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Community gathers to celebrate life of David "Ryan" Walker II

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Friends and family gather to celebrate late BGSU student's life

Megan Finke | Editor-in-Chief

The community of Bowling Green State University gathered to celebrate the life of the late student David "Ryan" Walker II, at a memorial organized by Morgan Lunsford on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Walker was killed in a four-vehicle crash caused by a suspected drunk driver on U.S. 6 near milepost 5 in Madison Township, on Sept. 4, 2022.

During the celebration of life, BGSU presented Walker's family with his bachelor's degree.

David and Belinda Walker, Walker's parents are heartbroken by the loss of their son, but the presentation of his degree for his time spent at BGSU provided some relief.

"He is the first to get a degree so that is an accomplishment in itself, that has brought a lot of sunshine into my life," Belinda said.

Walker was an accomplished student, as he was in his third year of pursuing his degree in business administration with a specialization in accounting at the Allen W. Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business.

Thompson Working Families Scholars sponsored Walker's celebration of life to show gratitude for his dedication to the organization. Walker also recently completed an internship over the summer at NASA.

"Every parent thinks the world of their kid, for the most part, but this kid truly was a parent's dream," David said. "Really, he was. No worries about him ever."

Eduardo Santos, Walker's older brother, attended the celebration of life and wants those who also attended to not only celebrate his life and understand how precious life is but also understand the impacts of bad decisions.

"Today is a celebration of life for my brother, David Ryan Walker, Bowling Green junior, dear to us and clearly dear to the falcon community. We're just celebrating his life and his accomplishments, and we just found out that we're going to be celebrating the fact that he earned his bachelor's degree," Santos said.

Walker and his brother were 18 years apart, but Santos said he was astonished by the example he led over his 20 years of life.

"He was my baby brother, Ryan was great he was always a hard worker. He was the type of kid that made difficult tasks seem easy, I'm not sure how he did it but I was always proud of him," Santos said.

At the celebration, friends and family took the podium to share their favorite memories of Walker.

"He was a person that had depth and he sees the beauty in people and he draws them out," Belinda said. "If you don't think



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— Eduardo Santos —
David Walker's brother

you are, he's going to make sure that you know that you are."

David and Belinda don't want their son's death to become another statistic so they plan on speaking to legislators for increased safety features in vehicles.

"I don't want Ryan to just be another statistic, he can't be, something needs to be done," Belinda said.

Walker's parents are still left with many unanswered questions and they urge the state to crack down harder on drunk driving.

"It's just crazy how the whole thing goes, they're in the back seat, they're seat belted, which they don't have to be, and the two kids in the front one broke an arm and the other just minor scratches, so you're thinking well if it was a head-on how in the world could the guys in the back [get hurt]," David said.

On Sept. 4, Walker was in a vehicle with three other BGSU students, traveling back to the campus after a fun night of hanging out with friends.

BGSU third-year student Steven Iwanek has known Walker since they were five to six years old. They grew up together, playing on the same sports team, attending the same high school and eventually coming to college together despite their different majors.

"It was really a blessing when I look back at things because you meet some people in high school and you be friends with them, but then you lose touch with them. So to have a guy like him in my life, where I could always go to for anything related in my life,

not just college, it was really special to me," Iwanek said.

Iwanek was the driver of the vehicle that got hit on Sept. 4

"It was such a scary scene, three [cars] were hit in the accident and 11 people got injured and unfortunately for him, even though he was being responsible, we weren't drinking, there were no drugs, he had his seatbelt on, unfortunately just some bad things happen at the wrong time," Iwanek said

Iwanek described Walker as a smart, humble and loyal man who truly loved his friends and family. Walker always made sure he had a smile on his face.

Walker's family is starting a foundation for Bowling Green and Firelands falcons to provide scholarships for those going to college for the first time.

"Our goal is to start a Falcon Foundation because Ryan was a Firelands falcon growing up, and he's a Bowling Green Falcon, so with that, we really want to give to students in the Bowling Green community, anyway we can." Santos said.

On Nov. 24, a free 5K will take place at Walker's high school and the foundation plans to host events like golf outings in his name.

"We love to just get the community together to see what Ryan meant to everybody and it really helps the family. It really does bring some closure and some warmth in a cold time," Santos said. ■

Toys for Tickets campaigns for sixth year

Angela LaRosa | Reporter

Since 2016, Bowling Green State University Parking Services has fallen into the season of giving by offering students fresh starts by accepting toy donations in lieu of parking tickets.

Any citations issued between now and finals week will be dismissed by the university's parking services as part of Toys for Tickets, a toy drive initiative.

"We wanted to give back to the community. Other people have done it and thought we could do it too," a spokesperson for BGSU Parking Services Aileen Berry said.

Parking Services has collected 25 toys for the Wood County Children's Protective Services and the Wood County Children's Resource Center since the toy drive started on Oct. 1.

"If you don't want to give your money to Parking Services, you can give it to kids instead," USG Chief Administrator Kaylee Kahl said.

Toys can be dropped off at their office on 1 College Park, in a new, unwrapped condition. Berry said students must also have their receipts and the toys need to be within a dollar amount of the ticket cost.

But the Toys for Tickets drive will not cover citations issued for forged or illegal permits and those parking in a handicap area.

"The good thing about this is that, if you have a lot of tickets, this helps them start fresh," Berry said. "If you have multiple tickets, getting some or even one taken away helps you not get a boot on your car."

There's not a limit on how many toys can be donated per person, and even people who don't have tickets can donate as well.

The program has happened every year since 2016, but took a pause during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. However, Berry said over 300 toys were donated each year in 2018 and 2019.

Toys will start being picked up on Dec. 5, but the program will accept toys throughout the last day of finals or until an equivalent of \$5,000 is raised.

"It's actually gone over in the past," Berry said. "We've easily reached it." ■



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PAWS Team provides self-care

Blake Pierce | Reporter

Students are invited to participate in self-care with the Bowling Green State University Partners in Achieving Wellness for Students during finals week.

The BGSU PAWS team is a group of campus and community volunteers partnered with certified therapy dogs in partner with Wellness Connection.

The lounges will be staffed with registered therapy dogs as well as free self-care kits for participants to take. Three opportunities are available to students to attend at their availability.

