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Flight center displays renovated planes during open house

Updates part of partnership with North Star Aviation

By Seth Weber
Web Editor

The Aviation Program at the University has been given a new set of wings. The Bowling Green Flight Center hosted an event in the Wood County airport hangar displaying three renovated planes, a Piper Seminole and two Cessna C172 Skyhawks, for aviation students to use. The renovations were paid for by North Star Aviation, a flight education company that works with the University's aviation program and cost about \$2 million. The renovations included new exteriors and

new electronic systems, said Kevin Doering, general manager of the BG Flight Center. Doering said there was nothing wrong with the planes, but said it's good to have a new look and some updated technology. Venu Dasigi, interim dean of the college of technology, said the partnership with North Star Aviation has been very beneficial to the aviation program. He said he likes that these renovations are in the hands of a private company because they help with the investment, rather than the University. "It's a win-win. It's a beneficial

partnership," he said. Senior Dillon Stiger is excited about the renovated planes and thinks it's what the students and instructors deserve. "I definitely think it's going to give the students more confidence," Stiger said. Doering said he thinks the renovations will make recruiting new students easier and will motivate current students to further pursue their degree. "Any time you can have something new is going to be a definite plus," he said. "Everybody likes to think they

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Animarathon returns Saturday

All-day event to celebrate anime, Japanese culture

By Paige Crawford
Reporter

From 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. Saturday, March 22, one of the biggest conventions in Bowling Green is back. More than 4,000 guests are expected to pack the Union for Animarathon XII this year compared to it's 2,500 last year. According to the Animarathon website, Animarathon celebrates any and all aspects of anime, related Japanese media, and the overall "nerd culture." Every year, Animarathon features an array of events and shows, including video game tournaments, anime screenings, informational panels, a raffle, cosplay competitions and a huge rave at the end of the night. The

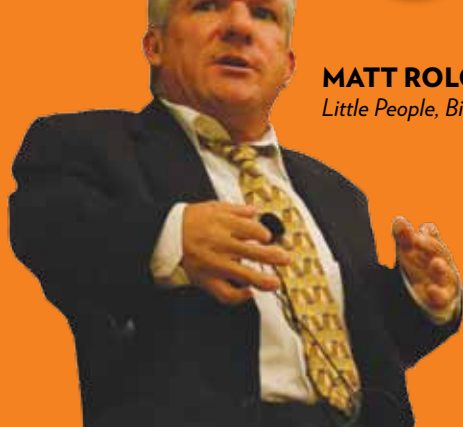
Dealers' Room is open throughout the day with anime merchandise for sale. Amanda King, a lover of anime since she was in 7th grade and a resident of Toledo, was one of the guests in attendance last year. "Last year was my first year attending the convention but everything was wonderful," she said. "Everybody was so nice and helpful." Senior University student Rachel Gast is the marketing director for Anime in Northwest Ohio [ANO] and member since her freshman year. Gast was in charge of making programs for the convention, securing ad sales, making all the signs, chalk sidewalks, updating

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ATTENDANTS GATHER for a session during the State of the State Conference on Thursday afternoon in the Union. STEVEN W. ECHARD | THE BG NEWS

building a culture of equity



MATT ROLOFF
Little People, Big World

BALDEMAR VELASQUEZ
President of Farm Labor Organizing Committee



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University hosts conference to address statewide issues of diversity, equity

By Amirah Adams
Reporter

About 260 people filled the Union Ballroom Thursday to attend 18th annual State of the State Conference. The event featured people from a wide variety of professions from around the state, all meeting to discuss issues of equity, diversity and opportunity, and how it relates to Ohio. Ray Plaza, associate director in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was on the planning committee for the conference as registration chair, which began planning for the event after last year's conference. "The actual planning started in the summer," Plaza said. "We began doling out who was interested in what aspect and began laying out the timeline for the event." The conference consisted of 18 sessions, each one centered on different aspects of diversity. "We've been able to broaden the sessions we have and hit a number of different topics," Plaza said. "We cover issues impacting different communities, which is exemplified in the speakers we have today." Matt Roloff and Baldemar Velasquez were the keynote speakers during the conference. Roloff is best known for his role on TLC's "Little People Big World." Velasquez is co-founder and president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee. Both speakers covered the theme of building inclusive communities. "Both gave presentations that were right to the heart," said Emily Monago, Bowling Green Conference

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University looks to establish zero waste initiative

By Eric Lagatta
Campus Editor

When people go to sporting events, they're most likely buying hot dogs, popcorn and beverages and, with thousands of people, the left over waste can add up. "When you host a mega-event ... there's always going to be a substantial environmental impact," said Brian McCullough, assistant professor in the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies. Much of McCullough's research is in the areas of environmental management of sport organizations and sustainable initiatives within the sport industry. The Doyt Perry Stadium houses a total of 24,000 people. With six home games a season, that's a maximum of 144,000 attendants, not including



Nick Hennessy
Sustainability Coordinator

those who just come to tailgate. That's why Sustainability Coordinator Nick Hennessy is leading efforts to reduce waste at the University's athletic venues. Specifically, he has the ultimate goal of achieving zero-waste status. Zero-waste is commonly defined as the ability to divert 90 percent or more of materials from the landfill by recycling and composting. The University already makes strong low-waste efforts, Hennessy said. "Zero-waste is more difficult to reach," Hennessy said. "But the

results are pretty sweet." The Doyt may be years away from achieving zero-waste, but the time to start planning is now, Hennessy said. "I view myself as a person who gets the ball rolling," Hennessy said. "I feel that at least some, if not the greater part of the leadership, will fall on me." But of course, as Hennessy will say, he can't do it alone, as "it's a collective effort." This venture requires the support of Sodexo, which caters athletic events, Waste Management, which hauls waste and recycling, and, of course, University Athletics. "It's been a good program that they started," said Jim Elsasser, associate athletic director for Internal Affairs. "We like to think we can always do better and do more."

