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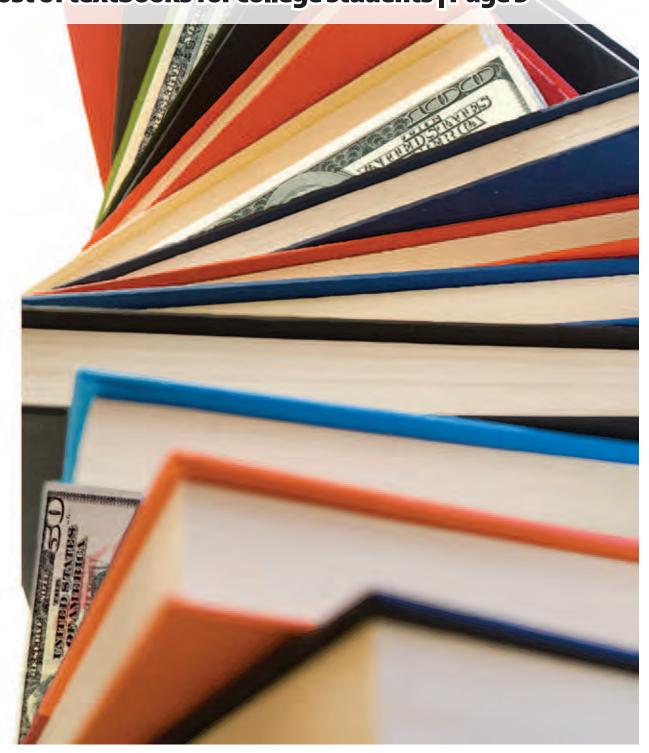
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BLOTTER

SUN., MAR. 26 12:30 a.m.

Henry Bare, 19, was cited for underage under the influence in the 100 block of East Wooster Street.

12:42 a.m.

Donique Stinson, 23, was cited for a nuisance party and Jaden Fletcher, 19, was cited for underage under the influence and open container of alcohol in the 300 block of Campbell Hill Road.

12:45 a.m.

Myles Harton, 20, was cited for underage possession of alcohol near the corner of North Church and West Court streets.

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1:17 a.m.

Jacob Bates, 36, was cited for possession of marijuana in the 200 block of North Main Street.

1:28 a.m.

Brandon Hoskinson, 19, was cited for underage under the influence in the 100 block of North Main Street.

2:10 a.m.

Logan Dwelle, 20, was cited for theft, underage under the influence and carrying a concealed weapon in the 100 block of North Main Street.

2:39 a.m.

Nolan Von Deylen, 22, was cited for possession of marijuana, drug abuse of hashish, public urination and disorderly conduct in the 100 block of North Main Street.

2:57 a.m.

Rachel Warner, 20, was cited for underage under the influence in the 100 block of West Wooster Street.

7:35 a.m.

Vincent Deveney, 33, was arrested for disorderly conduct in the 100 block of West Gypsy Lane. He was lodged at the Wood County Justice Center.

SAT., MAR 25 12:08 a.m.

Joseph Oliver, 20, was cited for disorderly conduct/urinating in public and Cole Roberts, 20, was cited for underage under the influence in the 100 block of East Wooster Street.

12:17 a.m.

A'Davius Chambers, 22, was cited for a nuisance party in the 300 block of Campbell Hill Road.

1:07 a.m.

Tristan Auxter, 18, was cited for underage under the influence and disorderly conduct/unable to care for self in the 300 block of North Grove Street.

1:09 a.m.

Jacob Lehman, 19, was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol in the 300 block of south Church Street.

11:32 p.m.

Derik Kopp, 22, was cited for disorderly conduct in the 300 block of North Main Street.

FRI., MAR 24 3:50 p.m.

Laura Douglas, 61, was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, open container and OVI refusal in the 1900 block of East Wooster Street.

11:21 p.m.

Zachary Roop, 22, was cited for disorderly conduct and public urination in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:37 p.m.

Vasiliy Semenishin, 20, was cited for open container and underage possession in the 100 block of East Wooster Street.

11:50 p.m.

Lorenzo Taborn, 19, was cited for underage under the influence, possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia in the 100 block of East Wooster Street.



BGNEWS

State v. University textbooks

By Stepha Poulin

Reporter

Gov. John Kasich recently shared his new budget, and it includes some new plans that affect Ohio's higher education.

