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Environment expands beyond Earth Week

By Megan Wimsatt
Reporter

The Eco Fair took over the Union oval to promote environmental friendliness Wednesday.

“For as long as Earth Day has been celebrated at BG, I know there’s been an Eco Fair of some sort,” graduate sustainability assistant Joshua Chamberland said. The theme for this year’s Eco Fair fit with today’s environmental space and the need to install changes to protect the environment.

“The theme for this year is ‘Action Today for a Better Tomorrow’ because students, faculty and staff feel that [with]... the importance of climate change and other environmental issues, it’s more important than ever to ensure that people are involved in making sure that we mitigate those changes,” Chamberland said.

Multiple student organizations and local groups had tables set up at the Eco Fair.

“With the theme of ‘Action Today for a Better Tomorrow,’ the whole goal of this is to give our campus community a whole-host of options of getting involved for all sorts of interests that exist on this campus,” Chamberland said.

Kris Patterson, executive director of Partners for Clean Streams, had a table for her organization. Patterson is a BG graduate and said she was glad the environmental programs at the University have expanded, as the project had just started when she went to Bowling Green.

Other organizations at the Eco Fair included the Wintergarden/St. John’s Nature Preserve; the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; the Wood County Park District; and the Toledo Lucas County Sustainability Commission, who were offering paper butterfly kites and will be hosting an event called Green Drinks on April 25 at Plate 21 in Toledo.

When Earth Week is over, it’s still...

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Bill O’Reilly’s inevitable firing

Well, folks, it finally happened. On Wednesday, Fox News took another stand against sexual harassment claims and fired Bill O’Reilly from the network. This is a decidedly huge moment for the conservative-leaning network, as two of their most well-known on- and off-screen personalities have either resigned or been fired in the last year because of sexual harassment claims.

But yet, the firing makes sense. When O’Reilly actually goes on the record and gives, and quote, where he says his position and fame makes him “vulnerable to lawsuits,” shouldn’t that be a concern to bosses everywhere and anywhere? If I was to get a job in the journalism world at this very moment and told my boss that, as a brand new employee fresh out of college, I’m already prone to lawsuits, I wouldn’t be put in such a prominent position in a company.

Multiply that, times 20 years, is where O’Reilly is at. He’s the most-watched cable news show. Fox News itself is the most-watched cable network. The firing, while a good thing, is going to hurt the network. And maybe that’s what the network needs.

After Roger Ailes submitted his resignation back in July, Fox News said that there would be a change in how the network conducts business and said there would be “trust and respect” throughout the offices. That clearly wasn’t the case, as sexual harassment claims continued to mount against O’Reilly.

Which brings me to this: how high up do sexual harassment claims go at Fox News? If the network’s former CEO resigned because of sexual harassment claims and O’Reilly has had to settle multiple sexual harassment suits, what is it to say that other people who aren’t as well-known, but still a visible part of Fox News, have sexual harassment claims against them?

Has this gone on for so long that it’s become a part of business-as-usual at Fox News? We may never know.

It’s going to be interesting to see how the rest of the year pans out, as the network has lost two of its most prolific, or at least well-known, newscasters at the start of the year, since Megyn Kelly left Fox News for NBC and now O’Reilly has been fired. It will be incredibly interesting to see if Fox News is still going to be the most watched cable network after this, and after advertisers pulled their ads from “The O’Reilly Factor,” even with a Republican-controlled Congress and White House. Viewing habits have already changed on the broadcast networks. Will the same happen for cable news networks now?

I guess this goes to show that people with the name Bill O’Reilly, or anything closely resembling the name Bill O’Reilly, should not be trusted after an experience I had in seventh grade with a guy named Bill Riley.

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Psychological thrillers that everyone should experience

“I wish I had more time for movies” is something that I find myself saying way too often. We all want our information quick and easy these days, with short 20-something minute Netflix shows and fast little one sentence news reports popping up on our phones instead of reading large articles, and with this being said it seems as if movies are becoming less and less popular. I think that partly has to do with everyone I know cramming as much as possible into their busy daily lives, giving themselves no time to relax in general, but I also feel as if our brains are adapting to this fast paced society of ours so rapidly, that we physically don't have the attention spans to take in a plotline that takes hours to unfold as much as we used to. Do I sound like your 70-year-old grandpa yet?

