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Green space construction delayed

By Kaitlyn Fillhart
Social Media Editor

The early morning sounds of construction are not ending anytime soon near Founders Hall. The construction taking place where West Hall and the Family and Consumer Sciences building once stood will continue until the later half of November.

“We were supposed to be done in October,” Senior Project Manager Ryan Miller said. “When we took down West Hall, the wall that connected it to Founders was not what we anticipated. We’ve had to do some additional design work to provide more structural support for the brick wall that will go up. That’s delaying us a bit.”

Along with the delays, the determination of what exactly is going into the new space has not yet been completed.

As the University is looking to centralize a lot of the memorials, one of the proposed ideas for the space is to make a memorial garden.

“There are a couple different things that are being kicked around,” University spokesman Dave Kielmeyer said. “One is a memorial grove that would honor both alumni and students who have served and lost their lives in military service. It would also recognize others on campus who have made contributions to the University and have since passed.”

What is known is that the area will be a green space that will provide a more open entry into the heart of campus.

“What you’ll see is an irrigated lawn area with a double row of trees planted that will go from one end of Founders to the other,” Miller said.

Tasks that need to be completed by November include tunnel work, sidewalk resurfacing, topsoil and irrigation installation, tree planting, restructuring on the wall that connected West Hall to Founders and re-paving in Lot 11 beside Founders.

“Fixing the structures above the tunnels to get them up to our new standards is a project that was added,” Miller said. “The existing tunnel top was in poor condition. Now they will be able to hold heavier things like fire trucks.”

Kielmeyer noted, overall, this construction project has gone very well.

Miller agrees and looks forward to the completion of the new space.

“Residence Life and Honors have been really good about understanding when you make progress, sometimes you have some inconveniences,” Miller said.

Miller added that this new area will be a hang-out spot that students will enjoy.

“It should be really nice when it’s done. I think people will find a new appreciation for that court yard,” Miller said. “Founders was always hidden away by buildings. This will bring it back to life.”

Frosty the Snowman and Hulk join SICSIC

By Ryan Luchene
Reporter

SICSIC has gained two new members in the forms of the Incredible Hulk and Frosty the Snowman.

For those who don’t know of these secretive mascots, SICSIC is a group of students who wear character masks around campus.

They go to sports events, pep rallies and other University events. No one knows who may be under those masks, but many students enjoy seeing them around campus.

Since joining SICSIC, both Frosty and Hulk have had a few weeks representing the spirit squad of the University.

“It has been the best experience ever! It’s really fun going out there being weird and goofy for all the students,” Frosty the Snowman said.

People have seen how energetic and goofy the members of SICSIC are, and those characteristics are what makes them so popular.

Hulk and Frosty’s goals are to give back to the University. They want to work together with the rest of their group members to make students happy and have a great time in Bowling Green. With the rest of their SICSIC siblings also joining in on the spirit events, they look reach their goal of bringing school spirit to an all-time high on campus.

Both Hulk and Frosty have enjoyed going to many events over the past few weeks. The two have gone to football games and have hyped up the new students at opening weekend. With the freedom to play the character they choose, they use their disguises to get the students pumped up at University events.

So far, both of their favorite places to support the school are at the football games, where the energy and excitement can be high.

With it being so early in the sports season, both mentioned wanting to work at basketball and hockey games to experience the differences between the events. The experience will be different in terms of seeing crowd reactions to all that happens in each three of the sports.

Hulk encourages people to join the SICSIC team, “It is fun for anyone to join. It is great to make friends in SICSIC!”

The next time the group is accepting new members, interested students can visit their page on the University website to submit an application. They accept applications once a year.
White supremacy is unacceptable

Meredith Siegel  
Reporter

There was a white supremacist group on campus on Tuesday. I’m not going to do them the dignity of naming their organization, since that legitimizes them and gives them potential foot traffic on their websites, but if you see a poster with a triangle intersected three ways and a focus on Europe, that’s them.

My close friend saw them, grabbed a poster and gave it to a faculty member in the office of multicultural affairs, so administration is aware.

This is the same group that showed up last March and put posters up around campus. They go to many college campuses to recruit like-minded people: white supremacists.

This is a completely unacceptable group to have on campus. An organization that truly believes they are better, deserve better and are somehow in danger because they are white.

It’s truly terrifying that people believe and practice that. They practice a fundamental disrespect and hatred toward people because of their skin color or ethnic background. There are tons of people of color on campus, as well as Jewish students, and we have to stand together against anyone who thinks that is wrong. That multiculturalism is wrong.