The 1 percent increase in funding for higher education will be used in multiple ways, but higher education officials are surprised by his proposal to decrease textbook costs for students. Gov. Kasich intends to include textbook costs as part of college fees by imposing a \$300 textbook charge for every student. While this may save money for some students, others may end up paying more for their textbooks.

The University has their own plans to help lower textbook costs for all students. Some measures are already in place, like the use of BGSUChoose for purchasing textbooks.

Kasich's Higher Education Budget

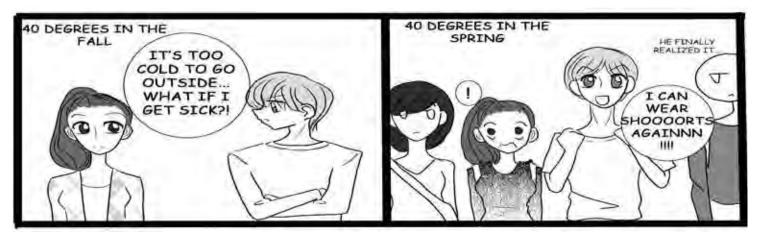
- \$300 cap on textbook costs per student
- 1 percent increase to higher education funding
- Freeze tuition, general fees and special fees for two years
- "Finish for your Future" scholarship program
- targets students with debt who have dropped out of college within one year of graduation
- offers \$3,500 from the state with a one-to-one dollar match by both the institution and student
- intends to increase the number of Ohioans with post-high school credentials from 43 percent to 65 percent by 2025

BGSU's Textbook Affordability Plan

- purchase more textbooks to be on reserve at the library (42 titles about \$5.000)
- OhioLINK: displays textbooks at university libraries and other libraries in Ohio
- educate students and faculty about options for textbooks
- workshops for faculty about alternative textbook/course material options
- BGSUChoose: textbook price comparison tool
 - displays textbook requirements, bookstore options and multiple online sources
 - data from BGSUChoose can be used by the bookstore to reduce prices







The Adventures of a College Student: Spring

BGSU is a place to call home

As the sun begins to heat up the frozen tundra known as BGSU, I can't help but realize how truly beautiful our campus really is. In the winter, it can be difficult to appreciate our university, with the wind blowing the tears out of our eyes and pushing us off the sidewalk.

It also may be difficult to appreciate our campus to have to walk from the Math Science building to Harshman in the pouring rain with no umbrella. But it can also be easy to love our campus, like when the first few days of warmth bring out the hammocks, the picnickers and the loud music bumping through the Greek village. While we don't have to love our campus all 365 days a year, we have to take a second to appreciate the greatness of BG that we get to live in every day.

I seem to hear all the time that people don't really like it here, and to be honest, that's kind of crazy and hurts my heart just a little. Bowling Green sat on a list of about seven other schools I was pining over and struggling to decide over just which university I liked the most, or that I could picture myself going to. My college



Bailey Plummer Columnist

decision remains one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make. It was so difficult that I spent months trying to decide. Obviously, the decision I made was to come to BGSU, because I fell in love so hard with BG that I couldn't picture not coming here. So when I hear people say they are indifferent or don't like it here, it hurts my heart because this University has so many great things to offer that often go overlooked.

Granted, I understand that BG was not everyone's first choice, or maybe not a choice at all, but an only option. So, I can imagine that it may be difficult to fall in love with a school that your heart doesn't belong to. However, there are tremendous things here that just take my breath away, and I could only hope that

other people enjoy them as much as I do, like the new construction around Mosely Hall. The construction is gross, and it is no fun to hear the drone of machines hacking away at that building, but now that the new windows are put in you can really see the beauty of the building and admire the pillars on the side facing old campus. We are so fortunate to have several renovated, amazingly acquitted buildings that make up our campus. I see those things and fall in love, and only hope that others do the same.

While BG may not be your favorite school or favorite second home, it is definitely mine. And there are some really amazing things about BGSU that you will notice if you keep an eye out. You may not love everything about BG or the greatness that encompasses it, but you can at least have peace of mind knowing that we aren't Toledo!

Reply to Bailey at thenews@bgnews.com

PEOPLEON THESTREET

How much did you pay for textbooks this semester? Do you feel it was justified?



"Almost \$300. It would have been justified but for some classes I have 3 different books or more and its not even for my major."