I want to go back to my movie-watching days. The days when weekends were filled with multiple thought-provoking movies that made you question things, appreciate life or just left you mind boggled in general. Psychological movies are among some of my favorite films, and I recently began reflecting on ones I've seen and loved, as well as searching for new ones. So here’s a list of some movies that I either think are worth checking out or that sound so mind blowing that I don’t want to forget to watch.

1. Black Swan. As if getting to look at Mila Kunis and Natalie Portman for hours isn’t enough of a reason to watch this movie, The plot is actually pretty brilliant. Portman is a professional ballerina who fights both a mental and physical breakdown while attempting to personify both the white swan’s innocence and grace and the black swan’s dark, more sensual twisted nature. The pure beauty and recklessness of it all is definitely worth the watch.

2. Triangle. This film is insane. The protagonist, Melissa George, experiences a strange deja-vu feeling when the boat she’s on with her friends capsizes. Somehow finding a deserted ocean liner, her friends mysteriously one by one begin to die. After an intense series of events, she hears yelling and sees her friends alive again. WHAT? You’ll have to wait to connect the dots.

3. The Sixth Sense. Once you find out that Bruce Willis was dead the entire time (sorry for the spoiler but if you haven't see this movie you live under a rock), You begin to think about the entire movie and think hard about the fact that he never interacts with any other character except for Haley Joel Osment after he gets shot. How did you not notice?! I know I just spoiled the entire plot if you haven't seen it, but M. Night Shyamalan is a tricky little genius and it’s still worth watching. And rewatching.

4. Inception. You knew this was going to make the list. Leonardo DiCaprio attempts to enter the dreams of a CEO's subconscious, while dealing with the death of his wife haunting his every move. This film's ending is enough to make you question everything. DiCaprio's totem (the object that these dream influencers use as a marker to see if they're in reality or a dream) a spinning top, keeps spinning. Which means he's either stuck in a dream, or he's back in reality. The movie ends before we know what happens.

5. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. The Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey duo is brilliant. The two meet on a train and although they appear as strangers to each other, their past quickly unwinds. The truth eventually comes about, and we soon learn that the two have had their memories erased.

6. Session 9. The fact that this movie was filmed in a real mental hospital gives me the creeps. A cleaning crew comes into an abandoned hospital and finds interview tapes with a mental patient. Nine interviews to be exact. The patient has three personalities, all of whom we quickly learn about. When one of the crew members goes missing, along with the convienient fact that the final interview is cut off so we never find out what happened to the patient, it gets terrifyingly mind-blowing really fast.

7. The Wicker Man. As far as British cult movies go, as I’m sure everyone has full knowledge of, this is at the top of the list. This film is packed with pagan rituals and symbolism. Our leading man receives a letter asking for help finding a missing girl on a remote island, and what follows is an uncomfortable, thought-provoking exploration of this island and their leader.

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Students learned about environmental issues during the Eco Fair as an Earth Week event.

important to keep in mind ways to be more environmentally friendly, Chamberland said.

“So for example, the University is trying to reduce emissions,” he said.

“Our main emissions are from electricity consumption, so kind of turning off devices when they’re not using them and unplugging them. This is a big one because when you multiply that by the thousands of people living on-campus and off-campus, all those energy savings add up significantly.”

He also said trying to reduce waste on an individual basis is a good way to be more environmentally friendly. Recycling properly and avoiding disposables are ways he listed to do this.

“When You Move Out, Don’t Throw It Out” is also a way to reduce waste by donating food, hygiene and toiletry items. Donation boxes can be found in all residence halls and Outtakes, as well as the Union. Volunteers are welcome, and the Office of Campus Sustainability offers service credit for some of their volunteer opportunities.

Partners for Clean Streams will also have volunteer opportunities over the summer for those who want to help clear garbage out of different sites. In 2016, the organization removed 26,136 pounds of trash from Toledo-area rivers. More information can be found at the Partners for Clean Streams site.
Baseball falls to Youngstown St.

By Zane Miller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Falcons baseball team fell to the Youngstown State Penguins 6-5 on Wednesday afternoon - the team’s sixth consecutive loss to Youngstown State.

“We were two outs away from getting a W,” Falcon Head Coach Danny Schmitz said. “I don’t take anything away from Youngstown State. They did what they needed to do and played a really solid game, and we did too.”

The game began with both teams going scoreless throughout the beginning portion until the fourth inning, where Youngstown State sophomore outfielder Kyle Benyo hit a two RBI single to put Youngstown State ahead; the team added another run in the fifth with an RBI single from senior infielder Shane Willoughby to go up 3-0.

