Sit-down with campus police chief

By Courtney Brown
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There are many safety concerns at the University this year, and the University's police chief has answers.

Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Campbell was promoted from the University's interim chief position over the summer, and though he may be new to his role this year, he is not new to campus safety. His goals, thoughts and advice for students are all below in his own words.

Q What are your goals for the University this year?
A If you're talking police department perspective, we're doing some transition. We're going to introduce a position called a deputy chief. We're actually in the final phases with that, with looking for someone to fill that role. We have other internal goals going on that are continuing from last year, and new this year is some one-on-ones we talked about quite a bit as we continue to work towards accreditation. Accreditation process looks at policy, so we're tweaking the policies we have now, making sure we meet accreditation standards.

Q What new responsibilities do you have?
A If you're looking just from the police department perspective, my old position as captain, I focused a lot on patrol side of things. Uniform patrol, investigations, media relations, our K-9 area ... those things will still be on my radar, but I will have expanded focus. I'll still have a lot of the same focus, but I'll have expanded visions of other operational areas. The bigger adjustment is the director side of things, the fact that I'll have parking services, shuttle services and emergency management reporting directly to me as well.

Q For students, do you hope to accomplish anything for them?
A One of the things I think was the first step was the community conference. I think it's important that we continue to engage the students, continue to build those relationships, continue have those conversations, especially for students who, for one reason or another, don't feel safe. Not only is the community safe, is BGSU safe, but how are you feeling?

Q How does the University police train for protest situations?
A We practice on a couple different things. If you're talking about Charlottesville, you're talking about demonstrators that are more agitated, aggressive or violent. We do focus training on that, and then we also focus on the other aspect of that, too, because not all demonstrations are situations where people are being violent. We do practice and train based on those scenarios too. We do have members on the mobile field force team in Wood County, so we have resources outside our campus that we can petition for and look for assistance from, which is a larger group that trains for demonstrations and possibly more active demonstrations like you described.

Q How would you advise students to talk to police?
A Our population doesn't live here all the time; they can come here from all over the world. It's real tough to understand what their relationship with police have been like in the past. It could've been positive, it could've been negative, there could've been no relationship whatsoever. Each student can be a little different, each interaction can be a little bit different. We place officers in all the residential halls, all the academic areas (and) work with the Union and other institutions too, like Greek life.

Our goal behind that is that we put liaison officers in those areas, and we want them to go into those areas and interact. (They) talk to the staff there, talk to the students living in those areas, introduce themselves, talk about the educational programming and partnerships we can do, talk about problem-solving — because sometimes you may have a problem, but it's not necessarily a criminal matter, you just need help. Are we going to have the ability to talk to all the students on campus face-to-face? Probably not. What I would say, though, is that any time you're interacting with someone in law enforcement, talk to them in a calm voice; you communicate with what information is being asked of you; and if you have an issue with the way things transpired, do that after the fact. You can be remembering, documenting what happened, and then reporting it back to us.

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Trump beats Obama: fires more in 6 months than 2 terms

Forum Editor weighs in on Trump firings

Trump has fired more people in his first six months than Obama did throughout his entire presidency. The most recent member of the Trump Administration to leave is Steve Bannon.

Every time I hear about another person being let go, I can’t help but laugh a little. Maybe a seemingly struggling White House shouldn’t be funny, but when I think about being fired by Donald Trump, I can’t help but laugh a little. I’d like to imagine White House workers have their own little bracket of people who might be fired next. Maybe they even place bets.

But then I think about the people actually being fired. It must be incredibly awkward to have your dismissal on the national news. It’s like in a romantic comedy, when the lead is trying to hide being fired from their significant other. In this case, there’s no hiding it. CNN will be conspiring about how salty your tears were as President Trump screamed, “You’re fired!”

It seems like, by the time Trump’s presidency is over, there will be enough people fired to fill a “Guess Who?” game board. Although, it might be hard to play. You could guess “middle-aged man in a suit” for most of the people who were fired or resigned.

The news coverage of each person being fired is honestly getting monotonous. It’s usually because the person in question said something ridiculous, or they have irreconcilable differences with Trump.

However, the entire situation leaves a lot to be speculated. I often wonder how many of Trump’s staff want to be fired. During the presidential election, most Republicans were reluctant to side with Trump.

For example, Ben Carson was vehemently against Trump’s morals, but ended up endorsing him when it looking like Trump was their only hope. I can’t imagine their opinions have changed much. So, what could be stopping them from opposing the president?