The first opportunity begins on Monday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the second on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and final opportunity on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jerome Library.

Students will have the opportunity to see Benny and his handler Carol Treece at some of these events.

"I enjoy sharing Benny with everyone, along with my love of the breed. It's special being part of a team that enjoys the same love of animals and volunteering. Benny makes people smile and in return he receives much love," Treece said.

Finals self-care with the PAWS Team will be followed by three more events for the organization before campus begins Winter Break.

Legislation on marriage rights on path to final stages

Blake Pierce | Reporter

A once divisive topic has gained bipartisan support in the Senate, as 12 Republicans, including Ohio Senator Rob Portman, joined all 50 Democratic representatives to pass the revised Respect for Marriage Act on Wednesday, Nov 17.

The revised bill, if passed again by House members and signed by President Biden, would replace the definition of marriage, for purposes of federal law.

The revisions legally recognize marriage between two individuals, regardless of sex, race, ethnicity or national origin, and their right to file for civil action in all 50 states.

"We've shown here through this legislation that these rights can co-exist, religious freedom on the one hand, LGBTQ on the other hand," Portman said.

This comes after Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas suggested the court should reconsider a case that enshrined same-sex marriage into the U.S. Constitution. Thomas remains the only justice to call on the court to reconsider precedents.

Following the legislation being introduced by senators on Monday, Nov. 15, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer motioned for the vote to take place. The bipartisan support for the bill cleared the 60-vote-threshold, allowing for movement into the final stages of voting.

LGBTQ+ programs host vigil

Blake Pierce | Reporter

Bowling Green State University's LGBTQ+ programs are hosting a tribute to transgender victims of violence, and it will be on display until Tuesday, Nov. 22 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

BGSU has implemented various programs and initiatives across campus for non-judgmental support that can be found on the LGBTQ+ Resource Center's website.

The nationwide annual observance honoring lives lost in acts of anti-transgender violence occurred on Sunday, Nov. 20, however the university's vigil will be on display until mid-week.

2021 was the deadliest year on record for transgender and non-binary people, according to the tracking conducted for Human Rights Campaign.

Students, staff and faculty are free to use the LGBTQ+ resource center at any time, located in BTSU 427. The BGSU Counseling Center also has both individual and peer-group support resources to accommodate students of a wide variety.

The Art of Science and the Science of Art

Blake Pierce | Reporter

Creative works from Bowling Green State University students, faculty and staff will be showcased to all on Saturday Dec. 3, to celebrate the art of science and the science of art.

After 17 years of showcases providing musical, theatrical and dance performances on BGSU's campus, this year's will start out 5 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center and Wolfe Center for the Arts.

Displays will also feature handcrafted, holiday-themed items for sale.

The event is equipped with free parking and no tickets will be required for public attendance. Arts X is run by volunteer students and faculty in arts advocacy.

The group also provides experience in the arts through performances and workshops to K-12 students in the Bowling Green School District. The groups' top listed objective is to create arts awareness in, "as broad a demographic as possible for the Northwest Ohio region."

Arts X has been nationally endowed by the Ohio Arts Council. The organization responsible for the event is in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Musical Arts and College of the Arts.

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University acknowledges the land it resides on

Chloe S. Kozal | Reporter

Ohio has a long history of Native American issues and as of 2022, there are no federally recognized tribal communities or nations in Ohio.

According to the Columbus Dispatch, Ohio has 195 schools with Native American mascots, the most in the country.

In 2019, faculty members at Bowling Green State University and other members of the community decided to draft a land acknowledgement statement, designed to recognize tribal nations who had occupied where the BGSU main and Firelands campuses reside today.

The acknowledgement is designed to focus on the present and work with tribal nations. Several tribal nations have responded positively to the land acknowledgement statement, according to Dr. Hedi Nees-Carver, one of the main authors of the statement.

The Land Acknowledgement states that, "it is within BGSU's responsibility as an academic institution to disseminate knowledge about Indigenous peoples and the University's relationships, past and present, with tribal nations and individuals. As such, we recognize the forced relocation of tribal nations to and from this land and we strive to decolonize history and present conditions."

Nees-Carver said that the writers of the university's statement, "never wanted the statement to be a check-the-box thing," and that its purpose is to, "educate non-native people and is an initial step before putting education into practice."

The authors of the land acknowledgement statement call it a living statement, which is

"Native Peoples' territories did not have firm boundaries, as we know, and because of tribal conflict and certainly because of white incursions onto their land, new groups of Native Peoples came into the northwest Ohio area,"

— Dr. Rebecca Mancuso —

BGSU Professor and Local Historian

designed to add or adapt over time to needs, with the acknowledgement of additional tribal nations.

They researched many historical documents and sources, such as land treaties and contacted local and university historians such as Dr. Michael Brooks and Dr. Amílcar Challú.

Researching former Ohio tribal nations' lands can be difficult as various maps over time rapidly shift and tell different stories. A popular database, The Native Land Digital Map, lists the tribal nations of Peoria, Myaamia, Kaskaskia, Kickapoo as those who lived in northwest Ohio, but BGSU's Land Acknowledgement statement lists the Wyandot, Kickapoo, Miami, Potawatomi and Odawa peoples as the primary original settlers of the land.

The tribal nations listed in the statement also include nations that resided in the present-day BGSU Firelands campus, located in Sandusky.

"Native Peoples' territories did not have firm boundaries, as we know and because of tribal conflict and certainly because of white

incursions onto their land, new groups of Native Peoples came into the northwest Ohio area," Local historian and BGSU professor Dr. Rebecca Mancuso said. "They were pushed here from northern and eastern areas, as they did not have anywhere else to go. I think it's important to mention the second group, the Wyandot, Miami, Odawa peoples because they were forcibly removed by the U.S. government in the 1800s. We once had Wyandot and Odawa reservations in our area, but these peoples were forced out."

The In The Round speaker series featured Native American Creatives throughout the fall semester and is an extension of the land acknowledgement.

The university will continue this tradition by hosting more Native American speakers, beginning with events similar to the speaker series in March 2023.