IILLIAN FOURNIER Sophomore, Theatre Technology



"I spent \$100 on an online program for my math homework. I can't buy my books because I cannot afford them.."

JORDAN MITCHELL

Junior, Computer & Electric Engineering



"\$400-\$500. No. not at all because I barely use my books. If professors require textbooks they should use them more."

GENO VELASCO Freshman, Film Production



PRESTON SMITH Sophomore, English "I'm still buying textbooks right now. I still have a few more to buy. No some classes require too much reading."

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War on drugs is a war on us

The War on Drugs is a failure and has not achieved anything.

Since the 1970s, constant smear campaigns against psychedelics and marijuana have plagued our televisions and our public schools while alcohol and tobacco are normalized, though they are more damaging.

This 40 year campaign has brought stigma onto people who have addictions, people who are recovering from addictions and people who consciously decide to take drugs recreationally.

After 40 years of this, I demand to say no more.

Despite being legalized for medical use in half the country, marijuana is still illegal and a Schedule I drug, which claims the drug has no medical properties. The Drug Enforcement Agency has consistently pushed back rescheduling the drug to a lower class, which is not only delaying further research that should be done, but is preventing people from being able to receive treatment that works.

Psychedelics have also been used for therapeutic purposes; there's a nonprofit organization dedicated to studying this.

The Drug War also began the rise of mass incarceration, with black and brown bodies being put in jail at disproportionately higher rates than those of their white counterparts. The



Erika HeckColumnist

Drug War has been used to promote racism through a "colorblind concept" lens, leading people to completely ignore the underlying intersections of how institutional racism has played a role in the racial profiling that happens because of the War on Drugs.

I tell you these things because for too long people have been bought on the idea that drugs are a criminal issue. People who use them should be locked in jail. But it is more than just taking people to jail and making sure they don't have their addiction. Addiction is no longer seen as a behavioral problem, but actually a disease that disorders the brain.

Not only do we have to combat the social stigmas surrounding drug use, addiction and policies, but we also need to reform current policies in order to make sure drug use is treated differently.

We cannot be complacent about what happens to our drug laws with the Trump Administration. Attorney General

Jeff Sessions has been an opponent of marijuana and a supporter of the Drug War since its beginning.

"Reefer madness" is a myth. The D.A.R.E. program is outdated and no longer serves a purpose in a society where marijuana is used medically and psychedelics are becoming a way to do multiple therapy sessions in just one.

Now is the time to change the way we handle this.

With education and harm reduction, people will be able to be more knowledgeable about the drugs they ingest and will be more knowledgeable about ingesting them. Education and harm reduction will be able to help create a society where people do no feel criminalized for either having a problem or doing something for fun.

Assisting people who are overdosing should also not be a crime. When someone is in dire need of medical attention, it should never have to come down to a decision of, "Should I help or should I go to jail?"

A drug-free society is unrealistic; if people are going to do them, it is important that they are smart about it.

Reply to Erika at thenews@bgnews.com

Stop devaluing educators

Our primary education system will soon reach its lowest point.

From earlier this year when Betsy Devos, possibly the most unqualified person in the world was appointed Secretary of Education, to the recent proposal to cut educators retirement funds, this year has been no friend to education.

The State Teachers Retirement System services 490,000 teachers and retirees and had \$72.1 billion as of June 30, 2016. Since retired teachers are living longer than expected and payroll growth isn't keeping pace with assumptions, the STRS is being forced to make big changes, one of which will likely be the cut of benefits for public educators. While the pension is the second largest in the state, it's vital to our education system that it stay intact. Public employees don't participate in Social Security.

This isn't the first time teachers have been essentially screwed when looking forward to retirement.

In 2015, STRS changed retirement for full benefits to 35 years of service at any age, or 65 years of age and five years of service as of Aug. 1,



Holly Shively Editor-in-Chief

 $2023.\,Retireing$ before this makes for a reduction in benefits.

If teachers had 25 years of service in by the day the law was passed, they could be grandfathered into the system, but for those not reaching that criteria, there was no such luck.

My own mother, a special education preschool teacher, was six months short of being grandfathered into the old retirement criteria. Now, my mother (who turns 50 today) will have to crawl around out on the floor with 3 to 5 year old children until she's 59 years old. That sounds like knee surgery waiting to happen.

