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HAZING

PANEL DISCUSSES HAZING AT USG'S MONDAY TOWN HALL

Hallie Riley | Campus Editor

After a BGSU sophomore passed away due to a hazing incident at an off-campus residence, members of the Undergraduate Student Government and an administration panelist board came together to address questions, especially on preventive measures for the future.

"These recent events make it apparent that both institutional and cultural change are imperative to the future of BGSU," USG Speaker of the Senate Michael Johnston said.

The invited panelists included Dean of Students Chris Bullins, Assistant Dean of Students Stacy Allan and Director of Student Engagement Brian Heilmier, who helped discuss the four topics:

What are the current strategies in place for hazing prevention?

"When we talk about hazing prevention . . . we try to work with chapter leadership, our chapter middle membership, as well as our new members . . . Starting with our new members . . . many times students will come to Bowling Green and have a perception of what fraternity/sorority life is. Some of it's accurate, some of it's not accurate. So we spend a little time right at the very beginning doing Greek 101 or fraternity/sorority life 101. And in that discussion with our staff members, we talk about what is hazing, how do you report hazing, why hazing is not okay

in our community. And so trying to make folks aware of it," Heilmier said.

In addition to Greek 101, sorority and fraternity life values are stressed to help each student feel connected to their chapter.

"Oftentimes, we talk to chapters about adhering to their values, the values of sorority and fraternity life, the values of their individual chapter, and obviously hazing's not part of that. Part of your new member period should be learning what the values of the chapter are. And if this education doesn't lend itself to those values, then it shouldn't be happening," Heilmier said.

"We . . . really work with our council leadership to provide education once they've been accepted as a new member role. When we're looking at hazing education, there's not one right way to do it. A lot of what we do is: how do we talk about it in a number of different times, at a number of different periods from a number of different educators. I think the student to student (conversation) is so powerful and really try to encourage our council leaderships to have that new member education with their councils," he said.

In addition to council leadership, all chapters have a headquarters at a national or international level. At least one chapter meets with a consultant at least once a month virtually or in-person to talk about these important discussions.

"It's really important to note . . . that we've brought students into these conversations. It's really important . . . to make sure the student voices are with us because we don't want to program or provide education to our students if it doesn't hit them where it needs to hit them. We want to make sure we're speaking the language and really understanding the pulse of the student body," Allan said.

"These recent events make it apparent that both institutional and cultural change are imperative to the future of BGSU."

— **Michael Johnston** —
USG Speaker of the Senate

Throughout each semester, multiple education sessions about hazing, alcohol, sexual assault and bystander intervention are implemented into Greek life.

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What are some actionable steps to be taken as we move forward and what kinds of changes can the BGSU community expect?

“Over the last week, we’ve really been working on a chapter recommitment plan. It really calls on every member of a fraternity or sorority chapter to really recommit to general operating standards . . . and education and history . . . why do fraternities and sororities exist on this campus? And how can we ensure you’re educating in an appropriate manner . . . and that the right people are in that room when things are happening . . . making sure there is intentional oversight,” she said.

The plan is focused on encouraging students to step in when faced with those hard situations.

“How do we empower students to intervene? How do we empower students to report? . . . The chapter recommitment plan is really going to focus on those things to really help bring our community back to its core,” Allan said.

While hazing is a common problem faced by fraternity and sororities, Heilmier notes that this plan will extend to all student organizations.

“We need students to make the (plan) effective. What hazing might look like in a marching band might look very different in a club sport. We need students from each of those groups to come together and say ‘Here’s what we’re trying to achieve, here’s what we see, here’s where we think we need to go,’ but you all as the students are going to be the ones that help us get there. Students are going to be the only ones to really make this change.”

“In terms of the conduct process, hazing is recognized as a crime in the state of Ohio. Therefore, criminal investigation and civil processes...happen concurrently with the university’s process.”

— **Hallie Riley** —
Campus Editor

What is the current reporting and conduct process here at BGSU?

“Reporting is so critical to our ability as an institution to respond to or intervene when hazing is occurring,” Bullins said.

Many students are still unaware of what is defined as hazing, often labeling forms of it as “tradition” or as a brotherly/sisterly bonding experience.

Additionally, students are often unaware about the first steps in the reporting process.