Authors of the statement like Nees-Carver hope that the statement will be part of everyday experiences on campus and hopes to eventually see more events and even physical acknowledgement monuments on campuses. ■

Shop local and give back during the holidays

Megan Stibley | Reporter

Small Business Saturday is an American holiday celebrated this year on Nov. 26 and encourages consumers to shop the local businesses in their community.

Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Foundation Executive Director Mary Hinkleman, hopes people take advantage of this holiday to support the many local businesses of Bowling Green.

"I can't drive it home more about why shopping locally is so important to our community," Hinkleman said.

Hinkleman said 67 cents for every dollar spent stays within the community.

Additionally she said every dollar that's spent here in the community turns over seven times.

"If you don't think it makes a difference, it really really does," Hinkleman said.

You can continue to support the local community through Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is a global holiday celebrated this year on Nov. 29 that encourages people to give back to their communities by supporting local organizations.

A live broadcast with Clint Corpe from "The Morning Show" will be done on WBGU 88.10 FM, happening from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

"We've created a platform on Giving Tuesday for local non-profit organizations," Hinkleman said. "They each get 10 minutes to talk about how someone can either volunteer, make a donation, or in some way support these local organizations. You can get an idea of what their mission is."

Biggby Coffee will co-host the radio broadcast and owner Gary Dible said he will donate 50% of sales that day to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Consider participating in one or both of these events to support the local businesses and organizations that make Bowling Green what it is. ■

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Welcome to the Year of the Rabbit

Nia Lambdin | Managing Editor

The start of Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season however for places all around the world this season doesn't revolve around Christmas.

Min Yang, an associate professor in the Chinese Department, Chinese undergraduate advisor and faculty advisor for the Chinese Club, explained that one of the bigger holidays in Chinese culture is the Chinese New Year.

"The major one will be the Chinese New Year celebration. In the past, the Chinese club organized the event but in 2023, we are going to do things differently. Instead of celebrating alone, we are going to collaborate with other Asian clubs. We want to be all-inclusive with the event," Yang said.

The Chinese new year is calculated based on the lunisolar calendar and the solar Chinese calendar which has the Chinese New Year falling on Jan. 22, 2023. The animal for the 2023 year will be the rabbit according to the Chinese calendar.

"Chinese is different. We perceive the times differently, it's not linear from one year to another continuously," Yang said. "We name the 12 years based off 12 animals which are called the zodiacs. That 12 are rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig."

According to a China Travel Guide, the rabbit represents the fourth in the 12-year cycle. The rabbit is known as a tame animal and usually represents hope and life.

At this time, Chinese families participate in customs and traditions that date back to 475 B.C.

In preparation for the day, every family cleans their homes in order to get rid of ill fortune and make room for incoming good luck.

"They decorate windows and doors with red paper-cuts and couplets; fortune, happiness, longevity and harmonies," Yang said.

On the day of New Year, families travel to visit the homes of friends, neighbors and acquaintances to wish them good luck and a happy new year.

They light off fireworks and eat jiaozi (veggie dumplings) and niangao (year cakes) to bring good luck and celebrate the upcoming year.

"The new year cake meaning is next year will be better than this year," Yang said. "Dumplings' meaning is the old year and the new year will encounter at that moment. In China at midnight, once it crosses 12 o'clock, people will light the fireworks and eat veggie dumplings."

From 420 AD to 589 AD, people started the tradition of using bamboo to start the practice



PHOTO BY ANTHONY MALINAK

of firecrackers in the early morning of New Year's Day in order to scare off evil spirits.

Chinese New Year surrounds folklore about a mythical beast who would take children at the start of the new year. One day an older man told the children to run and hid while he lit off firecrackers to scare the beast. This story is why the New Year is called guardian in Chinese

culture, meaning "to survive the beast."

There are three festivals following the Chinese New Year; Mid-Autumn festival, Qingming Festival and Dragon Bowl Festival. All of these fall within the lunar calendar and are celebrated by eating specific foods and participating in rituals. ■

Inclusive personal care vending machines proposed to university

Jess Oberski | Reporter

Owner and founder of Ann Nichole's Vending LLC, Taylor Winston wants to bring inclusive personal care vending machines to Bowling Green State University. Winston's company mission is to make personal care products for people of color, and other minorities, more accessible on college campuses where the items may be few and far between.

"I have conducted a market analysis on five universities in the Ohio region, with Bowling Green State University being one of these universities," Winston said.

Winston's research reports that the nearest beauty supply store is a nine-minute drive from BGSU's main campus. The unnamed supply store is also reported to be lacking in its diversity of personal care items and has limited store hours.

According to measurements made with Google Maps from Offenhauer Towers, the nearest beauty supply store, Sally Beauty, is a seven-minute drive.

Sally Beauty offers a range of products for hair care, coloring and styling as well as nail

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— Taylor McFarland —
BGSU Senior

care items, cosmetics and skincare items. Many of these products are targeted toward Bowling Green's predominantly white population.

BGSU Senior Taylor McFarland said that she sometimes has to travel home to find the correct products for her hair and can seldomly find substitutes in Bowling Green.

"It's definitely not easy finding personal care items, especially hair care products. When I came to Bowling Green, I already knew I was going to have to travel back home or somewhere like Toledo to get anything I was going to need. It seems like I can only find everything I need in predominantly black areas. Otherwise, I'm traveling to somewhere like Sally's or at the very, very least Walmart, places I know aren't going to have what I need

but will have something remotely similar," McFarland said.

McFarland also said that having something on campus would be a relief for her and other students of color alike, due to proximity.

"The thought of personal care products becoming more accessible for people of color sounds like a relief, like, I don't have to travel far to get what I need because I've always had to if I wasn't near a predominantly black neighborhood," McFarland said.

BGSU Senior Kayla Wright said it is not only hard to find personal care products but that trying to find natural products pose another large obstacle.

"Finding skin care in Bowling Green is extremely difficult. There are only the super

generic brands available. I have complex skin and I need all-natural products and those virtually don't exist here," Wright said.

With the installation of the vending machines, many of these issues would possibly be resolved and the solution would be able to be found on campus.

