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First mayor contest in 16 years

Wicks and Edwards differ in thoughts on campaigning

By **Seth Weber**
City Editor

Local business owner Kelly Wicks is ready to take a new step in his career by entering the race for Bowling Green mayor, making this the first contested race in 16 years.

Although Wicks is bringing this change to the office, Mayor Richard Edwards is not concerned with campaigning.

"I'm going to concentrate on being mayor," Edwards said. "I'm not defined nor will I be defined by a bumper sticker. I'm not particularly interested in the campaign. Others are going to have to do that for me. I've had a long and very distinguished career. People know me well ... I don't feel the need to go bugging people. I can't say I'm going to go out there and be overly preoccupied with campaigning. The campaign will take care of itself."

Wicks however, said he "sees real value in campaigning" and is excited about it.

He said his experience behind the counter will help him in the race. Working with customers has allowed him to get to know the community and allow them to become familiar with him, he said.

"One of the reasons why owning a shop would be beneficial, is for a long period of time I really have had daily interaction with all segments of the population here in Bowling Green," Wicks said.

Grounds for Thought was founded by Wicks' parents in 1989 and he took ownership two years later. Since then, the space has grown in size and offers a selection of about 250,000 books, movies and records.

Sam Melendez, a friend of Wicks and his campaign manager, said when Grounds for Thought was first built downtown "looked like it was run down," but said Wicks

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Administrators must discuss closure before making decision

By **Myah Lanier**
Reporter



Monica Moll
University Chief of Police.

There are policies and procedures the University has to follow before closing for extreme weather conditions.

Snow emergencies can cause universities to cancel, delay classes or postpone campus activities.

"As some people would say, the process is a long process but it's

pretty straight forward to me," said Captain of University police Michael Campbell.

Canceling classes is discussed amongst President Mazey, faculty and the University Chief of Police, Monica Moll.

The sheriff pronounces the road conditions and weather level to Moll so she can provide the information to the Faculty

and President.

"We try to get the final decision of closing the campus or going on a delay by 6am," said David Kielmeyer, Senior Director of communications. "It could be anytime in the morning or middle of the night that we are trying to make a decision."

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Staying on Top

Students travel from El Paso, stand out for Speech and Debate team

By **Denny McCarthy**
Reporter

Jamie Salazar, Alexis Martinez and Gilbert Bauman-Flores are three students on the Falcon Forensics speech and debate team. One thing, however, sets them apart from their teammates: they all came from El Paso, Texas, in the same year.

Salazar, a junior communication and ethnic studies major, along with Martinez, a senior public relations major and Bauman-Flores, a junior theater major, were all recruited at the same time while the three were attending an invitational with El Paso Community College against the University.

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JAMIE SALAZAR: a junior communication and ethnic studies major, is fifth in the nation in persuasive speaking and a state champion for dramatic interpretation.

ALEXIS MARTINEZ: a public relations, held the national champion prose interpretation title and earned runner-up in persuasive speaking at the state level.

GILBERT BAUMAN-FLORES: theater major, has won more invitationals than he can count.

SINGING FOR HOPE



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THE VOICES of BGSU Concert Choir performs at "A Night of Hope" benefit concert"

Legislation to extend rape statute of limitations

Senate Bill 324 pushes more after 20 years of active investigation

By **Michele Mathis**
Reporter

Under current legislation in Ohio, if a person is sexually assaulted, they have the choice to wait up until 20 years to take action and press criminal charges.

A new bill is approaching the floor of the Ohio senate in the spring that might change the statute of limitations. In bill 324, if DNA evidence can pinpoint or lead to a specific offender, the statute of limitations put in place under current law will be extended.

According to a statement given to Nordon Hills, co-sponsor Senator Jim Hughes stated that close to 27 other states already have "comparable" DNA exceptions in place.

This bill could bring about new change on how law enforcement, hospitals and lawyers deal with sexual assault charges.

Senator Hughes said, "It is no surprise that many victims need time to heal and come forward to friends and family before they can consider testifying before the public about their traumatic experience. SB324 would ... allow victims

to take the time they may need to emotionally prepare themselves to speak about the crime."

This bill would also allow victims who have experienced a traumatic event such as sexual assault or domestic violence to gain the support they need to address their offenders legally, emotionally or mentally.

The Cocoon Shelter, the only domestic violence/sexual assault safe center in Wood County, Ohio, sees victims of sexual assault regu-

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BG TO FACE ANOTHER TOP SCORER

Falcons prepare to face 0-6 Saint Francis and the current leading scorer in the nation. They travel to Pennsylvania looking for their fifth win of the season coming off a win at home. | **PAGE 7**



MENSTRUAL LEAVE

Columnist Erika Heck talks about the idea of women getting days off work due to menstrual pain. She explains why she thinks this should happen. | **PAGE 4**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE FOR FINALS WEEK?



"I'm prioritizing but also crying a lot."

Klaudia Konik
Senior, Psychology

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Medicine vending machine not coming to Health Center

Arizona State installs first prescription dispenser

By **Melissa Belcher**
Reporter

Medicine dispensing vending machines could possibly be in the future of Falcon Health Center.

For college students, the struggle of both managing time and getting around can be overwhelming. Most recently, universities are recognizing the time and transportation limits and making adjustments that make life for their scholars much easier.

More specifically, Arizona State University closed down their Tempe Health Center and installed a prescription drug vending machine causing the process for students to pick up their medication to be both quick and convenient. Upon receiving a prescription from an ASU physician, the patient receives a voucher with a bar code that will also be picked up by an Insty-Meds machine, allowing them to then conveniently scan the form at the machine and gain access to their prescribed medicine.

While this may seem to be a concern to some, safety is an important concern for both the university and the makers of the Insty-Meds machine, said Associate Director of ASU Health Services Christiana Moore.

"All medications are prescribed by our own ASU physicians with pre-packaged pill bottles and are triple checked for safety before dispensing. There are no narcotic or habit-forming medications in the machine for dispensing and there are three separate checks that have been built into the process of dispensing medication through Insty-Meds to ensure accuracy," Moore said.

ASU is the first university in the United States to install the Insty-Meds vending machine.

"I do not think this is a good idea, yet. But I would use it, and I am sure other students would, too."