“There are so many ways to report hazing. The one thing that I want to stress is that if there is a situation happening where someone is ever in danger, the first call should always be 911 . . . Then, notify the university . . . Another opportunity is for students to file an official report. We do that through the ‘see it, hear it, report it’ campaign through a form,” Bullins said.

Students can also report anonymously through BGSU’s hazing hotline, 419-372-HAZE.

In terms of the conduct process, hazing is recognized as a crime in the state of Ohio. Therefore, criminal investigation and civil processes where individuals can be sued happen concurrently with the university’s process.

“Reporting hazing to the university would certainly trigger a code of conduct investigation process. What’s involved in that? . . . our code applies off and on campus. Regardless where it’s happening, we want to hear about it. It’s independent of other investigations that are happening,” he added.

After investigating behavior and profiling students, then an administration can determine to charge an entire organization or individual students with allegations that violate the hazing policies.

“If a student or student organization is found responsible, very different from a criminal process, — we would be enforcing sanctions,” he said.

These could include things like “entailing time in jail, significant monetary fines, permanently removing organization, suspending organization for a derivative period of time,” Bullins noted.

According to Bullins, education sanctions are also applied to ensure preventive measures through workshops, reflections and training sessions.

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HARRY STYLES MUST BE STOPPED...

Why the pop star needs to stop being so handsome

RC | Harry Styles Hater

Editor's Note: *This is a satirical article.*

I didn't watch the Grammys this year. I wish I could tell you that it was all a part of an elaborate boycott on behalf of the artists that got screwed out of the academy's "prestigious" recognition with each passing year, but in all reality I just genuinely forgot it was on. That didn't stop me from hearing about all the festivities, though. Twitter was ablaze with chatter as the ceremony commenced, and I came away with one conclusion. Not congratulations for Beyoncé for, well, being Beyoncé. Not for Billie Eilish winning Record of the Year off the strength of a song that I honestly can't tell you what the title is. And certainly not for Megan Thee Stallion for winning Best New Stallion. No, I came away with a different conclusion: Harry Styles must be stopped.

The man is too handsome. All night, all I heard from women across the world was about how it's impossible for a man to be that "hot." I was this close to calling the police on them. All that lust for someone who has a butterfly tattooed on his torso. Everybody knows that the only insect that'll get you laid is a grasshopper. That's the rule! What makes him so special, anyways? His name is Harry, but he's not even that hairy.

