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Collaboration is in the air at Jerome

By Keefe Watson
Managing Editor

Collaboration is the name of the game at one of the University's newest spaces, the Collab Lab, which will serve as a space for students, faculty and the community to innovatively think, create, collaborate and build.

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“The aim here is to intentionally make a space that is optimized for small group work and creativity,” Jerry Schnepp, director of the Collab Lab, said.

Schnepp visited universities with similar spaces, including the MIT Media Lab and the Harvard i-Lab.

“What we kept seeing is that it’s not people working on projects with their computers, it’s people standing up and writing on whiteboards and butcher paper,” Schnepp said.

Jenn Stucker, a member of the Collab Lab steering committee and associate professor and chair of the graphic design program, thrives in working in idea spaces such as this one.

“It’s important to clarify how collaboration works,” Stucker said. “Some people think that collaboration is dividing up tasks...that’s more teamwork. Collaboration to me is more of a think tank, think space, where people are offering different points of view in the ideation process.”

Stucker is familiar with the idea of creation spaces from time spent in design firms. She noted, for example, a space Hobby Lobby has in their corporate office.

“They have spaces like this...approachable comfortable spaces where you feel like you can just share an idea,” Stucker said.

The lab does have advanced technology, though it is not technology centered.

The tech includes six iMac work stations with Adobe Suite and 3D software, three 3D printers, a 3D scanner, a laser cutter, two virtual reality work stations and laptops.

“What’s really exciting is getting people from different disciplines together,” Schnepp said. “It’s mostly about collaboration, but there’s also the coolness of new technology.”

Schnepp hopes for the new technology, such as virtual reality and robotic kits, to spark creativity into the users of the Lab.

“Between the 3D printers and the laser cutter we can prototype a lot of physical objects,” Schnepp said.

Even with the new technology available, much of the prototyping will be more simplistic, utilizing cardboard, tape, pipe cleaners and the like.

The costs of the 3D printing and materials are included in the operations budget for the Lab, so students and faculty with well thought-out designs will be able to create product prototypes free of charge.

“You can just walk into this space and have an idea and not be related to a class at all and have people that can help you work,” Stucker said.

The Lab will be equipped with student employee media specialists who will be stationed to assist with the tech portion of the lab. These media specialists stem from the STAC, and can also assist students and faculty with most software programs.

“The STAC has evolved into the Collab Lab,” Schnepp said. “We are doing all of the same things the STAC did plus the innovation part...the name STAC doesn’t exist anymore.”

The Collab Lab is also a skill shaper – students can learn new technologies and the art of the ideation process, including brainstorming and collaboration.

“These are skills that are hard to pick up from reading a textbook, and a lot of employers really emphasize the importance for people to be able to work collaboratively,” Colleen Boff, associate dean of the libraries, said in an interview last September.

Stucker and Schnepp have been reaching out across the University to spread the word about the new Lab.

“I’ve been leading workshops, promoting workshops, co-facilitating workshops under the brand of the Collab Lab to not only spread the work but because I’m itching to get people to collaborate,” Schnepp said.

The Collab Lab is open and ready for students.

“I believe in the idea of collaboration,” Stucker said. “I see an opportunity here to make something grow with this Collab Lab.”

Read the full story at bgfalconmedia.com
Protecting the environment can bring forth some heated debate. Overall, Bowling Green is an environmentally conscious city; it is reflected in the city’s legislation. Recently, City Councilman Daniel Gordon voiced his concerns about how state budget cuts threaten the city’s environmental initiatives.

Paul Garbarino, city editor for The BG News, covered Councilman Gordon’s concerns in a recent article.

“We are in this because of the state of Ohio,” Gordon said.

A $13 monthly disposal fee could be imposed onto homeowners opting out of recycling services. If passed, the fee would cover deficits in the city’s budget due to state budget cuts.

However, some may question if residential recycling programs are even worth the effort. Despite complaints about the fee, it may encourage citizens to recycle.