Amber Gombash | Student

Due to the fact that the university just opened its newly built Falcon Health Center-Pharmacy in August of last year, that there are no talks of adding a medicine dispensing vending machine to the Falcon Health Center at this current time said Director of Community and Business Outreach for Wood County Hospital and the Falcon Health Center, Deb Busdecker.

With our world of increasing technology, the idea of the Falcon Health Center installing such machine in the future is not completely out of question.

"We have not had any discussion about anything like that right now but anything is possible," Busdecker said.

Many people, including university student and President of the university's American Medical Student Association Amber Gombash, believe it would definitely be useful if it were to on the university's campus in the future.

"I do not think this is a good idea, yet. But I would use it, and I am sure other students would, too. Gombash said.

Busdecker thinks the change would be beneficial for students.

"I think students would like it due to the fact that it saves time and would be put to good use. Students love everything that has something to do with technology," Busdecker said.



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BOWLING GREEN'S Acapella group, Not Yet Perfect, performs Mary Did You Know at "A Night of Hope" benefit concert.

Benefit concert raises \$300, 215 canned goods

University hosts Night of Hope, all proceeds go to Cherry Street Mission in Toledo

By **Corey Maxwell**
Reporter

The University hosted the inaugural Night of Hope, a benefit concert that was organized by Aid for Change, an organization that is new to campus.

The concert raised \$300 and received around 215 canned goods, with all proceeds going to the Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, an organization that provides for the homeless and poor in Toledo.

"The amount of money we raised and the number of cans we raised for a beginning organization is just really exciting," vice president of Aid for Change Audra McMahon said.

Throughout the night there were performances by the Kingdom M'Powerment Praise Team, the BGSU Gospel Choir, University acapel-

la group Not Yet Perfect, Gregory Harrison and The Voices at BGSU concert choir, who performed three songs including "Take My Hand, Precious Lord".

The night concluded with a performance of "Carol of the Bells" featuring all of the musical groups that performed throughout the evening.

Reverend Daniel Rogers, President and CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries, thanked the performers and expressed gratitude for everyone that showed support of the organizations and the evening.

"A night of hope is tremendous for us because that's what we do 365 nights a year. We offer hope and stability, we offer a chance for someone to gather themselves and see if they can elevate themselves to a different perspective and a different place and if they could

"We both shared one passion: the love of helping others..."

Audra McMahon | Vice President of Aid for Change

see something different," Rogers said. "Thank you so much for providing a night of hope here that will live all year long."

McMahon and president of Aid for Change, Allison Palmer, shared how Aid for Change started as it was based on an idea they both felt very strongly about.

"We both shared one passion: the love of helping others," McMahon said. "We started Aid for Change in order to unite other students who are passionate about helping others in an effort to make a real change in our community."

Palmer appreciated the

efforts of everyone who helped with the concert and the performances.

"I feel overjoyed by how many people came out and by all the performances," Palmer said. "I was just astounded by the talent. I was so happy that we all came together for this night to help others and not just for ourselves."

McMahon was amazed at the turnout for the evening and shared her thoughts on what she wants Aid for Change to accomplish in the future.

"In the future, we just hope to continue to do things like this, branch out, do more diverse things, stay in the community to help people here and help as many as possible," McMahon said. "We are going to try to do this again next year and try to do it even bigger and better. I'm just so thankful and it's so exciting that it came together and was a really big success."

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larly.

Arielle Patty, an advocacy support staff member, said that one of her main positions on the job is to provide support for those survivors.

"We work with [survivors] to create safety plans, receive legal help, career guidance, mental health services, economic assistance and support," Patty said.

Passing bill 324 would have its downsides, potentially even hurting sexual assault victims.

Former FORCE [Feminist Organization Raising Consciousness and Empowerment at BGSU] president Allie Lahey said, "This piece of legislation focuses on incarcerating rapists, which is good to have, but I don't think the vast majority of victims will use it. When most victims choose not to report for a variety of reasons, how is this [legislation] really supporting them by doing this?"

Lahey explains the efforts to help and support sexual assault victims is making good progress, but there should be a shift on how

we focus on funding for these victims.

She offered a positive, beneficial change for victims.

"More funding in general for rape crisis centers ... the most important piece of sexual assault legislation for Ohio right now would to repeal the gag rule on rape crisis centers."

Put into legislation by John Kasich, a rape "gag rule" prohibits state-funded rape crisis centers from referring women to abortion services and clinics. This rule also tampers with funding for Planned Parenthood. The consequence of clinics

referring women to abortion clinics will have their public funding suspended, according to a report done by Think Progress. Many have questioned Kasich's motives for restricting access to abortion clinics, including democrat Edward Fitzgerald.

In a debate about pro-life/pro-choice legislation, Kasich would not explain how the gag rule would advance the pro-life viewpoint said Think Progress. Kasich said, "At the end of the day, I'm going to do what I think is a pro-life, you know, being in a position of pro-life. There is nothing more I can say about it."

MAYOR

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and other local business owners helped renovate it.

"You don't run a business on Main Street for 25 years without being a good manager."

Laura Wicks, Wicks' wife, started dating him when Grounds for Thought opened. She currently manages the finances of the shop, which she's taken to the campaign as the treasurer.

As treasurer, Laura is responsible for the donations and expenses for the campaign.

She said Wicks' work ethic at Grounds for Thought will

translate well because not only does he work full time behind the counter but has to manage the business as well.

"I think one of Kelly's strengths that would translate really well into mayor is he can take an idea, say 25 years without being a good manager," she said.

Edwards has been working on the future land use plan and has set out goals to improve Bowling Green through things such as work on roads and housing. He has been doing this since he took office and is eager to see it through.

"One of the things that tipped the scale for me in terms of running again is

the future land use study and the fact that we worked on so many issues and we see them coming together in a very positive way," he said. "So there's a lot of unfinished business."

Melendez said Wicks' "gung ho" attitude about politics can help the future land use plan move forward.

He also worked on Wicks' 2012 race for House of Representatives, in which he was also campaign manager.

Wicks said he is ready for the coming campaign and the challenges that he'll face.

"I never take on any project I'm not willing to sink my teeth into 100 percent and willing to give it my all," he said.

