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College Republicans discuss gun control

By Abby Shifley

The College Republicans club at the University discussed the topics of gun control and the Las Vegas shooting at their last two meetings. Their most recent meeting was last Thursday, Oct. 19, where they shared their opinions about both issues.

David Jenkins, junior, led most of the discussion with a slide show. Regarding the Las Vegas shooting, Jenkins asked the group what their initial reaction was when they heard this tragedy had taken place.

Shaun Sager, sophomore, said he was shocked at the sheer number of injuries. Sager said it took him a few days to piece together what had happened.

Jenkins said in response, even now, we don't know what the shooter's motive was and we may never know.

Jenkins asked the group a second question: Are tragedies like the Las Vegas shooting a symptom of a deranged society or just a result of a few deranged individuals' actions? Jenkins said he believes it is a combination of the two.

"It starts out with individuals, but builds into a society and culture that more and more loses its morals and ability to deal with problems facing us," Jenkins said.

Sager said people who place the blame for mass shootings — like in Las Vegas — on the guns and not individuals are at serious fault. He said people are committing mass killings with cars, bombs and other means — not just with guns.

Sager also said that mass shootings' influence on society seems to lead to more mass shootings. Because of this, he said mass shootings are definitely a societal issue.

Concerning media influence, Jenkins said the media is very powerful, and biased media can be very destructive in a society. He said, when it is unbiased, the press is invaluable, but it can also be used to wrongly influence people.

Sager said, "any time there's a big episode, there is always this immediate clashing of sides."

He said, because of this, the media will very quickly turn to politics once the facts have been covered. While 20 years ago, the tragedy would be the main focus of the media's attention, the media now seems to discuss politics more often than reporting the facts.

The group then went on to discuss the current state of gun control, and any modifications that they feel are needed to make it more effective. Jenkins and Sager both argued the semi-automatic rifle should not be banned. Semi-automatic rifles are firearms that fire a single bullet each time the trigger is pulled.

Semi-automatic rifles can be modified to simulate the firing ability of fully automatic weapon using a device called a bump stock. This device was used by Steve Paddock, the shooter in the Las Vegas shooting.

Sager said, "Certain things need to be illegalized because they're unnecessary. It's hard to justify someone owning a machine gun. The risks are greater than what it is meant to do."

The group came to a rough consensus that bump stocks are unnecessary and dangerous, and this outlook seems to be the growing trend throughout the U.S. Ohio Governor John Kasich recently voiced his support in banning bump stocks.

They also agreed that people purchasing firearms should undergo mental health background checks to hopefully stop guns from getting into the hands of the wrong people.

Additionally, Jenkins said the U.S. should learn how to implement gun control by studying gun control laws in other countries. In some countries, gun laws have been very effective.

Stefanie Delrosso, freshman, spent six years of her life in Germany before enrolling at the University. Her initial reaction to the Las Vegas shooting was sadness because of the sheer number of affected people. The most extreme firearm-related crime that occurred while she was in Germany was at a German movie theater. The attacker was shot dead by the police, and there were no other casualties.

Firearm regulations are much more extreme in Germany than in the U.S. Delrosso said firearms are much more "talked about" here in the U.S. than in Germany.

"I've never met anybody in Germany that has just come up and said 'Yeah, my parents own a gun.' But here I've heard tons of people say that."

Delrosso said this might be because there is much less gun violence in Germany, so it is not a common topic of conversation.
Astronaut Mark Kelly shares his story

By Meredith Siegel
Reporter

The University hosted Mark Kelly, a former Navy pilot and astronaut, to speak for the Ordinary People, Extraordinary People series of events in the Union Ballroom.

The room was full of attendees on Tuesday to hear Kelly share his story about his time in the Navy, his career as an astronaut and the injury and following recovery of his wife, Congress member Gabrielle Giffords, interspersed with humor and advice for the audience.

The event started with words from Sara Bushong, the dean of the University Libraries.

Following Bushong was President Mazey, who thanked those responsible for the event and introduced Christina Williams, University alumna and journalist for Channel 13ABC.

She introduced a short video that featured Mark Kelly on the International Space Station.

Then, Mark Kelly was called up on stage. People in the audience, full of students, community members and professors, seemed ready to pay attention.

“I really enjoyed it. There was a good mix of seriousness and comedy,” Ryan Karle, AYA integrated social studies major, said. “I had professional development to do, and I thought this would be interesting to hear his story.”

