Homecoming week has arrived

By Brionna Scebi
Reporter

The Homecoming Student Steering Committee kicked off Homecoming week in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union with a photo booth, showings of school spirit by the cheerleaders and plenty of giveaways.

With the help of the Homecoming Court and Freddie and Frieda, students eating lunch in the Falcon’s Nest Wednesday were given plenty opportunities to get excited for this week’s events.

From a stage in the Student Union, representatives from the Steering Committee worked to get students on their feet by offering free T-shirts to anyone who could perform the motions to “Ay Ziggy Zoomba.” The cheerleading squad led everyone in singing and moving along to the song before a volunteer stepped on stage to mimic the motions.

Students were offered free gear for their best Falcon screech. One student earned a drawstring bag full of spirit items when his rendition of a Falcon’s call earned students’ loudest cheers.

The giveaways continued as the cheer squad moved into the tables full of students to give out shirts, water bottles, sunglasses and umbrellas, a fan favorite given the view outside the windows of the Union was rainy and dark.

Senior Kody Korbas, a member of the 2017 Homecoming Court, did not want the weather to put a damper on the week’s opening festivities.

“Don’t let this rain drain any of your pride!” Korbas said when addressing the students.

Korbas and several other students on the Homecoming Court introduced themselves and reminded everyone to take advantage of the free photo booth that day and all of the other events planned throughout the rest of this week.

To find out more about Homecoming events for students, see the schedule of events for Homecoming week.
Homecoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 12
5th Annual Homecoming Bed Races at 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in Lot N
Block Party at 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in Lot N
Prep Your Ride with Falcon Pride at 8 a.m.-11 p.m. in Perry Field House

Friday, Oct. 13
Last chance to vote online for Homecoming Royalty
Volleyball vs Eastern Michigan University at 5 p.m. in Stroh Center
Homecoming Parade at 5:30 p.m. on Wooster Street from South Grove Street to North Mercer Road.
Taste of BG at 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at Falcon Tailgate Park
Ice Hockey vs Michigan State University at 7:30 p.m. in Slater Family Ice Arena
Women’s Soccer vs University of Buffalo at 7 p.m. in Cochrane Soccer Stadium
BGSU Concert Band Performance at 8 p.m. in Kobacker Hall

Saturday, Oct. 14
17th Annual Freddie and Frieda 5K Run at 8 a.m. at Perry Field House
Falcon Flapjacks at 9 a.m. in Perry Field House
Alumni Tailgate Tents at 12:30 p.m. at Falcon Tailgate Park
Pep Rally and Team Walk at 12:45 p.m. at Falcon Tailgate Park
Football vs Ohio University at 3:30 p.m. in Doyt Perry Stadium
Performance by Falcon Marching Band and Alumni Band during football game
Announcement of Homecoming King and Queen at halftime
Volleyball vs Central Michigan University at 7 p.m. in Stroh Center

Sunday, Oct. 15
Women’s Soccer vs Akron University

Dog days are here

By April Leygraf
Reporter

The American Cancer Society is putting on Greater Toledo’s First Barktoberfest this Saturday, Oct. 14. The event is taking place at Centennial Terrace in Sylvania and will be from noon until 3 p.m.

This is the first time American Cancer Society of Greater Toledo will be hosting a Barktoberfest after holding Bark for Life in previous years.

“This is an outdoor event you can bring your dog to; there’s live music and animal friendly vendors,” said a member of the committee. The performer for the day will be Johnny Ramos.

“Johnny plays acoustic classic, 90s, hip hop, indie, folk and blues,” said the event Facebook page. Hot dogs and brats will be available for guests to enjoy. There will also be bounce houses for younger kids.

The day’s festivities also include a costume contest for best dressed pet, best kid’s costume, and best pet-owner duo. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the event for $12 but quantity is limited.

“We got the idea from a similar event in Michigan,” said a committee member. There are many Barktoberfest events that take place all around the U.S. each year. All benefits from the day will go to benefit American Cancer Society.

For more information visit the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/BarkforlifeC/.
Weinstein’s familiar fall from grace

Sure, Harvey Weinstein’s behavior is bad. Sure, legal proceedings will follow, and he will be yet another stigmatized Hollywood figure “falling from grace”, if there ever was any grace to begin with. Sure, sympathy will flow towards his victims as the public reconciles with the fact that sexual abuse is still an all too real part of the professional world. The question that should have been answered so long ago is still alive. Why are we still seeing stories of workplace sexual harassment?