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Crafting an Experience



By William Channell
Managing Editor

When someone walks into craft store Ben Franklin in downtown Bowling Green, they are immediately overwhelmed with how much is packed into one space. There's fresh, daily-made fudge up front, behind that are birthday cards. To the left of those, one can find small toys. Behind all of this is a bevy of arts and craft supplies. More carpet is hanging from the walls for sale than there is lying on the floor.

This sensory overload is all part of the experience; an experience that the appropriately named owner Floyd Craft has tailor made over his 38 years of owning the store.

Purchased by Craft in 1975, the store was once part of the larger Ben Franklin chain. While the store was typical of



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ERIC BURGASSER | THE BG NEWS

Nick Swardson announced as LOL with UAO headliner

Tickets will go on sale Monday for comedian's show at Stroh Center in January

By Kathryn Rubright
Pulse Editor

University Activities Organization has booked Nick Swardson for its LOL with UAO event next January.

Swardson will perform at the Stroh Center Jan. 29. An opening act has been confirmed, but not announced yet, said Ally Tharrett, UAO co-director.

UAO tries to bring in comedians students will be familiar with, Tharrett said.

"We start out with comedians in our price range, and then we narrow it down to our top three, and then we research them," Tharrett said. "We choose the person who would most likely bring in a lot of students, bring a lot of laughs."

Swardson played Terry Bernadino on "Reno 911!" and has been in "The Benchwarmers", "You Don't

"We choose the person who would most likely bring in a lot of students, bring a lot of laughs."

Ally Tharrett | UAO Co-director

Mess with the Zohan", "Just Go with It" and "Grown Ups 2". He tends to be in Adam Sandler's movies, Tharrett said.

"We thought that he's just a really recognizable face," said Megan Largent, UAO president.

In the past, UAO has brought in Gabriel Iglesias or "Fluffy"

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Media Review: "United State of Pop - Do What You Wanna Do"

By Kathryn Rubright
Pulse Editor

It's mid-December, so we're getting to that point where it's time to look back at the year. DJ Earworm gave us a four-minute look back at 2014's 25 most popular pop songs, as determined by Billboard.

His mashup, "Do What You Wanna Do," isn't bad, but it's not DJ Earworm's best. Granted, he has to work with whatever the top 25 songs are, so he doesn't have a choice in his source material unless he wants to deviate from his previous annual mashups. He's been doing these since 2008.

Previous mashups have flowed better musically, or have had more a more cohesive story. 2014's starts out cohesively, but the introduction of Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off" seems a bit abrupt. That's quickly forgotten when Meghan Trainor's "All About That Bass" is thrown in even more abruptly. It

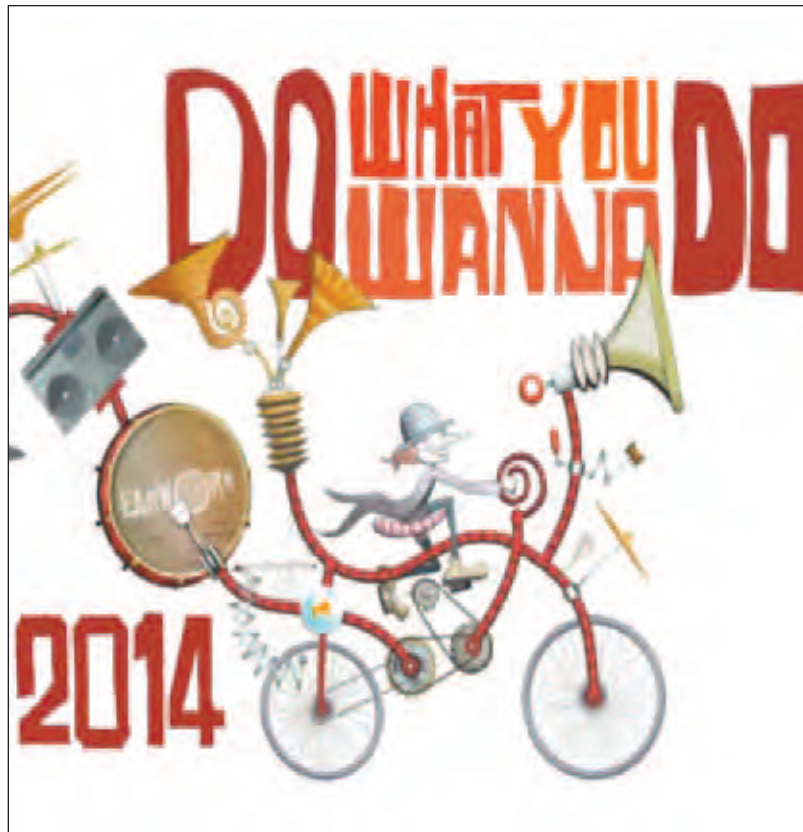


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"DO WHAT You Wanna Do" is DJ Earworm's seventh annual mashup of the year's top pop songs.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What are you doing to prepare for finals week?



"...zoning out in my headphones and studying 24/7."

ALLANTE DEBRILL
Senior,
Film Production



"I'm just going to stay in my dorm, study and look at old exams and textbooks."

MORGAN POTTS
Sophomore,
Biology



"My major is music so lots of music practice."

VARIS VATCHARANUKUL
Freshman,
Music Performance



"I am drinking an inordinate amount of caffeine."

NATALIE WILSON
Junior,
Creative Writing

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Anti-hacking law outdated, important to support cause for more available Internet access

One of the best and brightest young minds in the history of our nation was born in our generation ... and you may have never even heard of him. His name was Aaron Swartz.



JON STINCHCOMB
COLUMNIST

While a birthday in 1986 made Swartz several years older than the average undergrad student here at the University today, like us, he was still very much a millennial, having spent the majority of his life in the midst of exponential technological growth and the advent of the internet.

Swartz adapted to emerging computer technologies faster than most. In fact, he was a software programming prodigy.

By three years old, Swartz taught himself to read.

Something that drove him just as much as learning was

compelling others to learn and making the opportunity to do so available to everyone.

By age 14 he became one of the principle developers of "RSS," one of the web's first standard formats for syndicating and aggregating news and information from across the internet.

Later, he co-founded organizations like Creative Commons as well as Open Library and contributed to popular websites such as Reddit. There are many others as well.

The list of online projects that were influenced by

Swartz' programming work runs long.