However, the Falcons began a comeback in the sixth, starting with an RBI single by junior catcher Justin Mott and another RBI single from Senior infielder Nick Glanzman; cutting the deficit down to just one run. However, Youngstown State responded in the bottom of the inning as they got a solo home run from junior outfielder Trey Bridis, making it a 4-2 game.

“We started grinding out at-bats there and seeing more pitches,” Schmitz said. “We got guys get walks, get hit by pitches. Nick Glanzman beat out a double play ball which gave us a run, so we had a lot of good things.”

The Falcons offense would continue in the eighth, as Senior outfielder Greg Basalyga kicked off the inning with a solo home run to cut the lead in half. Junior infielder Derek Drewes tied the game up with an RBI single, then took the lead courtesy of a Glanzman RBI fielder’s choice. The team held the lead until the bottom of the ninth inning, since Youngstown State hit a walk-off two run homer from Benyo to claim the 6-5 victory.

“Unfortunately, baseball can be a cruel game,” Schmitz said. “That was one of those games where it wasn’t from the lack of effort, but that’s baseball.”

The team feels although they got a loss from the game, they want to turn around and continue the effort going forward.

“We’ve got to have a short-term memory,” Schmitz said. “Obviously, the guys are extremely disappointed, and I don’t blame them. They put together a good effort, but there’s nothing we can do about it, we’ve got to take whatever positives we can.”

The team will next play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons at home against the Central Michigan Chippewas.

“The most important thing is coming up on Friday’s game against Central (Michigan),” Schmitz said. “We have three of our last four series at home; we’re halfway through the conference season, so we’ve got to go ahead and take advantage of our home field.”

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Softball faces Ohio University on road

By Elias Faneuff
Sports Reporter

The Falcons softball team will travel to Athens to take on the Ohio Bobcats this weekend. The Falcons are currently on a three game winning streak and have won seven of their last eight contests. However, the team is 4-14 in road games and have struggled all season to stay consistent offensively on the road.

“We feel very good right now,” head coach Sarah Willis said. “We’re playing very good ball right now and playing with much more confidence in the past few weeks. I realize that we can’t get too far ahead of ourselves, but I think we have a chance to make a late run toward the end of the season to finish with a winning record.”

The Falcons defense has been playing excellent when playing at Meserve Field, but has not been quite impressive when on the road as they’ve given up many runs when playing on the opponent’s field. In the last four road games, the team has given up 27 runs and 39 hits.

“As I’ve said many times before, it’s never an easy task to win games on the road,” Willis said. “We’ve only lost one game at home this season, which is nice, but winning games on the road is just as important. I think Ohio is a solid team and is going to be a great test for us, so we’re up for the challenge.”

Ohio is currently 27-14 overall and is 8-7 against Mid-American Conference opponents. They’re also second in the MAC in runs allowed with 102 runs. The team is expected to play pitchers Savannah Dorsey (16-6) and Danielle Stein (9-6) in the games over the weekend, with both ranking in the top 10 in pitching in the MAC.

The key for the Falcons is to produce offense early to put pressure on the Ohio pitchers. The team also can’t afford to go down early since the team has struggled to get back into games when down more than three runs. Players to watch offensively for the Falcons are juniors Chelsea Raker and Aspen Searle who are the top two batters on the team and have been playing consistently well these past few games.

Another key factor for the Falcons will come down to sophomore pitchers Brooke Parker (6-11) and Meredith Miller (13-6). Both pitchers had a great weekend last week against Buffalo and have to perform great again if they want to beat Ohio.

Look for the Falcons to attempt to keep the winning streak alive this weekend. The teams will face off in a single game match up on Friday at 4 p.m., then a doubleheader on Saturday with the first game beginning at 1 p.m. and the second game expected to begin at 3 p.m.
Citizens for Equality representative Justin Atkinson gave a presentation titled "Brain Sex" hosted by the University's Women's Center Wednesday.

The presentation was given for one of the Center’s “brown-bag discussions,” which occur each Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. in 107 Hanna Hall. The event began as graduate assistant Keji Kujjo

Justin Atkinson said social upbringing matters more than brain anatomy.

Brains differ socially, not by biological sex

By Tessa Phillips
Reporter

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welcomed participants to the discussion and introduced Atkinson, who then began his speech.

Atkinson started off by explaining that scientists have been trying to prove for many years that the brains of men and women are biologically and fundamentally different. As neuroscience developed into its own field of study, this took the form of various experiments, many of which were heavily flawed, according to Atkinson.