Kelly summarized his career first, listing his start driving an ambulance in Newark, New Jersey, his time as a Navy pilot and his four NASA missions that added up to 50 days in space.

He also said he had aspirations to “be the first person to Mars” while he was in high school, but he never achieved that dream.

However, he is not the only member of his family to have an extraordinary life; his mother was one of the first female police officers in New Jersey and his wife, Giffords, was a Fulbright scholar and a Congress member.

Giffords was also the target of a mass shooting and recovered from being shot in the head.

Kelly said success was about “practice and persistence” and that “effort counts twice,” which were things he learned from his mother.

Learning to be a Navy pilot was a big challenge for him, and he had to work hard to get good at it.

He also spoke about his first combat mission after enlisting within the Navy as a pilot — at that point, he had become experienced in flying.

He and his partner flew into Iraq airspace, and after barely escaping two missiles and successfully hitting their target. Kelly decided to fly home through Iran airspace without telling his base.

This resulted in another close call for Kelly, because his plane was mistaken as an enemy aircraft.

“One thing I learned that night, over Iran, was there is never an excuse for not communicating with the people you work with,” Kelly said. “Timely and accurate communication is so important in everything we all do.”

He followed this story with one about Giffords, who was elected into Congress in 2007 for Arizona.

In 2011, Giffords was doing a “Congress on your corner” talk at a local grocery store when she was shot in the head by a gunman while six other people were killed.

At this time, Kelly was employed by NASA and was training for his fourth mission to the space station. He decided to leave his job to take care of his wife.

Giffords suffered from aphasia, a loss of ability to understand or express speech after a brain injury. She had to go through many invasive surgeries, physical therapy and rehabilitation to get back to her life, but she survived. She even opted to vote on an important issue while she was still in the hospital.

She has recovered now, though she still suffers from some effects of her injury. She keeps the part of her skull that was replaced by prosthetics in the freezer in her home.

About a month into Giffords’ recovery, Kelly decided to get his last job back and go into space for his fourth and final time.

He was worried, as she was still recovering, and because missions to space are extremely risky jobs; however, he continued with his mission and successfully completed it.

Channeling his missions in space when he began to see Earth as humanity’s only home, he mentioned climate change.

“We need to do a better job of taking care of our planet,” Kelly said.

This garnered applause from the audience. Kelly also wrote a book about his experiences, titled “Gabby.”

Kelly ended his speech with a message from Giffords: “Be bold, be courageous and be your best.”
New grading scale concerns

Recently, there have been discussions about introducing a plus/minus grading scale at the University. Some students are upset about the possibility of changing the college-wide grading scale, but if implemented, a plus/minus system could benefit some students while stressing out others.

The current grading scale allows students to get a 90 percent and still obtain a 4.0 GPA. However, this makes the difference between 89 and 90 percent drastic. If a professor doesn't round up grades, a student could have an 89.9 and still get a lowered GPA. With a plus/minus system, situations like this would affect one's GPA a lot less.

This hurts some students who typically get straight As. The new grading scale would eliminate the possibility of getting a 4.0 with a percentage in the lower 90's.

A lot of importance is placed upon a student's GPA while planning for post-graduate degrees and scholarships. There is also a large amount of self-policing students do regarding their grades.

Even if some of the pressure to do well stems from competition, high-achieving students often have standards they never apply to their peers. As irrational as it sounds, I've cried over getting a C before, and I know many of my peers have as well. The possibility of anything affecting my GPA adds another layer of stress to school – and that stress adds up.

It's understandable that the University wants to be on-par with other colleges with a plus/minus system. Yet, even among colleges who do use the system, there are still differences in what qualifies as a plus or minus grade. The University of Toledo considers 94-100 percent an A, and 90-93 percent an A minus. Meanwhile, The Ohio State University considers 93-100 percent an A, and 90-92.9 an A minus.

We shouldn't prioritize certain students' academic success, but a plus/minus system still seems like an easily misunderstood and stressful change for many of us. The University has resources to help students academically, but I fail to see how a plus/minus system would truly improve the education we are receiving.

Some students may strive to do better with the new system. On the bright side, maybe I'll be forced to get over my fear of failure with a new grading scale.

I'll admit that there isn't much information about the University's proposed plus/minus scale, so some of my concerns may be unfounded. Students with concerns can ask questions during the Oct. 30 USG meeting at 7:30 p.m. in BTSU 308.