Most had something in common: they promoted the sharing of knowledge, public information and education, through open and fair access.

Meanwhile, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs are household names.

The fundamental difference between Swartz and these technological visionaries that came before him: Swartz was far more interested in utilizing his brilliance to spread the wealth of knowledge across the world, as opposed to amassing unfathomably large material wealth of his own.

Swartz, however, was but one of the most prominent and productive cogs among a machine made up of millions that shared his vision of a free and open internet.

More than a machine, it's a generational movement and one that's still being fought for today. A movement that's winning.

Despite efforts of those with immense political influence via lobbying and campaign finance, the old guard's fight against a free and open internet isn't one they'll win.

Prosecute one prominent leader in the movement and countless others rise to take that place, behind them a galvanized online public willing to advocate for their rights.

In January of 2011, Swartz became the latest victim of that prosecution, in what was nothing less than a complete farce of federal prosecutorial discretion.

Swartz faced up to five decades in prison for downloading a large number of

academic journal articles from JSTOR, a paid academic digital library.

As a research fellow at Harvard, Swartz had legal access to the documents.

However, because he downloaded too many articles too quickly through a network switch in an unlocked wiring closet at MIT, state and federal authorities thought it was a crime worthy of the 13 charges, amounting to the 50-year maximum sentence.

The charges were based on an outdated, overreaching and incredibly vague anti-hacking law from 1984.

MIT backed down. JSTOR backed down. Both organizations stated their intention not to peruse any legal action against Swartz.

The federal prosecution proceeded.

People with influence, unhappy with Swartz' philosophy, were aware of Swartz' ability to make a difference, through both his intellect and goodwill. They wanted to set an example.

After having unremitting stress of the case weigh on him for two years, Swartz turned down a plea bargain that would've had him admit guilt to felony charges.

Facing certain incarceration, Swartz committed suicide in January, 2013.

The case was dismissed posthumously. But Swartz' legacy will live on.

The movement, a free and open internet, will persevere.

Respond to Jon at thenews@bgnews.com

Women should get menstrual leave from work, deserve more positive environment

The U.K. held their Festival of Ideas last month in Cambridge.

The festival is held by the University of Cambridge and engages the conversation of ideas through diverse talks, performances, films and art exhibitions.

One of the hottest topics at the festival this year was about whether or not women should have menstrual leave — separate from their sick leave — so they don't fear or risk losing their jobs.

While I've never heard any conversation about something like this in the United States, laws pertaining to menstruation leave are pretty common in other countries.

Japan was the first country to have menstrual leave laws, dating back to 1947 when women were starting to work and didn't have proper washrooms.

While Japanese law has no limit on the number of days they take off, the employer themselves have the option of whether or not to pay their employees for the days off.

Taiwan is the most recent country to have menstrual leave laws. In 2013, their legislation gave women three days of menstrual leave a year.

Even though the laws are rarely used in these two countries, they're still set in place to provide a more positive work environment, since so many women suffer from severe menstrual pain.

College students suffer from this same thing, potentially having to miss both



ERIKA HECK
COLUMNIST

classes and work.

It is often a constant struggle, when you have crippling menstrual pain, to decide whether or not you should lay in bed until it passes or fight it and go to class and sit there miserably.

Sure, I could pop two or three ibuprofens and go about my day but when those wear off I'll just have to take two or three more, then the next thing you know I'm past the 'do not exceed taking 'x' number of pills in 24 hours' warning on the label.

Some critics say these laws are unfair to men and further the idea that women are "weak" and "controlled by their hormones."

News flash: when it comes to menstruation, we are controlled by our hormones.

There are six hormones in a woman's body that work together to make her have a menstrual cycle.

These six hormones work together to release the eggs that can potentially become a baby. They work together to create the lining in the uterus that leaves our bodies during menstruation.

And when you come back to it from the very beginning, these hormones and the things they do are the whole reason why women have menstrual pain to begin with.

"News flash: when it comes to menstruation, we are controlled by our hormones."

There is nothing unfair about making laws over something that happens naturally to almost every woman.

There is nothing unfair about making laws protecting someone from something that is out of their control because, for them, it is a normal bodily function.

These laws should be necessary, not just in the U.K., but everywhere.

When I graduate next year, my biggest concern should be getting a job in my field and doing my job right after graduation.

I shouldn't have to worry about losing my potential post-graduation job because of something I can't control.

I would much rather rest in the comfort of my own home, taking care of myself first, than go into work being completely miserable and unable to give my day at my job 100 percent.

When work places and legislatures make laws that accommodate normal women health issues, it benefits not only their employers but their work performance overall.

Respond to Erika at thenews@bgnews.com

Video games not as artistic as they used to be, instead have become materialistic

Although many might not assume so by my snobbish veneer, I am an avid fan of video games.

Ever since my first encounter with Street Fighter on the Sega Genesis, I absolutely fell in love with the idea of immersing myself in a world that holds truly endless artistic possibilities.

Although literature, poetry, language and music are all dearer to me, what I once loved about video games was that they had something those other media did not: honesty.

Sure, most might not look at the original Pong as a profoundly honest, groundbreaking piece of artistic brilliance, but one thing is for sure: it wasn't beholden to silly labels like "avant-gardist" and trends of profiteering that now have their money-grubbing hands firmly about the throat of the entire gaming industry.

It wasn't always like this. Games that had real artistic value and elevated the art form through satire, witicism, allusion and some incredibly good writing once had their place in the gilded halls of gaming history.

But sadly, with the advent of Xbox live and the PlayStation network, that slowly but surely began to change.

Online games changed the playing field completely and the more popular they became, the more money and promotion went into them.

And, as so often happens,



IAN ZULICK
COLUMNIST

all that money and promotion came at the expense of good storytelling and aesthetic accents such as humor and character depth. And of course I enjoyed them as well, initially; we all did.

Back in my heyday, I failed a class in high school because all I enjoyed was playing the latest Gears of War and Call of Duty games.

But as I got older and my other interests started to manifest themselves, I began to feel that there was something missing to the medium I had loved all my life.

Where was the awe-inspiring storytelling that had existed in Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic? Where was the incredible symbolism and poetry that had made Deadly Premonition such a cult hit?