Yes, I could have asked the question, “How do we stop sexual abuse?” but that would be an extremely vague question, ultimately leading to a vague answer, and one that is not within the scope of this article. How is it that we can experience years of these same sexual harassment stories and watch as nothing has changed? I will provide two answers to this question, and while there are surely more, I will focus on the two I believe are most important.

First, men given a substantial amount of power in the workplace have no remorse for their actions because they are essentially untouchable. They have risen to the top of their respective work, and, believing that this justifies any action they perform, are free to act without consequence or any sort of moral roadblock. If this sounds dangerous to you, believe that it is. Men like Harvey Weinstein can legitimize their actions because of the power they hold and the thought that they are untouchable because they have risen to the top of the professional world. Weinstein had the power to destroy almost any actresses career. He ran with this power and instead of being humble or modest, chose to abstract his most primal desires and sexually harass his female inferiors. Of course, it goes without saying that not all people in a position of power act this way. The ideas presented here are by no means a generalization of how powerful men act in the workplace. But, we don’t hear stories of men not sexually harassing women, we only hear stories of when they do, so I will carry on.

Second, it could very well be a generational thing, although I am only bringing this up because Weinstein uses it to defend his actions. He has been quoted saying that behavior like his own was just a natural part of the workplace in the sixties and seventies. He believes that because the professional world included sexual harassment when he first began his career, he is just a product of his environment. It is reasons like this that lead me to believe there will never be a remedy for workplace sexual harassment, despite all our efforts. Clearly, Weinstein knows what he was doing was wrong, yet he defended his actions by saying other people did it. What kind of moral justification is this? This cannot be a proper defense.

Bill O’Reilly, Roger Ailes, Bill Cosby and now Harvey Weinstein. Men like this are to be left at the side of the road, unacknowledged by the public. The tracks are laid for workplace sexual harassment instances to come out, and you better believe there will be more. It will stop somewhere, but for now, it is difficult to see where this end may be.

Columbus Day celebration, controversy

Christopher Columbus. That name may remind you of a day off school. However, the name might evoke feelings of hatred in some. Across New England and other parts of the United States, vandals have been spray-painting statues of Columbus in acts of protest. I can agree that Christopher Columbus did some horrible things, but we’re about 511 years late to the “hating Columbus party.”

After his death in 1506, homes of the indigenous people he invaded were left completely altered. Columbus did influence the course of American history, even if he doesn’t deserve credit for it. He was simply born in the right place at the right time, like many historical figures.

Those against Columbus or Columbus Day aren’t wrong.
He was a man that never finished his original mission. Columbus never intended to usher in colonialism. Actually, he was trying to find a way to Asia. Trade routes during the time of Columbus had high tariffs, so Columbus intended to find a new route.

Sadly, this never came to be. Columbus ended up getting lost several times. Mistakes during navigation left him thinking he was in Japan; however, he was really in modern day Haiti. Eventually, Columbus gave up on Asia, and his additional colonization attempts incited violence amongst the natives.

Columbus looked down on the natives. According to Hanke L. Bourne, Columbus said:

“They are artless and generous with what they have, to such a degree as no one would believe but him who had seen it. Of anything they have, if it be asked for, they never say no, but do rather invite the person to accept it, and show as much lovingness as though they would give their heart.”

The quote sounds nice at times, but it shows how Columbus (and those paying him) could easily take advantage of natives. I’d argue this was Columbus’ greatest, and worst, discovery.

Columbus was born during the “Age of Discovery.” However, we now know explorers like Columbus didn’t really deserve the credit.

If Columbus knew he was being hailed as the “discoverer” of the Americas, he would probably be angry. The man still believed he traveled to eastern Asia until the day he died. Even if Columbus failed more often than not, his actions forever changed America and Europe. The modern remnants of those actions should not be ignored, celebrated or defaced.

The way I look at it, criticizing people who are long gone won’t produce any change. Facts get hidden by time and shifting cultures, and the future is all we can feasibly alter.

