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THE BGN NEWS

FRIDAY

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

MARCH 4, 1983

NEWS IN BRIEF

Asian night

Two bamboo poles clack together and separate, leaving a momentary space for the foot that steps between them. The foot is not withdrawn in time, and the poles meet again, painfully sandwiching the ankle.

A troupe of Filipino Tinkling dancers from Toledo will risk their ankles tonight, at Asian Nite.

The yearly program, sponsored by the World Student Association, tries to introduce Asian culture to American students, according to emcee Steven Thong.

The evening will begin with the "Asian Welcome," a national dress parade of students from eight countries. Couples will walk on stage in the Forum, Student Services Building, and greet the audience in their native language.

Later, students and faculty will perform songs and dances from Malaysia, Sri Lanka, China, Korea and the Philippines. A slide show will introduce Americans to northern China.

Japanese students will present a skit on the Oniyai matchmaking customs of their country.

"You know, back in the old days the parents did all the matchmaking. They got them (the couple) together on a specific day, and they would let their parents know whether they liked each other," Thong, a sophomore chemistry major, said.

The Japanese customs will continue with a group of students, clad in bath towels, demonstrating the Japanese method of bathing.

Two months ago, WSA members began preparing for the event by asking for volunteers. Coffeehouses, WSA meetings and word of mouth encouraged people to participate. Student and faculty volunteers will supply all food and costumes, cutting costs for WSA, Thong said.

"It's not really expensive (to WSA)," Thong said, "because the only cost is in the equipment, stage and props."

Several years ago, Asian Nite was a nameless festival celebrated on the Chinese New Year. Now it is as important as WSA's other activities, such as Latin American Nite or European Nite, according to Thong.

"You can make friends from all over the world," he said.

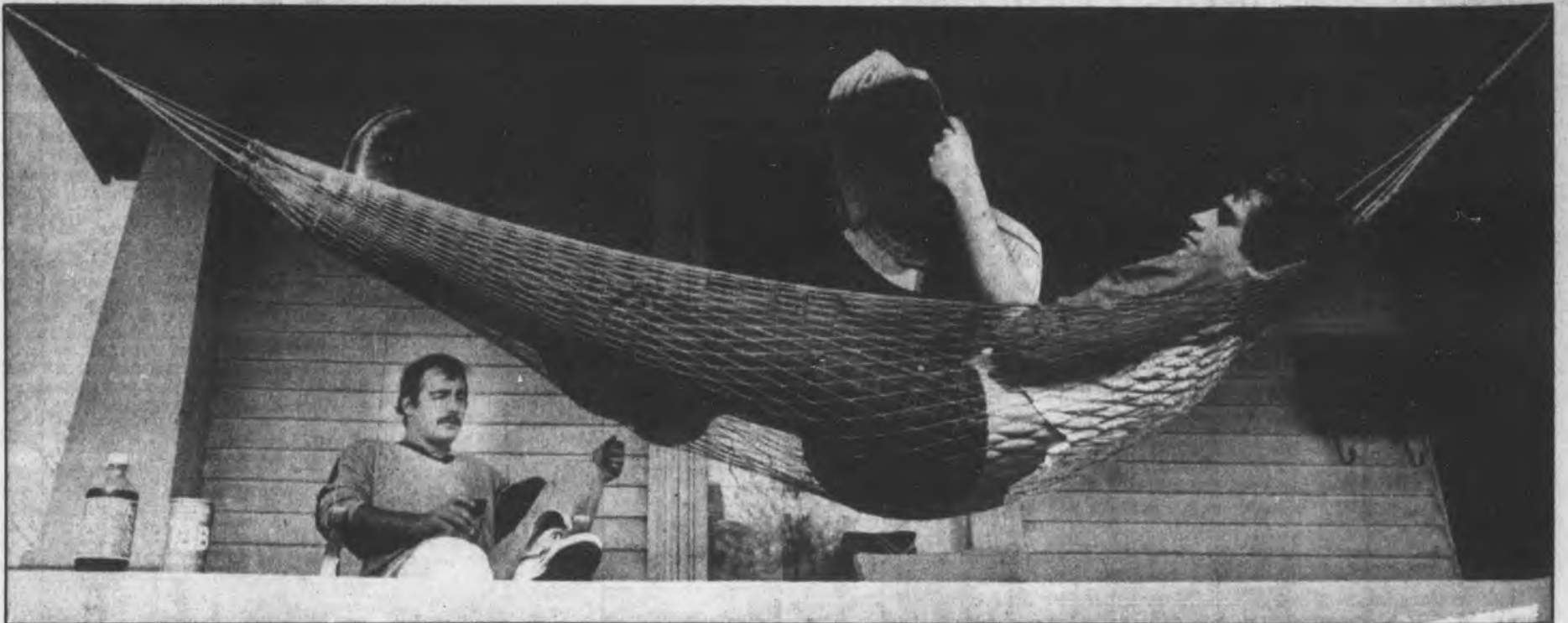
Owens may run

TOLEDO (AP) - Toledo City Councilman Donna Owens says she's considering running for mayor and has scheduled a March 30 fund-raising event.

"Although I am not announcing my candidacy for mayor at this time, I am certainly leaning in that direction," Owens said Wednesday. She said her formal declaration of candidacy is planned for April. The filing deadline for candidates is July 15.

Weather

Partly cloudy today with a chance of rain. High in the low 70s. Increasingly cloudy tonight with a low in the mid-40s.



Hanging Out!

Michael Feeney, junior computer science major, hangs in a hammock on the front porch of his house, 309 Wooster St., yesterday as Michele Forsythe, junior psychology major, keeps him company. Both University students were relaxing and enjoying the record high temperature of 71 degrees.

BG News Photo/Patrick Sandor

U.S. sends more military advisers

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is sending more military advisers to El Salvador and is "going to do everything that we are able to do" to prevail in the guerrilla war there, the State Department said yesterday.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said the government will increase the number of advisers to its self-imposed ceiling of 55 from the average of 37 in the past year and the 45 there now, and he left open the possibility of sending more later.

Once the maximum is reached, he said, "that would be the time to look at the possibility of going beyond that."

Meanwhile, three Congressional Republicans broke ranks with the administration and urged that military aid to El Salvador be cut off unless the Central American government agrees to negotiate an end to the war.

In other developments, an undersecretary of state testified that the administration's prediction that the Salvadoran army could run out of ammunition in 30 days is based on maximum use in far heavier fighting than is going on now.

IN LOS ANGELES, deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes

said: "As far as combat troops, rule them out. As far as advisers, our initial plan is to move it to 55 and see how that works."

Hughes said the Salvadoran guerrillas have seized the psychological initiative in the war and there is a pressing need for the United States to provide the military aid it thinks the Salvadorans must have to "put the guerrillas on the defensive" again.

A Defense Department official, speaking on the condition that he not be identified, said the United States is "absolutely not" considering changing the role of American trainers.

"In no way do we want to place trainers in a position to become involved in combat," he said.

A State Department official, who likewise insisted on anonymity, said a decision is likely within the next several days, after consultations with Congress, on whether to seek specific congressional approval for \$60 million in additional military aid for El Salvador this year, or take the money from a special emergency fund.

REAGAN WILL confer today in California with Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on the situation in

El Salvador, which is causing increasing worry within the administration.

Calls for an end to U.S. military aid to El Salvador unless the government attempts to negotiate an end to the fighting were made by Sens. Mark Hatfield of Oregon and David Durenberger of Minnesota and Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa.

"We hope you will give serious consideration to this Republican initiative," Hatfield, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Leach said in a letter to Reagan that they released as they introduced their bill.

Students must listen beyond teachers' accents

by June Remley
staff reporter

American students who complain "My instructor doesn't speak English" may need to listen more closely, according to Dr. Charles Holland, chairman of the mathematics and statistics department.

In a department with large numbers of foreign instructors, Holland said some students complain about their instructors' accents.

"The most typical thing that happens is that the student is counseled to stay on (in the class) for a few weeks, and the situation does get better," Holland said. "The first few days are difficult, but after week one or two they start hearing the accent better."

Before being admitted to the graduate college, foreign graduate stu-

dents must pass the TOEFL exam (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Once admitted, they must take other tests measuring their knowledge of English grammar, vocabulary, writing and oral skills.

Depending on test results, they may take from two to eight hours of English 500, English as a foreign language. A student who does not pass English 500 must repeat the course.

"SOME FOREIGN instructors feel pulled into the course and think they don't need it, but they do need it," Dr. Anil Soni, mathematics and statistics, said. Soni arrived at the University in 1977 as a graduate assistant from India.

Andrzej Pietowski, a graduate assistant in mathematics and statistics, said the course could be improved to

suit the needs of people from different countries.

"People from Asia have trouble saying some letters. People from Europe have problems with accent," Pietowski said.

Dr. Wallace Pretzer, coordinator of the English as a foreign language program, said he is involved in screening students. Besides teaching English 500, he makes recommendations to the graduate college, which issues teaching contracts, and the department which could hire the student.

"You can't make any clear evaluation about their spoken English," Pretzer said, "but you can get an impression from test scores."

For example, a weak listening score indicates that student should not teach at the outset of his graduate

career, Pretzer said. He would report this to the graduate college and the student's department.

OCCASIONALLY, a department or the graduate college will choose not to follow his recommendation.

"If a department needs a person to teach, a person to fill that slot, that department will most probably do that, and I cannot keep that student from teaching," Pretzer said.

If a student's communication skills do not qualify him as a teacher, the department will confer with Pretzer and set up alternate duties for the student.

"They all wish to improve their English, but they sometimes don't have time," Pretzer said, adding that a student's graduate classes may take priority over English courses.

State employees to lose jobs

Layoffs might improve operations

COLUMBUS (AP) - State officials said yesterday they don't think the public will notice when 1,500 state workers lose their jobs this spring, and one administration official said some of the layoffs will actually "improve the operation."

Paul Costello, press secretary for Gov. Richard Celeste, said about 1,500 state employees will lose their jobs starting in early May as a means of saving \$18 million. Costello said the employee cut would be the largest in state history.

William Denihan, chief of the state's Personnel Division, said the majority of the 1,500 affected jobs will be abolished. But Denihan said he had no exact figure.

William Sykes, director of the Department of Administrative Services, said none of the jobs to be abolished are now vacant.

"So these, unfortunately, will be actual people," Sykes said.

There are about 57,000 state employees.

DENIHAN SAID the cuts were likely to hit the departments of Men-

tal Health and Mental Retardation harder than others, primarily because those agencies are among the state's largest. He said the departments of taxation, development, welfare and employment services would not be affected because they provide what the administration considers to be vital services.