“In the past, scientists thought that the larger the brain, the smarter the person,” Atkinson said, eliciting laughs from audience members. “As men were typically taller than women and had larger bones, they also had larger brains, so the scientists assumed this meant that men were smarter than women.”

Atkinson provided listeners with facts discrediting several major experiments that had attempted to attribute male and female differences solely to biology.

He also discussed the high-powered job hypothesis, which theorizes that women are underrepresented in “tenured science and engineering positions” because they are less willing than men to take on jobs that require large time commitments.

Atkinson said that the main message of his presentation was that while there are minor differences in the anatomical structures and hormone levels of men’s and women’s brains, social upbringing also “creates stereotypical behavior with no scientific reason for variable skills.”

“I found it interesting that there’s really no such thing as a female or male brain,” Freshman Brittany Horner said after attending the panel. “I didn’t really know what to expect from the panel, but the expectations I did have were definitely exceeded.”

About 15 people attended the panel, which was an average turnout, according to Kujjo. “We get anywhere from 13 to 40 people each week depending on the topic and time of year,” she said. “With students preparing for exam week around the corner, this turnout was about what I expected.”

Kujjo, who is responsible for coordinating with the discussion presenters each week, said next Wednesday’s panel will be about parenting in a foreign land.

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Author talks nature

By Keefe Watson
Campus Editor

This year's Earth Week featured speaker and former park ranger Jordan Fisher Smith, an author of a number of nonfiction books about humanity's role in nature. In addition to reading a chapter from his most recent book titled “Engineering Eden,” he spoke to students, faculty and community members about environmental studies, population awareness and alternative facts.


“I want us to see clearly, how things are really going with nature,” Smith said in his opening video Tuesday evening. “We have not succeeded in developing any level of independence from it.”

Smith spent time during Monday and Tuesday meeting with students in environmental studies courses; some of whom are pursuing degrees in the topic.

“I can think of no practical field more practical than this one,” Smith said. “It will be pointless to talk about economic growth in the middle of environmental catastrophe. There are no jobs on a dead planet.”

Smith studied environmental studies in the 1970s at the undergraduate level. He noted that this field of study was new then and is still relatively new today.

“The effects of the environmental crises can be measured in the biological and physical sciences, but their causes really lie in a knot of social, historical, economic, philosophical and religious factors-and race and notably gender,” Smith said.

Women throughout the world must be supported to claim control of their own bodies, including reproductive health and family planning. The issue of the environment and human population cannot be separated, he said.

“I write what’s called narrative nonfiction,” Smith said. “Narrative nonfiction tells a story the way a novel does - in vivid scenes with dialogue and other story-telling devices, except that you don't get to make anything up.”

On the topic of fiction and nonfiction, Smith commented on the term “alternative facts,” brought up most recently by President Donald Trump's aid Kellyanne Conway.

Smith looked into the term “alternative facts,” and found that in 1991 the Western Fuels Association and the Western Coal Association joined together and created the Information Council on the Environment.

“The intent of the new lobby was, and I quote, 'Reposition global warming as a theory, not a fact,' and 'supply alternative facts to support the suggestion that global warming is good,’” Smith said.

With lobby campaigns such as this one, Smith understands why some people have, as he called it, the false belief that global warming is a theory and not a fact.

At the end of his lecture, Smith welcomed questions from the audience. One resident of Lucas County asked about the rampant killing of deer in her area, and what the right answer would be to control the deer population.

“It's not an easy question,” Smith said. “One of the things about this book is it explores the whole issue” of deciding whether to let nature run its course or to intervene.

Smith enjoys talking to and with students, he said, as they are often more interested and motivated than older people.

“I want to incite some thinking about all these things, some questioning about all these things,” he said. “I want them to want to read this kind of writing; I'm not the only one who's doing it.”

Other nonfiction environmental authors Smith suggests include Timothy Egan, Richard Preston, Barry Lopez, Terry Tempest Williams and Jon Krakauer.

Earth Week continues today with a screening of the 2012 documentary The Economics of Happiness at 7 p.m. in the Union theatre and tomorrow with a tree-planting event at 1 p.m. between the Carillon Place and Kohl Hall.

Students use cookies to raise awareness

Ten students are trading cookies for donations to raise money for the Cocoon and awareness of rape culture.

By Tessa Phillips
Reporter

When Elizabeth Collins assigned her Women's Studies class an advocacy project, there was never a requirement for her students to act on the ideas they'd come up with.