Not to mention, teaching is no longer an 8 to

5 job. Teachers don't get to come home to their families and have a relaxing night anymore. Instead, they're taxed with paperwork upon paperwork for hours after they get home each night.

If we want qualified teachers helping our children grow into civil adults who contribute to society, we need to respect our teachers. We need to encourage the youth to want to be teachers instead of having them stay away because they continually see current educators getting their pay and benefits cut.

They don't need paycuts like President Donald Trump has suggested, they don't need benefit reductions and they surely don't need Betsy Devos. They need people to realize that they're job is one of the most important in the country.

Your children and future children's lives are in their hands.

Reply to Holly at thenews@bgnews.com

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BGNEWS-

Competing for sales

Two University students will attend a national competition to pitch sales, while being scouted by future employers.

By Meredith Siegel

Reporter

The National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC) will feature the BG Sales Competition first and second place winners, Derwin Pritchett and Sara Scacchi March 31 through April 3.

These finalists will travel to NCSC to show off their role-playing skills in the largest and oldest sales competition to exist, according to the NCSC website. Contestants role-play a sale while actual sponsors observe and look for possible future employees.

NCSC has about 120 people involved, according to Pritchett, a junior Business Administration major specializing in Marketing. "Participants will be split into groups and then into time slots, and will compete with the students in other time slots," he said.



Derwin Pritchet (middle) and Sara Scacchi will compete at the National Collegiate Sales Competition this weekend. Also featured is Collin Newton (Left).

To travel to NCSC, contestants must first participate in the BG Sales Competition advised by Dr. Greg Rich and Mearl Sutton. The entry for the BG Sales Competition is first come first serve, and they typically allow around 50 students of all majors to compete in Round One.

In fact, all majors are encouraged to

"Almost every job is a sales job, and this competition teaches you the sales process, which is applicable to every part of life," Rich

Round One of the BG Sales Competition has competitors role-play like they are talking to a potential student of BGSU and must

identify and meet the needs of the student. Competitors are graded on approach, identifying needs, product presentation and overcoming objections. Close and overall communication skills are also used to grade competitors. There are six to eight alumni on the judging panel as well as advisor Rich.

From there, around 10 competitors are chosen to move on to Round Two, where participants will role-play as if they worked for a company. This year the sponsor was Marathon. This round is graded the same way as Round One.

Pritchett was the winner of this years BG Sales Competition. He has done the competition a few times, and it has "opened a lot of doors for him." Sponsors watch a live-stream of the participants role-playing and look for potential employees. After the competition there is a job fair available for all competitors.

Even in years when he did not win, Pritchett said he was offered internships. Pritchett also mentioned it is a great place to network. He, along with Dr. Rich, pushed the competition as something for all majors, not just business

Pritchett and Scacchi are preparing by meeting weekly with Rich and Sutton by practicing role-playing. They also recently went to the University of Toledo's Sales Competition and placed sixth out of 30

There is a cash prize for winner of both the BG Sales Competition and NCSC. The next BG Sales Competition will be in the fall.

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Assistant dean suspended

By Holly Shively

Editor-in-Chief

An assistant dean at the University has been suspended for misuse of state property and violation of University property effective immediately, according to University spokesperson Dave Kielmeyer.

Alan Atalah, Assistant Dean of the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering, submitted a USB flash drive to the Ohio Department of Transportation after the termination of his contract working on the "Evaluation of ODOT's Culvert Boring Process" last fall. The ODOT program administration found in addition to the programs files, a file containing seven pages of narrative describing sex acts between adults, children and animals titled "Conversations.doc" on the USB sent via USPS from Atalah.

Kelly Nye, a program administrator with ODOT, told investigators the file was best described as a "graphic first-person account of sexual child abuse," according to the report.

An official Office of the Ohio Inspector General investigation began on Sept. 13 and the report was released Tuesday morning.

During the investigation process, the OIG partnered with University affiliates to take a forensic image of Atalah's office hard drive, in which investigators found

the "Conversations.doc" file among three other word documents and several potentially explicit mp4 videos.

Investigators reviewed the University information technology policy, which states "use of information technology to access resources other than those supporting the academic, administrative, educational, research and service missions of the University or for more than limited social purposes is prohibited."

They also looked at the Ohio Department of Administrative Services internet usage policy, which defines unacceptable as "(A)ny personal use of IT resources that disrupts or interferes with government business, incurs undue cost to the state, could potentially embarrass or harm the state, or has the appearance of impropriety is strictly prohibited."