I suspect they are afraid to oppose Trump because so many people still support him. According to the most recent Gallup Poll, 78 percent of Republicans approve of Trump’s performance. If Republicans (especially those in office) were to oppose Trump, they would run the risk of not being re-elected. To me, that seems like a pretty lackluster reason to compromise your beliefs. But I’m not in the business of politics.

One might justify supporting Trump because of his leadership qualities. After all, his personality alone isn’t enough to impeach him. Trump’s presidency is still basically in its infancy, so there’s a lot of time for Trump to reinforce his peers’ opinions of him. Until then, just email me if you want to start a Trump Administration draft.

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Labor Day’s relation to modern times

Some people see federal holidays as an extra day off. Holidays like Columbus Day and George Washington’s birthday don’t see a lot of people making plans to celebrate, and most people don’t have any vested interest in them either. Labor Day is one of the few federal holidays that relates to most people. Many forget the day’s purpose, yet the holiday’s origins relate to issues being discussed today.

In short, Labor Day is a commemoration of the labor movement in the U.S., when workers banded together to demand rights through riots, strikes and other means. The early labor movement’s ideals mirror a lot of what people are expecting from today’s society: social equality; honest labor; and independent, virtuous citizens.

Not-so-surprisingly, there were ideological differences within the labor movement that pitted labor unions against other worker’s rights groups and politicians. Extremists on both sides of the labor movement led to violent riots that were ultimately blamed on the movement as a whole.

I’ll spare the details, rather than giving you an entire lesson on the labor movement. But it’s important to note that Chicago riots led to 6,000 national militia being dispatched.

This is awfully reminiscent of today’s political state. Earlier this year, we saw riot police and military vehicles at Standing Rock. It may not seem to be as imposing as 6,000 troops, but the parallels are there. Despite this, we often forget to reflect on the past.

While we all want what we personally consider the best, constant bickering stops anything from being accomplished. Rather than rallying together on the issues we agree on, we spend our time attacking our “opponents.”

The labor movement also had other ideological struggles that relate to modern times. People were demanding nonpartisan politics then, as they do today, and the Socialist Party was just emerging. Eventually, the Great Depression hit, and people experienced many of the same economic concerns arising today.

There was also a huge focus on industrial politics, which has remained a talking point for years. Today, the U.S. is facing a huge shortage of skilled laborers. After spending decades pushing for high school students to get college degrees, industrial jobs are struggling to find workers.

With this in mind, it is important to look to the past in order to know what to expect in the present moment. We’ve all heard that those who are ignorant to history are doomed to repeat it, but even those who know of our history may not have the foresight to prevent history from repeating itself.

This column is just a friendly reminder that this has all happened before in some way or another. It’s up to us to know our history, and then actually remember it when the time is right.

Morality and underage drinking

Columnist responds to Odyssey article on underage drinking

Underage drinking is unrelated to moral standards, despite what you might have read in a recent Odyssey article.

The writer of the article attacked underage drinking and deemed it her “personal pet peeve.” Her choice to stray from drinking while in college is a valid and notable effort, but there is no formula for how much drinking is acceptable for college students.

I’m not going to condone underage drinking. It can be dangerous and is, at its core, illegal.

I’m the first person to counter the age-old argument of “if I can serve my country, I should be able to drink a beer with my pals” with the concept that 21 should be the bare age for voting, drinking and the draft. As with drinking, 18-year-old high school students living with their parents just don’t yet know enough about the real world to add informed input to elections, but that’s an argument for a different day.

My biggest issue with the Odyssey article is that the writer seems to link moral standards to law.

“If abiding by your country’s law isn’t enough to keep your moral standards in check and motivate you to make intelligent choices, perhaps you should consider reevaluating how you base your judgment for decision making.”

First of all, law cannot be a basis for “keeping your moral standards in check.” We once had laws that prevented women and minorities from voting and counted some human beings as three-fifths of a person.

Second, it’s not fair to say students who engage in the party life are highlighting “your lack of self-respect and ignorance” and throwing “away their potential as a result of adhering to their idea of ‘fun’ rather than valuing the respectable choice.”

College is that in-between time: you’re an adult, but not quite. It’s entirely unfair to judge those who drink underage as throwing their lives away when their lives have barely just begun. The majority of college students do not drop out of school as a result of drinking or partying — a select few might, but it’s not as common as the writer makes it seem.

According to The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 80 percent of college students drink alcohol and about half reported binge drinking within the last two weeks. Those numbers are from a 2012 study, so they’re a little dated, but still relevant.