Even if only a portion of citizens recycle, a great deal of resources are saved. According to the University of Utah, the United States spends over $100 billion on waste disposal each year. The average person creates two tons of trash in one year.

This has led garbage disposal centers to sort recyclables out of waste on their own, which costs the consumers more money overall. By recycling, citizens save money on the disposal of non-recyclables which must be taken to a dump.

In my opinion, the city’s proposed fee simply reflects the cost of disposing and sorting through waste looking for recyclables. Some may argue that recycling isn’t worth it. Statistics say otherwise. For example, the energy used to create one new aluminum can is equivalent to the energy used to recycle 20 aluminum cans.

There’s also the issue of corporations doing their part in recycling. Many argue that civilian trash production isn’t the issue, since corporations create much more waste than the average citizens.

Additionally, there are families that may have some financial trouble due to this fee. Those who have a certain level of income should qualify to waive the fee if needed. While $13 a month may not seem like much, it could be the difference between eating dinner or starving.

In the end, you shouldn’t use another person’s (or corporation’s) actions to justify your own. Humans are the only animal that pollutes the environment with excess waste, unless you count methane from critter farts.

Considering the level of sentience we humans credit ourselves with, we should take some accountability for the earth.
Does Steak ‘n Shake give students what they want?

At the end of Spring Semester 2017, University students said goodbye to Steak Escape. This semester students said hello to Steak ‘n Shake and a new booth in the Union. The Falcon’s Nest is one of four main on-campus locations that students get food, along with the Oaks, the Carillon and the Sundial. Food is a big concern to students, so does Steak’n Shake provide what students want on campus?

The Falcon’s Nest offers several different options in small booths, but while choices are great, this translates into a smaller Steak ‘n Shake menu. While the full store offers a couple pages worth of items, the Union location has a half-sheet worth of choices. Though, that small menu does cover the important stuff: burgers and shakes. They also have a Veggie Melt for a vegetarian option. According to the menu on the BGSU app under dining, there are about the same number of food items (11) as there are shakes (10).

Though while the menu is much smaller, the prices are exactly the same. There was some fear among students that prices would be jacked because the location is on campus, but students will be happy to know that prices are the same no matter where you are.

The kiosk also looks great in the Falcon’s Nest. It’s bright and clean. New counter tops and lighting really make that corner of the Union look very nice.

There also seems to be an effort to keep the Steak ‘n Shake efficient. Students order before entering the line and employees are constantly calling out order numbers and setting up fries and bags for the next several orders. It is nice to see things running quickly, though there is still a wait in the line. There is something given up in an effort to be efficient though, since fries are prepared before the order is ready and sit under a heat lamp until they are needed. This can lead to a lower quality of food than you may find in a full Steak ‘n Shake.

Is the trade-off worth it? It may be up to circumstance. A student who is hurrying to a meeting or a class may want to get through as quickly as possible, but a student with more time may want fries cooked as freshly as possible, even though there would be a wait.

Is the Steak ‘n Shake giving people what they want on campus? It all depends on the student, but I think in general this is a good edition to the Falcon’s Nest, even if it doesn’t quite live up to a full Steak ‘n Shake. The shakes are pretty delicious, too.

Solar eclipse hype turns to disappointment

This Monday, people ventured out of school or work to get a view of the solar eclipse. In 1918, there was an eclipse following a similar path across the United States, which made this a rare event to see (in certain areas).

However, viewers didn’t really get to see the eclipse at its “best” if they weren’t in the path of totality. Most people barely saw any difference other than a slight dimming of natural light.

People who spent hundreds of dollars on eclipse glasses for their entire family felt cheated out of some big event. However, most people were simply misinformed about what to expect.

It’s not like there’s an eclipse every year, which makes it understandable. The best course of action is to remember this next time an eclipse rolls around.

What should you expect from the average eclipse?

Unless you’re in the path of totality, don’t expect much. The brightness of the sun will overpower most of the moon.

In areas where totality occurs, about 75 minutes before complete totality, there is no dimming. At 20 minutes before the sun takes on crescent shape.