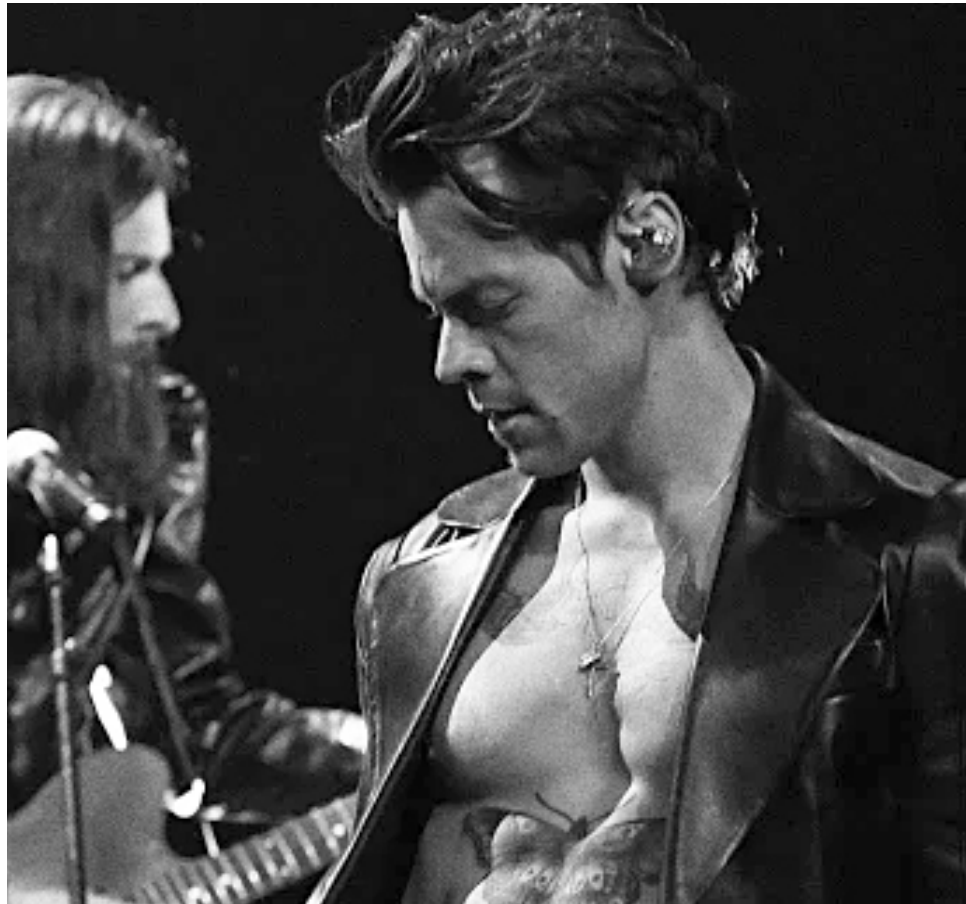


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We should be referring to him as "Moderately Harry Styles." I'm not saying that makes him a liar, but it's blatant false advertising. Not to mention, he comes from a boy band called One Direction. What if I want to go in another direction, Harry? What are you going to do about it? This is why people liked Fleetwood Mac. They told us we could go our own way and they didn't force us to go anywhere we weren't comfortable going, you cute little heathen.

Look, speaking as a man who has only had three girlfriends — if we count middle school — no man should be getting that amount of praise for their looks. I'm handsome too, where's all my praise? What's important is not what's on the outside, but what's on the inside. Sure, he might look pretty, but what if I told you I saw him kicking a puppy the other day? Now, that's not true, but if it was would he still be considered as beautiful as he is now? Probably, but still!

In the end, here's my advice: Mr. Styles, give it a rest. We get it. You're a gorgeous man. Stop it. Save some women for the rest of us you prissy old twit. If not, you will leave me with no choice. I will kidnap you and force you to listen to Coldplay.

You have 24 hours. ■



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OPINION: Conscientious Greek life important to campus

Howard A. Traul II | Guest Columnist

Editor's Note: *This column is written by Board of Trustees member Howard A. Traul II in response to a column published in the March 10, 2021 newspaper that was written by an anonymous author.*

The BG News staff knows the identity of that author. While we do not normally allow writers to remain anonymous, the author requested their identity not be shared, as they are an employee of BGSU and they feared penalties related to their status of employment. The column was supported by reputable sources, which were fact checked by The BG News staff.

I take this opportunity to respond to your column in your March 10, 2021 newspaper by an anonymous columnist that fraternities have no place on college campuses. First, I am disappointed that you would print such a hate-filled, misinformation opinion letter from an anonymous source. As we all know, anonymous sources are unreliable at best and totally false at worst, and this anonymous opinion falls mostly in the totally false category.

Obviously, the senseless recent death of BGSU student Stone Foltz was a horrific tragedy that should never have happened. Sadly, however, the problem is not fraternities but instead the problem is underage, overindulgent drinking by naive young people. Sadly, young people die from overindulging in alcohol and drugs way too often in many different scenarios and it is

wrong to advocate banning all fraternities because of one bad apple while ignoring all of the positives that fraternities and sororities bring to the BG Campus. It may be popular in the media to perpetuate the myth that all bad behavior that happens to college students are as a result of fraternity life; however, a realistic check of history will reveal that there has been hazing in many other campus groups across the country (e.g. sororities, marching bands and other groups as well).

As a naive, small-town 17-year-old boy who was raised by my widowed mother, I was very fortunate to be a member of a fraternity at Bowling Green. Since my father died when I was very young and I had no older brothers to turn to for advice, my fraternity experience was one of the two or three greatest experiences of my lifetime. All four of my children were Greeks at four different universities and all had the same positive experience that I had.

The many positive experiences I had in my fraternity, such as making bonds of brotherhood and friends for life, learning how to operate an organization successfully, learning how to work together with many other people of differing backgrounds toward common goals, philanthropy and leadership skills contributes greatly to my adult successes in business and professional life.