"If given the opportunity, Ann Nichole's Vending will be your one stop vending machine. We take pride in supplying quality products such as gel, hair spray, shampoo, conditioner, hair extensions, lash extensions, accessories, nail supplies, and more, while still offering them at an affordable price to students," Winston said.

Winston has reached out to student organizations, such as Disability Rights Education Advocacy and Mentorship, also known as DREAM, to further their understanding of what products would like to be seen in the vending machines and how to make them accessible to everyone.

There is no word from Bowling Green State University or Winston on an official partnership between the two for a plan to install the vending machines to on campus locations. ■

Shop with a purpose: A Native-owned shopping list

Chloe S. Kozal | Reporter

Are you unsure what to buy for your friends and family this year? Ditch the big corporations and shop at these amazing Native American owned businesses this holiday season.

Do you have a chocolate lover in the family? The Chickasaw Nation, the only Native American tribe to create its own brand of fine chocolate, owns **Bedré Fine Chocolate**, a specialty chocolatier. Check out their Christmas Collection '22, which features lots of different chocolate bars. There are also specially shaped chocolates based on southern themes, like the Meltaway Boot Gift, which features a ceramic cowboy boot filled with 25 different chocolates.

These candles are too cute to handle, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska uses native medicinal plants and wildflowers in the region that their bees feast on to make honey, beautiful beeswax candles, cream and other products. **IOWAY bee farm** is proud to have products that are 100% beeswax and hypoallergenic.

Do you love jewelry? **Ahlazua-Indigenous Woman Made**, an artist-owned business from the Mvskoke Creek Nation has lots of amazing different types of jewelry, ranging from rings to necklaces. Her works are made with materials and techniques from her tribe and others that she has studied, according to her store's

website. Ahlazua is a great place to shop to support an independent artist.

Do you love sustainable fashion and supporting native creators? Check out **Faherty**, where 77% of its apparel contains sustainable fibers. According to their website, they have "ongoing collaborations with Doug Good Feather (Lakota) and Bethany Yellowtail (Crow/Cheyenne) to help support their work and their communities."

Are your hands always cold in this Bowling Green wind? Check out **Manitobah Mukluks**, which has lots of great clothing options, including mittens beaded by an Ojibwe artist, Shannon Gustafson, who uses real glass

PHOTO BY IOWAY BEE FARM



PHOTO BY BEDRÉ FINE CHOCOLATE

crystals.

Do you shop on Etsy often? Search "native-owned" to find lots of amazing handmade items made by Native artists. ■

Where to shop local for the holiday season

Emily Dimick | Reporter

As the holiday season approaches, small businesses start to prepare for the festivities. Shopping locally can be a great way to support BG's small businesses, while giving someone a gift that you know is made with care.

Stores like For Keeps, JoyFul Creations, Eden Fashion Boutique and Mode Elle Boutique provide shoppers with a welcoming experience along with cute gifts. Whether it's a Santa gnome for your friend, handmade jewelry for your special someone, or a scarf for your grandma, shopping locally is the thing to do.

For Keeps:

For Keeps is a local shop that sells knick-knacks, jewelry, mini figurines, holiday-themed cooking utensils, candles and so much more. Right when you walk in the door, you are greeted with an aroma that smells like Christmas, along with workers who are kind and willing to assist you whenever you ask.

It is easy to spend hours in this store just

looking at the decorations and being sold. The store also sells an assortment of Christmas decorations ranging from cute little gnomes to ornaments. One thing that stood out was the mini pickle ornament, which families can hide on their tree, and whoever finds the pickle first gets to open their gifts first.

Items, such as the pickle ornament, can be found all around the store and make For Keeps an interesting place to shop. For Keeps supports local food pantries and if you donate three or more food items to For Keeps, you can receive a 25% discount on any purchase. For Keeps is located at 144 S. Main St., Bowling Green.

JoyFul Creations:

JoyFul Creations has a variety of handmade holiday-related gifts on-sale for the upcoming season. Along with the handmade items, the store is decorated with many antiques that the owners find.

They have a 'Do you know me' box, which is full of old pictures that were found at different auctions. Between the DIY junk journal station

and the mini Christmas tree made from seashells picked up from the shores of Outer Banks, you will find a unique assortment of items.

"My stuff I get from the Outer Banks of North Carolina, I did a couple of trees that I hadn't done this year. Every shell that is in here is picked up by me," store owner Laura Miller said

Customers can tell that a lot of love and work has gone into every item at JoyFul Creations. This small business has the perfect thing for that person on your shopping list, that loves handmade jewelry, cards, night lights and more. JoyFul Creations is located at 192 S. Main St., Bowling Green.

Eden Fashion Boutique:

Eden Fashion Boutique has a variety of clothing, jewelry, bath bombs, lip balms and stickers. All of the accessories such as leather products, scrunchies and jewelry are made locally.

This small business supports local artists by selling their products accompanied by the creator's business card. For the Holidays, Eden

is participating in the Holiday Bingo event that most small businesses in BG are in.

The store sells lip balms and earrings that make for the perfect holiday gifts. Eden is located at 186 S. Main St., Bowling Green.

Mode Elle Boutique:

Mode Elle Boutique has various trending clothing and accessories. Between adorable sherpa fanny packs, shackets, which is a jacket that looks like a shirt mixed with flannel, cosmetic bags, hats and gloves, customers will not have trouble finding something they enjoy.

Those who work at Mode Elle handpick the clothes based on what they would like to wear. They try not to pick clothes that are hyper-trendy, instead, items that they know will appeal to their audience. Mode Elle will have Black Friday Sales and deals for the Holiday season, which means it is a great place to get a gift for someone you know who likes to keep up on the different trends. Mode Elle Boutique is located at 101 N. Main St., Bowling Green. ■

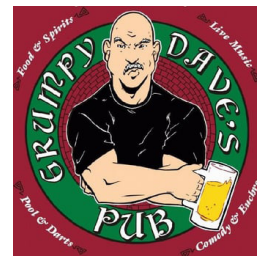


✓ Study for finals at Jerome Library



As finals week quickly approaches, now is the perfect time to make a visit to Jerome Library and have a study session with friends. The library offers an array of areas from group study, semi-quiet and silent. You'll be sure to find your best area for focus.