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BAKING WITH HILLEL



SAM RAYBURN | THE BG NEWS

STUDENTS BAKE hamentashen, a Jewish cookie, on Thursday night. Hillel hosted the event.

FIVE MORE TO GO

The women's basketball team defeated High Point in the first round of the WNIT 72-62. Miriam Justinger had a career high 22 points. | **PAGE 3**



SAVING ANIMALS

Columnist Greg Burleson talks about zoos and how they're not meant to harm animals by studying their habits and other things. He also talks about how animal rights organizations draw undeserved attention to zoos. | **PAGE 4**

WHO WOULD YOU DRESS UP AS FOR ANIMARATHON? WHY?



"Satoshi Batista from Michiko to Hatchin because he is such an awesome character." **Michael Baker**
Freshman, Digital Arts

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1:25 P.M.
Complainant reported the theft of three Xbox One game discs valued at \$180 within the 100 block of Manville Ave.

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social media and will help at registration lines.

“I wasn’t going to stay with ANO until they elected me in December, but I’m glad I did because it has been a very enjoyable experience,” Gast said.

ANO is the University’s only anime club. Membership is open to anyone and there are no dues to enter the club.

There are only nine board members, said Gast, so the other 150 members of the club are encouraged to step up and help out with this enormous convention.

Brennan Lowery, senior University student and member of ANO since 2006, was one of the members to take on a leadership role for the convention.

“I was involved with setting up things for pre-registration, tomorrow I will be setting up the room and tables for the dealers, and I’ll be there from 7 a.m. to midnight helping with anything else that needs to be

done,” Lowery said.

This year’s convention will also include the reappearance of the Kawaii Kafé, where members dress up as maids and serve the guests, as well as performances by the Game and Anime Music Ensemble and Hayabusa Taiko.

The highlight of the day will be the special guest, “LittleKuriboh,” a YouTube personality famous for dubbing “Yu Gi Oh.”

“I’m looking forward to meeting LittleKuriboh and bringing my autograph book so I can add his to my collection,” King said.

Regular admission for Animarathon is \$3 [includes students] and all children under 12 are free [guardian with child \$2].

King hopes a lot of people who haven’t been to the convention before attend this year.

“The people at Animarathon make you feel comfortable. Whether you want to dress up or not, no one judges and is always friendly. It’s been nice to be around people with the same interests,” she said.



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STUDENTS MOVE a Piper Seminole outside after it was on display.

WASTE
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A zero-waste campaign has more benefits beyond just sustainability; there are also financial gains to be had.

Reducing the environmental impact reduces operating expenses, McCullough said.

Waste Management, the University’s partner in waste removal, charges per pound to haul trash to the landfill. But, the company doesn’t charge for taking away recycling bins. The reason, McCullough said, is simple: trash takes up space in a landfill, whereas recycling has a secondary market to which a company can resell.

One of the efforts Hennessy’s office has already does is the recycling of glass and cardboard. The Office of Sustainability takes care of all recycling at athletic games. Athletics houses all of the bins Hennessy and his team use.

Another initiative is called

“green tailgating.” During home games, Hennessy and his team distribute receptacles for tailgaters to recycle cardboard, plastic and glass. He and his volunteers then collect recycling following the game.

Hennessy usually has 30 volunteers for each home game, some of whom are interns.

Spencer Lee, a junior, interned with the Office of Sustainability this past fall. He now works for Hennessy as an employee.

Much of Lee’s work as an intern was in “green tailgating.”

“I’m a really hands-on person,” said Lee, an environmental science major.

This semester, Lee has begun his own project in which he single-handedly collects glass recycling from the Stroh Center and delivers it to the city recycling center off Poe Road.

Through these efforts, “I’ve really grown close to

the Athletic Department,” Lee said.

During this past season’s six home football games, Hennessy and his team were responsible for 9,100 pounds of recycling, according to numbers provided by the Office of Sustainability. That’s about the weight of three empty dumpsters per game. They also recycled an additional 2,661 pounds of cardboard.

But these numbers can be misleading, Hennessy said. Recycling, he said, is not synonymous with sustainability. In other words, having nothing to recycle is better than having to recycle at all.

This is a primary challenge for Hennessy as he plans for a zero-waste campaign: preventing waste by looking at the source, rather than dealing with the aftermath.

As Hennessy continues to think about how to bring a zero-waste campaign to Athletics, he is considering several questions.

go up again in the newly renovated ones.

“I think [the renovations are] absolutely wonderful,” she said. “I think this will give them greater opportunities.”

Flight instructor Rich Gannon said he is glad the students have renovated planes because it will make them get more involved and make them proud to be a student.

“Hopefully it will draw students in. A sharp looking plane grabs attention,” Gannon said. “We needed it for years I think it will pick up the program like it used to be.”

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Falcons travel to Final Five

Hockey team will face Minnesota State in semifinal

By **Corey Krupa**
Reporter

The Falcon hockey team will face Minnesota State in the semi-final round of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Final Five on Friday.

The game will start at 2:07 p.m. at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The winner of that game will then play Saturday night at 7:07 p.m. in the conference championship game against the winner of the other semi-final game between Ferris State and Alaska-Anchorage.