Sunlight gradually fades until it is noticeable to the naked eye. The quality of light is different, making it seem like there’s an Instagram filter on the world.

These conditions are primarily what one sees during a partial solar eclipse, but there’s still some information to keep in mind.

It may get darker outside, but the sun is still in its full glory. While the three types of UV rays make up a small amount of visible light emanating from the sun, they are still extremely harmful.

UVA rays damage the skin, which can lead to aging, and literally destroy DNA. UVB rays are more energetic and cause even more damage, leading to sunburns. UVC rays cannot permeate the Earth’s atmosphere, but are even more dangerous (lucky us – poor astronauts).

During the eclipse, many underwhelmed people just said, “screw it,” and looked at the sun with their naked eyes. UV rays are just as damaging to the eyes as they are to the skin, and during an eclipse, you have a greater risk of eye damage.

Our sun doesn’t produce extra UV rays during an eclipse, but the dimming of light causes our eyes to dilate to allow more light in. Larger pupils also let in more of those harmful UV rays, though. Eye protection is absolutely necessary whenever you look at the sun.

If you were really hyped about the eclipse, don’t worry. In 2024, an eclipse will occur and the path of totality will pass over Cleveland. Otherwise, don’t be surprised when you aren’t impressed (or have permanent eye damage).

Go watch a livestream of the total eclipse, and don’t complain about completely random astronomical events not doing what you expect.
BGSU named most affordable college in Ohio

By Kaitlyn Fillhart
Social Media Editor

In a recent article from Business Insider, Bowling Green State University was named as the most affordable public college in Ohio with the highest quality of education. The University surpassed the University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University, Miami University, Ohio University and Kent State University.

University President Mary Ellen Mazey was very pleased with the acknowledgement.

"I'm starting my 7th year here and I think it's one of the best recognitions we've had," Mazey said.

Getting to this recognition is made up of a few elements including putting the students first in terms of cost and quality of education.

"I think we've done everything we can to keep down the cost for students. When I arrived, we did an efficiency task force. We put front and center that student costs are the most important thing to us," Mazey said. "One of the partnerships that I am really proud of is the student health center. The CFO said we didn't have the money to build a new one. We outsourced to the Wood County hospital, and they built us a new building. Now it serves our community and students."

As a result of the money saving management practices, President Mazey noted that the Student Recreation Center was able to undergo a $14 million renovation without costing students a dime and that tuition has been frozen for the fifth year in a row.

Aside from keeping the University's costs down, student engagement was another key to receiving the Business Insider recognition.

"The opportunities you have while you've been here, internships, co-ops, getting to collaborate with fellow students and staff. There's a multitude of ways that students enhance their learning in the classroom and outside of it," Mazey said. "That is what I think makes BGSU very special."

President Mazey wants the University to continue living up to their Belong, Stand out, and Go far campaign which is designed for student success.

"I think a lot of universities say they support the students. I mean, who's not going to say that? The faculty, staff, everyone is very supportive here. You can do a lot to get involved while you're here," Mazey said. "For example, I often Google the jobs in demand these days, and one of them is social media manager. Being involved in student media on campus helps build your resume and build leadership skills."

As for the commitment to keeping future tuition costs low, the University is looking into adopting the Ohio Guarantee Plan which is already in practice at Ohio University, Miami University, and Ohio State University. This means that when a student comes onto campus, their tuition is guaranteed to stay the same price all four years.

"Nothing has been put into action by the Board of Trustees," Mazey said. "We know that other universities are looking into the program, and we are too."
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St. Tom’s is across the street from McDonald Hall at 425 Thurstin Street. “Our desire is to share our love for God and God’s love for us within the University community while exploring what it means to be Catholic,” Fr. Jason Kahle said. “We are a welcoming community for all people.”

The parish offers numerous areas for students including an intentional living community, a lounge, library, dining room, courtyards, and a hall that provides opportunities for recreation and serves as a banquet room complete with kitchen facilities.