✓ Attend comedy night at Grumpy Daves



Bowling Green's only regular stand-up show is free to the public every Tuesday night at 104 S. Main St., above Easy Street Cafe. Want to get on stage? Spots fill up fast, so request yours early.

✓ Dine at Pub 1910

Located inside the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Pub 1910 is BGSU's on-campus restaurant that offers great food, an inviting atmosphere and 12 taps featuring regional beers alongside non-alcoholic options. You can even use your Falcon Dollars.



BGSU Biology Professor writes and releases first sci-fi book

Makenna Flores | Reporter

Dr. Paul Moore, a biology professor at Bowling Green State University, is now able to add “published science-fiction author” to his list of titles.

Moore has been a professor at BGSU for 29 years and has two published science books underneath his belt. Science-fiction wasn’t something he had given much thought to until a student brought it up.

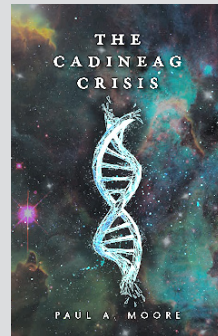
“I have two science books published, so I knew I could write that. But during one of my final exams for an introductory biology class, I created 50 alien organisms for the group to put together in some kind of evolutionary tree. During the exam, one of the students stopped me and told

me to try to put it into a book,” he said.

Moore said he decided to give it a shot and exchanged notes with his TA at the time for what kind of story he wanted.

“It was more like, ‘Can I do this?’ I know I can write, I’ve published a lot of science papers and a few books and this is a really different style of writing,” he said.

Moore said it was an “interesting twist of writing and thinking” than he normally does. In science writing, he said it’s important to be precise, but in science-fiction, “you make things up but there is still some level of truth.”



His new book is titled “The Cadineag Crisis,” and was released on Oct. 20 of this year. It follows a post-climate crises and pollution-ridden world. There is a mission set out to discover Cadineag, an unknown planet but the team finds out there is already life on the planet. The main scientist on the mission discovers an ancient race of aliens on this planet, but they do not want to share their home and plan to destroy Earth.

Moore originally planned for the book to be a standalone, however, once beta readers read the story, they encouraged him



to turn it into a series. He plans to make it a five book series, with the next three books to follow the main three characters’ stories and the last book to tie it all together. The second book is finished and he is halfway through with the third book.

“In the book, I dedicate it to the students that were in the final, but kind of all the BG students. If BG students weren’t who they were, asking questions and making me think, this would have never happened,” Moore said.

Those interested in the book can purchase it from Amazon, Barnes and Noble or FriesenPress. ■

PHOTOS BY DR. MOORE

Creating Public Good through Life Design Showcase

Ben Cook | Reporter

The Geoffrey H. Radbill Center for College and Life Design recently hosted their second annual BGSU 1910 project showcase in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Over 800 students occupied the second and third floors to present nearly 200 research proposals under this year’s theme: Creating Public Good.

The goal was for students to identify a problem or an issue within their community and to develop an in-depth understanding of the problem through the design thinking process. The steps included accepting, empathizing, defining, ideating, prototyping and testing in order to find potential solutions.

The projects were categorized into 11 separate themes in order to develop solutions to a variety of problems. These themes included

academics, belonging, career, campus planning, community building, environment, food, mental health, parking, residential halls and wellbeing. The projects were presented in a variety of different ways including slideshows, tri-fold boards, printed poster boards, 3D models, minecraft prototypes and video presentations.

According to Adrienne Ausdenmoore, Executive Director of the Radbill Center for College and Life Design, the showcase was intended to follow three key objectives in the life design curriculum.

Step one is to learn life design tools that will support you as you design the college experience that aligns with who you are and what matters most to you. Step two is to develop connections with peers and learn



PHOTO BY GREG DICKERSON

about perspectives that are different from your own. Step three is to apply the design thinking process as a creative problem solving tool to think about the ways you might impact the public good.

Additionally, the BGSU PAWS team was in attendance along with a relaxation, reflection and crafting area to provide students support and to ease presentation anxieties amongst students.

“I think the students did a phenomenal job. There were so many fantastic ideas that the students developed and we are working on a way to take information from the projects and present it to those who were unable to attend the event,” Ausdenmoore said.

For Life Design coach Xidan Dandan Liang, this year’s BGSU 1910 project showcase went exactly the way she had wanted it to go. She first developed the idea for a Life Design showcase last fall and was eager to factor in the public good not only to her students, but to the local community and beyond.

As the showcase came to an end, Liang was left feeling positive about the event, saying that she wouldn’t change a thing. She also took a moment to reflect on what this showcase meant to the students and how it would stick with them for the rest of their college experience.

“For a majority of these students, it is their first professional conference. It can be fun to come together and present ideas, while also being serious and professional. [This event] challenges them to think about what it means to [contribute to] the public good, how they can use design thinking principles throughout their college experience and develop the desire to do things for other people early on,” she said.

Although the project showcase has come to an end, all are encouraged to continue working on problems within the community through the design thinking process. For Life Design coach Greg Dickerson, he believes that just starting the conversation can be incredibly important.

“It’s not about whether your solution is the right one. It’s about coming together, identifying an issue within the community and doing everything you can to make it better,” Dickerson said.

The Life Design program at BGSU hopes that everyone is inspired to maintain the public good and to incorporate design thinking strategies throughout their daily lives. Whether it’s big or small, it is never too late to make a positive impact on the community. ■



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Blending books and coffee:

Two places to go Downtown for coffee and a book

Faith Zochowski | Reporter

Studying, drinking coffee and reading books are all typical activities for college students. Grounds for Thought and Novel Blends are two locations in downtown Bowling Green where students can go to participate in these past time activities.

Grounds for Thought owners Kelly and Laura Wicks opened the doors to their coffee shop and bookstore in October 1989 and just celebrated 33 years of business. His family has lived in the area since the 1970s and wanted to bring their business to an area that is familiar.

The idea for the shop came from years of family travel and discovering bookstores, coffee shops and places where they liked to hang out as a family.

The business started out small with only

about 1,200 square feet and about 7,000 used books, but has since grown to 7,000 square feet and 250,000 books.