BG will enter the tournament as a three seed and will put their five-game winning streak on the line against second-seeded Minnesota State. The Minnesota State Mavericks have a 24-13-1 overall record, and currently have an 11 game unbeaten streak. The Falcons are 18-14-6 and swept the Michigan Tech Huskies last weekend at the Ice Arena.

“We’re playing a decent game right now, we’re going to need to be successful on Friday,” BG head coach Chris Bergeron said.

The semi-final matchup between the Falcons and Mavericks will be the ninth time these two teams will meet. The Mavericks are 5-2-1 all-time against the Falcons. The two teams split their final regular-season series at the Ice Arena last November, and are an even 2-2 against each other this season. The Falcons defeated Minnesota State on the road on Nov. 8 to give the Mavericks their only home loss of the entire 2013-14 season.

“We’ve developed a little bit of a rivalry,” Bergeron said. “The players got a little crusty with each other on the ice and that’s a good thing. It made for close games. For two teams that don’t have a history in terms of a rivalry, we developed one in a real short period of time which is outstanding as we move forward in this league.”

Sophomore forward Mark Cooper’s three goals on Nov. 22 at the Ice Arena gave the Falcons their second victory over Minnesota State on the year. Cooper’s game-winning

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EYE ON THE PRIZE



Miriam Justinger led the Falcons as they defeated High Point University Thursday night

By **Tara Jones**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Falcons overcame a drought from the field to defeat High Point University Thursday night by a score of 72-62 to advance to the second round in the Women’s National Invitation Tournament.

At one point the Falcons were shooting just 12.5 percent from the field while High Point was shooting 40 percent, allowing the Panthers to get out to an early lead in the start of the game.

BG head coach Jennifer Roos called this the worst start her team has had all year long.

“High Point took it to us at the beginning of the game,” Roos said. “Rattled, discombobulated aren’t even words or verbs that could describe the beginning of that game with how we played and that was attributed to High Point.”

Sophomore Miriam Justinger led the Falcons with a career-high 22 points after missing two games near the end of BG’s season due to an illness. She attributed her successful night to her teammates’ ability to get her the ball.

“I’m most proud of the win and how we played as a team tonight in that second half,” Justinger said. “It’s a great atmosphere. We are very lucky to have a program where they support women’s basketball as much they do and that’s what I’m most proud of, to play for Bowling Green.”

Justinger said High Point gave them a battle Thursday night. She said now that it is tournament time, teams have to show up ready to play.

After a rough first half, Justinger said Roos came into halftime saying the game was no longer about X’s and O’s, but about heart. Both Justinger and Roos said they were proud of the way the team came out of halftime and executed in the second half.

“I told the team at halftime, I said the elephant in the room is we’re not in the NCAA tournament,” Roos said. “The elephant in the room is we’re in the WNIT, and I want to take that and I want to play as hard as we can.”

Roos said that the key to the Falcons winning the game came off of turnovers and defensive stops that led to offense. She also said that getting to the free throw line more than the other team was important since the Falcons only shot 40 percent from the field for the game.

“The momentum of getting a stop or a turnover and then scoring ... was key to our spurts in the second half,” Roos said.

With the win, the Falcons will advance to the second round of the WNIT to face the winner of Friday’s matchup between Saint Bonaventure and Charlotte.

Once the first round of the tournament is complete, remaining teams then have the chance to bid for home-court advantage for the second round. The date, site and time of the Falcons’ next match is to be determined.

PHOTOS BY RUBEN KAPPLER

TOP: Miriam Justinger drives on one of the High Point defenders in their game Thursday night.

MIDDLE: Rachel Konieczki dribbles the ball on top of the key to set up the offense for the Falcons.

BOTTOM: Miriam Justinger looks to pass the ball. She scored a career high 22 points in their first round win.

Falcons compete in MAC Championship

Gymnastics team travels to Eastern Michigan, seeks first MAC Championship since 1985

By **Grant Crawford**
Reporter

With the regular season at its end, the Falcons gymnastics team looks to finish Mid-American Conference play on a high note with their first post-season MAC championship title since 1985.

With the MAC championships coming up, the team has adopted a different mindset; one they hope will lift them to a victory.

“I think there is a heightened awareness and the intensity has been really high,” said head coach Kerrie Turner. “That is something we have been focused on coming out of that UCLA meet, I didn’t think ... our intensity was where it needed to be. We have been trying to build, and manufacture that excitement in the gym like you would have at the meet.”

BG has had a rollercoaster ride season as they have had several winning and losing streaks throughout the course of the season. The team has

dominated winning with full confidence and determination like their meet against Kent State but some meets resulted in nerves getting the best of them like in the meet at UCLA.

But in order for the Falcons to turn it around at the end of the season, they need to be focused.

“Their minds need be in the right place and the people around them really need to bring the energy to the lineup especially with the bi-rotations at MAC’s,” Turner said. “They have to come off the bi-rotations with a really high intensity and a really high level of excitement and that is what is going to keep ... them confident.”

While the Falcons have posted scores in the 195’s and 194’s, against 10 of their 16 opponents, the team still seems to struggle getting wins. But the team feels well prepared this week and they are ready to fight.

“It is just making sure they follow through and finish everything ... that they can’t relax for one moment in their mind and think it’s done until

it is actually done,” Turner said. “This year we have gotten so much closer to teams like Central and Kent and until you can experience that you can’t really get over to the other side until you know what it feels like to be that close.”

The Falcons, who are currently 7-9 overall with a 4-2 conference record, are having one of their better seasons in recent years and feel that this could be their year to hoist the trophy they have been chasing after so long.