Yes, drinking does correlate with higher injury and assault rates, but it’s a culture now. It’s a much bigger picture issue. Encouraging your college-aged friends to practice sobriety for their four years of higher education is like encouraging them to practice abstinence. It’s not going to work.

Instead, help your friends enjoy their time in college as responsibly as possible, and teach them how to be good and moral people while sober so that those qualities will carry over when drinking too.

It’s fair to worry about friends who drink too much, and it’s okay to blame alcohol for bad decisions when blame is due, but it’s not fair to attack 80 percent of college students for partaking in part of the college culture that seems integral to their higher education experience.
The truth about networking

By Abby Shifley
Reporter

Networking is usually an intimidating and mysterious word to students beginning their college careers; however, this perception of difficulty is a misconception. Networking can be a useful tool to secure a job or internship in a comfortable and personal way.

“Networking is an opportunity to converse and meet with industry leaders in the area a student is interested in,” said Andrea Gutierrez, assistant director at the University’s Career Center. “Whether it is a reception, dinner or meeting, networking creates an opportunity to exchange information from both sides. This hopefully leads to a student finding a placement, an interview or job shadowing.”

Gutierrez said it is important to disprove some common myths about networking. She said students tend to have a lot of anxiety when attending a job fair or other networking event. Students feel like they have to rehearse what they are going to say word-for-word. In reality, Gutierrez said employers are not looking to find the person with the best rehearsed speech, but rather the person who makes the most positive impression.

“Employers just want to know what a student has done and who they are as a person,” she said.

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Assistant director at the Career Center

Sometimes employers will even look over certain details and judge a prospective employee’s competency based on personality. For example, if the prospective employee does not have the specific major an employer is looking for but has a knack for working with others, that person may receive a job offer.

Gutierrez said she experienced this example first-hand when she was working in admissions. “If I was interviewing a student who wanted to come to BGSU and they stood out in a positive way, I would remember them if we had a job opening.”

Another myth about networking: it is a waste of time, Gutierrez said. Students juggle classes, work and extracurriculars, and they tend to put networking on the back burner. She said students will be glad they started to intentionally network as soon as possible, because a busy schedule is not worth it if a career is not waiting after graduation.

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Networking is a time investment, but because a first job is not necessarily the last, Gutierrez said it is critical to build those connections. Students may find new opportunities that arise in their careers as a result of continued networking. These opportunities could even include a new profession if an employee decides to change their career path.

There are often opportunities to network at the University. The fall 2017 Career Center calendar has dozens of events coming up, including a trip to Washington, D.C., and a number of workshops. University and department job fairs are also options. However, not all networking has to take place at a fixed event.

President of Women in Business Leadership, Rachel Kielar, said the best way to begin networking is by starting small, such as working with peers on group projects in the classroom. Group projects are an effective way to learn to communicate with others and develop relationships by looking at goals and objectives.

Kielar said her definition of networking is “learning how to effectively interact with people day to day and professionally.”

If students are looking to start networking, they need only look at the world around them and act. The most essential component in building a successful network and developing networking skills is awareness of opportunities and acting on those opportunities.
I woke up around 12:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, and despite the fact that I had somewhere to be in an hour, my mind told me to stay in bed, hiding under the covers with my phone screen an inch away from my nose. Juicy J was set to perform at 5 o’clock outside the Wolfe Center at BGSU, but college football highlights and Seinfeld reruns beckoned. I finally motivated myself out of bed when it became absolutely necessary. At that point, I threw on my clothes and walked through a dense fog of Axe body spray (the ultimate signifier of no effort). I raced to the campus where I retrieved my media pass and made my way inside the Wolfe Center, waiting for the man they call Juicy.

I was on assignment from the BG News to cover and give my opinion of the Juicy J concert at the university, and nothing could quite explain my feelings. Excitement, nervousness, impatience; all building in anticipation of the event.

As someone who had never attended a concert (unless you count Weird Al Yankovic and some Beatles cover bands) I had no idea what to expect. Would there be a hundred people or 3,000 people? Would there be crowd-surfing? Would my childhood dream of hologram Tupac Shakur appearing finally be realized? The answer to a lot of those questions would be a solid no.

I waited in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre as the opening acts and guest artists appeared. I met up-and-coming artist and Florida native Cade (who put on a surprisingly energetic show to warm up the crowd), and Atlanta rapper 24hrs, who was brought out as a special guest of Juicy J. Both artists have performed with the likes of Jason Derulo, Wiz Khalifa, and many more.