Bledsoe's tweet is no surprise

By Chase Bachman
Columnist

Typically when you have franchises struggling to win, players want out. Seasons of bad rosters and results can make an athlete want a change of scenery but also want to go somewhere they'll be on a competitive team (i.e. Lebron James).

That's why it came as no surprise to me when the Phoenix Suns guard, Eric Bledsoe, tweeted “I don't wanna be here.”

This tweet came just hours before the Suns fired head coach Earl Watson, their fourth coach in four years.

They are one of the most non-static franchises in the NBA. Coaching, general management and ownership are regularly changing faces, which is a great strategy if you want to be unproductive.

I'm not the first to say this and I certainly won't be the last: the Phoenix Suns are an awful franchise. They are absurdly young, suffer from poor management and consistently fail to even succeed in the postseason of their respective division.

Year after year, this franchise performs at a level below what is watchable. The team is in a class of professional sports franchises that are laughably bad. This is why I've deemed the Phoenix Suns comparable garbage.

The reason I use “comparable” is because there are other dreadful sports franchises. This category of sports teams includes the Sacramento Kings, the New York Jets and the Buffalo Sabres (it does not, however, include the Cleveland Browns, who are so bad they are in their own category which I have deemed incomparable garbage).

When I thought about how I would characterize the Suns franchise, I thought about what exactly made them so bad and who they resemble best. In my mind, the team that parallels them the most would be the NFL's Los Angeles (formerly San Diego) Chargers.

Think about it: the best part of each of these franchises is the weather. Their locations have warm temperatures and little rain. The dry, arid climate is the perfect metaphor for their boring teams.

The ownership is also problematic. Suns owner Robert Sarver has gone through coaches as quick as opposing teams go through the Suns defense (they've allowed more than 120 points through four games this season). Meanwhile, the Spanos family is despised by Chargers fans, who are only more resentful that the team was moved to Los Angeles this past season.

The Suns and the Chargers, at their very best, have only been moderately good in short spurts. Both franchises were relatively competitive in the 2000s. The Chargers had a young Philip Rivers, Antonio Gates and Dan Fouts lead them to multiple playoff appearances.

At the same time, the Suns had Steve Nash in his prime and head coach and offensive savant Mike D'Antoni champion of the 7-second offense.

The success of the team didn't garner any championships but did get Nash back-to-back MVP trophies.

As we've seen most recently with Phoenix, both the Suns and Chargers have a history of players not wanting to play for their teams. Super Bowl-winning quarterback Eli Manning refused to play for the Chargers prior to the draft.

Now Eric Bledsoe has taken to Twitter to express his disdain for staying in Phoenix. The incident is just a drop in the bucket, and that bucket is just one in the dumpster fire that is the Phoenix Suns organization, or lack thereof.
A response to “Police provocation to brutality”

There was recently a column that commented on police brutality and stated citizens should not provoke officers to avoid being brutalized or killed by police.

It starts with the argument that police should be treated like armed robbers because they have guns and can use them at any point in time that they feel it is necessary. This completely ignores that an officer’s job is to serve and protect the people. If everyone fears the police because they can kill at will, the police are not doing their job. They are terrorizing the masses and, at that point, something needs to change. It’s not regular people’s attitudes while dealing with police.

Being a police officer is stressful, but their training should put them in a position where they make good decisions about when to use force.

Additionally, if people are terrified of the police, they can’t trust the police to help them in situations when they need help and would not feel like the force deserves their respect.

There are two definitions of respect: one is treating someone like they are a human being and the other is treating someone like they are an authority figure. If police are not protecting people and doing their job, they do not deserve to be treated like an authority figure.

This is something that is actually addressed in the article. However, it still says that people must comply fully and completely when dealing with officers, even if the officer is putting them in danger or doing something illegal, to avoid death.

No one is saying people interacting with police should be outright hostile or even rude, but police, in their ideal form, should be able to handle rowdy, mean or hostile people. This is the fault of the system when police are unable to deal with those situations.

The column continues, mentioning the nurse in Utah who was wrongly arrested and grabbed by police for refusing to draw blood from an unconscious patient. Not only is such a drawing of blood illegal, she was on the phone with one of her superiors who was saying it is illegal. The officer had no right to act the way he did, and while this is acknowledged, the column mentions that the nurse should have done what the officer said, even though it was a direct violation of the law.

This officer was punished, but not everyone has the privilege of public outcry and being a white woman.