“I told them this we had a team meeting Tuesday night and I said we have to decide now we can’t decide on Saturday and we can’t go out there and just try,” Turner said. “You have to go in with the mentality that you are winning it ... so I know they are going to give it everything and that is all I can ask is that they go out and hit their routines.”

BG will head to Ypsilanti, Mich., this Saturday to face Eastern Michigan as they strive to win a title that has for so long eluded them.

Baseball team heads to Muncie for match with Ball State

Falcons face Cardinals in rematch of MAC Championship game

By **Brett Creamer**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bowling Green baseball team defeated Ball State 7-0 in the Mid-American Conference Championship game this past May.

With that win, the Falcons earned their first MAC championship and NCAA Tournament berth since 1999.

This Friday will be the first time these two teams meet since that last matchup in May.

Ball State comes into the three-game series against the Falcons with an overall record of 13-8. The Cardinals are led by outfielders Alex Call and Sean Godfrey. Call leads the team with a .365 batting average. Godfrey is batting .297 and leads the Cardinals with four homeruns and 23 RBIS.

This will be the first MAC action for both the Cardinals and the Falcons this season. BG’s first MAC game of the season would have been against Eastern Michigan this past Tuesday, but the game was canceled due to inclement weather.

After the combined no-hitter

against Bucknell last Friday, both Brett Fitzwater and Chris Miller were named MAC Co-East Division Pitchers of the week. It was the first BG no-hitter in nearly 19 years.

Shortstop Brian Bien has been leading the charge offensively for the Falcons through the first 18 games of the 2014 season. Bien leads the Falcons in batting average, runs scored, hits, walks and on base percentage. Bien holds a .397 average and has 14 runs scored.

The Falcons have 14 players batting over .300 so far this season as well. One of the 14 is Jeremy Shay who is batting .328 and leads the Falcons with 13 RBIS and nine extra base hits.

Starters Patrick Lancaster and Andrew Kubuski are also helping the Falcons offensively. Lancaster leads with eight stolen bases and is third on the team with a .338 average.

After nearly hitting for the cycle this past weekend, Brandon Howard is batting .391 in his 11 appearances

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Who would you dress up as for Animarathon? Why?



ZACHARY MORIN
Undecided,
Freshman

“Gohan from ‘Dragon Ball Z’ because I think our personalities are similar.”



NAJWA MATTHEWS
Junior,
Architecture

“The Blue Power Ranger because Rower Rangers were always cool as a kid and blue is my favorite color.”



FERRAS HEBACH
Senior,
Biology

“Khal Drogo from ‘Game of Thrones’ because he is a beast.”



NICK BUSCH
Freshman,
Business

“Pikachu because everyone knows him and I don’t know anyone who does not like him.”

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Accessibility difficult during winter months



JULIE HAUGHT
COLUMNIST

Spring’s official arrival Thursday brings us to the tail end of this torturous beast of a winter.

How did you fare in this snowy, icy, slushy, soggy first quarter of 2014? Were you able to navigate campus without much difficulty?

Since I have no mobility impairments, I made my way safely, albeit gingerly, around campus watching for the sidewalk equivalent of the black ice that challenges so many motorists.

The care with which I had to navigate as a pedestrian during the inclement weather made me realize how little I usually think about getting to and from rooms and offices on campus. If the elevator is not working in a building, I take the stairs. If a lake-sized puddle makes the sidewalk impassable, I slog through the wet grass and step down from the curb to the roadway to continue on my way.

However, were I in a wheelchair, this campus would soon become a challenge that might be worthy of reality TV competitions. How does one make it through the ponds of water that form so quickly when it rains?

Once in the buildings, how user-friendly are the classroom spaces? In the cafeterias and at the food court in the Union, is it easy enough to get where you want to be if you are using crutches or a wheelchair?

I know that the University is in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and with Section 504 of

the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Indeed, the University has an excellent Office of Disability Services. Students, staff and faculty alike appreciate their work.

Rather, my question is whether students, staff and faculty who have mobility challenges find the general environment here to be one that empowers them. That is, are the facilities and campus landscape designed in ways that a person can do for her-self/himself without having to seek assistance?

I remember vividly an encounter I witnessed several years ago when the bookstore was in the Saddlemere Student Services Building, a building demolished to make way for the Wolfe Center for the Arts.

A student in a wheelchair was unable to navigate the aisles to get to a textbook he needed. When he complained to the staff, the person kindly let him know that she was happy to get the book for him. He thanked her, but then added, “Sometimes people like to do things for themselves.” So, how easy is it in 2014 for people to do things for themselves on campus?

I have every faith and confidence that our University strives to be a welcoming and accessible campus, so if you use assistance to get around, where do you find problems with access? And, if like me, you move around campus without assistance, what do you see that might be an impediment for others? I would be happy to collect your ideas over the next month and present them to the appropriate people. You can contact me at the address below.

Respond to Julie at
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WHAT NOT TO SAY



JD ROWE | THE BG NEWS

Zoos helpful to study of animals, environment aid



GREG BURLESON
COLUMNIST

There is proposed legislation in California to end Orca shows and captive breeding.

In short, this legislation is targeted at Sea World and its most recognizable face—Shamu.

This legislation comes as the result of many years of hard work by zealous animal rights groups who have gone so far as to produce propagandist documentaries about Orcas and an attempt to have them classified as a slave group under the 13th amendment.

First of all, shame on these groups for de-emphasizing the 13th amendment and making a mockery of slavery while it still presents a massive social challenge around the world—including this country.

