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Nuclear tensions threaten peace

By Emily Gielink
Reporter

The final presentation of the Seeking Peace in the Nuclear Era: A Peace Symposium brought local peace activists and University students together Wednesday, as Hiroshima bomb survivors Keiko Ogura and Setsuko Thurlow talked about their experiences.

The speech was hosted by the BGSU Asian Studies Program and Peace & Conflict Studies, and sponsored by the Center for Global Partnership of the Japan Foundation, Hiroko Makamoto, and the BGSU College of Arts and Sciences.

Ogura is the official story-teller of Hiroshima, as well as the founder of Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace, and witnessed the bombing at the age of eight. With her home a mile and a half away, she was one of few in her family to survive.

“Miraculously, not all of my family members died,” Ogura said.

In the days before the bombing, the air raid warnings filled the air of Hiroshima. On the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, Ogura’s father ordered her to stay home from school. While walking on the road, she witnessed a strong flash and was knocked unconscious.

After years, Ogura still worries of the nuclear weapon tension. As a child, she practiced the evacuation drill, and children now are doing the same, Ogura said.

Thurlow also stands for the total abolition of nuclear weapons, and works with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), who won the Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 6, 2017.

Only 1.8 kilometers from ground zero, 13-year-old Thurlow was working at an army base in the city when a “blinding white flash” caught her eye and she went unconscious. She was later saved from a collapsed building.

After escaping the building, she walked to a hill and saw wounded people, some carrying their own body parts. She spent the night there, watching Hiroshima burn.

A yellow banner travels with Thurlow to most places, bearing the names of the 351 girls in her class who perished.

“If one of them had a life. Each one of them had a name. Each one of them was loved by someone, and they all disappeared,” Thurlow said.

Both women continue to tell their stories and work on the total abolition of nuclear weapons. According to Thurlow, they do it to ensure the future of our children, and all the future children.

A final talk and farewell reception will be held on Oct. 19, 2017 at the Wood County Public Library at 4 p.m.

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The Columbus Crew needs to stay where it belongs

The owner of the Columbus Crew, Anthony Precourt, said, "This Club has ambition to be in a market with a strong multicultural foundation, MLS in Austin could be an ideal fit." Austin is the world's game and with MLS in 2019, Precourt paid $68 million — above market value — for the team in Columbus, the club will move to Austin, Texas pending the approval of a stadium plan.

Despite our investments and efforts, the current course is not sustainable," Anthony Precourt said. "This Club has ambition to be in a market with a strong multicultural foundation, MLS in Austin could be an ideal fit." Austin is a growing presence as an international city, combined with its strong multicultural community, MLS in Austin is an ideal fit.

For our fans and for those of you that are visiting from out of town, it was a special weekend. We are excited to have you here and to have you as part of our family," Precourt said. "We have a lot of fun ahead of us, and we hope you enjoy your time with us."
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in Columbus start paying for a new stadium, in the downtown area as well, then they will move to Austin.

MLS is just over 20 years old, and soccer is still growing in the country, but MLS needs Columbus. This is because Columbus is seen as a culture in U.S. soccer. Any time the U.S. Men's National Team is in a dire situation, and needs to rally around a city, they go to Columbus. Columbus has been home to some of the most important victories in U.S. Men's National Team qualifying and has hosted every U.S. vs. Mexico qualifier since 2001. Columbus is seen as the headquarters of U.S. soccer, and for good reason. The Crew's move to Austin would take away this headquarters, and some people may say this isn't important, but I would say that it is.

One reason that Precourt believes that the Crew needs to move is because he believes that Columbus only cares about the Buckeyes. He may be right that Ohio State is the most important sports team in Columbus, but that doesn't mean people don't care about the Crew. Precourt's way of thinking would also do the same for Austin. The University of Texas is in Austin and will be the same thing as Columbus.

I know sports are businesses, and if attendance isn't where the team wants, then it's within their right to make changes. However, I'm of the mind that the fans are the most important part, and Ohio fans are some of the most devoted in the country.

This move would be bad for Columbus, MLS and U.S. soccer in general. As a soccer fan in the U.S., other than Atlanta and the rising Cincinnati, I have always seen Columbus as the home of soccer and that home is in trouble.

Vagina Monologues auditions

The Vagina Monologues are starting up again! If you don't know what that is, it is a theater production written by Eve Ensler after interviewing 200 women about sex and their bodies. It is written in an episodic style, so different women preform disparate, but similar themed, monologues based on real-life experiences of those 200 women.

