there. Also, just how large it actually is.”

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Session focuses on women’s wages

By Courtney Brown

With the existence of the wage gap, the University’s Women’s Center is looking to help women succeed.

On Nov. 18, Jean Marie Greene and Keji Kujjo taught one of the Women’s Center’s professional development sessions, Salary Negotiation for Students, using the work of the nonprofit organization, American Association of University Women.

About 20 female students, along with a couple of University professors and employees, came to the 90-minute session.

The pay gap is currently “79 cents for every dollar a man makes,” Greene said.

Women of color are affected even more, as are male minorities, though the workshop didn’t center on men.

That 79 cents for every dollar doesn’t seem like much at first, but imagine, as the years go by, how much money that eventually adds up to.

“That can turn into thousands of dollars (women lose) as years go on,” Greene said. “Over the course of a 40 year career, women lose half a million dollars.”

There are various reasons and theories that try to explain why American women still get paid less than men.

Some reasons are that women get paid less if they decide to get disadvantaged degrees, like art, or that women simply do not ask to try and get the salary they want.

AAUW still found that despite all the possible variables that could go into women getting paid less, there is an unexplained seven percent pay gap one year out of college.

“Choice does not explain everything. There’s discrimination and bias in the workplace,” Greene said.

The pay gap has lessened since the 1970s, but one of AAUW’s purposes is to teach women to be more confident and assertive in negotiating their salaries in order to decrease the pay gap.

AAUW has created four steps for women looking to take matters into their own hands by negotiating their salaries.

Step one is to write all skills, experiences and related job positions or leadership roles gained by the applicant. Compare them to the job requirements of the position.

If the skills and experiences align with or surpass the job requirements, then it is justified to ask for the average salary for the job, or in asking for a raise, according to AAUW.

This first step was met with the most difficulty from the women in the room. Even if it is fair to get paid the average salary for a position if all the job requirements are met, there was still apprehension from many of the women about it.

“There’s still the fear I won’t get the job (if I negotiate),” one of the women said.

Another woman pointed out the potential problems of a capitalist society.

“If I say anything, there are two other candidates. (They’ll just say) to have a nice day,” she said.

Greene remained firm, however, in answering those objections.

“If your qualifications meet or exceed expectations of the job requirements, it’s okay to ask,” she said. “Do not settle yourselves short.”

Ultimately, it’s up to a woman’s discretion.

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There are also some companies where women do not leave much room for salary negotiations, Greene said.

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Step three is to have a strategy for salary negotiation. Have prepared and persuasive responses for possible questions employers may ask.

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The fourth step is to keep practicing it, and do it every time you’re looking for a job or a raise.

“The whole purpose of this is to not sell yourself short,” Greene said. “If a man is worth that much, then so are you.”

Smartly negotiating salaries leads into AAUW’s second step in the process. In order for anyone to successfully push for the salary he or she wants, research is necessary.

AAUW recommends Salary.com to women, but it can be a useful tool for everyone.

The website calculates the median annual salary for any position, and it takes into account the location of the job as well.

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