Instead of defacing a statue of Columbus, people should learn more about the environment that produced a man like Columbus. We can easily learn from the past, but we cannot change the past through vandalism.
Gaining public relations knowledge

By Audra DeLaney
Guest Columnist

The executive board of BGSU Public Relations Student Society of America attended PRSSA National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts over fall break.

PRSSA’s national mission is to provide exceptional service to its members by enhancing their education, broadening their professional network and helping launch their careers after graduation.

Each one of us who attended PRSSA National Conference hoped to gain insight into how to improve as public relations practitioners, networkers and executive board members.

I am the treasurer of Bowling Green State University’s chapter of PRSSA, and PRSSA National Conference helped affirm my love for political and nonprofit communication. I met so many aspiring professionals with passions that aligned with mine. We were able to have conversations about our current political climate and how to use our skills to bring about positive change in the world.

President Bree Sabin is incredibly thankful that BGSU PRSSA was able to attend PRSSA National Conference this year as attendance was not an option last year.

“It was an unforgettable experience, and I was able to learn so much more about the diverse field of public relations,” Sabin said. “It was insightful to hear from other chapters and discover new ways to improve our chapter.”

Sabin said individual improvements have not been specified yet, but she hopes to refine the thoughts of the entire executive board and implement as many changes as she can before she graduates in May.

Vice President Melissa Noel is also eager to implement changes with Sabin. PRSSA National Conference inspired her to work hard here at BGSU to reach her goals for the chapter and for herself.

“I got to hear from experienced PR professionals,” Noel said. “I am really excited to implement their advice in our chapter.”

Social Media Coordinator Alyssa Almendinger spent her time listening to presenters and tweeting to make sure those in Ohio were shown the highlights of PRSSA National Conference.

“It was a fruitful experience gaining wisdom from PR practitioners who have been in the field for a long time,” Almendinger said. “I enjoyed being able to network with my fellow peers.”

Falcon Communications Chair Ali Pearson enjoyed learning how to prepare for life after graduation and improve BGSU PRSSA’s firm, Falcon Communications. She learned ways other chapters run their firms and how she can take Falcon Communications to the next level.

“National Conference was such a great opportunity to network with other chapters throughout the nation,” Pearson said.

BGSU PRSSA has affected each one of us differently, and we are grateful for all the opportunities it has given our entire chapter. Membership in BGSU PRSSA comes with access to Falcon Communications, networking trips, guest speakers, professional development workshops and mentorship programming. PRSSA meetings are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in BA 112 and new members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please email Bree Sabin at sabinb@bgsu.edu.

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– Alyssa Almendinger—
Social Media Coordinator of the BGSU Public Relations Student Society of America

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New vision for LGBT organization

By Adam Gretsinger
Reporter

An LGBTQ+ organization on campus is re-branding to better represent its membership, place on campus and to attract more participation.

The sexual orientation-focused group has changed its name from Vision to the Queer/Trans Student Union, coinciding with the establishment of a new resource center, which is being moved from the Math Science building to the Union, and a new executive board.

Elle Fullenkamp, the outreach chair of QTSU, explained some of the reasons the name change occurred at the beginning of this semester.

One of the most important reasons was the older name’s lack of description. Fullenkamp said the name Vision had been used since the organization’s founding in the 70s because “it was purposefully ambiguous.” This was done to protect members in a time when LGBTQ+ people often faced strong discrimination.

However, she said because changes in contemporary American society have generated a greater acceptance of queer and transgender identities, the group decided the need for stealth was gone.

Vice president of QTSU, Darlene Johns, added, “It just feels like the right time to do this … in this political climate.” She said the new name gave the group a more overt presence on campus and would allow members to have a greater voice about issues.

Fullenkamp also mentioned a desire for the organization to be given a more well-known place within the network of student groups as a factor for the re-branding. She said name could help place them on the same level as other minority-based student organizations, like the Latino Student Union or the Black Student Union, in terms of prominence and visibility.

The opportunity of generating a coalition of minority student groups was an especially important reason for this part of the change.

“All of our oppressions are connected,” Fullenkamp said, adding such issues could be better addressed with the support of a larger group of students.

“The ultimate goal is a community,” said Johns. “It’s all about building community with ourselves.” She said the possible collaboration could help ensure resources needed by minority groups are readily available and that students feel more enabled to create identity-based groups.