They are now the largest used book store between Columbus and Ann Arbor, Mich. In addition to used books, they also sell used comics and records.

Novel Blends is a new bookstore and coffee shop to the downtown area that opened in September 2021. Owner Michael Stoepler runs the business, with the help of his son, Sean, and wife, Shelly.

The focus of their family projects has always been to help others, which was seen through their nonprofit that offered art, music and dance therapy to all.

After COVID-19 slowed the participation of events through the organization, they decided to help others in opening a book and coffee business.

Selling books was Stoepler's initial intention, but coffee was introduced by his daughter who used to work at Barnes and Noble. He said the addition of that aspect has helped their business a great deal.

Novel Blends features underground and local authors that focus mainly on fiction, but they also have a biography and children's section.

Stoepler understands the convenience of shopping online or at large retailers for books, so he wants to appeal to a different audience by featuring authors people may have never heard of.

"It introduces people I think to a whole world of writers that they might not be used to," Stoepler said.

Grounds for Thought also must compete with large corporations, but they are successful regardless of those companies because the shop is still seen as a destination location.

"I think one of the beauties of a used book store is that sometimes you can go in looking for a book, but I've found over the years it seems like the books often find you," Wicks said.

Like Novel Blends, Grounds For Thought also features local authors at the store where they do readings and signings of their books. Last year, they worked with an illustration class through the university and sold the student's comic books for a weekend.

Wicks enjoys being downtown and surrounded by college students.

"The university as a whole brings a lot of positive energy and creativity to the whole community, not just to Grounds. They help to give Bowling Green its unique character," Wicks said.

Stoepler also enjoys seeing students come in to study and loves introducing readers to new authors and styles of writing. Novel Blends offers comfortable chairs and places to work in the shop. Stoepler's hope is for people to be there as long as it takes to do their work and be comfortable while doing it.

Wicks shared Grounds for Thought is not just a coffee shop and bookstore but a platform to do lots of events, concerts, club meetings and places to study.

"Whether you are four, 40 or 80, hanging with friends, playing games, socializing and reading, those are all things that everyone has in common," Wicks said.

Both shops have events planned for the holiday season. Novel Blends will be hosting singing groups, will be open for longer hours and they are also hosting a Holiday Wreath Workshop on = Nov. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Grounds for Thought will hold its 18th annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is a local arts and crafts show that brings in dozens of local artists from visual art to multimedia and is a place to find unique gifts for an affordable \$15 - \$25 range.

"People are just generally busy, engaged and active and in good moods, so it's always a fun time to be doing business," Wicks said.

For more information on all things related to coffee and books, visit the Novel Blends Facebook page and Grounds for Thought website. ■



Kelly Wicks, Grounds For Thought



Grounds For Thought ordering counter



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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ODIEU HILIARE SENIOR | WIDE RECEIVER FOOTBALL

Odieu Hiliare recorded a career performance in the Battle of I-75 on Tuesday night. Hiliare, a senior wide receiver who transferred from Alabama A&M before the season started, has been an impressive and consistent wide receiver for the Orange and Brown. In the Battle of I-75, Hiliare had eight catches for a career-high 246 yards receiving and two touchdowns, including an incredible one-handed catch, which he took fifty-nine yards to the endzone.

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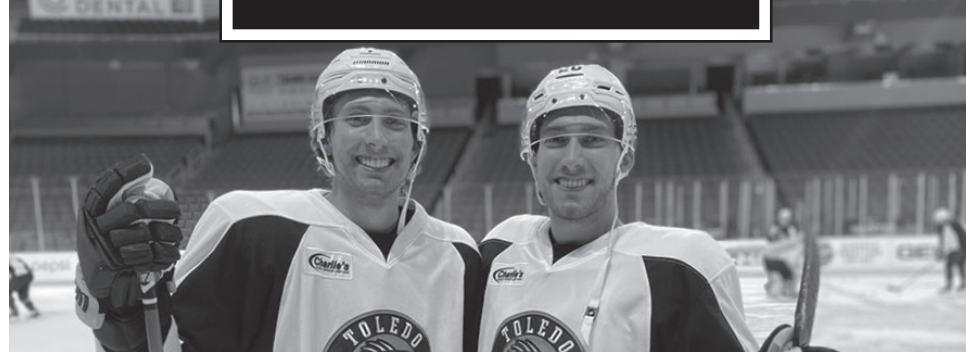


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Craggs brothers skate together again

CHARLIE RYAN | BGRSO PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

The last time Bowling Green State University Hockey was in the NCAA tournament was during the 2019 season. This was also the last time that Sam and Lukas Craggs played together on the ice. Now with the Toledo Walleye looking to make a push for the Kelly Cup Finals, the brothers are meeting on the ice once again.

"In the recruiting, we get one brother let's go and get two, and we know what they bring every day. They love the sport... you know we got a little greedy on it and we are very happy to have both guys," Walleye Head Coach Dan Watson said.

Last season, Sam was with the Falcons, who fell in the first round of the Mason Cup Finals to the Bemidji State Beavers. The 2021-22 season was the best offensively for Sam, ending with nine goals, five assists and 13 blocks. Along with that, Sam was known as one of the most aggressive players on the ice, leading the senior line with Taylor Schneider and Alex Barber.

"They're real physical and not afraid of confrontation, not afraid of sticking up for their teammates, which is why hockey is the perfect sport for them," BGSU Hockey Head Coach Ty Eigner said.

While watching both Sam and Lukas on the ice throughout their careers in the juniors, college and now in the professional leagues, they play a very aggressive game on the ice both physically and on the puck. They have provided coverage on the ice and have currently added more depth to the Walleye forward lineup.

"The aggression is something that they were always very comfortable with," Eigner said.

When Lukas first left the Falcons after the 2019 season, he moved around the American Hockey League and the ECHL for the following three seasons, playing more and more aggressively down by the crease, which is something that Eigner says was

important for Lukas' development into becoming a more mature player off the wings.

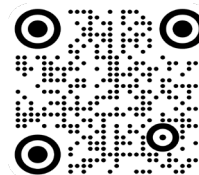
One of the big differences that Eigner said most players realize when they first jump to major leagues, is the increase in the number of games that the players end up playing in such a short amount of time. This is something that forced a change in the way that fans saw aggression from Lukas out on the ice.