Because the cuts will be in administrative areas, Denihan said most state residents would not notice.

"The average citizen will not see any immediate delay in benefits or services to them," he said.

Bob Johnson of the Communications Workers of America, which represents about 3,000 state employees with membership concentrated in the mental health and mental retardation departments, said he hoped patient care won't suffer because of the layoffs.

"I guess the major concern is that they do it fairly," Johnson said. "We feel that the patients need the workers there more than they need the supervisors."

Jim Bruney, a spokesman for the Department of Mental Health, said

the agency had already announced the abolishment of more than 300 jobs at three developmental centers because the number of patients has decreased.

IF ADDITIONAL layoffs are required, he said, the department would try to make as many as possible among administrators. Bruney said about 365 of the department's 7,171 employees are in central or regional offices.

Sykes said 124 of his department's 1,226 employees would lose their jobs due to the cutback, but he denied that department operations would be hurt. "I think it will improve the operation," he said. "There was some inflation of personnel that will be addressed."

Helen Schoepner, public affairs coordinator for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said AFSCME had no immediate information on how the layoffs would affect the 4,000 state workers it represents.

Jail renovation may have to wait

by Carolyn Van Schaik
staff reporter

Wood County officials may have to wait three years or longer to get county jail facilities up to state minimum standards, John Ault, Wood County Commissioner said yesterday.

The problem, according to Ault, is most of the county jails in the state failed to meet existing prison standards established in 1980, and money appropriated by the state to improve conditions will not be enough for all the county jails involved.

"Fifty million dollars have been set aside over a three year period," Ault said. "Everyone is going to try to get that money."

Ault added that "very few (jails) meet the standards - just the new ones. There are only two (jails) that I'm aware of that have been built since the new standards came out."

The monies to improve county jails were set aside after Ohio established prison standards.

"The state of Ohio didn't have any standards before 1980," Ault said.

He added that the problems with county jails recently have been addressed because many Ohio facilities are not being maintained.

"JUST BECAUSE a building is old is no reason for it to be filthy dirty," Ault said.

Wood County Sheriff George Ginter said the Wood County jail is in the best shape that can be expected.

"Since I've been sheriff, I've done almost everything possible that can be done to that jail," Ginter said, adding "the jail the way it stands now will never meet state standards."

According to Ault, "As far as the outside structure, there's nothing wrong with it (the county jail). The problem is the existing walls that can't be moved or removed."

Ault also said that, among other things, the jail is overcrowded and is not equipped with enough exits.

As yet, the state has not forced a renovation date upon county jails because most of them would not be able to meet it, he said.

"All of us (the counties) are pretty much in the same boat," Ault said, adding that they have no

relief possibilities from state prisons because "all the state facilities are filled up and they don't meet the standards either."

ACCORDING to Ginter, there realistically could be an even bigger problem ahead. When the new mandatory three-day sentence for drunk drivers goes into effect March 16, the jails could become even more crowded.

Ginter has considered a halfway house for drunk drivers to serve their mandatory sentences. This would alleviate the overcrowding and prevent drunk drivers from serving time with more hardened criminals, he said.

"It's not a bad idea (a halfway house). I think it's feasible," Ginter said. "Most people (drunk people) are just plain, good people. They're just a little drunk."

Should the state set a date for all existing jails to be repaired, both Ault and Ginter said the county would be in trouble because the necessary funds would have to come from the community.

"The ordinary citizens aren't too concerned about jails," Ginter said adding that "it's hard to raise the money."

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Improvements could put Union in the black

The University Union, like many of the students who frequent its brick walls, is in debt.

Yesterday's News carried an article in which Dr. Richard Eakin, vice provost for planning and budgeting, was quoted as saying the Union has a debt of \$1.7 million - a debt which we think is unjustified. With four dining places, 24 motel rooms, a ballroom and a number of conference rooms, the Union should be a potential money-maker instead of loser. And perhaps it would be, if the potential of the Union were developed.

We think there are ways of turning the Union into a money-maker, but in order to accomplish this goal the University first needs to invest money into making it a place where students, townspeople and visitors want to spend time (and money).

As long as the Falcon's Nest continues to have the atmosphere of a truckstop diner, it's doubtful its patronage will increase; in fact the number of frequenters will probably decrease even more.

While the atmosphere of the Cardinal Room may be somewhat more desirable than the Nest, its hours are less than accommodating. Unless faculty members or students visit the Union between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. they are unable to dine in the Cardinal Room.

Parents and visitors may be more likely to stay in the Union Motel while visiting the campus if 1) they were made aware of its existence, and 2) if the rooms were modernized and less stuffy.

We acknowledge that the Union does make good use of its conference rooms and ballroom by lending them to on-campus groups and renting them to outside organizations. However, those responsible for the Union should not overlook the great potential the Union restaurants and motel have.

A look at the success and variety of other state universities' unions makes us think a successful revenue-raising union is a possibility at the University.

When the administration is finalizing plans on the renovation of the Union Sidedoor to the Apple computer laboratory, and the Browsing Room to the interior design laboratory, we suggest they also spend the money needed to turn the rest of the Union into a positive-looking (and tasting) place.

1984 promises a plethora of Orwell

We are all going to overdose on Orwell. It started, for some, in the fall of 1980, when freshmen in high schools and colleges everywhere braced

quiet expression of debt to G.K. Chesterton, one of whose fantasy novels takes place in that year, and another of whose novels gave Orwell his main plot-twist. But he was not writing a science fiction novel or prediction, as H.G. Wells had. It is as foolish to fit Orwell's plot to a specific time as it would be to locate Spenser's "The Faerie Queen" in a specific locale. Allegory goes elsewhere to find here: it goes backward or forward in time to arrive at now; it describes the human condition. Orwell wrote his book in 1948, which was 1984. It is always 1984.

COMMENTARY

by Gary Wills

At Yale, incoming freshmen are greeted with a directory they call "The Facebook" - brief background descriptions of every new student, with a picture if the student answered a letter soliciting it. Since some regularly fail to send their pictures in, their spots are traditionally filled with a single repeated face. The year before the 1980 entry date, the repeated face had been Linda Ronstadt's. In 1980, of course, the face was Orwell's.

The sight of that facebook came back to me with - yes, Orwellian - insistence as I thought of the repetitive sessions ahead of us as 1984 impends, arrives and trails off from us. Orwell's own face may come to hypnotize us like the omnipresent posters of his no-character, "Big Brother." I have already been invited to speak on three Orwell panels during the year 1984 - which means that hundreds of them must be on the drawing boards.

The political campaign of 1984 will be scrutinized endlessly for signs that Big Brother is running for office (a thing that the "real" Big Brother could never do). All the evils that come along with each new year will be taken as signs that 1984 is, indeed, "1984." But it is important to the quandary of Orwell's hero, Winston Smith, that he does not know for sure that it is 1984, even in the novel of that name.

Orwell chose the year 1984 as a

Thus the worst part of the "Orwell year" will be tendentious reading of the novel as an attack on the left or on the right. As Orwell himself said, he was attacking both, to get at something bigger. The brainwasher of the novel puts it this way: "The German Nazis and the Russian Communists came very close to use in their methods."

But to forswear one-sided readings is not to deny the novel of all relevance, now as yesterday, or as tomorrow. Last night, for instance, I heard a sign-off sermonette in which the minister said, "The Lord was a peacemaker." That is a word poisoned now by its Orwellian application to the MX missile.

And our own government, to whose propaganda we are more exposed than to any other country's, now wants to register those who dare to show political movies out of Canada, labeling these dangerous thoughts "foreign propaganda." This is thought control, of course - but not because 1984 is imminent. What these and other frightened moves of our government show is that we are moving backward to the time of Joseph McCarthy - to the time when Orwell's novel had just appeared. You don't have to wait for 1984. Orwell didn't.

Gary Wills is a columnist for the Universal Press Syndicate.

POW credits faith for survival

Seventeen years ago, United States Navy Captain Gerald L. Coffee died - yet he lived to tell about it.

COMMENTARY

by Carolyn Van Schaik

Coffee, an American prisoner in Hanoi, refers to the day he was captured by the North Vietnamese in 1966 as the day he was killed.

Through the many experiences of his seven year imprisonment - ejection from the cockpit of his nose-diving plane at 680 mph, as well as his struggles to survive for all those years in a cell that Coffee said "reeked of the human misery that had been there before me." - he managed to emerge from the experiences with some valuable lessons which he chose to share.

I had the opportunity to hear Captain Coffee speak at the Ohio Newspaper Association Convention in Columbus and felt his message was powerful enough to bring home.

Coffee told conventioners that survival, whether it be in that foreign world or in familiar surroundings, depends on faith; not just faith in God, but in one's self, one another, and in one's country.

The message Coffee delivered was one that moved me when I heard it and I believe it will be there to encourage my personal faith during those

times when I think all my faith may be gone.

Coffee said his faith was tested often during his incarceration. His life depended on maintaining great faith throughout his ordeal. He said that one had to have great faith to tell the enemy as little as possible, to bounce back from trauma, and to endure.

This man has endured more than most of us have experienced in our nightmares, yet he has remained an inspiration. He has chosen not to dwell on the dismal parts of his past, but to study and share what he felt permitted him to endure - faith.

To Coffee, faith meant having the strength to challenge his mind and his body continually; hoping that someday he would be free.

While imprisoned, he and the other prisoners often spent hours enriching their knowledge of foreign languages, as well as creating and reciting poetry.

"It's incredible how much you can memorize when you have nothing else to do," he said.

The most amazing aspect of Coffee's presentation was his display of the prisoners' communication techniques. He and the prisoners in the camp, many of which he never saw, managed to stay in contact with each other and be available for support during times of need.

The method of communication they used was what Coffee called "tap code." This language was taught to each new prisoner secretly since they

were not allowed to speak to one another. It enabled every American man to communicate with and understand the other prisoners. Coffee demonstrated the fascinating language before the audience by tapping out such messages as "God Bless" and "good night." According to Coffee, this type of communication, although dangerous, solicited "strength and sustenance from continuity."

The extreme lengths these men went to just to communicate leads me to believe that communication is far more important than most of us will ever realize. While many of us are too afraid or 'proud' to speak to one another, it is inspiring to see someone risk so much to be there for someone else.

Coffee's speech was designed to explain that even people of today's American society can survive during the hard times the country is facing. He stressed that communication and faith are keys to success and strength.

"We are so much tougher than we give ourselves credit for," he said.

That quote probably means more to me than any other part of the speech. That one line expresses what Coffee found out the hard way and what I wish every one of us can realize without having to suffer.

According to Coffee, with all their struggles and difficulties behind them, he and the other American POW's "were proud to serve our country in very difficult adverse times."