While the concept of a name change for the group was a popular choice in the organization, the actual choosing of the name generated some contention.

Fullenkamp said they chose between two new names to represent their membership: Queer/Trans Student Union or merely the Queer Student Union. There was some discussion about which one better represented the union’s goals. However, she said the current name was eventually chosen because it “[centered] voices of our most vulnerable members.”

She also said the organization opted not to utilize the LGBTQ+ acronym or extensions of it in the new name, as it can give different identities a higher place in the “order,” giving the appearance some groups are more important than others.

Johns added, to ensure the organization supported how it would be represented, “We voted as a whole body which one would be more appropriate.”

QTSU, under its new name, will be hosting various activities in light of October being LGBT History month. Oct. 11 through Oct. 18, under the “Coming Out Week” title, includes various presentations and a drag show at Ziggy’s restaurant and activities for National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

It also offers various means for education about queer and transgender identities. One such mean is “The Panel Program,” which invites individuals in the gender or sexual identity minority to speak about their experiences. Such panels are unique in that the presenters are encouraged to make their true opinions heard — the speeches are established to not represent the organization itself and are encouraged to not leave the confines of the presentation. Audience members are also encouraged to ask questions they normally would not or should not in a normal context.

As long as they are polite, all questions are welcome.

Faculty advisor to the organization, Katie Stygles, said she believes the group’s executive board will help the organization due to their greater use of broad ideas. “Our leadership team is really dynamic and creative,” she said.

The QTSU meets every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in Room 107 of Hanna Hall, but the leaders say they will be moving into the Student Union next semester. Meetings are open to everybody.
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Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
I would like to be a part of Homecoming royalty for what it represents for those who support me and have helped me develop into the person that I am today. It's not about me as an individual winning for my own sake but serves as a representation of the effect that students, staff and faculty have had on me in my time at the University.

How has your experience on campus been?
My time at BG has been everything that I could've wanted and more. I've gotten to meet people from diverse backgrounds and have had opportunities to have an positive impact on the community around me through Alpha Tau Omega and The Interfraternity Council as the Vice President of Membership Development.

Mark Rochester

Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
I want to be a part of Homecoming royalty because it is a way for me to give back to the University. This school has provided me with numerous opportunities for growth and experiences in my life, and I couldn't be more thankful. It is a huge way for me to say thank you and give back.

How has your experience on campus been?
My time at the University has gone by too fast! These past four years have truly flown by, and I am going to miss it when I graduate. From going to endless sporting games to eating one too many plates of food at the Oaks, I have been able to call this place a home since day one.

Kody Korbas

Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
BGSU has given me so many amazing opportunities and experiences and being able to represent the University has been a dream since I have started here!

Involvement on campus:
Office of Admissions as both a Tour Guide and a Student Tour Coordinator, Education Abroad Ambassador, member of the Falcon Marching Band and a College of Health and Human Services Ambassador.

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Male engagement in ending sexual assault

By Meredith Siegel
Reporter

Sexual assault at the University is being tackled head-on by a special task force — and they want both men and women to help.

“(A push for increased male involvement) is not saying men are the perpetrators; it’s saying men can have a great impact on changing the culture here,” Julie Broadwell, campus advocacy manager for the Cocoon, said. “The task force was really focused on what BGSU can do to change the conversation — which then changes actions, changes behavior — which will guarantee to reduce the number of sexual assaults on campus.”

Following the publication of the Sexual Assault Task Force recommendations, there is now an implementation team working to bring those suggestions to reality. One of their main goals is increasing male involvement in sexual violence prevention.

This new team has met once, Sept. 29, and the next meeting is coming up within the next few weeks.

The task force is working on hiring a “Coordinator for Engaging Men,” a position that does not currently exist, to get more men involved in the fight against sexual assault, Broadwell said, who is also a member of the implementation team. She believes that increased male engagement is vital to preventing sexual assault.

“The recommendation comes from moving away from looking at sexual violence or sexual assault as, quote, ‘a women’s issue’ because we know that whenever a person is sexually assaulted it affects the entire campus; it affects people who are friends with the survivor. It’s not just women that are sexually assaulted, so we need to move away from that,” Broadwell said.

Recommendations are broken down into three categories: care, prevention and process. Male engagement falls under “prevention.”