On March 2, investigators interviewed Atalah, who said he assumed the University had an internet usage policy but had never read it or remembered signing it, according to the report.

While Atalah said he didn't recall reading or receiving the "Conversations.doc" document specifically and didn't know how it got on the USB, he admitted to looking at erotic materials "every now and then" and sometimes copied erotic stories from internet sites and would save them for later.

"Did I do this something like this before, yes? I'm not denying that I did. Did I do



PHOTO PROVIDED

Alan Atalah

this specific one, I cannot affirm or denv but ... based on the things that you showed me, it has my name on it ... it's probably mine, if it quacks like a duck and walks like a duck, it must be a duck," the report quoted Atalah.

Atalah said anything sent from or **Continues on Page 8**

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received to his home Hotmail account also went to his University email because the two are connected.

Investigators also asked about the allegedly deleted, possibly erotic documents on his computer.

"... Everybody has personal stuff," he said. "I don't do anything that is illegal ... I don't consider this illegal ... For me it's just entertainment for a short period of time or entertainment for whatever."

Investigator from the OIG who interviewed Atalah received a follow-up email on March 7, thanking the investigator for his professionalism during the interview. Atalah said he was sickened when he went back and read the stories. The investigator did not provide Atalah any of the stories cited in this investigation.

"I checked the story I got sick to my stomach and I could not finish it. At this point I understood what is the heart of this issue...I have the opinion that the children abusers are the worst types of people or the worst ill people if you consider them sick," the email said. "Now that I understand the issue, I am happy to do whatever it takes to assure you (and the state and the University) that I am not that kind of a person who would do anything awful like

that."

The OIG recommended the University review the actions of Atalah to consider if administrative action is warranted and conduct a review of the current internet usage policy with the goal of having a structure similar to the policy of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for State of Ohio government agencies.

The OIG asked the University provost to respond within 60 days with a plan detailing how these recommendations will be implemented, according to the report.

The University received the findings of the OIG's report Tuesday morning, and Kielmeyer said Atalah's status with the University will be further reviewed after a University investigation.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General chief legal counsel and the assistant United States Attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation supervisor assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force determined that the erotic literature does not meet the criteria for criminal charges. The Office of the Ohio Inspector General has asked the Wood County Prosecutor's Office to review the computer forensics report for this matter, according to the report.



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The Falcon Cam is a collaboration between the Wood County Commissioners Office and the University.

Cam shows mascots

By Tessa Phillips

Reporter

It's common knowledge that the University's mascot is the peregrine falcon.

However, it may come as a surprise that the clock tower of the Wood County Courthouse has been the chosen nesting spot of real-life Freddy and Frieda for the past seven years.

Through the collaborated efforts of

the University and the Wood County Commissioners Office, a live stream of the falcons' home in the clock tower is available online, according to the University website.

The live feed allows students, University faculty and Bowling Green residents to keep tabs on the pair of birds as they plan to lay eggs and raise chicks for their seventh year in a row.

The courthouse is located two blocks from campus.

Wood County Administrator Andrew Kalmar was quoted in a press release as saying that peregrine falcons typically don't construct actual nests, as they are accustomed to living in rockier habitats.

He also said that each year they lay their eggs in the stones in the tower, and that chicks typically appear in late April or early May.

Second year student Ryan Jackson expressed excitement about being able to watch the falcon duo "hang out" in the clock tower.

"It's a pretty cool coincidence that the animals that represent our school are living so close to campus," he said, smiling. "Setting up the camera was probably a no-brainer; I'm sure there are many people who get a kick out of watching it," he said.

The live stream was announced in March 2015, after the University provided a new camera for the project to replace an older one that couldn't stream properly.

According to Jackson, the falcons haven't been too active this year—yet.

"From the handful of times I've watched the feed, there's only been one falcon and it usually just sits around, not doing much," he said jokingly. "But it should be fun to watch the eggs hatch, if there are any this year."

The Falcon Cam is currently active and can be watched live at http://www.bgsu.edu/falconcam.html. Highlighted clips from years past can also be found on the website, including clips of previous baby falcons that have been hatched in the tower.