The lifetime friendships of brotherhood and sisterhood formed in fraternities and sororities at Bowling Green last a lifetime and are simply priceless. When I pledged a fraternity at Bowling Green over 50 years ago, when pledging was really pledging, no one "forced" me to drink anything or put me in any danger whatsoever.

The senseless tragedy to Stone Foltz is simply unimaginable to me. My fraternity was founded over a century ago by divinity students and has a proud history as being the longest continually active fraternity on Bowling Green's campus. With its "balanced man" approach, it has helped turn naive 17 and 18-year-old boys into conscientious, goal-oriented young men that are proud to be successful Bowling Green graduates. The "bad apple" organization and individuals should be held accountable, but the only solution is continued education regarding substance abuse, hazing and accountability for misdeeds. Most fraternities and sororities are welcoming organizations committed to enriching the lives of their members in many different positive ways. Let's "don't throw the baby out with the bath water" or believe anonymous, uninformed individuals. ■

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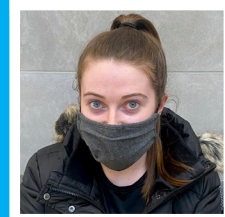
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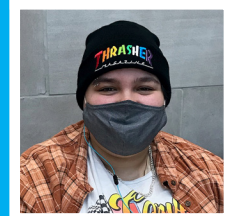
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Women's hockey emerges at BGSU

Dawn Violet Todd | Sports Reporter

Hockey has always been incredibly popular in northwest Ohio. Close to multiple NHL teams and Canada, it has always been a place where the sport thrives. BGSU itself is no different, with hockey teams going back to the '60s. But it wasn't until Feb. 21 this year that a women's team got the chance to represent Bowling Green.

"It's always been such a dream of mine to play college hockey," Kendall Linnenkugel, goaltender for BGSU women's hockey, said. "I've had different prospect skates with different universities throughout high school. I've been offered scholarships to play for other universities, and there were different reasons for different colleges why I couldn't go, so I came to BG."

What she and other players found was a team working hard to get off the ground. Ellen Padgett, now a junior, was the founder of the club team. Starting as soon as she arrived at BGSU, Padgett worked hard with the other players to get through all the necessary steps to create a team.

"It was really because of her we were able to practice and build a solid foundation during the course of the 2019-20 school year," Team Captain Ashley Kimmel said. "Ellen also helped us get accepted to the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association) and the CCWHA (Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association). We were able to hold an exhibition game against the Toledo Fire Department in March of 2020 to help spread the word about our team too."

Just as the team was gaining crucial momentum, the coronavirus pandemic struck. But that obstacle did not stop the players from working hard. Head Coach Mike Whitton expanded more on this.

"Seeing these ladies understand the time we're in with COVID, they practiced all last year and did not have one single collegiate contest, one game at all. I gave them a ton of credit for sticking with it and practicing, with no weekend games in sight, their attitudes were fantastic, their attendance was great," he said.

The team finally received the news that they would be competing in their first CCWHA game versus Adrian College, and nerves started to set in.

"It was intimidating for sure. Adrian is one of the best teams in the ACHA. They've won our conference multiple times in recent years and they are definitely the team to beat," Linnenkugel said.

Of course, hockey players are notoriously tough, and Linnenkugel said that those nerves subsided when they were able to just play hockey.

"Once the puck dropped it felt like business as usual for me," she added.

While their attitudes eventually settled, they still knew it would be an uphill battle.

"We have nine skaters plus a goalie, Adrian had I believe 19 skaters and three goalies," Whitton said. "I just knew from the start, that at some point in the game that our legs and lungs would give out and we would just not be able to compete anymore, because of just pure numbers."

Of course, Whitton made sure to give credit



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to the team, who he says played excellent despite their numbers disadvantage.

"After the first period we were down 2-0, our goalie played phenomenally, and she faced more shots than I could probably count (74) and kept us in it," he said. "They played like it was the Stanley Cup Final."

The game eventually ended with the Falcons losing by a score of 9-0, but the team still held their heads high. They were thrilled to have just gotten the ball rolling and established themselves as a legitimate team.

The brand new team received much love from Falcons fans, too. An outpouring of support came to them on social media, as well as from the Bleacher Creatures who attended the debut in person along with players' families from as far as Florida and Minnesota.