For most fans watching Lukas down on the ice, his game looked mostly the same. But it seemed like he was working more on the heads-up play of the game and working more on the puck rather than taking giant hits every game. In a sense, it was the key to saving his body in order to play full seasons and avoid injury.

Moving into this past season, the brothers faced off in the Kelly Cup Finals. Lukas played in the lineup for the Cincinnati Cyclones and Sam was on the roster but not set in the playoff lineup, for the Walleye. This saw the Walleye taking down the Cyclones and heading on to the Kelly Cup Quarter-finals.

Then in the offseason, with Toledo already signing a contract with Sam, it made the most sense to grab Lukas as well. When talking with Lukas about joining the Walleye now, it seems like the brothers want to do the same thing they did the last time they were on the ice together with the Falcons. ■

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BGSU Football is Bowl-Eligible...

What's Next?

STEVEN IWANEK | SPORTS CONTENT DIRECTOR

After last week's thrilling 42-35 win for Bowling Green State University Football over their rivals, the Toledo Rockets, the Falcons clinched their sixth win and are now bowl game eligible for the first time since 2015. But the question is— what bowl games can teams in the Mid-American Conference compete in? Let's take a look at some of the possibilities and potential matchups. Unfortunately, no team in the MAC is near the College Football Playoff rankings. However, this season is a monumental one for the Orange and Brown. No matter what game they get, or the opponent they face, getting a chance to play for a national audience is huge for recruiting and for notoriety. ■



Dec. 16- Bahamas Bowl- Nassau, Bahamas (MAC vs C-USA)

Last year, the Toledo Rockets fell to the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders in this bowl game, 31-24. Could the Orange and Brown make the trip down south? Potentially. A matchup that could become realistic is against the Blue Raiders, but I could also see the North Texas Mean Green as the opponent as well.



Dec. 17- LendingTree Bowl- Mobile, Alabama (MAC vs Sun Belt)

Eastern Michigan got the nod to play in this game last season, losing in blowout fashion to the Liberty Flames, 56-20. This is a game that BG could have higher odds of playing in, with teams such as Coastal Carolina, Troy or South Alabama, a team the Falcons played last year.



Dec. 19- Myrtle Beach Bowl- Myrtle Beach, S.C. (MAC/American/Sun Belt)

Another game last season that failed to feature a MAC team, as Tulsa defeated Old Dominion, 30-17. However, this could be a year to rotate a MAC team in and who better to send to the beach during the brutally cold winter months in the midwest than the BGSU Falcons?



Dec. 20- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl- Boise, Idaho (Mountain West vs MAC)

Ah yes, the battle for the potatoes, a perfect bowl game for a MAC team like BGSU. Last season, Wyoming defeated the Kent State Golden Flashes in this one, 52-38. Maybe we see the Falcons go head-to-head with a team such as Wyoming, Air Force or San Diego State.



Dec. 20- Boca Raton Bowl- Boca Raton, Florida (American/C-USA/MAC/MW/Sun Belt)

Last year, the MAC missed out on this bowl game, as Western Kentucky put up 59 points en route to a 59-38 win over Appalachian State.



Dec. 26- Quick Lane Bowl- Detroit, Michigan (Big Ten vs MAC)

A short drive for the Falcons could be convenient, and may not be their only drive to Detroit this season... "wink wink". Hosted at the home of the Detroit Lions, BGSU could match up with a team such as Iowa, Maryland, or Minnesota (insert nostalgia post here). Western Michigan made the MAC proud last year, blowing out Nevada, 52-24.



Dec. 27- Camellia Bowl- Montgomery, Alabama (MAC vs Sun Belt)

Another guaranteed bowl opportunity for the MAC, BGSU could see themselves taking on the Sun Belt in this one, with the same potential matchups as the ones acknowledged in the Lending Tree Bowl. This game was played on Christmas Day last season, with Georgia State handing Ball State a lump of coal in a 51-20 blowout.



Dec. 30- Barstool Arizona Bowl- Tucson, Arizona (MAC vs Mountain West)

Hey, BGSU is 1-0 when Barstool is at their game, so who says they can't build a winning streak when Dave Portnoy is around? Another guarantee for the MAC, it could be the Falcons in this one taking on teams such as Boise State or Wyoming. Last year's game between Boise State and Central Michigan was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.



Dec. 16- Cure Bowl- Orlando, Florida (American/MAC/C-USA/Sun Belt/Mountain West)

A game that does not always feature the MAC did so last season, as the Northern Illinois Huskies participated in the Cure Bowl, a game in which proceeds benefit breast cancer research. The Huskies fell in a thriller to Coastal Carolina, 47-41. There is no guarantee on the MAC playing in this one, but if BG does, it would definitely be a cool experience.



Dec. 17- Frisco Bowl- Frisco, Texas (American/C-USA/MAC/Mountain West/Sun Belt)

Nobody from the MAC played in this game last year, as San Diego State defeated UTSA, 38-24. If enough MAC teams become bowl eligible, this game could be a possibility for the Falcons.

Upcoming Live & Loud

Dawn Violet Todd | Reporter

Falcon Media's Live & Loud premiered its second episode of the semester with local jam band Toob. The band appeared on the show in support of their debut album, entitled Friend Friday.

Since its release in April 2022, Toob has been making local appearances in the Toledo and Detroit area.

The episode was released on Monday, Nov. 21, and features three songs from the band's album. Each track brings its own unique elements, as having a diverse sound is one of the core tenants of what makes Toob. While performing three songs, the band showcased their talents in funk, pop rock and progressive hard rock. Another key element of Toob is their improvisation.

"We'll never usually play the song the exact same- live show to live show- it'll always be different," keyboard player Nick Hendricks said.

The band was founded in grade school, when the trio of Hendricks, drummer Kyle Harmon and frontman Dalton York first met. Bassist Ricky Rose met the bunch during their shared high school years in the marching band. A shared love for music brought all four of them together to form the modern iteration of Toob.



Pictured: Frontman Dalton York and Bassist Ricky Rose perform Toob's "Cthulu in my Lava Lamp"

Toob's edition of Live & Loud can be seen on Falcon Media's YouTube channel and on BGFalconMedia.com.