These groups’ aim is commendable—to end mistreatment of animals and promote their well-being. Between environmental and human interference, countless spe-

cies around the world are in danger; many less fortunate species are extinct.

As a conscientious objector to veil, I have an informed understanding of the more domestic challenges that animals face. Groups like PETA have momentary moments of brilliance; however, their argument in this case is so fundamentally false and fictitious that it borders on the verge of fantasy fiction—I originally wanted to call it ‘science fiction,’ however, I could not in good faith use the word ‘science’ anywhere near their argument.

As a group who wishes to promote the well-being of animals, it is nothing short of asinine to target zoos.

While you may believe zoos are designed for you to go look at rare and exotic animals for an afternoon, you are completely wrong.

Zoos are designed to do supportive research with animals, make money to conduct more research, and educate millions of people about the importance of protecting the wildlife. Zoos merely tolerate our presence long enough to get money and foster a culture

that is more in-tune with the needs of wildlife.

Take for instance Disney’s Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Fla. Since officially classifying itself as a zoo, Animal Kingdom is regularly recognized as one of the top three zoos in the country—along with San Diego and Columbus. Millions of people a year go to Animal Kingdom and learn messages of conservation and harmony. Not a single one of these guests will ever see what I have seen in person.

Along with the dozens of endangered species that guests are able to see, there are many behind the scenes projects. Fewer than a hundred people a year visit the research aviaries that house some of the rarest birds in the world; including the Malaysian Kingfisher—a bird that just over 100 specimens survive worldwide.

Disney has a breeding population of them—just over 10 percent of the species entire population—and does not care, at all, whether you know about it as Disney will never make these animals available for public viewing.

Similarly, the Columbus

Zoo has world renowned centers of Lowland Gorilla conservation and Manatee rehabilitation. These institutions, and much more, are funded by money made via admission charges to the zoo.

The fact is research and animal conservation is going on behind the scenes of all of these institutions around the world. For every Jane Goodall there are 20 zoos conducting similar research under safer and supportive environments.

If you remove Shamu from Sea World, you will not only remove the parks most iconic face and challenge the park financially, you will adversely impact the trained professionals’ ability to learn about how to protect Orcas in the wild.

It is a matter of conservation fact that the work done in zoos benefits wildlife. Also a fact is that documentaries like ‘Blackfish’ present misleading evidence and pure fiction to propose a social agenda.

Do the research yourself.

Do not be fooled into supporting this movement.

Respond to Greg at
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Sixth grader saves life, punished for breaking rules that were not her fault



EMILY GORDON
COLUMNIST

You may have heard the phrase “no good deed goes unpunished.”

This was certainly the case for a sixth grader in Virginia last week when, after persuading a peer to stop cutting his arm with a razor, she was suspended for

10 days and faced expulsion.

The student, Adrionna Harris, took the razor from her peer, threw it away and reported the incident to school officials.

They responded with punishment instead of praise.

Apparently, even holding the razor for the few seconds it took to carry it to the trash meant Harris was wielding a weapon.

Harris’ mother told WAVY 10 On Your Side, a local

news organization, that her daughter acted fast because “she thought he would bleed out, as he was cutting himself, and there was no teacher in sight. It was a 911 situation, and there wasn’t time to find a teacher.”

Just what else was Harris supposed to do in this situation?

Helping a self-harming student is courageous, compassionate, and just the right thing to do.

But Harris’ school is send-

ing the wrong message to its students by punishing her for her heroic actions.

One of the most important lessons one should learn as a kid is how important it is to be there for others and to help them through tough times.

Luckily, Harris learned this lesson, one far more important than school protocol.

“Even if I got in trouble, it didn’t matter because I was helping him ... I would do it

again even if I got suspended, yes,” she said.

It seems to me that school officials are more concerned with enforcing the rules and avoiding liability more than the health and safety of their students.

But school officials have a duty to help instill moral responsibility in their students and teach them to step up when they see a problem and try to stop it.

If you know someone who you think is suicidal, don’t

ignore it.

There are many resources available in Bowling Green, including the counseling center, which offers its services for free.

Harris should be applauded for saving the life of her peer.

When it comes to the moral test, Harris passed with flying colors.

Her school failed.

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Know before you go: February inspections

Editor's Note: Know Before You Go is a monthly series The BG News publishes with data from health inspection reports for city restaurants and food providers. The chart below lists the five restaurants with the most violations during health inspection. It lists the name, address, inspection type, number of violations and the inspectors comments in the report.

The inspection type varies from standard to follow-up to complaint. A restaurant receives a standard inspection roughly two times a year. If something is wrong,

they will receive a critical or non-critical violation. A critical violation pertains to issues that aren't safe practices, such as improper food temperatures or improper storage of poisonous chemicals. A non-critical violation pertains to matters such as cleanliness of kitchen or poor conditions of equipment.

After an inspector finds violations, they are usually corrected on the spot or a follow-up will be conducted a few days or weeks later depending on the violation. If a business repeats critical violations, it meets with the

health district to correct the problem. If it still repeats the violation, it could eventually lose its food license.

At the beginning of each month, look for graphs which list the three restaurants with no violations and the three with the most violations for the previous month.

*The information in today's graph is for the month of February and provided by the Wood County Health District.

*Explanation taken from past interviews with the Wood County Health District.

5 RESTAURANTS AND FOOD PROVIDERS WITH LEAST VIOLATIONS IN FEBRUARY

Kermit's Restaurant, 307 S. Main St.
Reverend's Bar & Grill, 130 E. Wooster St.
Ginza, 109 S. Main St.
Easystreet Cafe and Grumpy Dave's Bar, 104 S. Main St.
Blackfin, Inc., 1616 E. Wooster St.