Finally, as we waited in line, Juicy J appeared and made his presence known immediately. A loud “what’s up?” directed everyone’s attention to the man dressed in all black, with a large gold chain hanging from his neck.

“Where my weed smokers at?” he asked to the audience’s resounding cheers. Juicy J regularly borrowed phones from the crowd to record snapchat videos, much to that person’s excitement, I’m sure. At one point, he removed the massive gold chain from his neck and offered to give it to a fan.

The dookie rope resided in his hands for several tracks, as Juicy J explained it was “a birthday gift last year from Wiz Khalifa.” Alas, the golden giveaway was not to be, as he re-adorned the neckwear, signaling the end of the show.

A great entertainer in Juicy J coupled with talented new artists and an ecstatic crowd made for one incredible show that I won’t soon forget (there’s still a ringing noise in my ear). I wouldn’t mind seeing him in Bowling Green again.
**Taylor Swift’s song disappoints**

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Performing since age 13, Taylor Swift rang in September with her newest release. Previewing an upcoming album, her single, “Look What You Made Me Do,” has not been receiving quite the attention of Swift’s previous releases. Perhaps in the wake of Hurricane Harvey and rising tension from North Korea, the America that lost their minds over Taylor Swift can’t come to the phone right now.

Since the release of “1989”, Swift has kept to herself, save media speculation and a never-ending list of rumored celebrity feuds. Namely, her disputes with singer Katy Perry and the Kardashian family have been keeping her under the spotlight in lieu of any new music. Between public disagreements, Swift has been busy spending time with family and focusing on a legal battle against a DJ who allegedly groped the singer at a 2013 photo-op. Because of Swift's absence on the music scene, it came as a shock to fans when she cleared her social media in last August. Replacing pictures of the singer and her notorious “girl gang” with cryptic videos of snakes sent a clear message that Swift was ready for a major change. However, the single itself fell flat considering all the generated hype.

The song begins with a simplistic back beat common to the pop genre that Swift has been channeling as of late. After a sparse pre-chorus, the music completely dies out and gives way to the hook. Swift, accompanied by a simple beat, recites the title until the music returns. Though the music is simplistic in nature, Swift puts more emphasis on the lyrics and her attempt to dismantle whomever the track is aimed toward.

Stepping aside from any of the musicality and lyrical attributes of the song itself, the accompanying music video provides more than enough of a reason to ask Swift what exactly she was made to do.

As the video progresses, Swift is seen basking in jewels and being doted upon by wait staff and presumably cyborg women while she swings and sings in lavish outfits. As this continues, Swift is joined by previous versions of herself who appear to be clawing at her feet. The pre-Swifts are kicked and manhandled as they try to reach her.

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“...viewers are more confused than anything”

After the song has ended, all the versions of Taylor Swift appear in a line. They all take cruel digs at one another and even poke fun of highly contested remarks that Swift herself has made on record. This ending scene appears to be the most toxic, and after watching it, viewers are more confused than anything.

Swift’s message of the old her being dead sends a poorly-produced message to her fans, most of which are tween and teen girls. With all the negative media attention that already targets that age group, Swift was commonly viewed as a beacon for being proud to be yourself and staying positive. Even as Swift transitioned to a pop sound with her last album, tracks like “Shake It Off” and “Clean” seemed to be an anthem for brushing off the haters and going on with your life.

For Swift to now be spreading the message that the old versions of herself were weak, naïve and seemingly helpless is not only tearing herself down, but also the girls who grew up praising her. This new message of bitterness and hate is such a sharp turn from her previous brand. It is understandable that Swift felt she needed to reinvent herself, but to do so with such self-hatred may be giving Swift more trouble than she bargained for.

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**Film season is back in session**

**Jacob Clary**
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The 2017 movie season almost over, but there are still plenty of films to anticipate. Sequels, remakes and some completely unique films are spread all over the rest of the year. So many movies are releasing in such rapid succession that it might be difficult to decide what to watch. Here’s a preview of many of the year’s upcoming blockbusters.

“It” is an adaptation of one of Stephen King’s most lauded novels. Releasing on Friday, Sept. 8, this horror movie stars Bill Skarsgård as Pennywise the dancing clown and Jaeden Lieberher as Bill Denbrough. The movie and book focus on a group of children that try to solve the mystery of Pennywise and murders in Derry, Maine. It is the first installment of a planned duology.