What ever happened to the days when developers would actually innovate instead of lazily churning out safe, formulaic refreshes of the Halo, Call of Duty and Assassin's Creed franchises?

Maybe I've just become the kind of grumpy, disgruntled vanguard gamer that is more at home behind the counter of a classic games novelty shop than in this brave new world of bland and unimaginative games, but I'd wager

there are many gamers, young and old, who feel this way as well.

The ability to create visually gorgeous games has never been more readily available, so in theory, games should be as good as they've ever been, but they're not.

Alas, my once greatest pastime has been hijacked by corporate executives who, instead of developing games that challenge the emotions and test the moral fiber of the player, pander to the lowest common denominator of artistically-illiterate troglodytes who want a game with a lot of nudity, vulgarity and blood that they can play with their buddies for a few hours here and there, then abandon forever.

Perhaps it was inevitable once it became so profitable that gaming would come to put money above substance, but I hope that the trend changes.

Indie game developers are still creating good art and, to survive as a medium, all gamers should support them with their coin, otherwise they will be overtaken and bought out by the cold, unfeeling leviathan of cut-throat capitalism.

I hope one day soon I won't have to go dusting off an old disc to play a good game, but that I'll instead be able to go buy a new one, just like before.

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UAO

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and Bo Burnham for LOL with UAO.

While UAO was responsible for choosing the comedian, the Office of Campus Activities [OCA] does assist UAO with logistics, said Chris Bullins, associate dean of students.

OCA staff review contracts with performers to make sure they're fair. OCA staff also work out details with Stroh Center staff and police.

Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$35 for others.

Online ticket sales for students only will be Dec. 15 through Dec. 19. A link will be available on the Office of Campus

Activities web page, Bullins said. Students will use the code LOLNICK when purchasing tickets.

After that, student tickets will be available at the Stroh Center box office. Sales will open to the general public through Ticketmaster.

Sales are limited to two tickets per person.

On Jan. 29, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The opening act will perform at 7:30 p.m., followed by Swardson at 8 p.m.

It's important for students to remember their student IDs, Bullins said. Students can bring a non-student guest with them but at least one person using a pair of student tickets must have a student ID.



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NICK SWARDSON will perform at the Stroh Center Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

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ERIC BURGASSER | THE BG NEWS

BEN FRANKLIN Crafts is located downtown at 154 S. Main St.



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CARDS, FUDGE, toys and craft supplies are among Ben Franklin's offerings.

FRANKLIN

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Ben Franklin stores in the beginning, Craft said he was able to buy from a larger variety of sellers than was normal.

This, he said, saved the store.

"We would have never survived the first couple of years," Craft said. "If we hadn't been buying from a variety of other sources, we wouldn't have been able to exist."

This wide, loose selection of products is what the store is known for today. "Eclectic" is a word that comes to mind. The varied merchandise is what saved the store in the long run as well; the Ben Franklin chain died out in the mid-nineties, but the Bowling Green store still stands.

"We've evolved into more specialty departments and we've done that because we're trying to merchandise around the big box stores," Craft said. "What they don't specialize in or what they don't do well, we try to do."

It isn't only big box stores like Wal-Mart or Target that Ben Franklin has had to adapt to. Stores like Big Lots and Hobby Lobby have affected Craft's inventory too. Formerly heavily invested in floral, fabric and other products other craft stores are now invested in, Ben Franklin had to change.

"That's where we've evolved," Craft said. "Trying to find the next niche we can get into."

While adapting to the competition is one half the store's success, Craft's emphasis on family is the other. Craft's daughter Amy can attest to that. Amy Craft currently runs For Keeps, a gift store owned by Floyd Craft. She grew up working in Ben Franklin for her father and even today often finds herself being recognized by customers who remember the 10-year-old girl who rang them up at the register.

Amy, who spent part of her life living in Chicago, was drawn back to Bowling Green because of this personable quality. She knows what city life is like, and said that sort of atmosphere isn't easily found in "anonymous" larger cities.

"I think it comes across to the customers when you have that," she said. "It's kind of nostalgic and I think people enjoy that."

Craft seems to have been successful at cultivating an inviting, warm environment for customers. He's still here, and it's thanks to a simple philosophy.

"I think the country basically runs on family owned businesses," Craft said. "Local family-owned businesses support a community much more than chain or national [stores]. And I'm not saying they're bad, I'm just saying that when you have local ownership, you're part of the community."

MASHUP

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doesn't fit musically or lyrically, and the sample is sped up a distractingly large amount.

Though the mashup as a whole could flow better, plenty of its sections are made of songs that mesh well. Maroon 5's "Animals" and Pharrell's "Happy" mix well. Somewhat surprisingly, so do "Shake It Off" and Jason Derulo and 2 Chainz's "Talk Dirty."

Some songs were more dominant this year's mashup, while other years have been more balanced. "Shake It Off," "All About That Bass," and "Animals" stood out in "Do What You Wanna Do," probably too much.

The 2009 mashup, "Blame It on the Pop," bounced between a lot of quick snippets, particularly at the beginning, that meshed well into one song.

Regardless of how well each mashup's songs mesh together, each year's mashup is a nice quick reminder of that year's pop music, and the year itself. All the memories associated with all the songs come back to listeners at once. Prepare for some nostalgia if you're going to listen back through all of DJ Earworm's work, which is all available on YouTube.

Songs in the mashup

- A Great Big World feat. Christina Aguilera - Say Something
- Ariana Grande feat. Iggy Azalea - Problem
- Bastille - Pompeii
- Dj Snake & Lil Jon - Turn Down For What
- Hozier - Take Me to Church
- Idina Menzel - Let It Go
- Iggy Azalea feat. Charli XCX - Fancy
- Iggy Azalea feat. Rita Ora - Black Widow
- Jason Derulo feat. 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
- Jeremih feat. YG - Don't Tell 'Em
- Jessie J feat. Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj - Bang Bang
- John Legend - All Of Me
- Katy Perry feat. Juicy J - Dark Horse
- Lorde - Team
- Magic! - Rude
- Maroon 5 - Animals
- Meghan Trainor - All About That Bass
- Nico & Vinz - Am I Wrong
- One Direction - Story of My Life
- Passenger - Let Her Go
- Pharrell Williams - Happy
- Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha - Timber
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- Tove Lo - Habits

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City and University host various forms of entertainment

Dec. 12

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Bad Genetics improv show
Union 207
7:30 p.m.
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Dec. 13

Grounds For Thought Holiday Boutique
Local artists selling handmade gifts
Grounds For Thought
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Dec. 13

The Dave Liles Band
Country band
Grumpy Dave's Pub
9 p.m.
\$5

Dec. 13

Toraigh An Sonas
Traditional Irish music at Guinness Raise A Pint Night
The Stones Throw
8:30
Free

WINTER

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Instead of it being a one-person decision, president Mazey makes it a group decision, to work together as a team.