So when Sophomore and marketing student, Kelsey O'Donnell, and nine other group members decided to take the project further and raise money for the Bowling Green Cocoon Shelter, it came as a pleasant surprise. A couple of weeks later, Cookies for Consent was born.

“The purpose of Cookies for Consent is to raise money for the Cocoon and to raise awareness and alternative facts to support the suggestion that global warming is a fact,” Smith said.

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Dean Webb responds to concerns

By Del-Marcus Goolsby
Guest Writer

Students attending the University are actively thinking of innovative ways to improve their campus. It’s not unusual for students to voice their opinions and concerns on social media and in person to different administrators.

Kaylani Othman, freshman and Adolescence to Young Adult Education (AYA) Language Arts major, feels issues pertaining to dining services on-campus are of the utmost importance.

"Lines are so long people don't want to wait, so they go to Outtakes, which is more expensive for students," she said.

Jodi Webb, Dean of Students, responded with helpful outlets to express concerns, such as the dining advisory board and suggestions for dodging the large lines by avoiding certain high-activity times of the day, such as in-between classes.

"I think that there are peak times that there are often lines and it might be hard to completely control. However, I think if it's a continual sort of thing and there's the sense that there could be additional lines that are staffed and they're not, [then] I think those are things that we should bring to the attention of dining,” she said.

Othman has ideas of how to fix the issues that she sees, such as better training for employees and a more diverse menu selection.

On the other hand, Rachel Szabo, first-year business student, feels the most important issue on-campus is transportation.

"Not all students have cars, and we already have a lot of students using the shuttles,” she said.

Dean Webb suggested that now is the perfect time for students to start voicing their concerns with Aaron Kane, Manager of Parking Services.

“I think that this is the right time of year to get those concerns in front of Aaron Kane because they'll start mapping out the routes for next year,” she said.

Melanie Isonogle, graduate art history student, is more upset with the allocation of resources at the University. She mentioned the “business-oriented” mindset that gives campus resources generously to the athletics department, but leaves other corners of the University strained for funds.

When speaking of her program, she said, “I could see it not existing in 15 years.”

"I would always suggest starting at the departmental level, but another resource is talking with the associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences,” Webb said.

Webb went on to explain how there may be available grants and other sources of funds that could be explored based on a student’s individual areas of concern.

Lauren Wells, senior gerontology student, said above all else, the biggest issue she sees at the University is the lack of school spirit.

“People stopped caring. BG is a lot of people's second choice to big schools like OSU,” she said.

“I think, as an institution, we always need to promote those traditions of campus and probably early on help new students understand what those are and encourage them to get involved,” Webb said.

Sam Galloway, junior AYA social studies major, sees a major issue with engagement on-campus. As a resident advisor, she sees the impact engagement with campus life can have on a college student and said she wished she had done more branching out when she was a first-year student.

“A good idea is for different student organizations to visit the residence halls and introduce themselves to students so more people can get involved,” she said.

Emphasizing the importance of student engagement on campus, Webb agreed with Galloway’s view on the need for engagement.

"I'm a firm believer that students need those opportunities outside of the classroom, whether it's connecting with their major or social opportunities because I think for our traditional college-aged students, those are the kinds of things that make or break their experience here at BGSU,” she said.
The fund raiser will span about a week, starting with a promotional event in downtown Bowling Green on Friday, April 21 from about 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Team members along with several volunteers will be passing out bags of cookies and flyers listing statistics about rape culture in the United States, while also asking of for donations of any amount for the Cocoon.

“There is so much false information about this topic out there. I hope we will help people learn the facts instead.”

Emily Jayjohn
Fundraiser

The group will also be at a reserved Union table on Wednesday, April 26, selling cookies and creating a dialogue about rape culture. For the final event, O’Donnell said the group is planning to partner with Cookie Jar or Insomnia Cookies for Friday, April 28, in hopes of donating some amount of the store’s proceeds from that day to the shelter.

“I always wanted to do something along these lines,” O’Donnell said. “I’ve worked closely with other community service events, and I thought it would be really interesting to do something like that for a cause I really believe in.”

O’Donnell said the Cookies for Consent campaign logo includes a purple ribbon to show support for the shelter, as that is also part of their logo.

The campaign could not have come at a more appropriate time, as April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. To honor the importance of this month, the Cocoon hosted an art show on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. which featured art work created by survivors of domestic abuse.

Anyone interested in donating to the Cocoon Shelter can email donations@cocoonshelter.org or visit www.cocoonshelter.org for more information.