The way police deal with black men is much different than how they deal with white women, and this is not acknowledged.

Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy, was fatally shot by police immediately after they arrived on the scene for playing with a toy gun. Charles Kinsey, a black man, was shot by police while laying on the ground with his hands in the air. Luckily, he survived.

There have also been many cases where black men were killed by police and then not convicted or punished. Most of these officers site “fear” when they explain their reason to shoot. There is a problem with officers being able to claim “fear” even in situations they should be able to handle without any gun violence.

Dealing with the police isn’t as simple as complying, surviving and reporting later. There is no guarantee people will survive or officers will be punished when people comply, even with footage from body cams and phone videos.

The New York Times reported on a former Marine who was fired from his police force for not shooting a suicidal man whose gun was not loaded.

This problem is not from people who do not comply with the police. There is a deep-rooted systematic problem with our police force, and blaming the victims of brutality for not complying and hoping police officers are punished correctly does not solve this problem.

Calling out violence and pushing for real change with the way police officers are trained and tried is a start.
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University student Hunter Sluss is running for a seat on City Council. It has been six years since a college student has run for political office in Bowling Green.

Q. Why run for City Council?
A. The main reason is to be the student voice in City Council. Right now, we don’t have any student representation. We need someone that is in the classroom and knows what students are going through on a daily basis.

Q. Is it difficult to balance school life and running in this election?
A. Yes, you’re trying to balance a professional campaign, balancing finances, meetings, debates, emails. On top of that, I’m a full-time student taking 15 credit hours, trying to get school work done, having a life-work balance and also trying to stay sane. But I like it. I think I’ve found a good balance where I’m productive on both sides.

Q. What positions have you held?
A. I’ve never held a political office. I have been heavily involved with the Catholic Church, and right now I serve as the Catholic Falcon Community President on campus. I also founded an organization called AXION on the University’s Firelands campus. The leadership positions I’ve held has taught me how to run a campaign and talk to people.

Q. Is holding office something you’d like to do in the future?
A. I would like to go into business and politics. Everybody is successful in his or her own field. I come from Sandusky. I’d love to move back to there and then run for City Council. We have commissioners instead of councilmen. If that doesn’t happen, I’ll run for more terms here in Bowling Green before I move on to another city.

Q. What issues are most important to you?
A. There’s no one specific issue or one pressing point. What I would say is there’s not one issue that I’m looking forward to, but one I want to get away from is immigration. I don’t think that belongs in City Council. We need to focus on tax revenues, bringing businesses into Bowling Green and trying to retain countries’ traditional clothings and share the beauty of their cultures’ fashions. Attendees should be prepared for a night filled with stories, myths and legends from cultures all around the globe! For $15.00, individuals will be able to enjoy an international buffet consisting of Brazilian entrées and French desserts. Tables for a group of 10 people can be reserved for a discounted price of $140.00.

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students that come here. From a political standpoint, City Council is focusing a lot on D.C. right now and not focusing on the city. They’re looking at immigration policies and making BG a safe city. That’s not what we’re supposed to be looking at. We’re supposed to be focusing on the roads and local government, not D.C.

Q. What are you goals for City Council if you win?

A. Bring a bridge between the University and permanent residents of Bowling Green so that way we’re not two separate entities. I know there’s probably a little age gap between families and college students, but I’d really like to bring people together and to bring entrepreneurship and business into Bowling Green.

Q. What’s your overall message for your campaign?

A. That I am a voice for the people and I love to have open communication. I am only one man, City Council is seven people — we have a city of 30,000 people. Not letting the city have a voice on council is not something I like, so I want to have open communication be readily available. If residents want to meet with me, send me an e-mail, postal mail, anything to tell me what they like about the city or want improved. I want to be their voice. I want people to know that even though they aren’t physically on City Council, they do have a large part in it.

Dress professionally

By April Leygraaf
Reporter

Dressing professionally can be a hard code to crack. Whether it’s for an interview or a day at the office, it can be hard to tell what is too much and what is too little. No one wants to wear something so outrageous that they are reprimanded for their choice, but there is a fine line between dressing appropriately and blending into the woodwork.

Here are a few guidelines to ensure that you know exactly what to wear when a professional situation arises:

“It needs to be the best they have in their closet,” Andrea Gutierrez, assistant director of the Career Center Team, said.