“President Mazey gets advice or recommendations from the chief and faculty before she makes her final decision,” said Kielemeyer.

Once the decision is made, to delay or cancel classes, there are communication methods they have to use to get the word out.

“What we do is we send out BGSU text alerts to the students and faculty, who sends out emails. Then we post on the homepage and make calls to the local media,” said Campbell.

As far as the procedures go, University of Toledo

“We try to get the final decision of closing the campus or going on a delay by 6 a.m.”

David Kielemeyer | University Spokesman

has to follow the same process.

“Every University has almost the same procedures they have to follow,” said Jeff Newton, director of public safety and chief of police at Toledo University. “We all have communication within the sheriff, faculty and President, but the President does make the final decision.”

Even though the classes may be canceled or delayed, staff and employees still have to go to work.

“Unless it is through their direct supervisor

that they do not have to go into work, they are still expected to come in to do their job,” said Campbell.

Although they campus may close, the health center must remain open.

“We usually do not close if the emergency level is level one or two, but if the emergency level is three, then we have a small staff that lives in the area come in,” said Deb Busdecker, director of community and business outreach for Wood County Hospital and the Falcon Health Center.

Officers are expected to be to work no matter what the emergency circumstances are.

“Its part of our job; we are expected to work at all difficult circumstances with no problem,” said Newton. “This is what we signed up for, its what we love and enjoy doing.”

Arabic workshops start next semester

Muslim Student Association planning for event, still working on details

By Chris McGowan
Reporter

People interested in learning Arabic will have a new opportunity next semester.

The Muslim Student Association will be providing Arabic workshops for students, faculty members and anybody else who attends.

Adnan Shareefi, the president of the Muslim Student Association, is in charge of planning the workshops next semester.

“We intended to start the workshops this semester but we realized that we wouldn’t have enough time to prepare them,” Shareefi said.

The workshops are one of the first things that the Muslim Student Association is doing.

“We did a survey of our members for suggestions about what we should do as an association, and quite a few people were interested in learning Arabic,” Shareefi said.

Shareefi said that he wasn’t sure why so many people were interested in learning Arabic but he was conducting a survey to find out why.

Approximately 28 people have expressed inter-

est in attending the workshops, Shareefi said.

“28 is a good number for one class,” he said. “If we need more room we can always split it into two classes.”

The workshops wouldn’t be able to offer university credit.

“These workshops would be just for people who want to learn,” Shareefi said. “I got the idea while studying for my master’s degree at the University of Toledo.”

He wanted to gather Muslim students together can help and support each other, he said.

“We’re still growing, especially compared to the Muslim Student Association at UT,” Shareefi said.

The workshops are the MSA’s first major coordinated event since the group began.

“We’ve contacted people in Toledo,” Shareefi said. “They said that they were interested in helping teach for free if we cover their expenses.”

Bo Butler, a depository manager at the University Library, is currently taking an Arabic class at the University.

“I’ve really enjoyed learning Arabic,” Butler

“We are still growing especially compared to the MSA at UT.”

Adnan Shareefi | MSA President

said. “I wanted to start learning a foreign language and Arabic fit with my work schedule.”

Butler said that he would take the workshops if they can fit into his work schedule.

Liam O’Brien, a junior political science major, is also currently taking an Arabic class and is also interested in taking the workshops if he can.

“I wanted to learn Arabic because it sounded fun,” O’Brien said.

MSA hasn’t completely figured out all of the details for the workshops yet, Shareefi said.

“We don’t know how much it’s going to cost yet but we are planning on having a fee,” he said.

If you want to attend them next semester, you can contact the MSA at msabgsu@gmail.com, their [orgsync](#) page or their facebook page.

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DEBATE

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Bauman-Flores said the team allowed him a better-suited outlet to hone his speech and debate skills since it is small but serious, allowing for a more personalized learning experience.

“For BG to actually recognize the fact that I do have these talents and I can compete was very assuring and satisfying for me, and a little bit humbling also,” he said. “I can do this but there’s a lot more work to go forward towards.”

The three El Paso students are some of the top members of their team. Salazar is 5th in the nation for persuasive speaking and a state champion for dramatic interpretation and rhetorical criticism, Martinez held the national champion prose interpretation title and earned runner up in persuasive speaking at the state level, while Bauman-Flores has won more 1st and 2nd place invitational titles than he can keep track of.

Despite their individual accomplishments, the teammates attribute their advancement in the team

“I would definitely say that we all bring something else to the table.”

Alexis Martinez | Senior

to not only their own hard work, but also their coaches and fellow teammates.

“I would definitely say that we all bring something else to the table,” Martinez said. “We’re all doing extremely well as a whole unit.”

The 16-member team isn’t the largest in the country but they are the state champions, ranking 5th in the nation. Salazar said the team will be aiming for an even higher position in the coming year.

“Bowling Green State University was one of the founding schools to start the national tournament and the national forensics community,” Salazar said. “It really just upholds our name and keeps that credibility alive for us.”