This male engagement coordinator is being hired to work with different organizations, particularly those with high male involvement like sports or fraternities, and also campus in general, to talk about sexual assault.

“We’re reaching out specifically to the people who, in most cases statistically, have the largest power over stopping sexual violence and assault crimes,” Elle Fullenkamp said, third year AYA English education major and a member of the implementation team.

This education includes lessons on not only how to intervene in potentially dangerous situations but also how to create a culture where sexual assault is something that is important and fought against by both men and women.

“Through peer education, through the wellness connection, we do have plenty of bystander intervention training. And that’s the biggest thing, kind of the front lines thing to combat (sexual assault),” Fullenkamp said.

“We also have It’s On Us, which has a student group that is begging for involvement, especially the male leaders on campus,” she continued.

It’s On Us is a campaign started by Joe Biden looking to end sexual assault on college campuses. It has student group meetings Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Business Administration Room 103.

Administrative meetings are Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Union. Students are able to go to either or both meetings.

A website will be created that will show viewers what the task force recommends in different situations, what is getting done and what is completed. “So there will be an accountability there, where students and other concerned people in our community can be checking in on our progress,” Fullenkamp said.

Involvement, especially male involvement, is incredibly important to the implementation team, and they hope increased contribution will bring about real change.
Conference play is where the games matter that much more, and as the Falcons men’s soccer team started out the regular season on a winning streak, they couldn’t do that with conference play as the lost their first MAC game of the year to the Edwardsville Cougars and then a loss at Wright State Raiders.

On Friday the team lost 1-3 to Edwardsville and followed that up with a loss on Tuesday against Wright State 0-2 in the battle for the I-75 Cup.

In the game against Edwardsville, the Falcons seemed to outplay them but just couldn’t put the ball in the net enough times to come out on top.

This was the first MAC soccer contest Edwardsville is they are in their first year in the conference, therefore it also turned out to be their first conference win.

“We created good shots and opportunities but we weren’t good enough in front of the two nets.”

-Eric Nichols - Falcons Head Coach

“Getting points in the MAC is tough, and we knew that coming to Edwardsville was a tall order,” Falcons head coach Eric Nichols said. “We did some good things tonight, and at moments we played some of our best soccer of the year. But, we weren’t able to convert those moments into goals and we have to give Edwardsville a lot of credit, we are not an easy team to score on and they took their chances well.”

The first goal on the contest came at the 32 minute mark as Edwardsville player Greg Solawa took a pass from Keegan McHugh and deposited it home. The shot went top right.

With under a minute left in the first, at the 45 minute mark, junior forward Tate Robertson floated a ball into the box while where junior defender Moe Mustafa got a head on it to put it in the net.

Five minutes into the second Devyn Jambga put Edwardsville back on top making use of a Falcons blunder.

At the 58 minute mark Solawa took a shot from the box which would slide home inside the right left post. This gave the game the 3-1 score it would finish at.

“We are disappointed in the result but this group has a lot of belief,” Nichols said. “The strength of our character is getting tested and I know we will respond.”

Once the whistle blew for the same time in the game against Wright State, the I-75 Cup was on its way to Wright State for the first time in six years.

“Wright State is a good team,” Nichols said. “Winning is hard, winning on the road is hard, beating a good team is hard… We were chasing the game against a good team.”

Wright State got on the board early, as they put one in at the six minute mark as a shot from midfield let to a header into the net.

This is all the scoring that would occur until right before the game ended at the 84 minute mark when Wright State set up a pretty pass off a run to a open player who slid it in the Falcons net.

“Different people evaluate who had a better game by different standards but we do it by the scoreboard… We were doing some good things. We created good shots and opportunities but we weren’t good enough in front of the two nets… We have another level and we need to find it.”

The Falcons next game is Saturday night for a MAC game against the West Virginia Mountaineers at Cochrane Stadium.
Hockey falls first regular season game

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons hockey team fell in their season opener against the Western Michigan Broncos 3-1 on Tuesday night.

The team outshot Western Michigan 34-23; however, they were only able to get one goal past goaltender Ben Blacker.

“He played really well,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “We had some really good looks at him; we hit the post a couple of plays but obviously couldn’t get one to go in to tie it.”