For men, she recommends a full suit and tie if possible, but if a man does not have that he can substitute with khakis, a dress shirt and a sports coat or jacket. She said make sure to wear dress socks and dress shoes with the outfit, not ankle or tube socks. It is important to wear clothes that are clean, well pressed and have no frayed seams. Different environments have different guidelines, but it is typically a good idea to keep facial hair conservative and well groomed. According to Executive Style, cologne and body spray should not be overwhelming and any accessories, such as watches, should be classy and understated.

For women, Gutierrez also recommends a suit, but it can be worn with a skirt or pants. “If you add a blazer or jacket to a dress or skirt and shirt it really amps up the outfit,” Gutierrez said. Hemlines and necklines should be conservative, and open toed shoes should be avoided. Gutierrez says to wear light makeup, jewelry and perfume and to make sure the accessories fall in line with the outfit. For example, if you are going to bring a purse, make sure it is a clean, simple purse that matches the outfit and is not too distracting.

Non gender-specific guidelines are very similar; a tailored jacket, collared shirt and some dress slacks paired with nice, conservative shoes would be appropriate. For students on a budget, Gutierrez advises checking out thrift stores or stores like TJ Maxx to find great pieces for a cheap price. One last thing Gutierrez recommended was to come to any interview with a briefcase or portfolio with copies of your resume and other documents you may need. She said she is always impressed if a student has a pad of paper and a writing utensil to write notes down during an interview. Employers do look at the impression given off from an interviewee’s clothes, so caring about appearance can be the difference between being employed.

“It is important to wear clothes that are clean…”
Hockey looks to weekend Alaska series

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons hockey team will look to continue their momentum from last weekend’s series for this weekend against the Alaska Nanooks on Friday and Saturday nights.

Despite losing on Friday against the Minnesota State Mavericks 4-1, the team came back to win 5-2 on Saturday, learning an important lesson the team hopes will carry on through the rest of the season.

“It was an opportunity to play a good team and play better than we played on Friday,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “Any time we play Minnesota State, it’s a huge game, they’re the measuring stick in this league and have been for five years. Again, we proved that if we play the game a certain way, we give ourselves a chance against just about everybody, and that’s big at this time of year.”

The team is looking for Alaska to be a tough opponent to play against, as well.

“T’ll work to compete really hard,” Bergeron said. “They look like they follow hard. Anybody that’s watched us play this team, whether it goes back to the CCHA or WCHA, they’ve always played us hard here and given us a very difficult series here.”

The team is also looking to improve on their energy from the beginning of the game to the end to put together a complete effort.

“That’s something that I’m going to have to rely on the older players on,” Bergeron said. “We’re going to continue to prepare like we always do, we’re going to try to earn that confidence throughout the week by being good in our preparation, both physically and mentally, and then you have to execute come Friday. But make no mistake about it, Alaska doesn’t have the hype that Minnesota State has, doesn’t have the ranking, but Alaska is really good.”

Despite Alaska needing to travel over 3,000 miles to get to Bowling Green, the team feels that distance won’t be too much of a factor in the series and that they will still have to be ready to face an energized team.

“It doesn’t bother them to travel,” Bergeron said. “It’s no big deal because that’s what they do all the time. I’m looking for a really difficult weekend, I truly am. I think it’s going to be another good test for us against a really good team.”

Soccer loses final nonconference game

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

Getting out to an early lead only counts if the team holds onto that lead, something the Falcons men’s soccer team was unable to do against the Fort Wayne Mastodons at Cochrane Stadium Tuesday night.

When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read Falcons one and Guest two, as the visiting Mastodons scored two in the second half.

“I thought there were some players, actually a lot of players, who put in a good effort,” Falcons head coach Eric Nichols said. “They can be proud of what they did, but I don’t want to take anything away from IPFW. They got what they deserved. Winning is hard, and that’s what we’re learning. It doesn’t matter who you are playing in division one college soccer, and whether you’re playing at home or away, a top ten team or one that’s outside of it — winning is hard, and if you’re not doing all the little things in the total of 90 minutes, then you’re not going to win and that’s where we are at this point.”

The first half was scoreless until the last minute, when freshman midfielder Chris Sullivan found the back of the net with only nine seconds remaining. Junior forward Tate Robertson sent a free kick into the box, where junior defender Ebenezer Akon headed the ball to Sullivan, who sent it home.

At the 55 minute mark, it was Fort Wayne’s turn to get on the board as a top shelf shot from 10 feet out found twine.