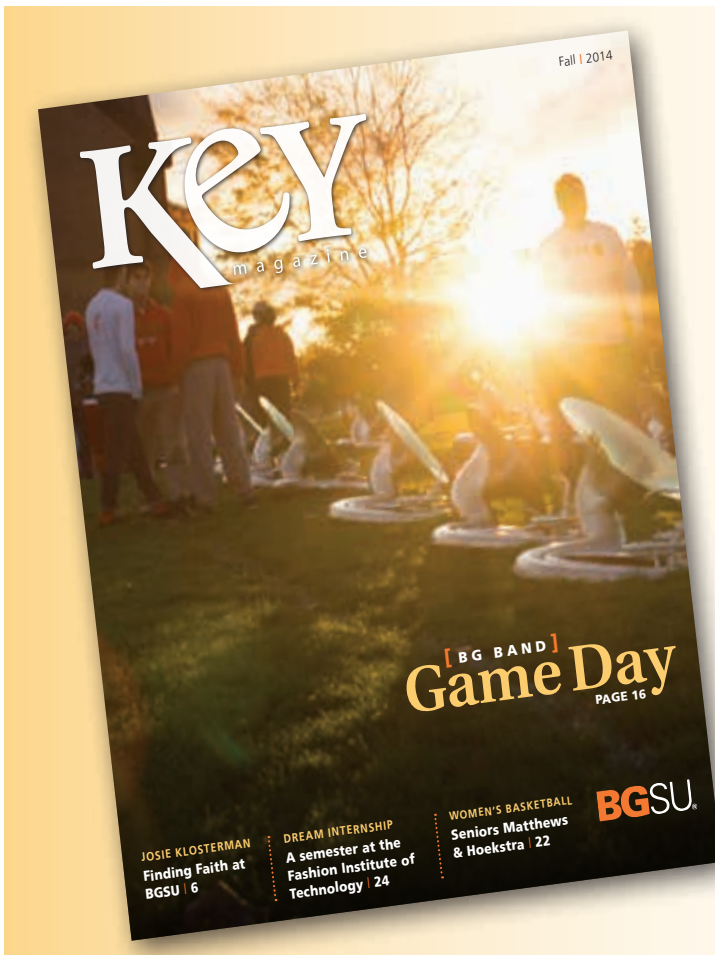
The team competes almost every weekend, traveling to face other teams from across the country. Categories at the competitions include:

interpretation, a competitive acting event which involves acting out pieces of literature; public speaking, a 10-minute memorized speech with academic sources; limited preparation, in which speakers are given a limited time to prepare and give a speech; and debate events.

In addition to the competitions, Falcon Forensics members meet individually with coaches to better their skills, along with team meetings in the basement of West Hall every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for Pi Kappa Delta, the student organization the team operates in conjunction with.

Salazar said her time on the team has taught her better speaking, researching and analysis skills and they encourages students interested in the organization to attend a meeting.

“A lot of people sometimes don’t see situations through the eyes of somebody else. Speech and debate really allows you to critically think about the realities of people,” she said. “Everything that I have learned in speech and debate has helped me in every aspect of my life.”



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Women's basketball set to face nation's leading scorer

By Tara Jones
Sports Editor

The Falcons will face a top-ten scorer for the third time this season.

This time it is the nation's leading scorer in Alexa Hayward and the 0-6 Saint Francis Red Flashes on Saturday, Dec. 13. Hayward enters the game averaging 27.7 points per game.

Previously, the 4-2 Falcons faced Iona's Damika Martinez, who ranked eighth with 23.9 points, and UW-Milwaukee's Ashley Green, who ranked ninth with 23.3 points.

This is something the Falcons are accustomed to at this point, senior Jasmine Matthews said Hayward is "nothing new." Teammate Deborah Hoekstra agreed.

"This is like the third leading nation's scorer I think we've faced," Hoekstra said. "Whether a team is 0-6 or 6-0 we always have the same preparation for it and always have the same mind set attacking every single game. That doesn't change."

Though Saint Francis enters 0-6, Hayward is a dangerous liability for the Falcons.

"I wouldn't be surprised if this kid, with the type of offensive system that Saint Francis runs, finishes the season leading the nation in scoring," head coach Jennifer Roos said. "She's going to put up half of her shots from behind the arc, she's going to try to shoot as fast as she can down the floor. She's an unbelievable scorer."

The Red Flash are dangerous from behind the three-point line, primarily because of Hayward's hot hand from behind the arc. She has gone 55-for-178 from the floor and no other SFU player has made more than 21 or attempted more than 71 field goals. Hayward has made 25 of the team's 51 baskets from three-point land.

"I'll be happy if we can contain her to anything below her average," Roos said. "If this is a kid that goes for a career high of 50, then I think

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BG honors Bill Frack with game

Men's basketball prepares for Cleveland State Vikings

By Cameron Teague Robinson
Editor-in-Chief

The University Athletics Department, in collaboration with the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, has announced that the men's basketball game against Cleveland State Saturday will be the inaugural Bill Frack Challenge. Each year, one men's basketball game will be named after the Falcon donor William D. Frack, who passed away May 28, 2014.

Frack was a lifetime fan of the men's basketball program, his commitment to the program was shown in his donations of approximately \$20 million.

The athletic department has named the court that the men's and women's basketball and volleyball programs play on the Bill Frack Court.

"It is truly an honor to have Bill's name on an annual event designed to realize his vision for

the Falcon Men's Basketball program," said University Director of Athletics, Chris Kingston said. "There is no better way to honor Bill's legacy than by combining his passion for high-level basketball competition and his philanthropic efforts within his local community."

In March, Frack made a contribution of around \$700,000 to the University that allowed the University to offer a more competitive compensation package to attract new men's head basketball coach, Chris Jans.

"For someone like Mr. Frack to give back to a program he loves and cares about and to give back to a community he cares about shows you a lot about the person he is," Jans said in April. "It should be inspiring to all of us."

Along with an in-game video tribute and on-court halftime recognition, the University Athletic

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Ohio State makes the playoffs, but other good teams get left out

If you've been on social media in the past six days, then you've seen Ohio State fans slam it down your throat that they made it. They made it to the big show, the college football playoffs.

You know because Ohio State fans make sure everyone knows.

But what they don't let you know is that there were two deserving teams left out. Two teams that didn't make it because of, what many say, a single championship game.

But a championship game isn't what the season should come down to. Yes, the big, bad Buckeyes finished 11-1 with a third string quarterback. They are outright Big Ten champions. They are The Ohio State University.

But what happens to Baylor and TCU?

What happens is they get to sit on the couch after their bowl games and watch history being made. All because of one championship game. All because they don't bring in the money like the Buckeyes.

This is where the playoff com-

Katie Wernke
Reporter

mittee went wrong.

Strength of schedule, records and division strength apparently were overlooked.

TCU and Baylor both surpassed Ohio State in schedule strength this season. They were both ranked higher in the Associated Press Poll than the Buckeyes before last weekend. And Baylor still sits ahead of Ohio State in those rankings.