Restaurants with most violations in February				
Restaurant	Address	Inspection type	Violations	Inspector observations
Jed's BBQ & Brew	101 S. Main St.	Standard	6	Critical: 1 -The concentration and/or temperature of chemical sanitizer in the dishwasher is not adequate to comply with the code. Non Critical: 5 -Some of the clear food containers were found with duct tape on them to cover cracks. -The prep cooler had water all over the reach-in portion of the cooler. -The microwave, tall Pepsi cooler, underneath portion of prep cooler, prep table, container with empty portion cup all had soil residue on them. -Observed light bulbs in the prep area that were not properly shielded or coated where required. -The ceiling tiles and walls in the food prep area have been found with a build-up of food particles.
BG Hunan Palace Buffet	1616 E. Wooster St.	Standard	3	Critical: 2 -The dishwasher sanitizer is not detected after the machine has run its cycles. -Neither employees were able to demonstrate the proper pH measurement of the sushi rice. Repeat violations. Non Critical: 1 -Plastic tubs used in the coolers to store food were found to have cracks in them.
Wendy's	1094 S. Main St.	Standard	2	Critical: 2 -The sliced tomatoes, guacamole and picco were at temperatures above the required 41 degrees. They were discarded during inspection. -The restroom sink's hot water was only 60 degrees. It should read 100 degrees.
Paglai's Pizza, Inc.	945 S. Main St.	Standard	2	Critical: 2 -Raw ground beef was found in the walk-in cooler above cooked chili. Corrected during inspection. -Broccoli Cream Soup was found in the walk-in-cooler at 92-105 degrees. It should be at 41 degrees.
Di Benedetto's Italian Bistro	121 S. Main St.	Standard	2	Critical: 1 -The sanitizer cycle of the dishwashing machine was not working properly. Repeat violation. Non Critical: 1 -The dry storage room lights are not shielded properly. Also, a light in the dishwasher area has the shield broken.

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Chair. "Both had global messages of how to build inclusive communities and how we can build bridges and come together."

Some attendees, such as Roger Grant, assistant director of Student Support Services at the University, were attending the conference for the first time.

"I work in TRIO programs, which is housed next to the Office of Multicultural Affairs," Grant said. "I had an interest in seeing how the State of the State Conference addresses issues and concerns of the diverse populations on campus."

It can be difficult to cover every aspect of diversity and its importance. Grant was impressed with how many issues were discussed and the information that was given during the conference.

"I think the conference is doing a good job of informing people of how to be more tolerant of people of diverse backgrounds and experiences," Grant said.

The crowd was filled with people of many different backgrounds and ethnicities. There were also a wide range of ages in attendance as well.

It was mentioned throughout the conference how there was a significant number of young people that were in attendance. Grant wanted them to take away one thing specifically.

"I want them to recognize some of the civil rights activities and how they have made these opportunities available to students," Grant said.

Monago was pleased with the success of the conference, as well as the participation from the attendees.

"The overall turnout was fantastic," Monago said. "Our students were really participating, I'm really happy about it."

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Improv group to perform on campus

Troupe creates Shakespeare inspired play on the spot based off audience suggestion

By William Channell
Assistant Pulse Editor

When one thinks of improvising, the rehearsed intricacy of a Shakespeare play probably doesn't come to mind, but the Improvised Shakespeare Company [ISC] aims to change how audiences view the famous playwright.

As a part of its "Festival Series," the college of musical arts will host the ISC in Kobacker Hall April 5, where viewers will see an entirely improvised play using the style and language of William Shakespeare, all based off a one-word suggestion from the audience at the beginning of the performance.

"That's the only time we go to the audience for help," said Brendan Dowling, a member of the group. "After that, everything else is made up."

The Improvised Shakespeare Company had its beginnings in Los Angeles when improviser Blaine Swen began creating Shakespearean scenes within the context of comedic improvisation. Swen, who is now the director of the company, has since relocated to the ImprovOlympic, a prominent theatre in Chicago specializing in improvisational comedy.

"From there it's just kind of taken off," Dowling said.

Susan Hoekstra, director of public events at the college of musical arts, said while the festival series has historically been a showcase for music, they have occasionally ventured into other areas of performance as well.

"When the CMA took [the festival series] over, we decided that every now and then we would put something different on the program," Hoekstra said.

Hoekstra said the college of musical arts isn't sure whether they will have acts like the ISC in the future, but they're excited for how this event will turn out.

"I do think we're gonna get some different people who might not have come to the series before," Hoekstra said. "A real good reason to do it is to bring in new audiences."

Sophomore Adam Lewton, member of University improvisational comedy team Bad Genetics, said the way the ISC performs provides an interesting way to look at improv in general.

"They took professional improv in a different direction," Lewton said. "That's just kind of a cool idea in general."

He would love to see more improv groups come to campus.

"I think it would be really helpful for those of us who are into improv to see professional teams on campus," Lewton said.

The Improvised Shakespeare Company is performing April 5 at 8 p.m. in Kobacker Hall. Student tickets are \$5.

OUTSIDE THE MARGINS

Prairie Margins publishes literary art from undergraduates

By Geoff Burns
Pulse Editor

For junior and creative writing major Philip Sterwerf, getting his poem published in the literary journal *Prairie Margins* was a big deal.

"It's a poem that I wrote in class and I thought it was one of my best pieces," Sterwerf said. "It's a good stepping stone to be a professional writer because it gets writers prepared for other ways to get accepted in the [field]."