Seven minutes later, the Mastodons took the lead that would keep to the end of the game as a bending free kick from 25 feet out went in the goal.

The Falcons tried to come back at the 84 minute mark, when senior forward Brad Macomber got the ball up to Robertson, who eventually got it to sophomore midfielder Amandy Ayima, who headed a ball that did not go in the net.

“Any time you lose, it’s going to take a while to heal and regroup,” Nichols said. “It’s my job to make sure this group hasn’t lost their faith. I don’t think they will. They are too good to do that, they know they are too good to lose faith, they know that we can get a win on Saturday night. I think they also know that it is not going to be easy. It is going to take a fantastic performance, not just during moments, but for 90 minutes. I think if we can do that, and if we’re willing to do that and they give everything they have to this game on Saturday night, then we have a chance.”

The next game up is senior night as the Falcons get set to take on the Northern Illinois Huskies Saturday night under the lights of Cochrane Stadium.
BG candidates talk politics before election

By Courtney Brown
Campus Editor

Bowling Green residents hit the polls Nov. 7, voting for two at-large candidates and council members from specific wards. Most candidates debated significant issues during Monday's City Council Candidate Forum to help residents make the most of their votes.

For the competing six at-large candidates running for ballot, there are two Democrats, one Republican, one Independent and two with the Green party.

As for ward candidates, First Ward candidate Kent Ramsey, a Democrat, is running against Hunter Sluss, a Republican.

In the Second Ward, Democrat John Zanfardino is up for re-election, running against Republican candidate Kent Ramsey.

For the Third Ward, the Democrat candidate Michael Aspacher is running unopposed.

The Fourth Ward will see Democrat candidate Scott Seeliger run against Republican William Herald.

During the candidate forum, each took stances about various issues. Third Ward candidate Michael Aspacher was not at the meeting, nor was Second Ward candidate Kent Ramsey or at-large candidate Carolyn Kawecka.

For further information about the at-large candidates, see City Editor Paul Garbarino's previous story about them. <https://www.bgfalconmedia.com/city/talking-with-city-council-at-large-candidates/article_c6c34712-862a-11e7-b28d-033309473d56.html>

AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

Gregory Robinette, Republican

- He opposes Bowling Green's charter amendment, which would allow the city to ban pipelines going through its property. The amendment would also allow residents to enforce the law through nonviolent direct actions. "The charter amendment, I did believe it should go on the ballot ... because people wouldn't vote for it," Robinette said.
- On renewable energy, he thinks Bowling Green is doing fine. "The city's done a doggone good job of finding renewable energy resources," he said.
- For Bowling Green apartments, Robinette said the city council was already trying to deal with some of the issues student renters face in the city. He endorsed personal responsibility when negotiating with landlords.
- On State Issue 1, regarding rights for crime victims, he was opposed. "Their hearts are in the right place," he said, "(but) I'm still not convinced about the language.
- "My primary goal is to help Bowling Green become a stronger city," Robinette said. He wanted to increase the city's revenue and help businesses succeed.

Nathan Eberly, Independent

- "We're fortunate to where we've reached 40 percent of sustainable energy (for Bowling Green)," Eberly said. "We have a great environment.
- Eberly is also opposed to the charter amendment. "It violates freedom of speech," he said.
- Regarding student renting complaints, he said "some landlords have followed the law" and "we need to empower you; we need to empower the renters.
- He supports private, market solutions, instead of passing more legislation.
- "I'm leaning no" against State Issue 1, dealing with rights for crime victims, he said. "I've been going to public defenders and prosecutors. So far, no one really has a favorable outlook on it."

Beverly Elwazani, Green party

- She does not support the charter amendment, because it promotes "lawlessness," she said.
- "I've been on a lot of porches ... they've been scary, some of them," Elwazani said, speaking about student rentals. "There is no reason someone should be living in substandard housing. We need to take care of each other.
- For State Issue 1 about crime victim rights, she didn't support it. "There's a problem with the way the law's written," she said. People need to be able to have a fair trial, she added.
- "Do you want to keep the same two-party system?" She said. "Vote for change.

Carolyn Kawecka, Green party

- Kawecka was not present at the debate.

Holly Cipriani, Democrat

- Cipriani also does not support the charter amendment as it stands, she said.
- For Bowling Green student rentals, she said, "I do know what it's like to live in the different apartments." Holding landlords accountable "is not just about keeping up with appearances," she said.
- Cipriani promotes local business support and initiatives, as was already mentioned in a previous story.
- "I don't have a solid stance on that yet," she said, speaking about State Issue 1.