Since his return to the United States in 1973, Coffee has, among other things, earned a masters degree in political science and graduated from the National War College in Washington D.C. Currently, he serves on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet stationed in Hawaii.

As I sit and recall all the things I find to complain about each day - studying, daily workouts, letter-writing - I can't help but think my bitching is so trivial. What are minor details in a lifetime. I explode into supreme sacrifices while someone else, another Col. Coffee craves the chance to enjoy my "sacrifices."

When someone can say he was proud to serve his country during such misery-ridden times, I can only be led to believe that he has the inner faith and self assurance I for one only dream about.

This man's faith has amazed me; but, the misery of his past scares me. We as a generation have been fortunate enough to have avoided such misery, conflict and turmoil thus far. This good fortune of ours is something we should be ever thankful for. Although some of us have loved ones to war, we have been free from the violence and isolation that war represents for the millions of people who have been there.

We can't ever tell ourselves our lives are bad.

Carolyn Van Schaik is a staff reporter for the News.

Only neurotics sun bathe in March

The unseasonably mild winter this year has heaped upon us some mixed blessings. It's nice not to have to walk a mile to campus in three feet of snow,

HUMOR

by Karen Sandstrom

but spring also has brought the crazies out into public.

For instance, the woman stretching her bikini bod on Mac Beach three days ago was a job too tough even for Pepto Bismol. She layed out her yellow beach towel, twisted the cap off the Ban de Soleil and rubbed orange oil all over a crop of well-toned goosebumps. Not only have the horns and lack of motivation returned, so have those strange creatures, The Sunbathers.

Ironic, how last week, while my parents appreciated the lazy melting of snow in eastern Pennsylvania, I was privileged enough to see the first

of the oil-clad neurotics slip out from under their doors, radios in hand, to drink in the sun's warmth and spur the growth of cancer in their brownning bodies.

Frisbee players and their pets frolicking in front of University Hall have an excuse if they happen to get a little brown; they're having a good time and getting exercise.

But sunbathing in March just doesn't cut it as a sport.

In August, sunbathing at least affords the possibility to lose 10 pounds in sweat quickly. It's a painful and boring process due to the hideous humidity, wherein you conceivably might drown in your own perspiration, but there isn't much else to do anyway.

But, let's face it, neurotics. The first week of March is not conducive to parading about in glorified underwear trying to get a tan.

What exactly are these people freezing themselves for? True, spring break, the time when tan-mongers swarm the beaches of Daytona, is

coming. The neurotics, it would follow, are spending \$400 to drive south and get a tan.

Even if it was justifiable to drive two days to drink sand-ridden margaritas and wish you never had to return to Ohio, logic goes no further than this.

Sun Neurotics lay out now, in scenic Bowling Green, to get a tan so they can go south later and get a better tan.

"Well, you don't want to go out on the beach looking like a ghost," one friend tells me.

I guess the idea is to flaunt alluring tan lines to members of the opposite sex while you're down there. But who else is going to have a tan in March? Only people who live there, and they probably have as much interest in mingling with tourists as New Yorkers do.

It is a depressing fact that in this society, sunbathing is beginning to be accepted not for the passive and slovenly activity it is (a sunbather's face, it's been noted, often reflects the

same insightful expression seen on the face of a prize hog) but as the active pursuit of bodily perfection. This, to the point where we have to drag striped skivvies out of mothballs in March to achieve true oneness with nature.

Along the same lines as the black rights, gay rights and women's rights movements, I propose SNSA (students with natural skin anonymous). Together, we all can go forth to trash our aluminum foil blankets, give up searching for the perfect shelter from BG breezes and expose our alabaster legs with pride at Good Times Week-end.

Willing participants are urged to abandon closet sunbathing hatred, and admit their disdain. Meetings will be held at high noon, indoors rain or shine. Anyone with golden skin and tan lines will be immediately eliminated. Aloha.

Karen Sandstrom is a senior journalism major graduating in May. She is News Editor for the BG News.

LETTERS

Love leaves mark throughout history

Love has a beautifully strange way of getting to the heart of this person. Once there, it becomes a motive that pushes me out of bed in the morning. It constantly beckons me, challenging me to transform into the values that I hold to be a very real part of me. It replaces my vanity with meaning and gives hope that I may be fully alive right now.

Love also brings with it a very real sense of identity. After seeing the movie "Ghandi" I somehow feel related to the man. I begin to think that maybe my feeble attempts at loving others right here in little Bowling Green are very much worthwhile; that maybe I can discover and unleash my potential to love while being committed to truth as Ghandi was. This compassionate man was in love with his perception of God and this is how I feel related to him. Though we both invaded the history of time at different intervals I too am trying to make my every move stem from the motive of loving my neighbor.

Come to think of it, I felt this same sense of identity when learning about the life of St. Francis. This union also accompanied me as my mind embraced Martin Luther King's life. In the midst of the Nazi holocaust a little Jewish girl wrote in her diary of a world where people could unclench their fists to join hands together. I'd swear that I've known her.

It is through lives such as these that I reflect on my own and as I do I see a line of love cutting across our history. A line made indelible by the human potential of loving inside all of us. But I also hear gun shots as the words "Oh God" echo inside my mind.

Paul John OCMB 3148

Library article theft hinders research effort

It was bound to happen. Everyone hears about vandalism in the library, but no one seems to care. I didn't care much either, until now.

Two weeks ago, I began shopping around for a topic for my English 112 research paper. While searching, I came across two articles in the Saturday Evening Post of September 1981. I was looking for something that had to do with nuclear energy. Much to my surprise, the articles in this magazine were entitled "For Nuclear Energy" and "Against Nuclear Energy." Perfect. Exactly what I was looking for.

But now, two weeks later, I come back to the library to get copies of these articles because I decided to use them in my paper. You guessed it - they were gone. Torn out.

I hope the person that did this got the information that he/she needed. Does this person know that it would have cost a whole 20¢ to have the two articles photocopied? This person should also know that he/she has deprived me of information that could very well have been the foundation of my paper. . . thanks. (By the way, if I've made you feel guilty, you can send me the articles. Or, if you can scrape up 20¢, photocopy them for me.

Don Wallick 127 Prout Hall

Stolen pitcher at Uptown ruins night

We are so outraged by an incident that took place Feb. 26 that we feel compelled to write this letter.

My roommate and I went to the

Uptown bar that night. We hadn't been there in a while and were really looking forward to it. We met some friends there and while my roommate was dancing, my friend and I decided to walk around. We were gone for about two minutes at the most. When we returned, the pitcher of beer that my roommate had just bought with my only \$3 was gone.

Unfortunately, it had never occurred to me that leaving a full pitcher of beer alone for two minutes would cause someone at the next booth to steal it. Which is exactly what happened.

A girl my roommate didn't even know went up to her and told her she just saw this guy at the table next to us take our pitcher. So the girl and my roommate went up to this guy and asked for our pitcher back. He denied everything.

So then, they went and got three bouncers. The bouncers proceeded to question the girl who had eyewitnessed the incident and also questioned the bartender who recognized my roommate as having bought a pitcher a few minutes earlier.

The guys still denied it. But then they offered the bouncer \$2, not that they were guilty or anything - why else would they offer \$2. So the bouncer said he had "inconclusive evidence" to get us another pitcher or throw these guys out. "Inconclusive evidence" - do they need a videotape or what? When my roommate turned down the offer of \$2 - by then it was the principle of the thing - the bouncer proceeded to lecture her on the "amazing things that happen in life."

The only amazing thing to me is that someone can steal a pitcher from us in plain view of other people and nothing will happen to them. Needless to say, we will not be going into Uptown again. Never have we ever known another bar where we had to chain ourselves to our beer to make sure no one took it.

Cindy Miller Amy Johnson 424 Darrow

RESPOND

The BG News Opinion Page is the campus forum for comments regarding articles in The News or important issues concerning the University and its community.

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Temporary employment proposed Civil servants oppose Social Security plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House marched toward virtually certain approval yesterday of at least \$4.6 billion in recession relief, enough to provide temporary employment for nearly 1 million people as well as food and shelter for the most needy.

The plan was attached to \$5 billion in funds needed to assure continued payment of unemployment benefits. Together, these provisions constitute the first major anti-recession initiative of the 98th Congress that took office two months ago.

The Senate is expected to approve its own, slightly less expensive legislation next week. President Reagan, after abandoning earlier opposition to such a jobs bill, has signaled he will probably sign the measure when it reaches his desk.

As debate opened on the House measure yesterday, the bill drew sharp criticism from Republicans who complained about "pork barrel" provisions that funneled funds to the districts of influential House members, as well as from Democratic liberals who complained the bill didn't do enough to deal with the long recession.

"IF YOU want to vote for pork, this is it," Rep. Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, said.

"This bill is a frenzied feeding at the public trough," agreed Rep. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

Countered Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, "A man that handles a national program and leaves the district out, he better not go

back home."

Other opposition came from liberal Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., who complained the measure provided too little for those in need and suggested a \$30 billion or \$40 billion package of relief instead.

"To call this a jobs bill in March of 1983 is to mislead millions of people out of work and millions more who will wind up out of work," Conyers said.

But Rep. William Ratchford, D-Conn., arguing a point of view shared by many Democrats, said, "We need this bill as a start, we need this bill as a signal."

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill has promised other Democrats there will be other anti-recession proposals to vote on later in the year, probably including health care for the unem-

ployed and assistance for farmers and homeowners faced with mortgage foreclosure.

THE CURRENT legislation is estimated to provide temporary jobs for almost 1 million people. The equivalent of 400,000 jobs on an annual basis will be created directly and indirectly, according to Democratic estimates.

The measure includes \$1.25 billion in Community Development Block Grants to local units of government as well as \$500 million in humanitarian assistance such as food and shelter.

Most of the rest of the funds will go for public works projects such as transportation facilities, repair of public buildings and improvements in parks, forestland and flood control.

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the Social Security rescue plan sailing through Congress, federal workers' unions appear headed for a bitter defeat in their fight to keep future civil servants from being forced to join the system.

In a capital accustomed to political arm-twisting, the federal and postal workers unions have mounted a loud, costly lobbying drive that some critics think has boomeranged.

The unions have made some headway in opposing a separate Reagan administration plan to make drastic changes in the civil service retirement system, which the administration says cannot meet the cost of promised benefits amounting to more than a half-trillion dollars.

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has rejected President Reagan's civil service reforms and his call for a one-year freeze on workers' pay and retirees' benefits.