“Kingsman: The Golden Circle,” the sequel to the hit spy film “Kingsman: The Secret Service,” releases Sept. 22. Taron Egerton and Colin Firth reprise their roles from the first film, and the film introduces Pedro Pascal, Channing Tatum and Halle Berry as new characters. In the new movie, the Kingsmen require the assistance of the Statemen, the U.S. branch of the spy organization, to get back at the villains.

Sept. 22 is also the release date of “Stronger,” a movie about Jeff Bauman, the man who lost both of his legs at the Boston Marathon in 2013. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal as Bauman, he has to go through gruelling recovery process to heal mentally and physically.

November will see the release of the next Marvel movie, “Thor: Ragnarok”. Opening Nov. 3, the film stars Chris Hemsworth and Tom Hiddleston as they reprise their respective roles as Thor and Loki. In this film, Thor has to fight for his life, as he is imprisoned on a planet far away from Asgard. Characters from other Marvel movies will also appear.

Based on the Agatha Christie book of the same name, “Murder on the Orient Express” is one of the most famous murder mysteries. While on a train throughout Europe, Detective Hercule Poirot has to deduce who is responsible for a murder on the ride. Starring Kenneth Branagh as Poirot, and including stars like Penelope Cruz, Daisy Ridley and Willem Dafoe, this movie looks sure to surprise.

Lastly, the new addition to the Star Wars universe, “Star Wars: The Last Jedi,” releases on Dec. 15. A direct sequel to “Star Wars: The Force Awakens,” the new installment focuses on Rey’s training with Luke Skywalker as Finn and Poe fight for the resistance. Adam Driver also returns as Kylo Ren in what is sure to be the movie to see during Christmas break.

Even though there are only four months left in the year, there are certainly enough movies to see. However, other movies that sounded interesting did not get a full preview. A couple of these are “The Shape of Water,” Guillermo Del Toro’s new film, and “The Disaster Artist,” a parody of “The Room” made by James Franco and Seth Rogen. These films and others are reasons to look forward to the rest of the year in cinema.
Falcons football loses in season opener

By Zane Miller
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The Falcons football team fell in their season opener to the Michigan State Spartans 35-10 Saturday afternoon. The loss ended the team’s three game winning streak going back to the end of last season.

However, the team was still proud of how they competed.

“The defense did everything that we asked them to do,” Falcons head coach Mike Jinks said. “I’m proud of that defensive unit. We asked them to be tough, we asked them to be physical, we asked them to swarm to the ball, and we did those things. We’ve just got to clean up some of the silly penalties and I think, as time goes on ... We want to see them play that ball and make that pick on that play.”

The team started off the game with a field goal from junior kicker Jake Suder in the first quarter to take an early lead. However, Michigan State followed with five consecutive touchdowns through the second and third quarters to go up 35-3. The Falcons did finish off the scoring early in the fourth quarter with a fumble recovered for a touchdown by sophomore defensive back Cameron Jefferies, but Michigan State took the first game of the new season 35-10.

While the Falcons were able to outscore Michigan State in two of the four quarters, the team was unable to overcome the deficit in the second and third from Michigan State. The team feels they will need to play more consistently on offense to be able to support the defensive efforts.

“We talked about wanting to protect the defense and slow the game down, not play with as much tempo,” Jinks said. “In order to do that, it makes no difference if you’re not converting a first down.”

The Falcons ran for a total of 64 yards on 24 attempts, averaging 2.8 yards per carry. However, compared to the 4.7 yards per carry Michigan State had in the game, the team knows the rushing game is something they will need to build on throughout the season.

“We were going to commit to the run, and they stopped it,” Jinks said. “When they do that, we’ve got to take our shots, and we came up with a couple of big plays earlier, we just didn’t make enough.”

However, the team will try and take the positives they can away from the game and move forward to the next game in the season.

“It is what it is,” Jinks said. “We’ll learn from it and we’ll move forward.”

The team will next play in their home opener Saturday night against the South Dakota Coyotes.

Soccer takes doubleheader matchup

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

If a team does not give up any goals, they cannot lose, and the Falcons men’s soccer team still have not given up a goal this year as they sit at 4-0 with a goal differential of 9-0 on their opponents.

Over the past weekend the squad took a trip to Philadelphia and beat the Drexel Dragons and Penn Quakers with scores of 3-0 and 2-0, respectively.

In addition to this, senior defenseman Alexis Souahy was named to “College Soccer News” team of the week Monday. He matched ball and twine twice over the week with second half markers against Drexel and Penn.

In the game against the Dragons of Drexel, junior defenseman Moe Mustafa picked up where he left off against the Cleveland State Vikings by leading his team once again, this time with his boot putting two in the net. Souahy got the other to make it a 3-0 game.