Sandy Rowland, Democrat

- "The charter (amendment), I believe, is very poorly worded," Rowland said, agreeing with the rest of the candidates so far. She doesn't support it.
- She believes measures could be taken to improve the student rental complaints, since she has a realtor's perspective. Rowland said.
- She doesn't support State Issue 1 either, because "it doesn't solve the problem; it may not be constitutional."

FIRST WARD

Hunter Sluss, Republican

- Sluss is political science major with the University. "I can be your direct relation" between the University and the community, he said.
- He doesn't support the charter amendment.
- He supports market incentives to improve rental complaints, he said, mentioning a similar program that worked in Sandusky, Ohio.
- He's "passionate about businesses and entrepreneurship."

Daniel Gordon, Democrat

- "Go to BGOhio.com ... and make your voice heard," Gordon said, speaking about rental complaints. "There's not too much feedback." He also mentioned this has been a problem for decades.
- He doesn't support the charter amendment, he said. Regarding the Nexus pipeline, Gordon said, "There is not much we can do (to prevent it). Oversight will be done properly."
- "I believe in economic and social justice," he said.

SECOND WARD

Kent Ramsey, Republican

- Ramsey was not present at the debate.

John Zanfardino, Democrat

- Zanfardino was the only one to approve of the charter amendment. "A pipeline could go through this union" if a company pushed for it, he said. "I'm glad it's out there," he added.
- "I too think there's grave concern about the rental properties," he said.
- "We kicked the can ... and we need to stop doing this."
- "Council members respond to who they hear from. I didn't hear from students very much," he said.

THIRD WARD

Michael Aspacher, Democrat and unopposed

- Aspacher was not present at the debate.

FOURTH WARD

William Herald, Republican

- He has not spent time researching State Issue 1 as of yet, he said. He is intending to research it soon, he added.
- He was elected to Bowling Green's city council in the 1980s, so he has useful experience, he said.
- "I'm not going to point fingers at these pillars of the community," Herald said, speaking of Bowling Green's rental companies. He's mostly concerned with the appearance of the city.
- He doesn't support the charter amendment, he said.

Scott Seeliger, Democrat

- Seeliger said zoning ordinances and better communication between landlords and renters could solve the rental degradation problem. "We need to communicate and work together," he said.
- He doesn't support the charter amendment.
- For State Issue 1, he said he was unsure of yet. "I don't have an answer," he said.
Spotlight on candidate Dan Gordon

By Paul Garbarino
City Editor

Bio:
1) M.P.A. in Politics & Public Policy, BGSU
2) Member of the national Young Elected Officials Network
3) Outside Council, I manage the office of Inner Peace Homes, Inc., a local nonprofit agency providing foster care and adoption services to northwest Ohio.

Vision:
A Bowling Green where everyone, no matter their background, feels safe and valued, lives in a strong and vibrant neighborhood and is free to live their life as they choose.

Platform:
1) Continue working to develop policies and initiatives that secure and sustain greater social and economic equity and justice.
2) Continue defending marginalized communities from the threat of bigotry, discrimination and hate crimes.
3) Ensure strong implementation of the Community Action Plan to revitalize our neighborhoods.
4) Create and expand access to living-wage jobs.
5) Develop full-fledged bike lanes.
6) Keep pushing BG to use 100% renewable energy.
7) Work on additional policies and programs to make BG even more environmentally sustainable (e.g., adopt a climate action plan, a sustainability commission and recycling for rentals).

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When a Snow Emergency is declared the news media will be advised. The declaration will contain the effective time of the emergency. If snow reaches a depth of two inches without a Snow Emergency having been declared, the police desk will be advised the official time at which snow reached the two inch depth.

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The designated streets are called “SNOW STREETS” and are printed below. “SNOW STREET” signs have been erected on snow streets. It is pointed out, however, that the absence of signs will not relieve motorists of responsibility for improper parking.

Although the City will make every effort to inform the public of the existence of probable development of weather conditions requiring removal of motor vehicles from snow streets, motorists are still responsible for determining probable or existing weather conditions and removing their vehicles if required by the regulations.

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What are the implications of the tax levy renewal, and how do you intend to vote on it?