BUT THE bipartisan Social Security rescue bill, which was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee 32-3 on Wednesday, would force all new federal workers hired as of Jan. 1, 1984, into Social Security. It

would also include members of Congress, the president, his Cabinet and several thousand other top elected or appointed federal officials.

Although it would not save the government any money overall, the switch would bring \$9.3 billion into Social Security's ailing old age trust fund through 1989.

The \$165 billion package would curb so-called windfall benefits for career civil servants who also qualify for Social Security on the side, but it makes no other direct changes in their current pension system.

The full House will take up the Social Security bill on Wednesday and passage by a lopsided margin is virtually certain.

Several thousand mail carriers trooped through the halls of Congress this week, buttonholing lawmakers. Current and retired federal workers have also turned out in force at meetings.

"I think they've hurt their own cause," Rep. William Thomas, R-Calif., a Republican member of Ways and Means, said.

But union leaders defend the lobbying blitz and deny that it has hurt their image.

Animal Charities League contributing food to owners of needy pets

YOUNGSTOWN (AP) - Pets accustomed to begging at tables in the unemployment-riddled Mahoning Valley may find it easier to take their act to the local humane society.

The shelves of the Animal Charities League Inc., which in the past had kept only a bit of pet food on hand for emergencies, are now teeming with contributions for its weekly pet food giveaways.

"We saw so many people coming in here with their pets and saying they couldn't afford to feed them that we had to do something," league president Jean Kelty said yesterday.

Since December, the league has collected and given away about 5,000 pounds of pet food. Most of the donations have come from citizens, although one pet food manufacturer

saw a television report about the giveaway and donated 1,000 pounds of dog food and 200 pounds of cat food, Kelty said.

SHE SAID the league has set loose requirements for receipt of the food but it tries to give some food to anyone who asks.

"You no doubt have heard about the outrageous unemployment out here,"

she said. "It's hard to set limits. We try to help the people who have low income or no income. We play it on an ad hoc basis."

Edward Goist, executive director of the league and its only paid employee, said the Wednesday giveaways have attracted about 600 people since they began. He said volunteers try to counsel the people who come for the free food on pet care.

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Church services with sign language

Pastor interprets for the deaf

by Deborah Schmoock reporter

As a former pastor for the deaf, Rev. Larry Harris finds opportunities to use sign language in Northwest Ohio as an interpreter.

Harris, pastor for the University Lutheran Chapel since 1974, served as pastor of Good Shepherd of the Deaf in Toledo before coming to Bowling Green. He became involved with sign language as a college student at Fort Wayne, Ind., but first communicated with the deaf while attending the seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

"Sign language is fasci-

inating," Harris said. He added that body language plays an important part in communication among the deaf.

"A deaf person doesn't watch your hands as much as they watch your face and body movement," he said. "Your facial expression sets the attitude of which you speak."

Harris has had many chances to interpret for the deaf. Most recently, he ministered to members of Good Shepherd of the Deaf when they lacked a pastor from the summer of 1982 until January 1983. The Lutheran Chapel housed a teletype machine at that

time so the deaf could speak with Harris on the telephone.

"WHEN I was a pastor for the deaf, I had to visit members since I couldn't call them on the phone," he said, adding that today most members own a teletype.

Last year Harris interpreted for a deaf cancer patient at Wood County Hospital and during the summer of 1981 he interpreted for a University student. He said the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation also asks for his help to interpret when they are trying to find jobs for the deaf.

"Any pastor for the deaf will spend time in court and go along to doctors to interpret," he said. He said there is a need for interpreters of the deaf in classrooms also.

Sign language is much more rapid and accurate than lip reading for deaf students, he said. However, Harris said a combination of speech reading

and sign language is most appropriate for teaching deaf children.

While serving an internship in the seminary, Harris traveled to New Jersey and preached in deaf congregations 152 times in 21 different cities. He also ministered to people as an intern in the Rochester, N.Y., area and in Texas and Oklahoma.

"MANY WOULD adopt my signs and use my dialects to talk to me rather than correcting my sign language," he said. "In the position of pastor, you become leader and voice for the community."

Learning sign language was like studying a foreign language to Harris. "For me, it was just another language," he said. "I had to have four in the seminary - Latin, German, Greek and Hebrew, and one more was for fun."

Harris said several differences exist between deaf and hearing congregations. He said parishioners will not bow their heads in a deaf church because

they cannot see the minister communicating. Deaf churches also tend to be noisy since the people are not aware of the sounds they make such as shuffling feet, he said.

But the format of a deaf service resembles a hearing service. The service has responsive readings where a lay leader will sign and the congregation members will respond, Harris said. Deaf choirs sign the words of anthems and soloists perform. Some deaf congregations have music to please spouses and children who can hear, he added.

Every third month, Harris takes his turn leading a deaf service held at First English Lutheran in Wapakoneta. Two pastors from Columbus and Toledo lead the service on alternate months.

"It's a worship event and a social event," Harris said. He said in many places he has ministered, church services and potlucks become the primary social events for the deaf.



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Rev. Larry Harris, pastor of the University Lutheran Chapel and Carol Hartman, senior speech and hearing therapy major, are translating speech to sign language.

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Republicans call for new ERA

COLUMBUS (AP) - Voicing surprise that Democrats hadn't already acted, three House Republicans yesterday offered a resolution asking Congress to propose another Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The measure submitted by Assistant House Minority Leader Waldo Bennett, R-Lima; Rep. Joan Lawrence, R-Galena;

and Rep. Jo Ann Davidson, R-Reynoldsburg, carries no force of law.

It asks the Ohio House and Senate to urge Congress to pass the proposed amendment and send it to the states for a second attempt at ratification.

"We're a little surprised, quite frankly, that a resolution has not been introduced by Democratic leaders at this point. We

thought we'd get the ball rolling," Rose told a news conference.

"I have every confidence that Democrats will be happy to support this either by adding their names to the resolution or by introducing one of their own," he said.

Rep. Davidson said the House had ratified the original Equal Rights Amendment 10 years ago with bipartisan support.

"WE BELIEVE Congress should act expeditiously to pass the amendment which has been introduced in the United States Senate and House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support. The need for such an amendment exists just as much, if not more, today as it did then," she said.

Rose said the resolution was not a House Republican caucus issue and that he didn't expect a majority of Republicans in the lower chamber to support it.

"It is a position that is held by a number of Republicans, and we think it

is important to emphasize that there is throughout this country and throughout this state strong Republican support for the Equal Rights Amendment," Rose said.

Rep. Davidson said adoption of the resolution would give Congress and others an assurance of support for the amendment in the states.

"PASSAGE OF this resolution will reaffirm Ohio's support for ratification and send a message to those in Congress that they should act," she said.

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Glenn may announce campaign

NEW CONCORD, Ohio (AP) - U.S. Sen. John Glenn may launch his official campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination from his hometown, a campaign aide said yesterday.

"There are a number of alternatives, and that is one of them," Louise Swartzwalder, deputy press secretary for Glenn's campaign, said.

Some advisers are urging Glenn to officially announce his candidacy in a homey fashion to contrast with other candidates. The specific site might be the gymnasium of John Glenn High School, where Glenn launched his first campaign for Senate in 1970.

New Concord is one of several options to be presented to Glenn by a task force planning his campaign kickoff, Swartzwalder said. Other choices include Columbus and Washington.

CAMPAIGN manager William White said the decision on a site is "deeply personal" and would be made solely by Glenn. The announcement is expected to be made in mid-April and a decision on the site will be made "in a couple of weeks," Swartzwalder said.

Glenn, who was born in Cambridge, moved with his family to New Concord at age two. The town, located in Muskingum County east of Columbus, has a population of 1,858. The main road into town was renamed the John H. Glenn Memorial Highway.

Of the Democrats who have entered the race so far, Sen. Alan Cranston of California made his announcement in the ornate Senate Caucus Room on Capitol Hill; Sen. Gary Hart announced on the steps of the state capitol in Denver; former Vice President Walter Mondale gave his opening speech in the capitol of his native Minnesota, and former Florida Gov. Reuben Askew chose the National Press Club in Washington.

Student 'cooly' drifts downstream

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) - A college student says he remained calm when he found himself adrift on a piece of ice in the Blue Earth River - despite not getting much help from a friend. Eugene Wolf, of Mankato State University, had been tossing a football to a buddy, Joseph Bird, in Sibley Park

on Tuesday, when he decided to hop onto a nearby ice floe on the Blue Earth River.

When the student stepped onto another floe, it broke loose and began floating downstream - with Wolf aboard.

Wolf thought about swimming

ashore but decided against plunging into the icy water. Twenty minutes and two miles later, he was rescued by three city firefighters using a boat.

Police gave Wolf a talking-to before sending him home. "He was cool, very cool, about the whole thing," officer James Schweiss, said.

Wolf, a sophomore from Adrian, Minn., said he didn't panic. "I figured I'd be able to get off once I started heading out of town," he said.

And how did Bird help his friend during the ordeal? "He kept tossing snowballs at me, trying to knock me off," Wolf said.

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Bobby G.

Student's work load keeps him busy

by Laurie Madden
staff reporter

It is said if you want something done you should ask a busy person; Steve Kremer confirms this. By day Kremer is the intern for the Office of Standards and Procedures while, by night, he is the assistant director for Conklin Hall. "Friends say I better cool out, that this is my last semester and I should have fun," he said. But, evidently Kremer has decided not to take his friends advice.

Kremer works about 30 hours each week at Standards and Procedures, he said. His job is mainly dis-

ciplinary; he conducts hearings, interviews and examines educational programs.

When a complaint is filed against a student through Standards and Procedures the first step is to interview the student, he said. At this time Kremer or Dr. Derek Dickinson, director of Standards and Procedures, explains the case and complaint to the student and informs the student of his/her rights.

FOLLOWING the interview, Kremer explained, the student enters a plea of guilty or not-guilty. "If a student pleads guilty I'll give him a dime lecture

and make a sanction, unless it's something serious, but we're usually not dealing with hard-core criminals."

If a student pleads not guilty they must choose between having their case heard by Standards and Procedures or the Student Arbitration Board, he said.

Standards and Procedures works as a hearing officer and is not responsible for investigating the cases or searching for evidence, he said. "We're not the prosecutors."

After hearing the case, Kremer said, he reviews the material presented at the hearing in one to three

days and checks any discrepancies he finds. Before informing the student of his decision, Kremer always presents his decision and the proposed sanction to Dickinson for approval.

"I'm not in there trying to play tough guy, I just want to be fair," Kremer said. He said his decisions have not left him with any student enemies.

"Most people leave saying thank you," he said. "DISCIPLINE is a whole different thing in Standards and Procedures than in a residence hall," Kremer said. "In the residence hall you know your students and their environ-

ment." During his five years at the University, Kremer has been a resident advisor, assistant hall director and hall director.