University continues partnership with **Owens Community**

By Tessa Phillips Reporter

The University has had a strong partnership with Owens Community College for many years, and one product of this shared commitment to academic success is the Falcon Express Dual Admission Program, which allows incoming students to attend the University after two years at the community college.

"This program was created to continue to strengthen our relationship with Owens Community College and assist students in the region with transfer and degree completion," Cecilia Castellano, vice provost for Strategic Enrollment

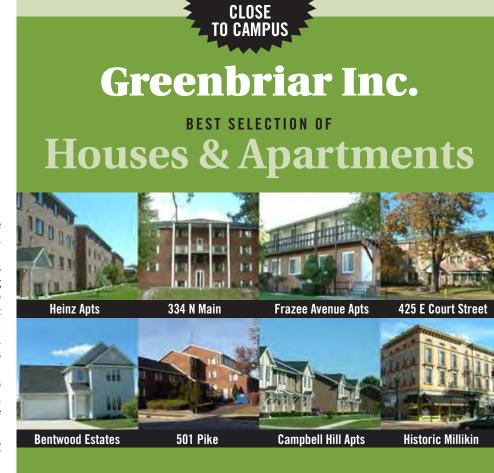
Planning, said.

Castellano also said students will have plenty of help mapping their paths from Owens to the University.

"Academic advisors work with students to ensure they are successful in choosing courses to complete the associate degree at Owens and bachelor degree program at BGSU," she said.

The program allows students to gain admission to the University and Owens Community College simultaneously. Once committed to the program, students will take two years of general education coursework at Owens required for the completion of an associate's degree.

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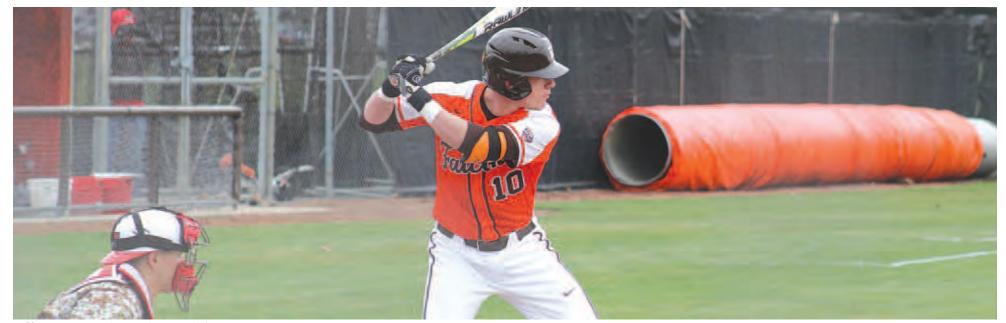
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Jeff Scott prepares for a pitch in Tuesday's game against Youngstown State.

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Baseball falls to Youngstown St.

By Zane Miller

Assistant Sports Editor

The Falcons baseball team fell to the Youngstown State Penguins 3-1 on Tuesday afternoon. The team has had trouble scoring runs at home so far this season, getting a total of five through three games.

"The guys do great in [batting practice]; I just wish that somehow, someway we could figure it out," Falcons head coach Danny Schmitz said. "But it seems like, as soon as the umpire says 'play ball', we forget everything we just worked on, and that's been going on for quite some time."

Most of the first half of the game went scoreless, as freshman pitcher Chandler Stillings for the Falcons and senior pitcher Javier Alvarez for Youngstown State had shutouts going through the first four innings. Youngstown State was able to get on the board first in the fifth inning with an RBI sacrifice fly to take a 1-0 lead.

Youngstown State then added another run in the seventh on another RBI sacrifice fly, then took advantage of an RBI double in the eighth to take a 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the eighth inning, sophomore catcher Joe McGuinness came off the bench and hit an RBI sacrifice fly to score the Falcons' first run of the afternoon. However, the Falcons would be unable to close the gap further, as Youngstown State held on for the 3-1 victory.

"Before the game, I told myself I was going to attack and that's what I did," Stillings said. "We're hitting the ball well, things just didn't fall our way... these guys will come around; we're all a team and we play for each other."

The team felt the pitching and defense gave them an opportunity to win by keeping the game within reach.

"I thought all the pitchers threw great," Schmitz said. "We had three freshmen who I thought pitched very well. The pitching wasn't the problem; the defense just made one error, but the pitching and defense for the most part was good enough for us to win. It was just the lack of offense again."