“Moe is going to get some praise for (these) goals,” Falcons head coach Eric Nichols said. “But I think he had an even bigger impact defensively. He was massive for us, and along with Alexis (Souahy) and Tom (Wrobel) really held things together.”

Anthony Mwembia, the sophomore goal- tender, kept up his shutout streak by making all six of his saves.

The first goal of the game came as Mustafa scored on a pass from sophomore forward Chris Brennan.

Mwembia was tested as a Dragon got a clean shot off a corner, but he was in position to make the save.

Coach Nichols said, “We didn’t give up a lot of chances, but the ones we did were dangerous and they were at key moments in the game. We relied on Anthony (Mwembia) to make big plays to keep us in control of the match, and he did just that.”

Mustafa’s second goal came on a ball played by junior midfielder Peter Pugliese. The Drexel goalie was able to get a hand on the ball, but that was not enough.

Souahy’s goal came off a shot from freshman midfielder Zach Buescher.

In the match against Penn, it was the one Falcon player from Pennsylvania, sophomore forward Robert Miller III, along with Souahy, who put the ball in the net.

Again, Mwembia stood tall on the back-line, saving the lone shot on net that Penn fired.

Miller’s goal came on an assist from Brennan at the 53 minute mark on a shot from 12 feet out.

Junior forward Tate Robertson volleyed a corner that Souahy headed into the top corner for the last goal.

“Winning is hard, and winning on the road in college soccer is extremely hard,” Nichols said. “I’m really pleased for the guys. We came to Philadelphia with a goal of getting two good results, and to walk out of here with two wins … again, I’m very happy for our guys.”

The boys’ lone game next week is a home Saturday tilt at noon against the Western Illinois Leathernecks.
From Tide to Buckeyes: a look into the 2017 college football season

By Jacob Clary
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Whether you are a Buckeye, Wolverine or Falcon fan, college football returning means the same for all of us. Our favorite teams are back, which means we are busy on Saturday. Some of our teams got better in the offseason, but some of them will have rough seasons after losing players to the NFL.

The 2017 College Football Playoff may feature new teams, or it could be the same teams again. Teams like Ohio State and Alabama are strong teams to look for. Penn State and Penn State, are looking to capitalize on strong Heisman candidates to play to their potential.

Looking at all of the teams that have the potential to make the playoffs, Alabama is the most obvious. They have made the playoffs all three years and will most likely be there in 2017, as well. Sophomore quarterback Jalen Hurts returns after a very successful freshman year. Bo Scarbrough, the team's star running back, will be creating the team's offense. The defense is a bit of a question mark due to losing many starters, including the national defensive player of the year, Jonathan Allen.

In the Big Ten, Ohio State and Penn State are the teams to look for. Penn State still has star running back Saquon Barkley. Barkley's performance last season put him on the Heisman radar, so look to see him perform this year, as well. Most of Penn State's offense returns from their Big Ten-winning season last year. The Nittany Lions will definitely be in the mix until the end, but their season will hinge on how they play Oct. 28 at Ohio State.

The Buckeyes look to be the team to beat Alabama this season, with quarterback J.T. Barrett and running back Mike Weber carrying the load on offense. The receiving group is a bit of a mystery, excluding Parris Campbell. The coaches will be looking to many unproven players on that side of the ball.

The defensive side of the ball includes freshman players, too. Linebacker Tyquan Lewis is the player on defense many young players are going to look to for help. A win against Penn State on Oct. 28 would set the Buckeyes apart from the pack in the Big 10, with the only thing stopping them from the playoffs being an upset late in the season.

The Big 12 has two teams this season that have the talent to make the playoffs: Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Starting with Oklahoma, Baker Mayfield returns for the Sooners. Mayfield is the star of the team, but can only do so much. Mayfield lost his three biggest weapons, Samaje Perine, Joe Mixon and Dede Westbrook, to the NFL, and that will hurt his production. Oklahoma faces an early test in their second game at Ohio State. The way Oklahoma performs in the Ohio State game will be indicative of their season.

The other team to watch in the Big 12 is Oklahoma State, with quarterback Mason Rudolph being a key player. He has the chance to put up big numbers with receiver James Washington, Rudolph's favorite target, and slot receiver Jalen McCleskey coming back from big seasons last year. Oklahoma State will likely be the dark horse candidate to make the playoffs this season, just like Washington last season.