Kremer received his undergraduate degree from the University in comprehensive social studies and will complete his master's degree this semester in college student personnel.

Upon graduation in May Kremer will take on a new challenge; he will be entering a Catholic seminary. He is completing an extensive application and review process, seeking entrance to the seminary. Although working in

Standards and Procedures and as an assistant hall director may seem like a completely different world from a Catholic seminary, Kremer said they are not.

"They both involve people very strongly and I don't see it as much of a difference," he said. The seminary will last five years and then Kremer will decide whether or not to continue on and become a priest. Kremer said he is not sure of his plans.

"I expect to be successful in whatever I'm doing, but I don't really have long-term goals," he said. "In five years, who knows?"



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Poison substance found in Michigan rivers

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Fish in 10 Michigan rivers are contaminated with dioxin, and similar pollution may exist in the waterways of other heavily industrialized areas around the nation, researchers reported yesterday.

Dioxin, one of the most toxic substances known to man, was the chemical that last month spurred a federal offer to buy out the community of Times Beach, Mo., where the material had been sprayed on local streets.

"There is no reason to believe Michigan is unique," Matthew Zabik, associate director of Michigan State University's Pesticide Research Cen-

ter, where the study was conducted, said.

He said dioxin might be present in soil near industrial areas, too, although "it would be harder to detect."

Dr. Harold Humphrey of the state Health Department's Division of Environmental Epidemiology said preliminary data "would indicate that if testing were done anywhere in the industrialized areas of the United States you could possibly find the same kind of thing."

"IT PROVIDES information we didn't have before," he said. "This is the most widespread sampling that has been done." State officials will study the MSU findings and con-

sider tightening fishing warnings.

Zabik and Swiatoslaw Kaczmar, a graduate student in environmental toxicology who did the research, said Michigan residents should not worry about the levels of dioxin found in the fish.

"We don't have any fear at the levels we're finding," Zabik said. "We personally feel there's no reason not to eat these fish."

But, he said, "it's more widespread than we originally thought."

Zabik said the specific dioxin detected was 2,3,7,8-TCDD, the most toxic of 111 varieties of the chemical.

Dioxin is a suspected cause of cancer and a deadly poison in small doses to animals, although its effect on humans is still uncertain.

The poison is likely present in the rivers in a lower level than in the fish, where it tends to concentrate, Zabik said.

DIOXIN WAS found in the St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Grand, Huron, St. Clair, Chippewa, Pine, Tittabawassee and Saginaw rivers, according to Zabik.

He cautioned that dioxin was found in only some fish, at specific places in the river and at the level tested for. Other stretches of the same river may

show no contamination, while other rivers which appeared clean could have dioxin as yet undiscovered.

Rivers in the northern part of the state appeared to be clean, he said. The study found dioxin levels ranging from 17 parts per trillion to 586 parts per trillion in 90 fish samples from the rivers over the past two years.

The average was about 200 parts per trillion, and half of the fish samples showed no dioxin, Zabik said.

The dioxin levels found in Michigan carp and sucker were "about a 1,000 times less" than that found in the soil of Times Beach.

Instructors

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 "There's little to do about it," Newman said. "It would be better if they (foreign instructors) could get more (language training), but we can't afford it and they can't afford the time."

The chemistry department personnel first considers the graduate student's knowledge of the subject, Newman said. The

student's command of English is not the first priority.

"You're trading off some knowledge of English for knowledge of chemistry," he said. "A person might have an accent, but they might be well-prepared or write very clearly. Again, you might have someone who speaks beautiful English and who is an idiot." GRADUATE assistants

in the chemistry department teach only lab hours which supplement regular lectures. In the math and statistics department, graduate students teach in small courses offering many sections.

If one student remains dissatisfied with his instructor, he may transfer to another section of the course. However, an entire class once appeared in Hol-

land's office with complaints about an instructor who could not adjust culturally to American students. The instructor was given other duties such as grading papers, and the students chose another recitation section, according to Holland.

Soni said he compensates for his accent by pronouncing each word distinctly and writing on the blackboard. Student evaluations let him monitor his teaching performance.

Because students had some initial trouble understanding him, Pietowski

said he encourages students to discuss problems during his office hours.

Some complaints are legitimate, according to Holland, while others are not. "Another thing may be sour grapes. You (the student) didn't do well, so you have to blame it on somebody," Holland said.

"Some people will fail," Pietowski said. "This is normal. They'll circulate the opinion that it was me. It's not fair. I couldn't understand my American teachers because of their accent. But now, when I improve my accent I can say it was my failure, not theirs."

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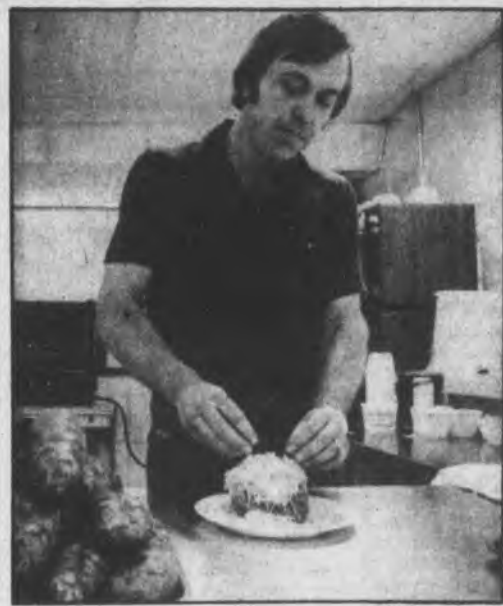
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Al Goshuel

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Bash Riprock's restaurant makes 'bashed potatoes'

by Erin Esmont
staff reporter

He is a short western dude with cowboy boots and spurs. He lives at the "Home of the Bashed Potato." His name is Bash Riprock.

The name and the man is fictional, but what he represents is not. Bash Riprock's is a new restaurant in town located at 128 W. Wooster St.

Al Goshuel, owner of the restaurant, is hoping this business will be as successful as the one he started September 1981 in Oxford, Ohio.

"Bash Riprock's has been well received at Miami (Oxford)," he said. "BG is a similar-sized college as Miami with the same small town."

Goshuel added that he noticed a fair amount of rapport with the students in Miami and Bowling Green.

"Bash is a western character," he said, adding "we hope to promote a friendly, casual atmosphere."

The name of the restaurant, he said, was conceived with the hope that people would be able to remember it. He specu-

lated that the name might have originated with a friend's roommate.

He said the "bashed potato" has been the popular seller in Oxford, yet the menu offers a variety of potato fixings, subs, mexican specialties, salads and side orders.

The restaurant, which opened Saturday, employs one manager, one part-time manager and 30 part-time employees, most of which attend the University, he said.

Bash Riprock's has a dining room and carry-out service as well as delivery runs, he said.

Embezzlement prompts bill to prevent same in future

COLUMBUS (AP) - Ohio's lawmakers are studying a bill that could lessen the risk of thefts and embezzlements by state employees.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Gilmartin, D-Youngstown, wouldn't have prevented the highly publicized embezzlement of \$1.1 million from the state treasurer's office. But it would mean that in the future, state employees could be investigated in advance, with regard to prior criminal convictions, to determine whether they have a record of honesty and integrity.

Gilmartin's bill, which is being heard next week in the House State Government Committee, would permit the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to run background checks on potential state employees.

The Youngstown lawmaker introduced his proposal as a result of a recommendation by Price Waterhouse & Co., a national public accounting firm that verified the protracted embezzlement in the office of former Democratic State Treasurer Gertrude Donahay.

Ironically, the hearings on his bill coincide with the trial of Elizabeth Jane Boerger, former head cashier in the treasurer's office who is accused of stealing the funds over about four years.

JURY SELECTION is expected to begin Monday for Boerger and a private business associate, Robert Yeazell of Springfield, who is accused of receiving stolen state funds.

Neither Boerger, who worked in the treasurer's office for more than nine years, nor Yeazell, who never worked for the state, had prior records.

He added that "we are interested in anyone who even comes close to handling money or is responsible for things of high value."

The veteran Mahoning County lawmaker recalled that in addition to the

Boerger case, the treasurer's office released another employee who previously had been involved in an embezzlement investigation in school board matters in suburban Upper Arlington.

"Some protections are needed for the state. The counties and the cities already do this," he said.

Gilmartin said he feels that his bill is on sound constitutional grounds, although some people have questioned the possibility of invasion of privacy.

Benson Wolman, chief lobbyist for the Ohio American Civil Liberties Union, said he sees no constitutional problems involved, although a minor amendment or two may be needed.

The bill is due to come up for further consideration next Wednesday.

Firefighters accused of arson

DICKSON CITY, Pa. (AP) - A dress factory was damaged. A lumberyard and a department store were burned. Vacant houses were torched.

And authorities say the men who set some of the fires, went back to fight the flames. Eight volunteer firefighters, including the fire chief and captain of Eagle Volunteer Hose Company No. 1, have been arrested in connection with eight of the 59 fires that have plagued this small, northeastern Pennsylvania community since 1977.

Eight other volunteers, ranging in age from 15 to 17, were charged with summary offenses for allegedly setting minor fires and face juvenile proceed-

ings, state police Lt. Michael Jordan, said.

Jordan said "a code of silence" within the fire department stopped firefighters from telling authorities about the alleged arsons.

"The majority were what we classify as thrill and excitement. They were set for the fun of it," state police fire marshal Walter Mochowsky, said.

"You get an individual who joins a fire department to fight fires and isn't content unless he does," he said. "They'd get to drinking and decide they haven't had a fire for a while, so they'd set one."

"THE UNIQUE thing about this situation was the number of firemen in-

involved," said Mochowsky, whose investigation into other fires, including the torching of the local high school and the borough building, is continuing. More arrests are expected. The first arrests on Feb. 3 shocked many of the town's 6,700 residents.

"It's been a tragic situation," Mayor Vincent Wiercinski, said. "We're just going to have to pull ourselves together again. We've got a good community and we're going to stay that way. We'll survive this."

In Pennsylvania there are no statistics on the number of volunteer firefighters who are arrested for starting fires. State police logs, for example, do not list volunteer firefight-

ers as an occupation.

But according to state police figures, 50 percent of those arrested for arson in Pennsylvania are under 18 and 74 percent are under 25. Many volunteer firemen come from that age bracket, Ernie Rojahn, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Firemen's Association, said.

"THERE IS a definite correlation between the age group of people who come into the fire service and the age group that experiments with arson," Rojahn said.

"When 60 percent of your membership is young adults, and 74 percent of the arson arrests in Pennsylvania are those same young adults, we're bound

to get some of them."