The team feels once they are able to find consistency offensively, they will be able to get more momentum throughout the lineup going forward.

"Good hitters seem to figure things out, so we need to find out who our good hitters are," Schmitz said. "We showed some really great signs offensively Friday at Eastern Michigan; then game one on Saturday it was nonexistent; then came back a little bit better in game two, and now we're back to where we're struggling. I'd just like to find some consistency."

The team will play next on the road on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons against the Northern Illinois Huskies.

"I know we're going to face a very good Northern Illinois team," Schmitz said. "They came in and swept Toledo, so they're going to be good, I'm sure they're one of the favorites in the West (Division) and we go on the road again, so it's going to be a big challenge for us."

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Softball looks to take on N. Illinois

By Elias Faneuff

Sports Reporter

The Falcons softball team will travel to DeKalb, Illinois to take on the Northern Illinois Huskies in a three game series beginning Friday at 3 p.m. and a Saturday doubleheader with the first game beginning at 1 p.m.

The Falcons have lost eight of their last nine games and look to get back on track with a lot of time left to go in the regular season. The team's latest struggle has been on the offensive end, as the team has only piled in 13 runs during that nine game span. However, Falcons head coach Sarah Willis assures us that the team will be fine going forward offensively.

"We'll be ready to go this weekend," Willis said. "I realize we haven't been so great offensively lately, but that goes back to being locked in and focusing on our game plan. Last weekend, we certainly found out the hard way and we dug ourselves in a hole the first two games, but we came together and put on a great offensive display in last Saturday's game which got us the win. I think we're capable of being a high scoring team, and I believe the team thinks that as well."

This will be the team's third straight road trip, and knowing that it's hard to win on the road, it can also be very tiring for some of the players. However, Coach Willis believes that not playing earlier in the week could be beneficial to the team.

"I think we'll use this off time to get players more rest," she said. "I think it's important that while we work hard, it's also important to rest our bodies and take some time to get refocused and rejuvenated going into our next game."

Last season, Northern Illinois only gave up two runs to the Falcons. In addition, the Huskies scored a massive 23 runs in three games last year. The Falcons pitching will have to be the key to the game as the team can only go where the pitching takes them. The Falcons cannot afford to play from behind as in the previous games.

A player to watch for the Falcons is junior infielder Chelsea Raker, who is currently batting at .388 and leads the team in home runs and runs batted in. Along with Raker, junior shortstop Aspen Searle has quietly put together a great season being a very consistent hitter for the team as she is tied with Raker for most hits on the team with 38.

"This is a well-coached team and it's certainly not going to be an easy one to say the least," Willis said. "But I believe if we play to what I think we're capable of I think we can beat anyone and if we do that this weekend I think we'll be in great shape."



The Softball team huddles up on the pitcher's mound to strategize the remainder of the inning in the game against Kent State last season.

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Upon completion of one semester

minimum 2.0 GPA, will students guaranteed University admission after the two years are up.

The program has a lot to offer students, such as supplementary support, academic fewer expenses and paperwork. University President, Mary Ellen Mazey, said.

Prior to the creation of the Falcon Express program, the University had already been accepting a significant amount of transfer students from Owens each year. Now, students who opt to complete their transfer

a much smoother, simpler transition, Castellano said.

"I think this program formalizes what at Owens while having maintained a students already are considering when

> "This program was created to continue to strengthen our relationship with Owens Community College and assist students in the region with transfer and degree completion,"

Cecilia Castellano.

Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Planning

starting at Owens," he said. "This program allows us to complete admissions the process early and transfer credits along the way so students track can their progress to degree at both BGSU and Owens." According to the

program's page on the University website, students must meet a few basic stipulations in order to be eligible. Students cannot be former University students nor can they attend any other institution of higher learning after earning their associate's

through the program will benefit from degree at Owens and moving on to the University.

Students must also make the transfer



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The Falcon Express Dual Admissions program lets Owens freshman identify intent to attend the University.

within three years of enrollment in the into effect in January of 2016. program.

President Mazey signed the partnership agreement with Owens President Mike Bower on Dec. 5, 2015. The program went 419-372-2478 or choosebgsu@bgsu.edu.