I strongly support the renewal levy to protect our children and elderly residents. Wood county has seen a skyrocketing amount of cases in abuse that is affecting kids and the elderly. It's terrible and it's made worse by the fact that Ohio ranks dead last when it comes to funding for programs that counter such abuse. We're literally the worst among all states. And that's horrifying to believe. Outside of council I manage the office of a foster care adoption agency, so I see it directly the results of this dynamic we have here, and so I strongly support the levy and I hope everyone in town can as well because its vitally needed. The interesting thing with this levy is that, unlike most other levies around the state for similar programs, they're only going to spend as much as they need. So through the renewal if they generate more revenue than they need, they're not going to spend that.

Thoughts on the school bond issue?

I support the bond issue. This is one of those issues in town that has also been very complicated for folks, and folks are also strapped for money so I understand there are some folks who don't think they can afford it. But we really need this bond issue to go through in order to address fundamental issues of inequity in our school system. For decades we had a system where, depending on where they went to school in BG, students had more or fewer resources than kids in other schools in BG, and that's not right.

What is your stance on State Issue 2?

Issue 2 is a little clearer in my mind. I've heard good arguments on both sides, but what it comes down to is if you're concerned about prescription drug costs, my understanding is that this proposal is being opposed by the
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pharmaceutical companies themselves. That’s probably a good indicator that for the average person this is something you’ll want to support. There is a lot of money being spent on the campaign against Issue 2, and the campaign for Issue 2 is not well funded. It is very complicated, so I encourage people to do their research the best they can.

How do you think you stack up against your opponent?

We are confident we are going to achieve a win on Nov. 7. There is a reason why I have yet to lose an election and that is because of the work of my wonderful teams past and present, and the fact that we have a great vision for BG. The fact that you live in one neighborhood means you should have the same quality of life as someone living on a different neighborhood. You should be equally valued, respected and feel safe no matter your background, no matter your gender. My opponent is running on a very exclusionary message if you look at his platform, that goes against the core of who we are as BG residents, that doesn’t represent who we are and is not in keeping with our shared values. And so we’re fighting to keep those shared values moving forward.

For the past few years we have been able to make great progress on issues that people care about, particularly BGSU students. So if you care about housing, we finally drafted a plan to reverse decades of government neglect of housing on the east side of town, and this is an issue that affects current residents and student residents. So we’re trying to create a plan where students don’t have horror stories like where there were 13 fire code violations in one house. That should not happen here. We’re trying to come up with a transportation system that works for everybody, because not everyone can necessarily afford a car, necessarily want a car and we want to do it in a way that is going to fight climate change at a local level.

What is the importance of BGSU students coming out to vote?

It can be difficult to get students to understand the impact and power they can have on affecting the elections in Bowling Green. One of the easiest ways to try and illustrate this is by talking about the non-discrimination ordinances that we passed years ago here in BG, and this is a story every student should know because I think it’s a really cool story. Back in 2009 and 2010 we passed ordinances to protect the LGBTQ community against discrimination in housing, employment and education. And there were some people in town who didn’t like that council did this, and so they put it on the ballot as a referendum and tried to repeal it at the ballot box. The referendum failed, but here’s the interesting thing, the margin of difference between the yes votes and the no votes was so small that the only reason why we kept those laws on the books is because enough BGSU students came out to vote. That’s the impact students can have.

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DOWN

1. A green fabric mixture
2. Drink garnish
3. More pleasant
4. Snagged
5. A leisurely walk
6. Not clergy
7. Double-reed woodwind
8. Belonging to the middle class
9. Mayday
10. A large amount
11. Anagram of “Ties”
12. A large amount
13. A large amount
14. Lather
15. Acquire
16. Fissures
17. Brawler
18. Close-knit group
19. Stogie
20. Roof overhangs
21. Elector
22. Volumes (abbrev.)
23. “Message received and understood”
24.背
25. Back
26. Nobleman
27. Back
28. Web address
29. Back
30. Calamitous
31. In a concise manner
32. Sweeping story
33. Sybaritic
34. Disinvesting
35. Sodium chloride
36. “Darn!”
37. Excrete
38. Energize
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57. Damp

ACROSS

1. Not short
5. Untidy people
10. Barely
14. Hodgepodge
15. Forbidden
16. Within
17. Triumphant
19. Acquire
20. Avenue (abbrev.)
21. Elector
22. SSSS
23. In a concise manner
24. Hebrew unit of weight
25. Website address
26. Toward the back
28. Toward the back
31. Open grassland
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