The Dickson City arrests involve a 1978 fire at a dress factory that caused \$300,000 damage, two fires at the C&S Wood Products lumberyard and several vacant homes. Police say flares taken from fire trucks were used to start some of the fires.

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Thousands of workers at brokerage houses, mutual funds, law firms and banks, including the Federal Reserve Bank's regional headquarters, were given the day off.

Meanwhile, 100 utility workers stretched power cables above ground around the ruined manhole yesterday, trying to restore the power that was

cut off Wednesday afternoon when the underground fire near Post Office Square cut seven power cables.

The blacked out area covered several dozen blocks from South Station to the waterfront of the North End. In all, 6,500 Boston Edison customers lost power, and officials said 4,000 of them were large commercial businesses.

The cause of the manhole fire had not been determined yesterday.

Police assigned 30 extra patrolmen to the darkened neighborhoods Wednesday night. No looting or other

special problems were reported.

Routine work stopped at many big businesses: The First National Bank of Boston sent home 3,500 employees, the State Street Bank and Trust Co. dismissed 1,100, and the Fidelity Group, a financial service company, gave 600 the day off. These and some other businesses continued essential chores using emergency generators and skeleton staff.

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Police capture burglar

CINCINNATI (AP) - A seven-week undercover surveillance operation in suburban Green Township has resulted in the arrest of a Cincinnati man who

detectives say confessed to more than 50 break-ins.

The arrest of Donald Oliver Jr., 29, followed an intensive investigation of more than 100 burglaries in the area during the past seven months.

Hamilton County sheriff's detectives said Oliver was arrested by undercover detectives as he came out of a Green Township residential area about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday. He was charged with one count each of aggravated burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Detective Capt. Ray Hulglin said Oliver later confessed to more than 50 break-ins during the past 14 months.

Hulglin said detectives found a pry bar, knife and a two-cell flashlight in Oliver's possession when he was arrested. He was wearing gloves and black clothing.

Detectives had conducted an intensive investigation in the past few months to try to catch those responsible for the rash of cat burglaries.

Pope prays for Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) - Pope John Paul II made a whirlwind start on his Central American tour yesterday, praying for peace before 1 million people, telling nuns to stay out of politics and calling on young people to forge an end to the region's bloody political warfare.

revolution-free Costa Rica as a shining example of harmony in this turbulent part of the world.

He also reminded them of their church's ban on artificial methods of birth control and abortion, both widely tolerated in liberal Costa Rica.

Six hours before he spoke, the Guatemalan government executed six convicted terrorists despite a clemency plea from the pope a month ago. President Efraim Rios Montt, a born-again evangelical Christian who will meet the pope on Sunday, refused to commute the sentences.

year-old Metropolitan Cathedral. Directing his speech to the nuns, he told them they are gaining importance "at a moment in history in which women are acquiring positions of dignifying improvement."

But he warned them, in line with the Vatican's opposition to direct political action by the clergy, "Do not let yourselves be fooled by partisan ideologies. Do not succumb to the temptation of options which one day will ask you to pay the

price of your own freedom."

In Nicaragua, where the pope goes today, five Catholic priests hold high office in the revolutionary government and have rejected the Vatican's orders to quit their posts. In El Salvador, which he visits Sunday, priests and nuns have helped organize the peasants against the conservative, land-owning oligarchy with which the church is traditionally allied.

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JOHN PAUL scheduled a meeting in the afternoon with the country's 1,200 priests and nuns in the 155-

Former Hell's Angel testifies

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Hell's Angels have an "open contract" against Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones and have tried at least twice to kill the British rock group, a former member of the outlaw motorcycle gang said yesterday. A witness identified only as

"Butch" told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the vendetta dates back to the slaying of a spectator at the Stones' concert in Altamont, Calif., in 1969 that was captured in the film of the concert called "Gimme Shelter."

Authorities at the time said the gun-toting spectator was stabbed to death in a scuffle with Hell's Angels hired to provide security at the concert, attended by 300,000 people.

"Butch," whose real name was not revealed under the federal witness protection program, said the Angels were still angry because they feel the Rolling Stones "did not back them" in the subsequent furor and prosecution of a

gang member. "THERE'S ALWAYS been an open contract on the band," said "Butch," a convicted murderer who testified from behind a screen.

"There's been two attempts to kill them that I know about," he said. "They will someday... They swear they will still do it."

He said the first attempt occurred in the mid-1970s at a location he did not identify.

"They sent a member with a gun and a silencer" to a hotel where the Angels believed the Stones were staying, the witness said. "He stalked them, but they never showed up." "Butch" said around 1979 members of the An-

gels' New York City chapter planned an assault by boat against a house at which the Stones were staying.

"They were going to put a bomb in the house and blow everybody up and kill everybody at the party," he said. The plot died in mid-stream, however, when the Angels, moving in on a rubber raft, lost their plastic explosives overboard, according to the witness.

"BUTCH" SAID that killing the rock band is an obsession with the Angels, said by law enforcement officials to have between 500-600 hard-core members in 33 chapters in the United States and 18 in other countries. A member of the An-

gel's, Alan David Passaro, was acquitted of murder charges in the stabbing of Meredith Hunter, 18. Defense attorneys successfully argued that while Passaro had stabbed Hunter twice, he did not inflict the fatal wound.

News accounts in 1969 said that members of the Angel's Oakland chapter were given money and all the beer they could drink to serve as bodyguards at the concert.

The Judiciary Committee was told that "Butch" is a 43-year-old former leader of the Angels chapter in Cleveland. He said he is now in prison for a 1974 slaying he admitted after quitting the gang and becoming a federal protected witness in 1981.

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Rape charge probed

COLUMBUS (AP) - Results of an investigation into a coed's allegations she was repeatedly raped in an Ohio State University dormitory have been furnished to the Franklin County prosecutor's office, assistant prosecutor John Salimbene, says.

Salimbene said two Ohio State police department representatives presented the results to him Wednesday.

He said the investigation is continuing and he expects it will be at least two weeks before he is ready to present evidence to the grand jury.

The alleged incident is said to have occurred last week at Steeb Hall.

Defense spending argued

BEREA, Ohio (AP) - Retired Gen. William Westmoreland says defense spending cannot be blamed for unemployment, but former Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes says the defense program has eliminated civilian jobs.

Westmoreland, who directed American troops in Vietnam and was an Army chief of staff, defended the Reagan administration's defense spending programs Wednesday night in a debate with Stokes at Baldwin Wallace College. The debate was sponsored by the college's Peace With Justice Committee.

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Magical pairings highlight start of CCHA playoffs

by Tracy Collins
sports reporter

Once upon a time, in a small office somewhere in league headquarters of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, a wizard sat down and devised what he perceived as the ideal pairings for the CCHA's first round of playoffs.

For 16 weeks of league play, the wizard kept the teams, players and fans wondering who would play whom, as every contestant with the exception of a jester from the Windy City had a legitimate chance of securing a playoff berth.

That all ended last weekend, and if ever there were perfect pairings to generate interest in league play, the wizard came up with them. Every pairing in the two-game, total goal series has some sort of historical, geographical or bitter rivalry to it.

In Bowling Green, the Falcons will be seeking a bit of vengeance on the Irish of Notre Dame, a team which posted a 5-3 win and a 4-4 tie over the Falcons three weeks ago in South Bend, Ind. The Falcons are the tour-

naments' top seed, with a league record of 24-5-3 (25-7-4 overall), while the Irish edged into the final playoff position with a record of 13-17-2 in the league, and 13-19-2 overall.

OTHER MATCHUPS will find second-seeded Michigan State facing Ferris State in East Lansing. Ferris and MSU have split their four meetings this season, and it was a Ferris victory over the Spartans which allowed the Falcons to clinch the league title over Miami two weeks ago. Number three seed Ohio State (21-7-4 CCHA, 24-7-5 overall) will host Miami (15-16-1 CCHA, 17-16-1 overall, and 1-3 against OSU). All of those series will be played Friday and Saturday nights.

The final matchup - to be played Saturday and Sunday - will find Michigan Tech hosting Northern Michigan in a battle for bragging rights of the Upper Peninsula. Tech has won three of the four meetings between the clubs this season.

The records do not always tell the complete story, and that is the case with the Falcons' series with Notre Dame. Since being informed that

their program was being cancelled by the athletic department, the Irish have been one of the league's hottest teams, posting a 7-2-1 record. In their last 10 games, the Falcons have struggled somewhat, posting a mark of 5-3-2 (going 3-3-2 in their last eight games).

FOR TWO periods last Saturday, the Falcons showed that they could get untracked, forechecking well in building up a 5-0 lead over Ohio State at the Ice Arena en route to a 6-3 win.

That forechecking has aided the Falcons all season, as BG has been opportunistic in the opposing zone and stingy in the defensive zone. The Falcons scored more goals this season in league play than any other team (for the second consecutive year), as their 200 goals were 38 higher than the second leading team. BG allowed just 115 goals, fourth best in the league.

Leading the Falcons this weekend - and needing just one point to set the BG single season scoring record and four points to break the CCHA career scoring mark - will be senior co-cap-

tain Brian Hills (36-52-82 in league play, 88 points overall).

Other Falcons among the league's top scorers are Dan Kane (23-28-51 in league, 53 overall), John Samanski (22-24-46 in league, 52 overall), Peter Wilson (19-23-43 in league, 46 overall), Garry Galley (14-21-35 in league, 40 overall), and Mike Pikul (5-30-35 in league, 37 overall). George Roll (12-19-31) and Jamie Wansbrough (16-14-30) are also among the leaders in league scoring.

FIGHTING IRISH players of note this weekend are Kurt Bjork (28-31-59 in league, 61 overall), Brent Chapman (27-22-49 in league, 52 overall), and John Higgins (12-23-35 in league, 38 overall).

In the goaltending department, the Falcons will lead off with senior Mike David, who has a 3.27 goals-against-

average in 18 league games (2.77 against the Irish). Falcon Wayne Collins has a goals-against of 3.78 in 14 league games (4.00 against the Irish). BG coach Jerry York said he will determine Saturday's starter after Friday's game. ND will go with Bob McNamara, who has a goals-against of 5.08 in league play (7.36 against the Falcons).

The Falcons have a couple of scores to settle with the Irish in the series. Besides the loss and tie (in which BG had two overtime goals disallowed because of illegal sticks), the Falcons remember an 8-5 loss to the Irish in the semifinals of the CCHA playoffs last season.

BG will be looking for a repeat of last season's quarterfinal performance, when the Falcons overwhelmed Northern Michigan in the

total goal series by a composite score of 18-5.