So, is this what college football comes down to? One championship game?

Ohio State took down three ranked teams this season. Other than that... good job. The Buckeyes beat a 5-7 Michigan. A 4-4 Illinois. A 3-7 Indiana.

TCU went 4-1 against the Top 25. The list of the defeated: Oklahoma, West Virginia, Kansas State and Oklahoma State. The one they lost?

Baylor.

Am I making my point yet?

The Big 12 may have ruined its chances without a championship game. But the Big 12 has historically had a strong conference.

They have had a team represented in the old BCS National Championship Game seven times. The only conference higher was the Southeastern Conference with 11.

The Big Ten has been in the big one three times.

College football should not come down to one conference championship game. The regular season in where the performance matters. One game cannot determine the worth of a team.

Don't get me wrong, Ohio State has had a good season. The depth of the team was shown with injuries. They did win the Big Ten.

But a 5th ranked Ohio State has no place in the playoffs.

There were two teams left out who deserved a chance. Either one would have worked. Baylor or TCU should have had that chance ... not Ohio State.

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SPENCER PARKER goes up and under the basket for a reverse layup attempt against a University of Dayton defender in game on Dec. 9 this season.

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Department will give away Bill Frack Challenge t-shirts to the first 500 fans.

When it comes to the game, the Falcons will be trying to put their close loss to Dayton on Tuesday behind them.

The Falcons are coming off the 66-62 loss, but played well for 30 minutes until Dayton took control in the second half.

When talking about the feeling after the game, guard Zack Denny said the glass was half full not half empty.

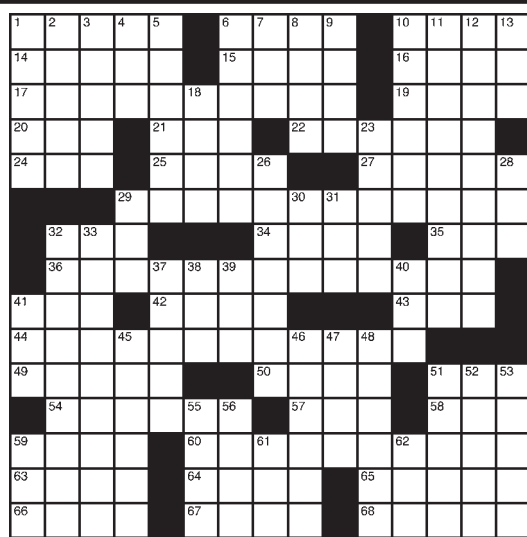
"I think we are going to go on a good run now," he said.

To start that run the Falcons will have to go through a 4-4 Vikings team that is 1-3 on the road this season and has a home loss to Toledo earlier this season.

The Falcons are currently undefeated at home, currently 3-0 and will try to learn from the things that went wrong in Tuesday's game.

The Bill Frack Challenge will begin at 4 p.m. in the Stroh Center.

The Daily Crossword Fix



- DOWN**
- Tackled
 - Heart chambers
 - Sound mostly the same
 - "I should have thought of that!"
 - Shifting aid
 - Moved smoothly
 - Free
 - Since
 - Epstein-__ virus
 - Heinlein contemporary
 - "The Dick Van Dyke Show" actress
 - Hitches
 - Furtive sort
 - Waituku's county
 - Crackerjack group
 - Humiliates
 - Lose some support
 - Camp sight
 - Natural resource
 - Mil. morale booster
 - "That's my vacation time"
 - Typically long-haired breed
 - Dramatic division
 - Sonora sun
 - Timothy Omundson's role on "Xena"
 - Coastal raptor
 - Content beginning?
 - "What's for ___?"
 - Least straightforward
 - Burning sulfur quality
 - Cavalry soldier
 - November birthstone
 - Napoleon, ultimately
 - Meeting places
 - Stole, for one
 - January 1 word
 - It typically involves repetitive behavior, briefly
 - Sot's woe
 - Ryder Cup team

ACROSS

- Classic beginning or ending?
- __ bag
- Some NYSE traders
- Playwright Fugard
- Smart Simpson
- Wet course
- Cause of brittle cigars?
- "This __ Song": Petula Clark hit
- Intention
- Bit
- Artistic surroundings?
- Inventor for whom a N.J. township is named
- Said "You're on!" to
- Friar __ de Torquemada
- Rebuke a revolutionary?
- NYSE event
- Tortilla dough
- Manipulate illegally
- Bouncer's demand, and this puzzle's title
- Jan. honoree
- 7UP's opposite?
- "Pioneer Woman" cookbook writer Drummond
- Tolerate a Midwest capital?
- Red head
- 7UP, e.g.
- Olympic diver's ideal
- Former vice presidential family
- "... from __ far country blows": Housman
- Kitchenware giant
- Actor Wilson
- God of honeymoon truck rentals?
- Vintner's quantity
- Certain tunnelers
- Virtual transaction
- Batik artist
- Garden headache
- Obliterates

ANSWERS



WOMEN'S

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we're going to be in trouble."

Luckily, the Falcons have one thing the Red Flash does not: balanced scoring. "I don't want our team to have to rely on someone to score 20 or 25 points a game," Roos said. "Everybody has the green light to shoot, and we have offensive plays designated for everyone. We just want to get the ball to whoever has got the hot hand as well."

That balance helps create confidence across the floor. "I think we have been successful throughout the years because we have that philosophy of sharing the ball and having a lot of different kids on the floor who have the ability to score inside and out," Roos said. "The better balance you have allows for more confidence for the kids out there. Redshirt junior Erica Donovan leads the team

with 13.7 points per game and 8.5 rebounds. Junior Miriam Justinger is next with 10.7 points and 5.3 rebounds while senior Hoekstra is not far behind with 9.8 points per game off the bench.

With six games under the team's belt, the team is beginning to understand the system and gel, Hoekstra said, and that is translating to success on the floor.

"We're finally learning how to gel and play together and I think that's the reason why shots are starting to fall," she said.

Though the players are still in the process of understanding one another's tendencies, those pieces are starting to come together.

"We understand what the coaches want and we know what [Roos] wants with the play calls, if we want to change something defensively or change the lineup," Matthews said. "We're getting comfortable and really understanding roles and who gels together."

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