Newman Housing was newly renovated during summer 2016 and is available to all BGSU students regardless of religion, race, age, or sex. All rooms are furnished with beds, desks, chairs, and closets. Rent includes Wi-Fi and utilities. An onsite laundry facility is brand new this year too.

For students looking to get involved, St. Thomas More sponsors the Catholic Falcon Community, a Catholic Christian student group that meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in The Student Union, Room #201 for fellowship, fun, service, prayer, and discussion.

St. Tom’s and the Toledo Diocese has partnered with FOCUS to offer weekly Bible Studies and Small Group discussions for anyone wanting to go deeper in their faith. You don’t have to be a Catholic or Christian, just open to exploring how Jesus invites us all into relationship.

St. Tom’s also offers opportunities for Alternative Spring Break every year. This year, plans are being made for a possible international trip. Students can also serve the elderly, poor, and needy in our Food Pantry or during the local service events on Saturdays through the Catholic Falcon Community.

Fr. Jason, the parishioners, and the students welcome all new and returning students, parents, alumni, and friends into their family of faith. Through Sacraments, service, weekly formation events, Koinonia retreats, the Newman Housing faith-based living community, social gatherings and other outreach avenues, many opportunities are offered to experience God anew!

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St. Thomas More Focused on Sharing/Exploring God’s Love Within University Community
Soccer team begins season at home

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

The Falcons start off the regular season slate with a home matchup at 7 p.m. against the Indianapolis Jaguars.

Last year the squad started the season against Indianapolis and went home with a 4-0 win.

The Jaguars went 2-15-1 last year, but will look for revenge this time around. “I don’t see (Indianapolis’ record last year) ever being a problem. I don’t think we will ever overlook any opponent,” Falcons head coach Eric Nichols said. He is very eager to see his boys get at it for the first time this year in real action.

Top players for Indianapolis include senior forward Uriel Macias, who paced Indianapolis in points and goals with seven and three respectively, as well as sophomore midfielder Pedro Valladao. Valladao had one goal and two assists last year.

It is unclear who will start between the pipes for Indianapolis, but it is known that it will be a redshirt freshman. Either 6-feet 1-inch Tyler Shanahan from Avon, Indiana, or 5-feet 9-inches Michael Buck from Bloomington, Indiana, will be tasked with stopping the Falcons.

“I wouldn’t say any battle is quite won yet,”

Eric Nichols
Falcons Head Coach

Junior forward Tate Robertson and freshman midfielder Chris Brennan will look to put shots on net early to test whichever young goaltender is put in the pipes. Being redshirt freshmen, it will be the first regular season action for whichever goalie is put to the test.

As Coach Nichols said last week, the team this year is so different than last years, in many ways, even in strategy. This can be exciting for the fans in terms of getting to see how the new squad moves the ball at home for the first time in real game action.

Anthony Mwembia, the sophomore goalkeeper for the Falcons from Toulouse, France, looks to keep the ball out of the twine for the Falcons this year. Nichols said that he hopes his squad doesn’t put Mwembia in the position to have to make difficult saves, but if he does, he will be up to the task.

“We know who we are going to start,” Nichols said about the goaltending situation. “I wouldn’t say any battle is quite won yet.”

The lone freshman expected to be in the starting lineup is Zach Buescher, a 5-feet 8-inches midfielder from Holland, Ohio, through way of Toledo St. John’s Jesuit. The freshman is sure to be amped up during his first college regular season game for the Falcons.

Coach Nichols is also appreciative of the University soccer fans, saying, “We feel like we owe anyone that comes and watches; we owe them everything we have. We’re going to try and execute obviously, sometimes that comes off, sometimes it doesn’t. The one thing we will always give them is our full effort. That’s what we owe people who come. Our fans give us a big advantage.”