The scoring began early for Western Michigan, getting on the board just one minute into the first period. However, freshman forward Cameron Wright put the Falcons right back in it at the 7:12 mark, taking advantage of a power play opportunity to score his first collegiate goal as well as the team’s first goal of the regular season. The score remained even at 1-1 at the end of the first.

“To have a freshman scoring in the first regular season game is big,” Bergeron said. “He’s a guy that’s put up a lot of offensive numbers in the past, and hopefully he’ll be able to do that at the next level.”

In the second period, however, Western Michigan regained the lead with another early goal, giving themselves a 2-1 advantage that they held going into the third period. However, despite a number of quality scoring chances for the Falcons, the team was unable to find a way to tie it back up as Western Michigan put in a late empty netter in the third to seal the 3-1 victory.

Despite the loss, the team saw a lot of good things to build upon as the season progresses.

“We saw a great effort,” Bergeron said. “We got scored on in basically the first minute of the game, and we showed resiliency to fight back and basically take over the first period. I thought our special teams looked good, so there were a lot of positives to take away from tonight, obviously with the exception of the result.”

The team was also proud of the effort that allowed them to tie the game back up after the early first period goal.

“They battled through a little bit of adversity,” Bergeron said. “They didn’t have it turn into a bad period or a bad game, our guys just kind of picked themselves up and got back to playing.”

The team will next play in a home and home matchup against the Michigan State Spartans on Friday and Saturday, playing at home on Friday night before traveling to face Michigan State on the road on Saturday night.

Freshman forward Cameron Wright rushes up the ice in a game earlier this season.

Football faces Ohio for Homecoming

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons football team will face the Ohio Bobcats on Saturday afternoon for the Falcons’ homecoming weekend. The team is coming off of their first win of the season last week against the Miami Red-Hawks.

“Winning’s better than losing,” Falcons head coach Mike Jinks said. “Everybody feels good about finally getting the W, but as far as practice and preparation, it’s been the same for the past couple of weeks... Our approach is that every game is its own entity.”

“Mike Jinks - Falcons Head Coach

“Our approach is that every game is its own entity.”

“Ohio is going to be a physical football team and a very well disciplined football team,” Jinks said. “Coach (Frank) Solich is one of the best in the business and he’ll have them prepared, he understands that it’s a big game for both teams... I think they’re going to be a little bit disappointed coming in after last week’s performance (against Central Michigan), knowing that with Akron beating us and Buffalo playing good football that neither one of us can afford to lose this ball game.”

The team feels that they will need to have more confidence in themselves not just to win this weekend, but to also put themselves in a good position in the Mid-American Conference standings.

“One of our biggest issues has been confidence in a true belief that the guys on this football team can get it done,” Jinks said. “We’ve been challenging them this week and really told them that the past few weeks have been really hard and on our coaching staff, just putting these guys in the right positions and making sure that it’s, we’ve done a good job at half, but I don’t want to do it at half, I want to do it by quarter and I want to do it by series.”

Despite a difficult beginning to the season, going 1-5 in their overall standings, the team is still in a good position at 1-1 in the MAC standings.

“The message this week is that it’s another season,” Jinks said. “This is our opponent, we have no room for error, we have to prepare, we have to know our opponent, from a team standpoint and from an individual standpoint and do the little things that give us the opportunity to win football games.”

Upcoming Games

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Student affairs for life

By Erika Heck
Reporter

For 17 years, Dr. Maureen Wilson has been a faculty member at the University's Department of Higher Education and Student Affairs. She came to the University in 2001 after being an associate professor for three years at Mississippi State University and became the department's chair in 2010.

In her undergraduate career at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, she became a resident adviser in the dormitories.

"I went into college without a clear idea of what I wanted to do," Wilson said. "And, I really enjoyed the work I did in the residence halls and working with the student affairs staff."

She found out about student affairs as a career when she was in her junior year. She talked with professionals and Aquinas College's student affairs about their experiences. Her expressed interest in pursuing a career in student affairs helped her obtain different opportunities at the college.

She was enrolling to an RA for her third year, which was unusual for the university because they didn't hire many seniors. Since Wilson and another student were going to be third year resident advisers, the student affairs department created a brand-new position: head resident.

"We supervised the desk staff; we got to help teach the RA course. I think they were intentional in creating new opportunities for us that would help us explore our interest in the field."