Bowling Green has put on the show for many years. Its proceeds go to the Cocoon, a women's shelter in Bowling Green.

The show covers many topics from sex to periods to sexual assault. Many are very funny and some are completely serious. It does try to encapsulate the wide range of women's issues, concerns, experiences and stories.

Despite the name, this is also inclusive to trans women and nonbinary people. There is a monologue that is explicitly specific to the experiences of trans women, but many others are also relatable and open to feminine people. As it says in the poster, "BGSU's Vagina Monologues is a show about the experiences of those with vaginas, but also the experiences of women and femmes more broadly. Cisgender female, MTF, FTM and nonbinary folk welcome!"

Along the lines of inclusion, many queer women are featured in the stories told. This show is all about the experiences of all women, as it makes clear in its opening monologue, "Older women, young women, married women, lesbians, single women, college professors, actors, corporate professionals, sex workers, African American women, Asian American women, Hispanic women, Native American women, Caucasian women, Jewish women."

This is an important show for a lot of reasons. Its focus on the nitty-gritty of the feminine experience is still pretty rare within our media. And its focus on the gross-but-fun parts of being a women is also somewhat hard to find.

The Monologues are validating for women but can ask everyone, but especially men, to step outside of what is familiar to them and see things in a new light. Being able to step into someone else's shoes is a skill everyone should learn, and the Monologues provide a way to do that.

Some content in the show can be triggering for survivors of sexual assault, but there are advocates from the Cocoon there to help people.

This year the show is being directed by Elle Fullenkamp and Mira Kokomoor. The show is not until next semester but auditions are this month! The auditions are walk-in and there is no preparation needed.

Auditions are on Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 31, 2:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. in BTSU room 403. If you really want to be in the show but can't make these times, you can email Fullenkamp at erfulle@bgsu.edu.

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Discussions of a changed grading scale have begun at the University, and student input is being sought before action begins to possibly implement.

Andy Alt, assistant vice provost of academic affairs, will be visiting the Undergraduate Student Government on October 30 to gather input that will influence the first draft of the proposal to change the current grading scale to include pluses and minuses.

The discussion for the change began about six months ago.

“This summer as part of our strategic plan…was the creation of an ad-hoc working group…that would be chaired by Andy Alt out of the academic affairs side and Chris Cox from the registrar’s office,” John Fischer, vice provost for academic affairs, said about the process to change the scale.

This ad-hoc committee includes faculty representation from each college.

“The charge of that group is to go back to the individuals they interact with” and get feedback from departments and students, Alt said. “All of which has been pretty positive.”

So far, Alt has visited with two executive board members of USG, the president of GSS, leaders in residence life and others.

The committee is using 14 schools in the MAC and other public four year schools in Ohio as benchmarks.

“There are only two examples of 14 that don’t have plus and minus grading,” Alt said.

Along with the University, only Shawnee State and Central State University don’t use pluses and minuses out of the 14 schools.

“We’re one of three schools in Ohio now…what does it matter?” Nevada Todt, a junior accounting student, said. “The justification has no legitimacy behind it…its group-think written all over it.”

He thinks there’s no need for a different system and that one with pluses and minuses would be unfair.

“Someone struggling shouldn’t get docked for getting a 71, they’re already struggling enough,” Todt said.

“When you have someone getting an 89, it is qualitatively different from the person who has an 80,” Fischer said. “And they’re getting the same quality points in our GPA system.”

Jodi Devine, the associate dean of the Honors College, is on the committee.

“I presented the idea to our Honors Student Advisory Board…They discussed the pros and cons of the proposal, offered additional suggestions, then shared the proposal with their friends and classmates to get broader feedback,” Devine wrote in an email.

Devine said honors students generally like the idea of a plus and minus system.

“Their strongest suggestion was that if we move to this model, that all faculty must be more explicit in outlining expectations for grading,” Devine wrote.

Sophomores Cody Miller and Melissa Green are both education majors but with differing opinions on the topic.

“I feel like our grading system now…it’s just not fair,” Green said. “If I get a good grade in something I only go up by, what, like .5 percent versus if I miss one assignment and then I’m a whole letter grade back.”

Miller, on the other hand, likes the scale as it stands currently.