Live & Loud will be releasing another episode with midwest emo rock band Diet Smiles on

Monday, Dec. 5.

Additionally, tune in on YouTube on Mon., Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. for a special behind-the-scenes livestream with upcoming featured artist Ellie Hart.



ACROSS

1. It has a palm and fingers
5. Besmirch
10. Travel on foot
14. Away from the wind
15. Deadly snake
16. A Great Lake
17. Prophetic
19. At the peak of
20. Before, in poetry
21. Companionless
22. Exhausted
23. Soccer goal scorer
25. Distant
27. Crimson
28. Water removal
31. S S S
34. Goblet
35. Weep
36. Neighbor of Vietnam
37. Fake
38. Eye infection (variant spelling)
39. Arrange (abbrev.)

40. Mitt
41. Speech defects
42. Sobriquet
44. Purge
45. Wash out with a solvent
46. First book of the Bible
50. Infectious agent
52. More than once
54. North-northwest
55. Decorated, as a cake
56. Tombstone
58. Large mass of floating ice
59. Was laid up
60. District
61. Being
62. Vista
63. Flippant

1. Rabbits
2. Ready for anything
3. Not at any time
4. D
5. Climbed
6. Engine
7. Anagram of "Bone"
8. Overdue payment
9. Beam
10. A knife or gun
11. Antiquities (Br. sp.)
12. King of the jungle
13. Retained
18. Bodies of water
22. Earth
24. Angers
26. Been in bed
28. Pilot a car
29. Grasp
30. Visual organs
31. Distinctive flair
32. Indian dress
33. Wizards
34. Using basic shapes
37. Level
38. Adjacent
40. Wildebeests
41. They connect points
43. Makeshift device
44. Ebb
46. Assumed as fact
47. Breathe noisily while asleep
48. Not outer
49. Perspiration
50. Feeling
51. Frosts, as a cake
53. Corduroy feature
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Dear staff,
 Letter from the Editor

Megan Finke | Editor-in-Chief

My time at Bowling Green State University is quickly coming to an end and it's a bitter-sweet feeling. I have never been good with change and leaving a place I have come to call home will be difficult, but I'm not leaving without the preparation I need to succeed.

I would love to summarize my time by my education alone, but my overall experience in Falcon Media, more specifically the BG News, is truly what was worth my tuition.

Many say newspapers, let alone news, is a dying business. But, for me, it is something that has inspired me and kept me going since I stepped foot into the newsroom at the Kuhlin Center.

I remember my freshman year orientation, where I sat in said newsroom and listened to the Editor-in-Chief of the BG News, Brionna Scebbi.

Listening to her speak about the organization, let alone the newspaper, made me crave her position, and every day I am proud to say I achieved that.

Being Editor-in-Chief was my greatest accomplishment at BGSU. I don't regret graduating early, but as I conclude my final meetings, prepare my successor and say my goodbyes, a sense of loss comes over me. I'm

ready to leave, I am, but leaving the friendships, routine and lifestyle I have made for myself is again, bitter-sweet.

Without Falcon Media, I don't think I would have found a true home at BGSU. The greatest advice I can give to upcoming students, who have any journalistic interest, is to give it a shot. You don't know what will happen, and you don't know who you will meet, it could change you.

Student media is sacred, it is needed. Without participation, who will tell the stories that need to be told? Student journalists have an impact, even if you don't immediately see it. Someone is reading your story, someone is learning something. The work you do is meaningful and will prepare you to be a professional.

It's never too late to get involved, even if you're a senior going into your final semester, there is time. Many would be shocked by the amount you can accomplish as a student journalist if you truly put your mind to it

As Editor-in-Chief of the BG News, I have experienced things that the normal college student doesn't even think of. I have become more than familiar with the ins and outs of the university, I have covered things I thought I would never have to do and I have made friendships with people I probably would have never come across if I did not participate.

I'm leaving with gratitude and respect for those who have helped me through my time. As I wrap up my time and publish my last issue, I want to thank those who have stuck by me and supported my decisions while helping me with whatever I needed.

My managing editor has been someone I can depend on, no matter the ask or time. She is someone I have come to respect and ultimately, I have learned from her. I'm excited to pass this paper to Nia Lambdin and I have no doubt she will break news, produce content and lead our classmates to success.

My design team is a group of individuals that I have bonded with and come to respect while developing the best understanding of their individual talents. Isabella, Drake, Ian, Kyle and Ellie, you have helped me create an appealing newspaper, that I am proud and eager to grab every Wednesday morning. The pages you design impress me beyond belief, and I'm very grateful for your time, dedication and for sharing your talents with me.

To everyone who had a byline while I was Editor-in-Chief, I wish I could name you all, but for now, I would just like to express my thanks for participating, writing stories and showing up. Without all of you, the paper wouldn't be what it is. I'm proud of each and every one of you, and I'm eternally grateful for you having the courage to show up and make a name for yourself.

To the faculty that has believed in me,

showed up to help and watch me succeed, I'm grateful for the time, expertise and patience you have provided. Dr. Jim Foust, Dr. Bailey Dick and Karl Smith, you three have given me the confidence to complete a paper, and I truly appreciate every ounce of assistance and advice you have given me along the way.

To those who came before and taught me, I will always remember our interactions, the words of encouragement you gave me and everything else in between. Thank you, Andrew Bailey, Shaelee Haff and Brionna Scebbi for being inspiring role models and believing in me.

I have experienced dedication and perseverance from my entire staff, and that is not limited to my time as Editor-in-Chief. Every role I have held within Falcon Media has taught me something I would have never learned in the classroom, and that is the power you have on your own to do great things.

Each and every person has shown me that they care and have what it takes to create powerful content. I'm sad to leave this group of people, but I know they will all accomplish great things and continue to make me proud.

I'm excited to see what the future of the BG News and Falcon Media brings, but I will be forever grateful for the impact it has left on me. I'm proud to be the BG News Editor-in-Chief and to represent all who came before and all who come after me.

We do astonishing work, with the time and staff we have been allotted and don't let anyone tell you less. You can do it. ■