Cochrane Stadium will be ready to support the Falcons on Saturday night at 7 p.m.
Falcon volleyball faces new competition in upcoming games

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons volleyball team will take on the Chicago Flames and the Duquesne Dukes in a doubleheader on Friday before facing the Xavier Musketeers on Saturday afternoon to complete the three match home stand to begin the regular season.

“They are going to give us good competition,” Falcons head coach Danijela Tomic said. “All three teams are very competitive… at this point in our season, especially the opening weekend, our focus is going to be on our team. It’s what we need to do on our side of the net and then as the game goes on, we’ll get some data and some information, but it’s going to be really focusing on ourselves and doing things that we’ve been focusing on in practice.”

With all three matches being against non-conference opponents, the team has a limited amount of past game data to go on, causing the team to take a different approach to the weekend.

“Every team is different every year,” Tomic said. “I don’t expect them to be the same team from last year, but (Chicago) has a new coaching staff. We have not played Xavier since I’ve been here or Duquesne, so our focus is not on what they’re going to do. It’s what we’re going to do on our side of the net.”

The series is taking place as part of the Hampton Inn Invitational with the four teams facing each other in different matches throughout the weekend; however, the team feels that they are prepared for this type of situation.

“In volleyball at the beginning of the season, you usually play three matches in two days, sometimes four matches. Last year we did the same format and we liked it, so we kept it and all the teams agreed.”

The team has also been able to take a lot of positive signs for the season out of the preparation over the course of the preseason.

“Our team just wants to get better and for any coach that’s all you can ask from them,” Tomic said. “They come in; they work hard. We’ve been consistently improving on the things we’ve focused on in practice, and we’ve seen improvement in game situations.”

The team also feels fortunate to have the opportunity to play at home to begin the season.

“It’s nice to be at home,” Tomic said. “Some coaches like to take the team on the road at the beginning to get through those growing pains and get better on the road, but our players like to play in front of our home crowd and their families.”

This is a facility where we practice every day and we’re comfortable playing here, and to showcase our 2017 team in front of our home fans is exciting for us.”

International soccer talent assists Falcons chances this season

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

The Falcons found a gold mine of talent from all over the world, including Alexis Souahy. Pronounced a-LEx-ee SWAH-hee, the 6-foot-tall senior defender is from France.

What brought him to the University was the soccer program, but also the school legacy. He is an international business major and said that “being in the business school is a huge opportunity at BGSU.”

“I really loved the coaches,” Souahy said. “When we met over the phone and email, they gave me a powerful message and since I came here, I’ve loved my teammates.”

Before he started keeping the ball out of the Falcons’ side on the pitch, he did it at Notre Dame College, in South Euclid, Ohio. There he helped lead the team to an at-large berth in the NCAA Championships.

He is not the only Frenchman on the squad, however, as Theo Jamilloux and Anthony Mwembia also hail from the European country. “I love the BG soccer culture,” Souahy said. “We are like a family all supporting each other. We are all brothers, and the relationships I have with the coaches is a huge key, too.” His best friends on the team are everyone in the senior class as well as Mwembia.

Over his two years on the BG team he has scored nine points. He has fired 23 shots at the goal with eight being on net.

As for his soccer plans after this year, he would love to continue to play soccer at a higher level if possible. He loves the United States, and if given an opportunity, he would stay here. “Soccer is growing in the U.S. really fast, and I think it can be really huge in a few years,” Souahy said.

In France, he started playing soccer at the age of six and played for Le Havre Athletic Club, where they finished fourth in the U-19 National Championship as well as the Championnat de France Amateur 2 Championship.

“Going from French to American soccer was a big transition,” Souahy said. “Back home it was a lot more technical and tactical, but here a huge part is that U.S. soccer is physical. I’m a defensive player, so playing physical is part of the defensive side. I would say the physical play and the rhythm and tempo are intense for many minutes.”

His single game highs include four points against the Northern Kentucky Norse, two goals at Northern Kentucky, one assist at the Ohio State Buckeyes, Marshall Thundering Herd and Cleveland State Vikings, and four shots against Cleveland State.

He is ready to play Indianapolis and get that win in front of the fans at home.