“I kind of like the fact that there’s no plus or minus,” Miller said. “You have that comfort zone, so anywhere in the 80s you have a B and don’t have to worry about getting a B minus.”

As of now, it is not clear whether a proposal will include an option for an A plus.

“Michigan and Miami both have an A plus, and the A plus doesn’t carry any point signifier, it’s simply there for the faculty member instructor to be able to say to the student ‘I really noticed that you were outstanding,’” Fischer said.

These details, which also include whether there should be any plus or minus below a C, are not of major concern right now.

“Once that proposal happens, it starts its way up through the governance structure” to GSS, USG, the committee on academic affairs, Faculty Senate, and ultimately gets approval for fall of 2018 at the soonest, Fischer said.

Alt and Fischer are aiming for a draft to be circulated around Veterans Day, which will incorporate feedback generated from the October 30 USG meeting.

“It (the draft) will be everywhere,” Fischer said. “It will go out to stackholder groups, it will go out to various student organizations, it’ll go out to Graduate Student Senate…it will be everywhere.”

Students are encouraged to offer input during the October 30 USG meeting at 7:30 p.m. in BTSU 308.
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Hockey starts conference schedule

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons hockey team will start their conference schedule on Friday and Saturday night against the Minnesota State Mavericks, the team’s first Western Collegiate Hockey Association opponent of the season.

“We need to play the game a certain way to get those offensive chances on a consistent basis,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “If we don’t do that, we end up chasing our opponent around.”

Minnesota State made an impression in their series last week against the Boston University Terriers, who at the time was ranked the second best team in the nation, defeating them in both games. The sweep also propelled Minnesota State into the rankings as the 14th best team coming into this weekend.

“This week’s opponent is as good as any team maybe we’ll play all year,” Bergeron said. “This isn’t about the WCHA anymore, they showed that they’ll go into Boston and beat BU twice in their own rink, whose the number two team in the country, obviously it’s early and they’re number two in the country based on paper, but Minnesota State went in there and said ‘yeah, we think we’re a good team.’ So we’re going to have to play the game a certain way to give ourselves a chance to take advantage of the opportunities that we have this weekend.”

The team is also looking to build on their defense, which they feel has played well despite a number of defensive losses from the offseason.

“We have a willingness to take away time and space,” Bergeron said. “If you take away time and space from a defensive standpoint, you’re giving yourselves an opportunity. The best players in our sport want time and space to create. If we can take that away, I think we’re good. That’s something we can practice, that’s something we can get better at and that’s where we are.”

The team is also looking to continue to play aggressively despite Minnesota State’s play coming into the series.

“In the neutral zone, we don’t want to sit back and not get beat and take that approach, we want to be up the ice to take away time and space, so it’s just a mindset of the way we want to play the game. We want to be relentless and we want to take away time and space and then ultimately what we want to do is create turnovers so we can go the other way and put them in situations where they’re defending. Obviously the more they have to defend, the less they’re playing offense and that’s a good thing against a team like this.”

Senior forward Mitch McLain looks to pass in a game earlier this season.

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The Falcons football team will look to break even in the Mid-American Conference standings on Saturday afternoon against the Northern Illinois Huskies.

The team struggled offensively in the second half of last weekend’s loss to the Ohio Bobcats, and while the team is expecting a similar showing from Northern Illinois, they are looking to learn from last weekend and be aggressive in their running game.

“Northern Illinois is going to do the same thing from the beginning of the game,” Falcons head coach Mike Jinks said. “They’re the number one ranked rush defense in the conference; they want to stop the run, and if six guys aren’t stopping the run, they’re going to put a seventh. And if seven aren’t stopping the run, they’re going to put in an eighth, and it’s going to happen in the first quarter, so we’ve got a good idea of what we’re going to get from them, we’ve just got to go out and execute.”

The team also is looking to put even more emphasis on the passing game as well with the strength of Northern Illinois’ rushing defense.

“It’s always a worry, and it’s always a concern, that’s how you get beat,” Jinks said. “Really we’ve got to put a game plan in place to give ourselves the best opportunity to be successful and if that note, it’s not just the pressure. It’s not just the guys they put in the box…we don’t need to be in a lot of third and long situations for protection’s sake, there probably is some things that we’ll do in order to neutralize their ability to come get the passer and some things take some of the pressure off those positions.”