The Irish, though, have very little to lose. They were all but written off early in the year after a horrendous start, and a good showing in the playoffs will not serve as a building point, but only as a muller to put on the doomsayers from the rest of the league and within their own university.

The wizard has done his duty, but at this point of the season there will be no more magic tricks to decide the outcome. The winners this weekend - and next weekend at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit - will be those who are the hungriest. Each team has worked up a hunger during the course of the season, and tonight's 7:30 faceoff will show which team will feast on the other.

Who is the MAC Player of the Year?

Defining the award elicits an answer

A tough decision awaits the members of the Mid-American Conference media. They must soon pick the league's Player of the Year for the 1982-83 season.

A lot of people would like to be able to voice their opinion as to who should receive the award this year. Yet, believe me, it is not quite the envious position that it appears to be.

It is a difficult decision because there is a distinct difference between a "Player of the Year" and a "Most Valuable Player." The ballot reads: "Player of the Year." - but what exactly do those words entail?

If you take the words as is, it concurs that the best player in the MAC should get the award. Maybe not the best overall player, but one whose stats stand out like the proverbial sore thumb. For instance a Melvin "Sugar" McLaughlin from Central Michigan or a Howard Raymond McCallum Jr. from Ball State.

I have not yet recovered from McLaughlin's encore performance in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Wednesday night. The nets on the baskets at Rose Arena are still too hot to touch and the CMU trainers are treating McLaughlin's hands for burns after the six-foot-one sharpshooter scored a career-high 46 points.

MEANWHILE, the campus of Bowling Green must prepare for the aerial bombardment that McCallum will surely dish out tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Anderson Arena.

The two "Big Macs" are leading the conference in scoring this season and are one-two on the all-time MAC scoring list. McLaughlin is averaging over 23 points per game while McCallum is hovering above the 20-ppg. mark. "Sugar" has shown his sweetness through his four years at CMU by scoring 2,043 points. McCallum has

contributed 2,040 points to the Cardinal cause. The two players have similarities and differences:

- Both are unbelievable shooters whose range from the outside compares with that of an intercontinental ballistic missile.
- Both are senior guards.
- Both are getting tremendous media-hype from their respective schools' sports information departments as being all-American candidates.
- Both have been accused of being

Laughlin might even have a slight edge over McCallum in that category. Yet, the two have not been able to bring a championship this year to their respective teams.

"I'm more than just a shooter, I have proven I can do other things, too," McLaughlin said after his performance Wednesday.

Yeah, like shoot foul shots (the MAC's leader at 85 percent). But Sugar, I do understand that you have to score a lot in order for your team to win - that's a big load to carry. But what your team needs the most is scoring balance. What have you done to help out in this area? You had only 218 assists (BG's David Greer had 242 last year alone) through your first three years and you handle the ball probably more than anyone else on your club.

GRANTED, however, McLaughlin is an exciting player, a truly great talent, but a one-man show. The same holds true with McCallum up to a point. He has a little more to offer than points to his team. But, in fairness to McLaughlin, he (McCallum) has a better supporting cast.

Making the big steal, the key assist, the important rebound, the clutch shot - that is what the Player of the Year does. He plays tough "D" and is a leader through action and inspiration on the court. He must also do the little things that win games - the type of intangibles that do not show up in the scorebook.

This is how the MAC's Player of the Year award should be defined - the player who does it all. The player who has been the most instrumental; the most valuable, to his team in their quest to win ballgames, i.e., the best overall player in the MAC.

The envelope please... David Jenkins, Bowling Green.

IN WALT'S WORDS



by Keith Walther
sports editor

one-dimensional players - a lot of offense but not much else.

THE MAIN difference is McCallum has played on a winning team at Ball State three of his four years there. Also, his team has won two straight MAC championships. McLaughlin has not only never won a MAC championship, but in his four years at CMU, his team has never finished any better than ninth in the conference.

Regardless, both players will undoubtedly get big consideration for the POTY award. But I have to wonder that, if won, would they really deserve it.

Oh, they would deserve it as far as individual accomplishments go - Mc-

Making money on the golf links

The past few days, the University campus has been deluged with sunny skies and high temperatures. But the most uplifting moment for myself, came while paging through yesterday's BG News. A large ad caught my eye - the Forrest Cresson Golf Course was open for play.

This university is full of avid golf fans, many of whom were probably out on the links yesterday, looking for the year's first birdie or 300-yard drive. But just take a little advice, fellow linksters: The old adage, "Drive for show and putt for dough," should not be taken casually. There is an enormous amount of money to be made hitting that little white ball around.

Starting with this week's Honda-Inverrary Classic in Lauderhill, Fla., the PGA Tour will be distributing more prize money in the next five weeks than in any comparable period in history. The total prize money offered is valued at \$2,250,000 with \$405,000 going to the winners of the five events.

SIMPLY SPEAKING, that's a lot of dough. And amateur golfers aren't the only ones with their mouth's agape and dollar signs in their eyes. Mark Lye, who will be chasing this week's \$72,000 first prize, echoed the sentiments of many fellow touring pros, "That's awesome. What a time it'd be to get it going."

Immediately upon hearing those startling figures, I pulled out my clubs and began polishing my irons, thinking of the gold pieces I'd happily shine if I had the opportunity at one of those financial jackpots. C'mon guys, we still have a chance to get that PGA Card, it doesn't matter that Jack Nicklaus started golfing before he

SIDELINE

by Tom Hisek
asst. sports editor

even knew how to spell "bogey." Calvin Peete (one of the PGA's top players, but more importantly - He makes a lot of money) didn't pick up a golf club until he was 21-year-old. A few friends took him along on a golf outing, Peete liked the game, and afterwards he began hitting 1,000 balls daily until he was a scratch golfer. He became a professional golfer three years later.

AN ACT of inspiration - There are countless numbers of 21-year-old golfers in Bowling Green and probably most of them have been golfing for a few years. Perhaps if we could hit 1,000 balls daily (if those malicious entrepreneurs would stop stealing balls from the

University driving range, to give us "serious" golfers a chance to pursue our careers), we too, could become rich golf pros.

But who wants to spend their time hitting 1,000 golf balls? Just when your hopes were dashed, another old sports adage comes into play: "If you look good, you play good."

All University golfers should temporarily restrain from the usual BG golf apparel - a "BGSU Athletic Dept." T-shirt and a pair of gym shorts. Instead, buy a pair of seersucker pants (the kind your high school principal wore) and one of those shirts with the little penguin on the pocket (the shirts worn by guys who can afford to buy Titleist golf balls).

HOPEFULLY, if one has a half-way decent golf swing and you keep your head down a passing pro may spot you on the course and take you under his divine tutelage. But you have to keep that head down, pounded into our heads by our ever-hopeful fathers.

Everyone is a potential golf pro - all that is needed is a little luck and a lot of money for golf lessons. But don't despair, someday you may be a touring pro looking for your ball in the Pacific Ocean along the 18th hole at Pebble Beach. That is a pleasant thought - it could also be in Poe Ditch along the 18th hole at Forrest Cresson.

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Student Health Care

Exercise not for sake of fitness

by Scott Carpenter
staff reporter

Forget about what Jane Fonda, Richard Simmons and Arnold Schwarzenegger say about physical fitness, let's talk bottom line. Let's talk sex.

It isn't self esteem, a healthier bod or that exercise makes one feel good that prompts thousands of people to join sweat shops. It's the fact that moose don't get dates. (How's that for a profound statement: Moose Don't Get Dates. You won't see these words hanging in any pastry shops, but it could someday appear on one of those silly calendars the greeting card companies put out.)

Maybe sex, in the literal form anyway, isn't the real issue at hand, but the honest truth (ask anyone) is that built is in. Beautifully sculpted people, plain and simple, have more fun than blobs. Unfair? Sure it is. But think about it; if you had the choice of being beautiful or something that resembles a submarine-launched ballistics missile, which would you choose?

WHAT JANE, Army and Richie fail to tell us in their books and on the Tonight Show is what their motivation is for their obsessive exercising. Tell me Jane doesn't have a picture of her favorite jock posted somewhere on her Universal machine. Arnold probably works out to attract Loni Anderson, who he has already been seen with on a

nation-wide TV commercial. (Isn't it funny that Loni did an ad with Arnold and just weeks later the National Enquirer released a story that says she moved out of Bert Reynolds' house? The muscles paid off, Army baby.)

Simmons doesn't need a reason for his obsession with working out, he's simply a strange person and strange people need no reason for anything they do.

WHY DOES Victoria Principal work out? If there is anyone on earth who has nothing to firm, trim, rearrange or sweat off it's Vicki (just ask Andy Gibb).

Olivia Newton-John has the right idea about working out. When she bellows the words "Let's get physical" everyone within listening distance begins to perspire . . . without so much as a single jumping jack. I've heard of guys who've sweat off ten pounds just looking at the album cover.

If sex isn't the motivation for physical fitness freaks, what could be? Exercise programs consist of vigorous stretching movements performed to lousy music and a sadistic instructor yelling crude remarks like, "Come on, Porky, if your hubby has to come home to those hips every night he's liable to become a long-haul trucker." No one would tolerate this self-inflicted torture if health was the only reason behind it.

I'm not against being healthy, who would be? I admire anyone who works hard to obtain good health. Americans, though, are not known for being

overly concerned about their health; there is usually an ulterior motive behind their desire to be physically fit. What's the purpose of being slim, trim and full of energy if nothing is to be gained from it? (This is a capitalistic society, after all.)

MANY PEOPLE only appear to be concerned about their health. How many times have you seen someone in a bar, with a beer in one hand, a cigarette in the other, telling a drunken buddy, "Yeah, I pressed 290 today." Usually, everyone around covers their laughter-ridden faces and turns the other way, knowing that the closest that person has ever come to strenuous work is dialing a phone to order a pizza.

With more and more books, TV shows, advertising and other propaganda for physical fitness being published or taped each year, I'm surprised that sex (as a motive) is not used as a promotional gimmick. Imagine 21st Century Health Spas advertising coast to coast, "Exhilarating exercise is the key to a more action-filled Saturday night."

I cannot speak for Jane, Army, Richie, Vick, or Liv, but why would these grown people dress up in tight-fitting clothes and dance to disco music with weights attached to their limbs if they weren't thinking of ALL the benefits of being terrific looking? What are clear minds, slim waists and bulging pecs good for if you are alone on weekends?

The Well offers holistic care, more hours

by Dinah Denmark
reporter

The Wellness Center, better known as The Well, is based on the concept of holistic health, which concerns six areas of self-awareness. The Well, which is located on the second of the Student Health Center, is a self-help center for students who want improve their health and life style.