Not only are they terrifying and malicious, they are fundamentally wrong about everything that they say. Race does not exist on a biological level, it’s a social construct. According to a Business Insider article, we share 99.9 percent of our DNA with our fellow humans and about 50 percent with bananas. The genetic differences between humans is miniscule.

This specific group considers themselves a “fraternal” group with a large network of people that can be found online or through local meet-ups. The members of this group have to be vetted according to their high standards.

These members could be your neighbors, your friends, your family or anyone you know. The people who marched in Charlottesville were normal people with normal jobs. Make it undeniably clear in your daily life that white supremacy is unacceptable and evil. Do not engage with people like Richard Spencer who questions if “Jews are people.” Engaging with them only spreads their message and in many cases they cannot be convinced otherwise. Cut Nazis and their sympathizers out of your life. Shut them down when they bring up white supremacy. This isn’t a free speech issue, they can say whatever they want.

But I don’t want to hear it and I don’t want anyone to think I’m willing to hear it. This isn’t a partisan issue, either; anyone who believes non-white people should be treated differently or killed or anyone who feels threatened by the existence of non-white people is unquestionably racist and therefore bad, no matter which political party you identify with.

White supremacy doesn’t just exist in organizations made to scare and dominate people of color and Jewish people. The school-to-prison pipeline is an extension of white supremacy, just as an example. White supremacy exists in our systems that run everyday life, and it is everyone’s job, particularly white people’s, to end these systems and protect our friends of color from both passive and active white supremacy.

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U.S. and North Korea in a new light

By Kevin Michel  
Reporter

Since 1948, the Kim dynasty (also referred to as the Mount Paektu Bloodline) has seen the dominant force in the West intervene with rulers such as Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein and Muammar Gaddafi. While the majority of the regimes the U.S. has intervened with have been quite recent, the Kim dynasty was still consolidating power in accordance with a fear of losing power, with the purpose of this column, it is useful to acknowledge the fact that, deep down, humans tend to strive for preservation. With this in mind, let’s turn our attention to North Korea, primarily its leader Kim Jong-un, and make the claim that he may not be as insane as the majority of Americans say he is. No, I am not defending him, but maybe we can paint him in a different light that would help us understand why we are in this war of words.

“Each government sees the other as an opportunity to show how strong they can be.”

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 Legal terms and viral journalism: a look at alleged crimes

Tragic news headlines often come with tragic reactions, especially in the age of social media. People can easily voice their concern with the wording a journalist uses, or the subject matter covered.

A person who is not trained as a journalist may fail to see why certain words are being used. Often times, news outlets are simply trying to obey the law, not put out fake news. The most recent instance I saw was an article about a preteen girl “allegedly” being tied to the chair. This article had a photo of the girl duct taped to a chair right above the headline. Due to this, many people were failing to see how she was “allegedly” tied to a chair. The picture obviously showed she was.

One may think that a news outlet saying something happened allegedly is disrespectful towards victims of crimes. In the legal world, however, words like “allegedly” have strict definitions that often stray from our common vernacular.

According to the Columbia Journalism Review, there is a difference between being a suspect and a person allegedly taking part in a crime. “Suspected” means “viewed with suspicion,” while “alleged” means “so declared, but without proof or legal conviction.”

In other words, calling someone “an alleged thief” is about as close as you can legally get to saying “we know you did it” without any proof.

Don’t think the terms “allege” and “allegedly” are meant to protect criminals. While they may do so in some ways, they often protect victims from civil slander cases. Your wording can make all the difference in a court of law, and journalists should know that better than anyone.

While it is important to get all the facts out there about an alleged crime, journalists must also remain objective. By remaining neutral, journalists hope to ensure innocent people are not slandered. But for many news outlets, the use of such terms is not necessarily out of their shining morality. Most just want to avoid a costly libel or slander case.

The everyday person can go around accusing people of things, but things that we never dreaming of having records on are being stored away today. It’s becoming more and more important to watch what you say, not just journalists.

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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.

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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.

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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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After one week in the National Football League season, most teams have revealed themselves. Teams like the Atlanta Falcons and the Oakland Raiders are staying with what they know, while other teams added multiple important pieces to make a push to the playoffs. Other than the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Miami Dolphins, every team had a game to play. Most of the divisions this season look to stay the same, but a few could change. It’s the NFL, and they play the games for a reason.