The team currently has three seniors, meaning that they certainly have a group of great leaders to guide their path forward. "It means a lot to be someone the girls look up to and trust to take charge of things. It can be somewhat stressful at times, but I would trade it for anything and I'm excited to be able to help the team grow as much as possible," Kimmel said.

The players and coach also spoke on the future of the team, which they say has a lot in store.

"We've got ladies that are from Massachusetts, Iowa, Pittsburgh, a few from Cleveland, so we've got as many freshmen coming in as we have (players) on the team right now," Whitton said.

"I gave them a ton of credit for sticking with it and practicing, with no weekend games in sight, their attitudes were fantastic, their attendance was great."

— Mike Whitton —
BGSU women's hockey Head Coach

"I'm hoping one day the team can move up to be an NCAA team. It would be so great to see this program take off out of the foundation we have been able to lay down," Linnenkugel said.

While many of them are already looking to next year, there's still plenty of hockey to play right now. The CCWHA recently announced an expanded schedule, meaning the Falcons will be able to play four more home games at Slater in March. ■



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USG president, vice president candidate profiles

Amantha Garpiel | BG News Intern

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Alexander Chiarelott and Gil Lutz

Alexander Chiarelott is a third year double-major in applied economics and marketing with a minor in political science. Chiarelott has been a member of USG for three years having joined in the first semester of his freshman year. He has served as the Academic Affairs chair for the past two years. He described the position as “a high level leadership role which allows me to control my own committee, write resolutions and plan things out with a select group of senators in the USG.”

Gil Lutz is a third year accounting major with a philosophy, politics, economics and law minor. Lutz currently serves as the Student Affairs chair.

“Me and Alex’s (sic) USG history mirrors each other in a way. We’ve both been chairs for two years now and we’ve both had committees,” Lutz said.

Their platform consists of 25 initiatives which are detailed on their campaign website.

One main point of their platform is a \$10 minimum wage on campus which is \$1.20 more than the state mandated minimum wage. Chiarelott has a plan that would allow the increased minimum wage without upsetting the university’s budget. He proposes a slight increase in merchandising, concessions and parking for sporting events. Sporting events bring in nearly \$3 million dollars in revenue and a slight increase would cover the cost of a higher wage for students.

Another main point of their platform is working with the Wood County Health Department to distribute COVID-19 vaccines which would help students return to classrooms and events next fall semester.

Gil feels that his role as vice president would be one of providing support for the president and helping advise the Student Senate. Because of his three years of working with the administration and other members of USG, he feels they “would be able to immediately go to work.”

Chase Williams and Brenden Dean

Chase Williams, a third year flight technology and operations major, has been a part of Undergraduate Student Government for the three years he has attended BGSU as the McDonald Hall Senator his first year, the College of Technology Senator for the past two years and the Internal Affairs chair for USG this past year.

Brenden Dean, a third year political science major with minors in military science and economics. He has participated in USG as the Military Student Senator during which he promoted reforms to the

meal plan system.

Williams and Dean’s campaign for USG President and Vice President consists of three main issues the two students want to address if elected.

The first is mental health and the expansion of BGSU’s mental health resources.

“We want to really increase the marketing and support for the counseling center. We have a great counseling center and we feel like they need more support,” Williams said.

The second idea for their campaign is to help undergraduate students connect with BGSU alumni to network and foster relationships with them. They hope to create an app, similar to Handshake and Indeed, solely for BGSU students and graduates to

connect them with alumni in their field to help students secure internships and jobs upon graduation.

Finally, they want to be a voice for all undergraduate students.

“Whatever a student says is a problem, we want to work to get that fixed right away. After all, we’re paying to be here and we want every student’s experience to be what they want,” Williams said.

Both Williams and Dean see themselves as good Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates based on their previous leadership experiences.

Williams has been involved with USG for three years, and prior to running for President, assisted his friend, a previous

USG President, with their campaign and their duties as President.

Dean believes himself to be a good choice for Vice President for the same reason, his experience. Prior to coming to BGSU, Dean was involved in Boy Scouts from a young age, and more recently, he was in the National Honor Society and Key Club in high school.