The team is also looking to work on their completion percentage as well, as they had 17 passes complete on 43 attempts against Ohio.

“The receivers are doing a good job of winning at the line of scrimmage,” Jinks said. “We’ve got some guys open; we’ve just got to complete some of those balls and at the same time, when they do get open, guys start to press a little bit, and we have some untimely drops as well, so there’s enough blame to go around.”

Northern Illinois also handed the Falcons their largest margin of loss against a MAC opponent last season, taking it 43-20. The team feels that a good effort for this game could be a turning point for the rest of the season.

“It would definitely be a big win for us and our program,” Jinks said. “NIU and BG have been in some big games over the last few years, so there is definitely a sense of pride there. I think the kids will come out ready to play.”
App tries to curb in-class phone use

By Kevin Bean
Reporter

A new phone app on campus helps users find deals by leaving their phone locked.

Pocket Points, from Pocket Points Inc., is an application for both Apple and Android phones. Available for free from their respective marketplaces, the application promotes the user locking their phones and keeping their attention on the lessons during their time in the classroom.

Originally launched in the fall of 2014 on Chico State campus in California, Pocket Points is currently being used in over 250 schools throughout 43 states plus D.C. and the Canadian province of British Columbia. Ohio alone has 18 different schools participating including Toledo and Ohio State. University saturation is around 10% since the start of the fall 2017 semester according to Pocket Points’ data.

A Business Insider interview with company founders Rob Richardson and Mitch Gardner, two former Chico State students and fraternity brothers, reveals the duo built the app while still in college. The two noticed cell phone use in class was becoming a problem and sought a solution. Their answer was Pocket Points. Since its creation the two students have taken a leave from college, Business Insider reports they intend to return to finish their degrees, and formed Pocket Points Incorporated with seed money from another Chico State alumnus.

The applications use, as described by Pocket Points’ Campus Success Director, Brianna Kline, is as simple as opening the application and locking your phone once you enter the classroom. The application will track the amount of time spent locked in the background. Exit class and unlock your phone to see the points you have earned.

The application does require you to register. Registering with Facebook is the default option, though there is a small link underneath the Facebook login link labeled “Don’t have Facebook”. Use either to sign up for an account and accept the request for the application to...
Pocket Points are a good draw for users, but the application's limited ability to only track time spent in a location not the time spent in an actual class period. This means a student could not only earn points for being in class with his or her phone off but could also activate the application during a study time outside of class to earn points.

The application starts you off with 30 free points and points thereafter are earned at an average of one point per 20 minutes of inactivity on the phone. The formula can change depending on the number of active users the application has. The app also features a leader board element to track your points earned and compare them with other students by day or week.

Brianna listed several local franchises taking part in the applications reward process. Included, but not limited to, are Pita Pit, Dairy Queen, Collegiate Connection, Domino's Pizza, Papa John's Pizza and Insomnia Cookies. However, upon opening the gift section of the app, only College Connection and Insomnia Cookies are listed as local businesses involved at this time. The Pocket Points' website has a page for businesses looking to sign up. There is also a link in the application to suggest a business that you would like to see.

The most common reward is a 10% to 20% off at the selected retail location for approximately 10 points. Other offers include solid dollar amounts of specific items as well as buy one, get one deals.

The monetary and gaming incentive of Pocket Points are a good draw for users, but the applications vision statement remains to increase student success by reducing cell phone distractions in the classroom.

“We are excited to expand Pocket Points to every school possible,” said Brianna. “I see a great future for it.”

A word of caution to users: the application, during personal tests, crashed often and at points needed a phone restart. As phone models differ, so does the performance of the application.

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McOmber said allowing interest groups to amend the city’s charter would set a troubling precedent that could lead to the city’s charter becoming cluttered and unsystematic.

He also addressed multiple points of ambiguity within the language of the amendment, referencing issues with the “Right to Enforcement” clause saying Bowling Green law enforcement would be left powerless to intervene in nonviolent protesting.

BGSU Environmental Action Group president, Brad Holmes, argued for the necessity of the amendment.

“It is an unprecedented initiative...” Holmes said. “And we’ll be continuing to face unprecedented advances from the fossil fuel industry.”

Both McOmber and Holmes urged Bowling Green residents to read in detail the entirety of the amendment before casting their votes.

The Wood County Board of Elections has sample ballots outlining the full text of each issue on its website and residents are encouraged to view them before casting their vote.

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