She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Communication Arts in 1985 from Aquinas College, and her skills from the major have helped her with her career skill set.

"People tend to come into student affairs through a variety of avenues with a lot of different majors," Wilson said. She said her experience in communications has helped, as has portions of her business administration degree. Classes in human resources and conflict and problem solving are just a couple things that have carried over and are useful in student affairs.

In between getting her master's degree in 1987 and her PhD in 1998, Wilson worked in the Office of Residence Life at the College of William and Mary; as a Residence Life Coordinator at the University of South Carolina; and then, as an academic adviser at The Ohio State University.

Wilson hopes that her current graduate students in the higher education and student affairs department will learn from her the useful context they need going into student affairs.

"Even if the office isn't, on the organization chart, in student affairs, it draws on a lot of skills and perspectives," she said. "I want them to understand how student affairs are done."

This includes how student affairs fits into an institution's mission, faculty roles and responsibilities and effective collaboration.

October is Careers in Student Affairs Month, which is dedicated to the celebration of a career in student affairs, education and awareness in the profession.
Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
I want one last chance to represent the University before I leave! I have loved every second of my time at BGSU, and this seems like a great way to round that out.

Involvement on campus:
Vice President of Standards for the Panhellenic Council, BGSU Votes, Presidents Leadership Academy and Alpha Phi.

Rebecca Erwin

Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
Being on Homecoming Court is a great way to meet Bowling Green community members, interact with BGSU alum and get students and faculty members excited about the Homecoming events throughout the week and the big game on Saturday.

How has your experience on campus been?
My college career has been everything I have ever hoped for and more, all thanks to BGSU. There are so many opportunities to get involved, gain professional skills and grow as an individual here. Every day, I feel welcome; it is such a warm, friendly and outgoing community, and I feel like I belong and that I have a purpose.

Sharareh Feizkhah

Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
I want to be a part of Homecoming royalty because it would be an honor to be recognized for the spirit and pride I have in being a student here at BGSU. I never thought I would come to college and now I can’t imagine how my past four years would be without my experiences here.

Involvement on campus:
Steering Catering Chair for Dance Marathon, Volunteer Chair for Hillel, a member of St. Baldricks, third year resident advisor and a campus tour guide.

Sarah Hercules

Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
I want to be part of Homecoming royalty because I am able to represent the values of BGSU. I have found such a supportive community here at BG, and I want to help past, current and future Falcons have the same welcoming, homey experience.

How has your experience on campus been?
My time here has been a crazy journey of incredible opportunities for growth. I have been able to conduct my own applied project to improve inclusion and opportunities in the Honors College, travel to bowl games in Alabama, learn about global issues at film festivals in North Carolina, develop my leadership at a conference in Orlando and making lasting friendships with incredible people.

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Why do you want to be a part of Homecoming royalty?
I want to be a part of this because those that have been Royalty in the past have been leaders and role models in the Bowling Green community. They also represent students that have been very involved and active on campus. I am excited and humbled to be a part of this year’s Homecoming Court.

Involvement on campus:
President of MEDLIFE, group leader within H2O Church, an Academic Investment in Math and Science Scholar, intern in the Office of Pre-Professional Programs and an active member of the Student Nutrition Association.

Philip Zitko was unavailable to comment.

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The Daily Crossword Fix

Across:
1. Unwakable state
2. Bouquet
3. Sitcom set in Korea
4. Irissectanim
5. Type of retinal cells
6. Greasy
7. Multiplicative inverse
8. Percussion instrument
9. Historic period
10. Thorny flowers
11. Humorous
12. Fine particles of wood
13. Extreme
14. Commercials
15. Instructing
16. Winged
17. A very proper person
18. Anagram of “Ties”
19. A romantic meeting
20. A rainforest
21. 52 in Roman numerals
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Down:
1. Essential parts
2. A drama set to music
3. Long-tailed parrot
4. Anagram of “Ail”
5. Not down
6. Perch
7. A single time
8. Quantifying
9. American Sign Language
10. Present-day
11. Sent on a plane
12. Swing around
13. Song of praise
14. A proper person
15. A romantic meeting
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To vote for these candidates, use the following link before Friday evening:

Philip Zitko was unavailable to comment.
Spring 2018 Registration

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