After more than 50 years as a literary magazine at the University, *Prairie Margins* publishes poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, art and even plays. The journal gets published once a year where funding is provided by the Student Budget Committee and from advertising.

Editor-In-Chief Rachel Gast has been on staff for the literary magazine for several years and said they will take anything submitted by aspiring writers, as long as it has an actual value to the journal.

"There are certain rules, grammar rules, spelling rules, that have to be followed and if the story doesn't make any narrative sense it still

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MEDIA REVIEWS

“VERONICA MARS” Movie | Grade: A-

By Annie Furia
Pulse Critic

The TV series "Veronica Mars" had an unusual premise.

The protagonist was a cynical private eye with a sarcastic personality and a caustic wit, who also happened to be a petite blonde teenage girl, played by Kristen Bell. The show had intelligent writing, interesting characters and plenty of intrigue, but was sadly canceled after the third season and went off the air in 2007. So why am I writing about it now?

Because "Veronica Mars" is back.

In March 2013, creator Rob Thomas started a Kickstarter campaign, asking fans for the hefty sum of \$2 million, simply to show the studio that fans were indeed interested in a movie. A

testament to the love Veronica's fan have for the series, the campaign raised more than \$5 million by the end of its 30-day period. The question now is, was it worth it?

My answer is yes.

As the movie begins, Veronica seems to have left investigating behind to become high-powered lawyer in New York, miles away from both her hometown of Neptune, Calif. and the person she was there. However, it seems Veronica isn't so different after all, as she can't resist getting involved when her ex-boyfriend Logan [Jason Dohring] is implicated in the murder of his current girlfriend.

Bell does such an excellent job of returning to the role of Veronica that it's hard to believe years have passed since she last played the character.

The writing stays true to the essence of the TV series, being equal parts serious and silly, best evidenced in Veronica's funny and often poignant interactions with her father, Keith Mars [Enrico Colantoni]. The murder mystery keeps the audience on their toes and had me guessing who the culprit was until the final reveal.

My only complaint would be that the movie stretches itself trying to include a side story of corruption at the Neptune Sheriff's office. With the focus on the murder, this plotline is undeveloped and almost out of place. With a little more attention, it could have been a perfect complement to the main storyline.

Though the movie should

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JAZZIN' UP LUNCH TIME



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UNIVERSITY JAZZ group performs a song on Thursday in the Union.



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ZACH SHYROCK fends off a UOAL tackler in their match this weekend.

Rugby takes trip to England, has good result

By Zach Carreon
Reporter

While most students headed to Florida or other southern points for break, the BG men's rugby team flew to England and still managed to find more sun and better weather than in Ohio.

The team completed a busy schedule that had them playing three matches, attend coaching sessions and tour some of England's most famous landmarks.

"This was our fourth tour to England and our sixth overseas tour since 2000," said rugby Director Roger Mazzarella. "We always go to a location where rugby is like a religion and where everyone came get around safely and without someone having to hold their hand."

English culture and history were a major part of this trip as the team was given guided tours of Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and the Royal Air Force Museum as well as England's national rugby stadium at Twickenham. Other trip high-

lights included visits to the British Museum, the Natural History Museum, the National Gallery and the city of York with its massive Minster and the Viking Museum.

"One of the highlights for me personally was talking to the WWII vets that were touring the RAF Museum at the same time," Mazzarella said. "One had been a tail gunner in the Lancaster dam busters made famous by the movie of the same name. Several of us talked to him for quite awhile in front of a new display that featured a shot-down dam buster that had just been recovered from the bottom of a Norwegian fjord."

Wing Ted Kilgore loved the experience.

"Twickenham was unbelievable," Kilgore said. "It was amazing how every single detail from the color of the paint to the quotations on the walls had been meticulously planned to give the England team players every possible psychological advantage."

Key to the trip is that a touring side must receive permis-

sion from the host country in order to tour.

"This is where the reputation and standard of play of BGSU are key," Mazzarella said. "They just don't let anybody go."

Upon their arrival and following a morning practice with the Aylesbury RFC coaches, BG was hosted at a "president's" dinner. Attending the dinner were high-level officials from the Rugby Football Union who made presentations to BG head coach Tony Mazzarella, captain Dane Szente and president Frank Viancourt.

In the end though, testing themselves against players that started at the age of five was the key reason for BG making the trip.

In a nod to BG's success, Brunel University started a number of alumni in the first match, and though down at the half 12-15, the Falcons eventually lost 49-24. But that would be the last taste of victory for the Brits.

Playing against the academy side of one of England's oldest and most prestigious

clubs, the London Saracens, BG raced out to a 24-7 half-time lead on the strength of two tries by fly half Teddy Terezis before eventually winning 33-22.

"This was one of the most important victories in the history of this club," Mazzarella said. "If I heard it once, I heard it a dozens times of how impressed our opponents were of our pace and quick tempo play."

Adding a little frosting to the cake was the fact that a pair of Saracens senior club members, Americans Chris Wyles and Hayden Smith had driven over to lend support to their countrymen.

The Falcons crushed league leading University of the Arts London by a score of 108-0. Flanker Frank Viancourt, scrum half Mike Powell, fly half Teddy Terezis, eight man Sean McFarland and flanker Rick Suda each scored a pair of tries in the victory.