Speaking of Washington, nearly their entire team returns from last season's successful Pac-12-winning season. Jake Browning, the Huskies' quarterback, will be looking to find a new go-to receiver after John Ross went to the NFL. The offense will continue its success this year, bringing back most of their starters, but the defense is a different story. Four key players went to the draft, including their top two cornerbacks. Washington lost a lot of on the defensive side of the ball.

This will be a problem for the Huskies when going up against USC, the other team likely to win the Pac-12. The Trojans have the potential first pick in next year's draft, with Sam Darnold. The two top Trojans receivers went to the NFL, but they recruited at that position as well as any team in the country, and it will show this season. USC beat Washington last season, and the Trojans are even better this year.

Lastly, Florida State would have been the team to beat in the ACC if not for Deondre Francois' injury. Francois' injury complicates the already packed ACC. The ACC is anyone's game now, with Clemson impressing in their first game and Louisville winning, as well.

Florida State will have to rely on the leadership of Derwin James, their All-American safety, returning from a season-ending injury. The defensive line also brings back Josh Sweat and Brian Burns, who combined for 16.5 sacks last season.

It will be interesting to see how well James Blackman performs as the starting quarterback for the Seminoles. Florida State looked decent in the game against Alabama, and will need to rally around the defense and Cam Akers to win the ACC.

College football's best teams are a mix of perennial contenders and potential dark horses. Ohio State and Alabama will almost certainly perform at a championship level, so teams like USC, Oklahoma State and Penn State need to find a way to perform to a similar level. This season has the potential to have multiple upsets and surprises, keeping college football fans everywhere on their toes.

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College housing breakdown

By Meredith Siegel
Reporter

With a shortage of on-campus housing, the University is trying a new type of arrangement for students who are still required to live on campus. After a few weeks of classes and getting settled into new apartments and dorms, here is what students have to say about some of the different types of housing.

University Apartments
Emily Gielen is a second-year public relations student. She decided to take advantage of the off-campus apartment provided through the University.

She applied through the University, but said she was given little information on the apartment before choosing it. The apartment is one street over from campus.

About the apartment, she said, “I was pretty satisfied with it. It was definitely more spacious than what I expected, and it was mostly clean.”

She said, about the pros of this type of housing, “We didn’t have to pay for a parking pass. It was just provided with the apartment. We have a full-sized kitchen and no communal showers. The work orders get done fast if something is broken.”

However, in terms of cons, she said, “Because you live off campus, you kind of feel out of the loop from everything. You have to clean everything by yourself, which I’m not used to. It’s also definitely not cheap.”

She and her roommate went directly to Residence Life for information on this housing. They put apartments as their first choice for housing on the application, and they received it. Other students were waitlisted and not given this housing.

Her advice for this housing option: “Get to it as quick as you can, because they tend to go pretty fast. Now that we have more intel on the apartments, it’ll be better walking in next year.”

On-Campus
Faith Hufford is a junior and an aspiring high school teacher. This is her third year living on campus in Founders.

She said a pro of living on campus is ease. She explained there is a lot of stress involved in living off campus, adding that finding housing on campus is a shorter process. She said meal plans are expensive, but are more convenient than grocery shopping. Also, she said there is stress involved with finding roommates and furnishing.

“You’re close to classes,” she said. “They offer a lot of resources for people who live on campus to meet and bond with their fellow students.”

However, she doesn’t love everything about on-campus life. She said about the cons, “Generally it’s a lot more expensive. A lot more restrictions on things you can and can’t do. Fire drills suck. It’s tiny and you can’t cook.”

Getting on-campus housing was different for upperclassmen this school year. This is due to one less Residence Hall being offered.

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Wooster Green Space project has gray spots

By Paul Garbarino  
City Editor

Optimism and high anticipation are the feelings city and project leaders have for the upcoming Wooster Green Space, but the timeline of the effort is still covered in uncertainty.

“I can certainly say that I am confident that this is going to be nothing but good for our community and be a beautiful place for people to gather,” city council member Sandy Rowland said. “A space where many different activities can take place; it’s very positive for me.”

The Wooster Green Space task force was comprised of 17 active individuals in the Bowling Green community who sought to develop a unique alternative to a building or parking lot on the 1.7 acre plot on the corners of West Wooster, South Church and South Grove streets. Instead, the space that once fostered the junior high school will be installed with newly planted trees, sidewalks, benches, a sculpture and a gazebo.

“It’s about creating something that has the most impact on the community while incorporating the objections and the desires of the community and coming up with a solution that meets the core objective: to have a space for the community to use,” Lori Young said, a University graphic design professor and task force member.