To learn more about the Falcon Express Dual Admission Program, students can contact the BGSU Office of Admissions at

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Evaluations change for accuracy

By KaNesha McDavid

Reporter

With the new academic year and evolving education, University evaluations have recently changed, adding more ways of attaining accurate information on teaching and learning abilities of professors and

In a study conducted by the Instrument Construction Work Group, which has been under development since Spring 2016-2017 academic year, they have found different ways of improving evaluation questions.

The group includes a member of Senate, CAA, BGSU-FA and Academic Affairs, as well as a graduate student and undergraduate student.

This project between the Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate to explore the development and utilization of student evaluations of teaching and learning at the University and its students has taken a turn. While investigating course evaluations and their effectiveness in increasing the framework of the University, there were 60

course evaluations collected and multiple items were looked at, as well as a survey sent to ask people which questions would be better to help with determining the effectiveness of teaching and students' progress.

The committee conducted many data analyses, which has one committee looking

at the questions and figuring out what can be changed. Another committee implements flexible for the college these questions into the new course evaluations. A lot of different questions and scales have been asked and used to determine whether it would be possible to change the

evaluation questions. The data analysis came up with six total questions that could be the new evaluation questions.

Co-chair Julia Matuga commented on the new changes saying that "it will make it more flexible for the college and departments to ask questions" not limited to the six that have been created during the development.

It also helps to identify professional developments and improve teaching throughout the University, Matuga says.

Unlike many other institutions that have a common evaluation, the University has a different course evaluation for each class that range from one to eight questions for the

> evaluation. And with the new six questions being put into place it will give a better outlook on the framing of the University and more of an outlook professors departments to better shape student learning.

These six questions will be implemented and the university-wide

evaluations will change as of fall 2017. These new evaluations are good not only to improve student learning, but to figure out what BGSU finds important and seeing how hard the faculty work to supporting BGSU students.

"Course evaluations helps to define a framework for BGSU," Matuga said.

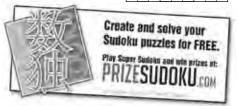
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Ask questions about their interests, professions, backgrounds and their family.

Be considerate.

Please think about your neighbors' schedules, which may be different from yours, and be consierate.

Making too much noise,

particularly late at night, is a nuisance and against the law. Large parties can also cause friction with your neighbors and violate city ordinances.

Be respectful.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, inclusive community. Posting signs or banners that members of the community could find offensive runs counter to the values of Bowling Green. It could also be a violation of your lease and city ordinances.

Know your lease.

Understand what your landlord is responsible for and what your obligations are for things like trash disposal, lawn care and snow removal

Know your city and neighborhood.

Familiarize yourself with regulations on things like noise and litter ordinances, parking and snow removal. Much of this information can be found on the city of Bowling Green's website.

The Good Neighbor Guide is intended to help support a high quality of life for all of those that call Bowling Green home. A good neighbor is considerate, friendly and participates in actions that support community.

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Be a Stand-Up Guy: The Takeaway

Organizers of It's On Us. a sexual assault awareness group on campus, noticed an obvious gender gap in the activist group's ranks. There's far more women involved than men, and they're looking to change that. To interest men in joining It's On Us, the group held several sessions with an

independent consultant they teamed up with, Russ Funk, where students brainstormed for ideas with him over how to get men to join and get involved.

Ken Garland, Professor

"Men don't get involved in things, especially heavy issues, unless it benefits them, but it does benefit them. Would you have to relate it to their partner? If they saw a connection in terms of how it would affect or could affect their partner, then they'd have that vested interest that might be enough to get them to be a little bit more involved."

Garrett Hendrick, Freshman

"[Sexual assault] is a male problem. The problem is that men did it. If more men realize that by supporting these women, they'd be able to take more of a stand against the men [doing the crime]. They'd have more of a fair fight because it wouldn't be just men against women. It would just be normal people. It wouldn't be categorized."

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"You need to make [men] feel important in this. There's always this stigma of men versus women. I don't necessarily agree with it, but a lot of guys will feel that way. It's important to men feel like they're important in this topic in order to be part of the discussion and not feel attacked

DaMontae Quinay, Senior

"With guys you have to be more like in their face. You have to come to them...[so] they don't really have to go out of their way. Come to them or have some type of incentive."

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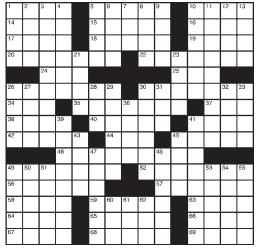
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