Starting in the AFC, the AFC North has been ruled by the Pittsburgh Steelers for years. The Steelers have the most talented football team in the division, with an offense that is probably the best in the league. Ben Roethlisberger is playing the best football of his career, and with Antonio Brown and Le’Veon Bell, their offense is dominant. The Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns were decent in their first games. They will fight for second in the division. The Cincinnati Bengals looked absolutely atrocious, with the only bright spot being rookie running back Joe Mixon. The Bengals will be last in the division unless something changes.

The AFC South is a different story. Both the Tennessee Titans and the Oakland Raiders are teams that have the talent to win the division. The Titans looked good as well, and are expected to compete in more games than previous years. The NFC North will be a fun division to watch. The Minnesota Vikings were great against the New Orleans Saints. Sam Bradford and Dalvin Cook were standouts, and couldn’t be stopped. Mike Zimmer’s defense was great as well, and held Drew Brees to less than 300 yards. The Green Bay Packers will be the other team that could win the division. Aaron Rodgers is still considered one of the best player in the NFL, and with him, the Packers always have a chance. The Detroit Lions were good in their game as well, and Matt Stafford was already looking in mid-season shape. The Chicago Bears didn’t look awful, almost defeating the Atlanta Falcons.

The NFC South will be the opposite of the AFC South. This division has the best group of quarterbacks, with Drew Brees, Cam Newton, Matt Ryan and Jameis Winston. Each team has a shot to win the division this year. The Falcons are the favorite to repeat, with the defending NFL MVP-Matt Ryan, and one of the best receivers. The Carolina Panthers have a couple new additions, Christian McCaffrey and Curtis Samuel, who will breathe life into their offense. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are a very young team, and this may be the year for them to finally break into the playoffs.

The NFC East looks like it could be similar to last year. Ezekiel Elliott is the lifeblood of the Dallas Cowboys offense, and with it likely that he will play in week two and beyond, they are my pick to win the division. Dak Prescott and Elliott are great together, and with Dez Bryant at the receiver position, their offense won’t be lacking in points. The New York Giants, when Odell Beckham Jr. is playing, could beat the Cowboys. The Philadelphia Eagles are shaping up to be good this year as well, with quarterback Carson Wentz utilizing the various assets the Eagles have, like LeGarrette Blount and Alshon Jeffery. The Washington Redskins looked bad in their game against the Eagles, and probably won’t perform well this year without DeSean Jackson or Pierre Garcon.

Lastly, the NFC West looks to be a one-team race with the Seattle Seahawks taking the lead. The Seahawks looked all right in their game against the Packers, but the San Francisco 49ers and Arizona Cardinals played badly in their games. The Los Angeles Rams looked great, but they played the Colts, who aren’t good. The Seahawks have the most talented team in the division, and should finish the year at the top.

The NFL season has a lot of surprises, and each game there is a chance for an upset, but at the end of the season, the best teams have the most wins. That will be the same this year, unless some catastrophic injuries occur. Now, thankfully, football is back.

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**NFL predictions by divisions**

**AFC North:**
- **Win:** Pittsburgh Steelers
- **Second:** Baltimore Ravens/Cleveland Browns
- **Bottom:** Cincinnati Bengals

**AFC South:**
- **Win:** Indianapolis Colts/Jacksonville Jaguars
- **Playoff potential:** Tennessee Titans
- **Valuable players:** Mike Zimmer, Aaron Rodgers

**AFC East:**
- **Win:** New England Patriots
- **Valuable players:** Bill Belichick, Tom Brady

**AFC West:**
- **Win:** Kansas City Chiefs/Oakland Raiders
- **Will gain ground:** Los Angeles Chargers

**NFC North:**
- **Win:** Minnesota Vikings/Green Bay Packers
- **MVP:** Matt Ryan

**NFC South:**
- **Win:** Too close to call
- **MVP:** Matt Ryan
- **Rise from below:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**NFC East:**
- **Win:** Dallas Cowboys
- **Close second:** New York Giants

**NFC West:**
- **Win:** Seattle Seahawks
- **Rough start:** San Francisco 49ers/Arizona Cardinals
Football looks for first win of season

The Falcons football team will continue to look for their first win of the season on the road Saturday night against the Northwestern Wildcats.

The team knows that they will have to improve their run defense going forward to give themselves a chance at the first win.

“We know what Northwestern’s going to do, they’re going to be sound,” Falcons head coach Mike Jinks said. “They’re good up front, they’re going to be physical, they’ve got a great running game, (Northwestern running back Justin) Jackson is probably one of the better backs on that side of the conference. We’re going to have to contain him.”