The design option for the space was agreed upon by 272 Bowling Green community members; more than half of the responses collected preferred the chosen design.

“This is not another park, it’s a small space for community gatherings, and it’s what I envision Bowling Green’s front yard to be,” Michael Penrod said, a task force member and a representative from the Bowling Green First Presbyterian Church.

“It’s going to be a place for gathering,” Dick Newlove said, a task force member and president of Newlove Realty Inc. “(It is) a passive place for people to meet casually, and will act as a town square.”

While the design has been finalized and agreed upon for implementation, the timeline for the future of the space is still unclear.

Joe Faucet, information director in the mayor’s office, said there was “no formal timeline as of yet.”

He also said fundraising for the project is expected to begin soon, and the fundraising committee is projected to mainly be collecting private donations.

The firm that composed the designs for the project, Poggemeyer Design Group Inc., estimated the cost of the project to be $345,000.

Mayor Dick Edwards hopes to have a formal ground-breaking ceremony sometime in the spring of 2018.
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“You had to fill out an application if you are an upperclassman. It sucked because it took them a really long time to get back to you, if you got in.”

Hufford said, as advice for living on campus, “Don’t ignore your fellow hall mates. Your RA (Residence Advisor) is a resource, but also a person. Having your RA on your side is definitely a good thing. Take advantage of all the opportunities you have on campus.”

Off-Campus

David Bray is a junior studying broadcast journalism. He lives off campus and has done so for two years at the University.

He rents through Mecca Management Inc. He said, “You don’t have to abide by all the University policies. It gives you a break from the school life. I’d rather have the quietness of an off-campus apartment.”

The parts of off campus life he does not like: “The responsibility to develop relationships is your own since you are not interacting with dorm mates. Some places come unfurnished, and the ones that come furnished are more expensive. On campus, you don’t have to go through the hassle. I’m factoring my own income for meals as opposed to BG Bucks, which come from Federal Aid.”

Getting an apartment off campus is much different than on campus, Bray said, “We had to go touring apartments.”

Figuring out your budget and what goes into it is a huge process according to Bray. Furniture, storage, laundry and food costs all come into play when picking an apartment.

For advice on off-campus living, he said, “Do the research. Make sure it feels like it’s going to accommodate you well. Whatever lifestyle you live, whatever you want to do throughout the school year. Enjoy it, it’s ultimately a new experience from living on campus.”

University students take on jobs each semester in addition to classes, and between helping reduce college debt and earning some additional money for food and drink on the weekend, the reasons for students to take on a job are many.

Dawn Chong, the director of Student Employment Services, said students who work between 10 and 12 hours are more likely to successfully complete their college career. Students learn time management and interpersonal skills through employment, she said.

WorkNet, an online job service shared by Student Employment Services and the Career Center, contains jobs that are specific to certain majors and fields of study, with pay ranging from $8.15 an hour to upwards of $20 an hour. The only exceptions to jobs offered on the site are teaching positions.

“A lot of classes require a resume, and we can help you with that,” Chong said.

She recommended going to Student Employment Services event, “Resume Rookie,” Wednesday, Aug. 30 or Thursday, Aug. 31 from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 208 of the Union. The workshop gives students assistance polishing older resumes and building new ones. Even if students will not be immediately looking for jobs, the workshops can still be good skill-building events for future jobs, she said.

Campus Fest, another event that took place Aug. 31, saw Student Employment Services and several employers manning tables to answer questions.

Some types of employment offered on campus fit well with student interests and offer unique experiences.

Rebekkah Gresh, a senior integrated science education major, is a stargazing leader at the University observatory.

“I love taking students up and showing them how cool science is,” she said.

While stargazing is normally a night job, she was working in the middle of the day on Aug. 21 due to the solar eclipse. On the roof of the Physical Sciences Laboratory building, she took guests to the University-owned telescopes that allowed them to safely observe the eclipse.

University employment can also enable students to innovate in matters related to their work.

Mike Gulas, a senior studying math and physics, was employed over the summer at The Learning Commons. While he was assisting students taking summer courses, he also took advantage of the reduced class sizes to create educational videos for students taking math courses at the University.

Gulas said each video is about three to five minutes long, but takes about 12 hours to produce because he writes a script for each episode, draws custom diagrams to illustrate the math and uses a green screen while filming.

These videos were made to help students who need to study on the go or when The Learning Commons is closed once they have been published.

University employees can go beyond the basic job description to help their employer and have unique project experiences they can show to others.