“There are no limits to our team,” Souahy said. “We can go all the way if we stay involved through the whole season.”

Alexis Souahy
Defender
Information at your fingertips

By Courtney Brown
Campus Editor

Tests, quizzes, homework, midterms and finals—the life of a student. Want to know how to study?

Here’s a study tip: get to know your librarians.

The University’s Jerome Library is found in the middle of campus, all eight floors of it. It’s right by Olscamp Hall and the Business Administrative building.

It also happens to be quite a big library, and upon walking in the first couple of times, students may want to know where to start.

After a quick tour through some of the library’s floors, Eileen Bosch, the library’s chair of teaching and learning, highlighted information students may want to know.

Librarians are smartphone-friendly

“We’re bringing information to them at the tips of their fingers. It’s really crucial because students need that assistance whenever they need.”

The University’s main app has a section for the library, along with other aspects students need. Once in the library’s app, students can chat with librarians, schedule meetings with them, book study rooms and more.

There’s an online chat

When students scroll through the library’s website, a chat message eventually pops up. Students can get their questions answered almost instantly.

“Students are in the databases and then they get stuck. [Librarians] just jump in and help the students right there,” Bosch said.

Forgot something? They have it.

Laptops, kindles, e-readers, device chargers of almost every kind—and even umbrellas—are available for check out, she said.

There’s a way to study for every learning style

Whether students like studying in absolute silence or in groups, online or with pen and paper, with desktops or laptops, the library has spaces for all.

“Libraries are kind of like learning hubs,” Bosch said. “Traditional libraries [were] really quiet areas. We’re changing; it’s more about collaborating, studying together with others.”

The seventh and eighth floors are commonly used for studying. The seventh floor is for group work, and the eighth floor is completely silent.

Use the databases

“Google is fine...but you can use our catalogs. You can use our databases. We spend a significant amount of money to provide access to the databases,” Bosch said. “Once you graduate you probably won’t have access [them]. They’re too expensive.”

They’re here to teach students

If students schedule an Individual Research Appointment librarians will spend

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The Jerome Library app is a helpful resource for students.
the meetings teaching students how to work around the databases.

“We’re going to be talking with you, brainstorming with you. Teaching you what the best strategy is…We’re going to be showing the tricks of the databases,” she said. “Our purpose is to teach you, so that when you take different classes you can take those research skills in anything you do.”

Outside of meetings, Bosch also said students don’t have to hesitate in coming up to librarians for help.

“We’re there because we want to be asked; it’s what we do,” she said.

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Tutoring, academic coaching, study skills classes, math tutors and writing consultants are all available services for students, according to the library’s website. Students can fill out a tutor request form on the app or the website.

**There is no added cost**

“In different countries there are different library resources,” Bosch said. “When I came to the U.S. the first year as an international student, I had no idea about all the library resources that were available to students. I thought I had to pay for everything, so I didn’t use it.”

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Jerome Library Chair Eileen Bosch sits in a study room to explain the databases.

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Students and faculty talk safety

By Kaitlyn Fillhart
Social Media Editor

After the recent events in Charlottesville, Va, a panel was coordinated by student leaders of Undergraduate Student Government, Vi- sion, the Black Student Union and members of University staff to discuss measures to prevent something similar from happening at the Uni-

versity.

The presentation was conducted by BSU President Angelica Euseary and Vice President Zarina Cornelius, and facilitated by USG Vice President Jauntez Bates. The conference was open to and run by questions from students and community members in the audience.

“Last year we had a panel like this, but [that] was focused on black students, and the administration wasn’t here,” Euseary said. “This year we decided to make it open to all students, because these types of issues effect everyone, and we collaborated with Adminis-


tration, USG, Vision and other group leaders that were at the Student Leadership Retreat this summer.”

“We encourage people to share their experiences. Our goal is to unite our campus”

— Jauntez Bates —
USG Vice President

Chief of campus police Mike Campbell, came to discuss what would happen if a harm-

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