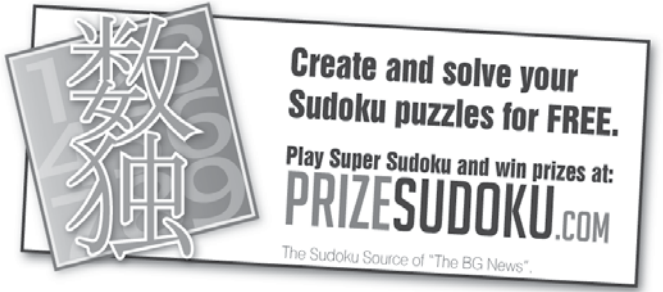
With a 4-1 record the Falcons will host Notre Dame at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday at the Doyt Perry Stadium.

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goal in overtime gave the forward his first collegiate hat trick.

With a WCHA quarter-finals sweep last weekend at home against Michigan Tech, the Falcons have now won a league playoff series for the fourth consecutive year. The Falcons have won five play-off series in four years. This is the first time the Falcons

have swept a series during that span.

Forwards Ryan Carpenter, Dan DeSalvo and Bryce Williamson combined for a total of 11 points in the first round of the WCHA Playoffs. All three of these skaters have now totaled over 70 points in their collegiate careers.

"We're going out there with a lot of confidence," BG forward Adam Berkle said. "We expect to score."

Forward Dan DeSalvo recorded three assists in

the series clinching 5-2 victory over Michigan Tech on Saturday night. DeSalvo now has passed the 80 point mark for his career in his junior year.

Sophomore goaltender Tommy Burke started both games for the Falcons last weekend. Burke shutout the Huskies for four periods, making 52-of-55 saves in the series and a .945 save percentage. Overall, Burke has gone 14-6-6 with a 2.41 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage in 27 games this season.

BASEBALL

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this season. Howard also has a slugging percentage over .500 and provides a vital role off the bench.

The series against Ball State is set to begin at 1 p.m. for the first pitch this Friday. Followed by a 3 p.m. start on both Saturday and Sunday. The action takes place at Ball Diamond stadium in Muncie, Ind.

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has to speak to us on some level,” Gast said. “It has to be good quality work even though it’s by undergrads.” Graduate Co-Chair of The Student Budget Committee [SBC] Rachel Robinson said out of all of the requests the committee obtains, only 30 percent of them end up obtaining funding. Members of SBC decided to provide funding for the literary journal because of how much it has an advantage on students.

“We look for in our decision how impactful the event or project is going to be for the students on campus,” Robinson said. “This is one of those groups we know that it’s going to impact the community here in BG in a productive way. It’s going to enhance [the University’s] reputation.”

Although a few submissions are turned down,

only college undergraduates are eligible to have their work published in the magazine.

Gast said Prairie Margins does not accept work by graduate students or professional writers because the members of the journal want to get newer writers a chance to be published with other writers nationwide.

After being turned down once before for a piece Sterwerf tried to get published in the journal, the rejection only made him try harder in his writing.

“That’s one of the things about them is when you’re in a writing field you’re destined to have people decline your work but it got me ready,” Sterwerf said. “It still means that people are reading your work and I didn’t feel bad at all.”

For those interested in being a part of Prairie Margins, members of the journal host meetings every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of East Hall.



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THE SHOW ‘Veronica Mars’ was canceled in 2007 but brought back as a film for fans.

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delight fans of the TV series, those unfamiliar with the series can still enjoy Veronica’s witty quips and takedowns. The plot doesn’t require much knowledge of the TV show to follow, so I wouldn’t necessarily dissuade newcomers from seeing it. That

being said, the movie was written to be a resolution to the series, not an introduction. Newcomers might not understand the history behind Veronica’s interactions with some characters, or miss references to Veronica’s past cases.

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13 Threw easily
18 Kick with a "hang time"
22 Glossy coats
23 Illegally off base
24 Spice Girl Halliwell
26 HIV-treating drug
29 Impressive display
30 Box office smash
32 Internet ____: fast-spreading item
35 "That parrot is definitely ____": line from a Monty Python sketch
36 Not as confident
37 Friday guy?
38 Feverish chills
39 Conks on the head
41 Throw hard
43 Ace bandage sites
44 Injury-free
45 Picnic pitcher filler
46 Friars Club events
47 Ruth's husband
50 Mustard family plant
52 Lost a lap?
54 Serve behind bars?
57 José's "Huh?"
58 "As I see it," in email
59 Quash

ACROSS

1 See 65-Across
4 "My Cousin Vinny" star
9 Mar. parade VIP
14 Bio stat
15 Abbr. seen before a year
16 Ad
17 "Ongoing saga
19 Cougar and Impala
20 Grammar class no-no
21 They're unbeatable
23 Prolonged suffering
25 City on the Orne
27 Cutting remark
28 Broke down
29 "Focaccia-like treat
31 Vein pursuit?
32 Brewer's need
33 "Surely you don't mean me?!"
34 60-Across with heart-shaped leaves
36 Set-up punch
40 Post-punk music genre
41 Ill-gotten gains
42 Before now
43 "Kitchen extraction gadget
47 Bikini specification
48 In another life
49 Fireside stack
50 Concession stand drinks
51 "True dat!"
53 Bovine bedding
55 Off one's rocker
56 "Barely find room for
60 "A nest of robins in her hair" poem
61 Players take them
62 Music-licensing org.
63 ____ de France: sports venue near Paris
64 Sprouts-to-be
65 With 1-Across, Time-Life Records product ... and, in a way, what each of the answers to starred clues is

ANSWERS

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S E X O S S G O T E O N O
D N O B S S E H D C O I N R
O V J T E D O W E
B V R L D E T L N E Q N I T
I O W L T V E E O
Q V E H B V Z Z I d d e M
E B I O N E V C A N O G V
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