The team also gave up a total of 525 yards defensively in their previous match-up against the South Dakota Coyotes, including a 72 yard touchdown pass. Additionally, the team feels that Northwestern will tend to put a heavy focus on defending the pass, meaning that the team must take advantage in the running game.

“We’re going to have to limit the explosive play in their passing game,” Jinks said. “From an offensive standpoint, they’re stout, they tend to leave the box light at times, so we’re going to have to be able to run the football when they have five men in the box, so we’re not trying to pass the ball 40 or 50 times.”

The team is also going to continue using the stretch of non-conference opponents to get their younger players more ready for the beginning of Mid-American Conference play, while still doing the best they can under the circumstances to win the non-conference games.

“What we’re trying to do right now is try to continue to build a program,” Jinks said. “We’re playing a lot of young kids, but that’s no excuse. We’ve got to give them their way, we’ve got to get them ready to go and keep them out there. Really the key is keeping their confidence up and making sure that they still believe.”

Despite last game’s loss, the team was able to take away a major positive in the strength of their running game, which had a total of 166 yards on 37 carries.

“Last week was a function of being down 21-3,” Jinks said. “In the first half we ran it well and we got to the point where we couldn’t just hand the ball off anymore, so it’s not about making those mistakes early in the ball game, it’s about doing the little things that keep you in the game and (keep) you from having to throw it just to catch up.”

“"We’re going to have to limit the explosive play in their passing game.”" -Mike Jinks - Falcons Head Coach

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BEST robotics returns

By Meredith Siegel
Reporter

The Falcon BEST Robotics competition kicks off this Saturday with the announcement of the game secrets, according to Hub director Mohammad Mayyas.

This is the fifth annual robotics competition held at the University. The BEST Robotics competition is a nation-wide event and allows middle and high school students to get involved with engineering.

“The goal is to enable, provide or engage students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related fields,” said Mayyas, who holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering.

After the kick-off, teams made up of students in varying numbers, will have four weeks to design a remote controlled robot that will do the tasks assigned during the kick-off.

Each school is given an identical set of parts and game rules with the end goal of outperforming the other robots being submitted by other schools. These robots have to do a number of assigned tasks to win the BEST award.

The kick-off will be held in the Perry Fieldhouse.

There are 20 schools participating this year, which is four more than last year. The theme this year is “crossfire.” This is based on firefighting tactics according to the teaser on the University website.

“There are soft and technical skills they (participants) will learn, through conducting this event ... they know how to deal with diverse students and they will collaborate and learn from each other. Also, communication skills and writing skills in terms of putting your ideas into practice,” Mayyas said.

There is a practice day on October 14, while the actual game day will be held on October 28. Students will have to submit a notebook with their planning and designs the week before Game Day.

The playing field is usually a 24 foot long and 24 foot wide playing field, according to the BEST Robotics website. Four teams compete per every three minute match.

There are five elements to earning the BEST award, according to the Falcon BEST Robotics page on the University’s website: an engineering notebook, a marketing presentation, a team interview, spirit and sportsmanship and robot performance.

There were 19 awards doled out during the 2016 competition, with five of those competitors being new that year.

To participate, schools build a team and then register with the University.

Mayyas said this is an opportunity for kids to get their foot in the door in the engineering field. He said that there were teams last year made up entirely of women.

The University is a Hub, which means this competition is on the local level. Schools will be coming from mostly Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.
Toledo talent at new music festival
First annual Sacred Harvest Music Festival to showcase local artists

By Bri Scebbi
Reporter

A new music festival is coming to Grand Rapids, Ohio, located about 20 minutes from the University, beginning Saturday, Sept. 16 at noon and going on into the night.

The Sacred Harvest Festival will showcase the growing arts scene in Toledo and surrounding suburbs by featuring local musicians and artists.

The styles of music that will be represented at the festival vary: blues from T-Bone Jones, “psychedelic/futuristic space bass music” from Peanutbutter Williams, recreated funk from Wastastic and psychedelic alternative/indie rock from Human Juicebox, just to name a few.

The event is put on by FROGtown GlassROOTS, an event planning group in Toledo that aims to “grow community awareness while also growing and promoting the arts/entertainments market(s)” in Toledo. Wastastic, a Toledo band, is also helping to coordinate this event in addition to performing at it.

FROGtown GlassROOTS hopes for the event to bring more attention to the music scene in Northwest Ohio and for this new festival to become an annual event.