“With all that momentum, I was really able to hit the ground running when joining BGSU’s community with my first major leadership role as the hall council President of McDonald Hall. Continuing to feel what a Falcon is on campus and that drive to build up this community has really inspired me to give back and I feel that this is the best position to do,” Dean said. ■

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Hallie Cunningham and Aarian Lynn

Hallie Cunningham, a third year pre-law and political science major with a minor in ethnic studies, has been a part of for the past three years, as the Military Student Senator her first year and the Chief of Staff for the past two years.

Aarian Lynn is a second year student at BGSU with a political science, pre-law major and a minor in international business. Lynn has been a part of USG for both of her two years at BGSU. Last year, she was a Residence Life Senator and this year she was asked to sit as the Director of University Affairs.

Cunningham and Lynn's campaign has four main priorities. The first is amplifying the voice of Black and Indigenous people of color by working alongside the Director of Diversity Affairs to host different events such as a monthly University Round Table meeting that would consist of different identity-based groups on campus.

"Maybe in place of an Executive Board meeting once a month, we could do meetings with the Black Student Union, Latino Student Union and other identity-based student groups as a way to make sure USG keeps their groups in mind in their work," Cunningham said.

She also mentions creating a way for USG to consistently communicate with students and vice versa. One idea is to work with Falcon Media to create a permanent forum for students to easily express issues and concerns with USG.

Their second priority is to continue supporting students through the COVID-19 pandemic by meeting frequently with Chief Health Officer Ben Batey.

The third is increasing student engagement with USG. Not many students are aware of USG, let alone what their work is. Cunningham and Lynn intend to create a monthly newsletter to help students better understand the goals of USG. A usg@bgsu.

edu email is also in the works for students to have easy access to communication with their representatives.

The final priority is to increase accessibility for all by working alongside the Office of Accessibility Services to ensure students are receiving the help they need to access the same education as their peers, ensuring that the counseling center remains accessible to all and promoting other centers like the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Multicultural Resource Center and the Title IX Office.

Cunningham built the position of Military Student Senator from the ground up and feels that she truly learned the ins and outs of USG. Not only does she think she has a great understanding of USG, Cunningham believes her previous leadership roles, both within USG and other campus groups and communities, have prepared her to lead USG.

Despite being the youngest candidate on

the ballot, Lynn believes she would do well in the role of USG Vice President because of her experiences with diversity related issues, not just race related problems but issues including differently abled students and LGBTQ+ students. Lynn has sat as the Director of University Affairs at BGSU, volunteered in Cincinnati with NAACP and done community outreach projects in Bowling Green, Cincinnati and the Philadelphia area.

"With this executive board experience, especially as a woman of color, and being able to sit in these different seats with people who make big decisions and to be able to already have that practice advocating on behalf of other students, I feel like I could bring that, as Vice President, to be able to further amplify the voices of people at BGSU," Lynn said. ■

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8. "Your majesty"

9. A level in a building

10. Noteworthy

11. Poplar tree

12. Backsides

13. Flies alone

21. Armor

25. Spike

26. Sounds of reproof

27. District

28. Not stiff

29. Free-enterprise

34. Dark-colored, igneous rocks

36. Police action

37. Feudal worker

38. Observed

40. Anagram of "Dome"

42. Swift

45. Hard rubber

48. Get cozy

51. To yield or submit

52. Avoid

53. Dossiers

55. Impudent

58. On the road

59. French for "Head"

60. Colored part of an eye

61. Leer at

62. Catches

ACROSS

1. To terrify (archaic)

6. To tax or access

10. Whacks

14. More pleasant

15. Leave out

16. River of Spain

17. Jibe

18. Roman emperor

19. Lunch or dinner

20. From that time on

22. Countertenor

23. Sandwich shop

24. Exit

26. After-bath powder

30. Martini ingredient

31. Long-haired wild ox

32. Murres

33. Chilled

35. Fees for buses

39. Storm

41. On leave (military)

43. Flavorful

44. Peddle

46. Connects two points

47. 2,000 pounds

49. Spelling contest

50. Biblical garden

51. Slander

54. Mining finds

56. Wicked

57. State of being clean

63. Timbuktu country

64. Blockhead

65. Twilled fabric

66. Midmonth date

67. Tardy

68. Supporting column

69. Check

70. Visual organs

71. Affirmatives

ANSWERS

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