"The six areas of self-awareness are physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual, and occupational," Sue West, Coordinator of the Well said.

The idea behind holistic health is a person has many components, and therefore to be considered healthy, one must take care of all of the parts in his life. West said in order to be holistically healthy, a person has to have a balance in his life and it is up to him to design a lifestyle that supports him to be the best person he can be.

The physical aspect is the broadest area of health and well being. It includes health habits, physical fitness, and nutrition. The emotional component is closely tied in with physical health, West said. She said if one is physically sick he is most likely to become depressed and vice versa. Having a sense of spiritual well-being has to do with how one feels about himself as a human being. It has to do with

the concept of self love and that in order to love others, you must first love yourself.

SOCIAL WELL-BEING stresses the importance of belonging and giving to others through friendships and group involvement. Intellectual well-being stresses that an individual has a brain and it should be used in a positive way. West said in a college environment, a student should take advantage of what it has to offer as a means of intellectual stimulation. The last component of holistic health has to do with a sense of occupational well-being. West said it means having a sense of direction in life, as in knowing where you are and where you want to be.

West said, "By gaining control of these aspects of health, you can have the power to improve your life."

West said the Wellness Center is changing for the better. Involvement in the student volunteer based organization is increasing. The Well now has a staff of 24 and next year will increase to 35. Also, according to West there has been a 50 percent increase in student involvement in Well programs. She said the Well came into contact with approximately 2,000 students last semester.

"THE WELLNESS CENTER is in the process of evolution," West said. "It started out as crisis intervention center and has become a crisis

prevention center."

The Well's purpose is to help others to improve their health through providing information, public speakers, staff-created programs, and peer advising on health related issues. West said the Wellness Center can be the first step in helping a student help himself. She also the Well can help a student accept the fact if he wants to improve his lifestyle, it is in his hands and that it can be done.

"We are not primarily a counseling center, but if someone comes to us with a problem, we will try to help them as much as we can," West said.

West said, in a problem situation, such as an anorexia victim, she would talk to her on a one-to-one basis as a primary contact, and then refer her to people who could help her professionally. In this case for example, the student would be referred to the Council on Eating Disorders.

The Wellness Center is a complete reference area on health information, West said. She added the word is spreading around campus that the Well offers good factual information and is improving its reputation as a referral service. The Wellness Center is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday. West said due to increased response and interest, next year the Well will be open on a 9 to 5 schedule.



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Health Department offers myriad of services in county

by Nancy Beach
feature editor

"An organized community effort to prevent disease and promote efficient human life."

That is the Wood County Health Department's definition of public health.

It is the department's duty to serve Wood County in several areas concerning health and safety. Since students are also part of that community, they also receive benefits from the department.

The Health Department is only partially funded by the county. All the cities, villages and townships within Wood County contribute amounts to the department, making a sum of about \$200,000. About \$16,000 comes from the state, and \$400,000 comes from federal programs such as Medicare. They also charge fees to people who demand services. Overall, the budget amounts to about \$900,000, according to James Ryder, the health commissioner of Wood County.

Most health commissioners are doctors, but Ryder has a master's degree in public health and is available on a full-time basis. Most physicians are not, though Ryder says that the commissioner need not be constantly present for efficient execution of programs.



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Nancy Kinney

THE REASON for this is that while the department is administered by Ryder, the major decisions are made by the Wood County Health Board, ten people who are appointed by the mayors of different communities. Susan Barber, a skating instructor at the University, is the president of the board. On a diagram of the County in the boardroom, there are the names and locations of all the board members. They meet every other Thursday and discuss the progress of programs and whether they should continue to be implemented.

Ryder outlined the Health Department's current programs.

"Here, we are mainly concerned with preventing illness," he said. "That is why our services here are really invisible. If we get a report of five cases of hepatitis, and we educate those who come in contact with those cases, then people only see those five cases. They don't see the other ones that didn't happen."

Nancy Kinney, director of nursing services, agreed with this philosophy, saying that American society is mainly an illness-related society, so it is hard to measure the amount of effectiveness the Health Department has.

SHE ALSO described the programs she runs. The biggest program the Health Department runs is Visiting Nurse Program. This program obtains most of its money in the form of Medicare payments, because most of the people who use the service are elderly.

Requests for such a service do not have to come directly from the patient, they can be arranged by friends, relatives, ministers, hospitals, physicians, or nursing homes. A nurse works with the patient on a part-time basis and special programs such as

physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy can be arranged.

Kinney described one case of an elderly couple who had been temporarily separated by illness. The woman was in the hospital and the man at his son's home. They both wanted desperately to return to their home after the woman was discharged, so the son's wife arranged to have a nurse look after them. A visiting nurse could assure the son and his wife that the man was receiving his many doses of medication on a regular basis. This is part of the comfort that a visiting nurse service provides.

ANOTHER PROGRAM that is provided through the Health Department is the Children's Clinics. Most of these programs are designed to meet the need of low income individuals, providing education and aid to families who need it most.

First are the Well Child Assessments. This clinic, held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, (appointment only) offers well children the chance to stay that way. A nurse practitioner (a nurse trained to look for signs of abnormality and perform basic tests) examines children to look for problems, gives vaccinations, and provides education in health care. He or she will refer the child to a doctor if there are problems and monitor his mental, emotional and social growth.

The Health department has a pediatrician that comes in on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 10:00-12:00 noon. He also gives health maintenance physicals and treatment to ill children.

"If a child may have signs of scoliosis (curvature of the spine), the nurse practitioner can wait until the pediatrician comes. But if he has a red throat and coughing and his ears drums are inflamed, she will refer him to a city doctor right away," Kinney said. The patients must pay for these services, but on a sliding fee scale, meaning that the charge is based on the patient's ability to pay.

ANOTHER SERVICE offered is the immunization clinic. On the first and third Monday of each month from 2-4 p.m., anyone can walk in and get an immunization. No appointments are necessary.

Also, there is prenatal clinic offered, which is designed to educate low income mothers about prenatal, infant and child care. A family nurse practitioner teaches and examines the patient, and in her eighth month is referred to a doctor for delivery. It is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and an appointment is needed.

"We teach mothers how to care for their babies and things to look for," said Kinney. "We also teach Lamaze."

Another program is for babies that have just been born. If the infant is at high risk, the Health Department will dispatch a nurse to care for it in the home and show the parents special techniques in infant care. They also give vouchers for nutritious foods to those who find good food hard to afford on limited income and are nutritionally "at risk."

"WE GIVE these vouchers for nutritional foods," Kinney said, "and then we teach the family what they should buy with their own money to supplement that. I'm cannot tell you right now exactly what the nurses tell the families to buy, but you can bet it isn't potato chips."

Children who are not well are not excluded. Crippled children are offered service through the Health Department. The Health Department can refer children to doctors, and give home care to those who are severely crippled.

"We most often see children who have things like cleft lip," Kinney said. A child born with a cleft lip often has a cleft palate as well, and cannot eat properly, so it is important to get immediate care. "Another thing is spina bifida, where a child is born with an open spine and they can have bowel and motor control problems," said Kinney.

Of course, the Health Department is the place to call when dangerous communicable diseases are diagnosed, such as hepatitis, meningitis, and venereal disease.

"THE UNIVERSITY calls us about hepatitis most often," Kinney said. "Also, people are afraid about meningitis because you can die from it, and they have heard about it, so we watch those cases carefully."

Nutrition counseling is also offered to all adults by a registered dietician. It is a free service provided by the American Heart Association in an effort to reduce the amount of heart attacks, strokes and high blood pressure, conditions which can be influenced by diet.

"Heart attacks, strokes, and cancer are the leading causes of death in the United States," Kinney said. "Reducing the amount of salt and fat in your diet can help."

She added that the Health Center doctors, in an effort to improve health care for students, believe that taking a young person's blood pressure is important because occasionally a case of high blood pressure will be found.

"This is good, because it can reduce that person's chance of having a stroke later in life," Kinney said.

ANOTHER SERVICE the Health Department performs is that of Environmental Health Services, meaning building and septic tank inspections.

All public buildings must have their plans inspected before they can build, and once they are built they must be inspected again before opening. Restaurants, bars, and taverns are inspected at least once a year.



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James Ryder

"We have a scoring system we use," Larry Sorrels, director of Environmental Services, said. "If the scores are low, then we visit the place every three months until they show improvement."

The state, county and city all have regulations pertaining to what kind of buildings can be built where, and what the minimum requirements should be for health and safety.

Other sites also need to be inspected, such as campgrounds, trailer and mobile home parks, bathing areas, and marinas.

STUDENTS often use the Health Department as a way to get landlords to clean up health-threatening conditions in apartment buildings. The Health Department will come out and inspect the building, for a fee (inspection requests are all for a fee) and decide if the landlord had indeed been negligent. If he has, a citation is issued ordering him to clean up the premises. If he ignores this order, the department will visit him again and ask why nothing was done. If he had a seemingly good excuse, there will be an extension on the time. Eventually, if the landlord does not cooperate, he is taken to court. The Wood County Prosecutor handles the case.

"We only go to court as a last resort. It takes a long time, and a lot of time," Sorrels said.

Septic tanks are another matter. All tanks must be inspected before use. Septic tanks are used in place of sewers. They are a concrete box with tiles at both ends at the top. The sewage from the house enters one end. Heavy sewage drops to the bottom, grease floats to the top and the rest flows out the top on the other side, usually to a ditch somewhere.

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Your parents' insurance may not cover you

by Dennis Murray
reporter

In addition to paying the rent, electric and grocery bills, many upperclassmen may have yet another expense to contend with: health insurance bills.

According to Health Center Office Manager Bernice Lohmann, when a student reaches age 21, the family health insurance plan will probably fail to cover him or her. The student must then apply for an individual plan to provide coverage after age 21, although there are a few companies that will cover until age 23 provided the person is a registered student.

The student's first step is to check and see how long he or she is covered under their parents' present policy.

If the age is 21 (nearly three-quarters of all family plans are) then Lohmann suggest the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan which runs in conjunction with the University.

"If you are nearing 21, I personally recommend looking into some of the health insurance plans available as soon as possible because because the fact is, not all companies are going to count you as a dependent until age 23."-- Ken Shroyer

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS are eligible for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield group plan, the "group" being officially registered University students. Upon receiving an application, Blue Cross/Blue Shield will check to see if the applicant is indeed registered for courses at the University, then process or reject the insurance application accordingly.

Most universities have a Blue Cross/Blue Shield group plan available to students. The main benefit of the group plan is that it allows the student to receive good, basic health insurance at the reasonable cost of \$26.40 a month. Payments can be

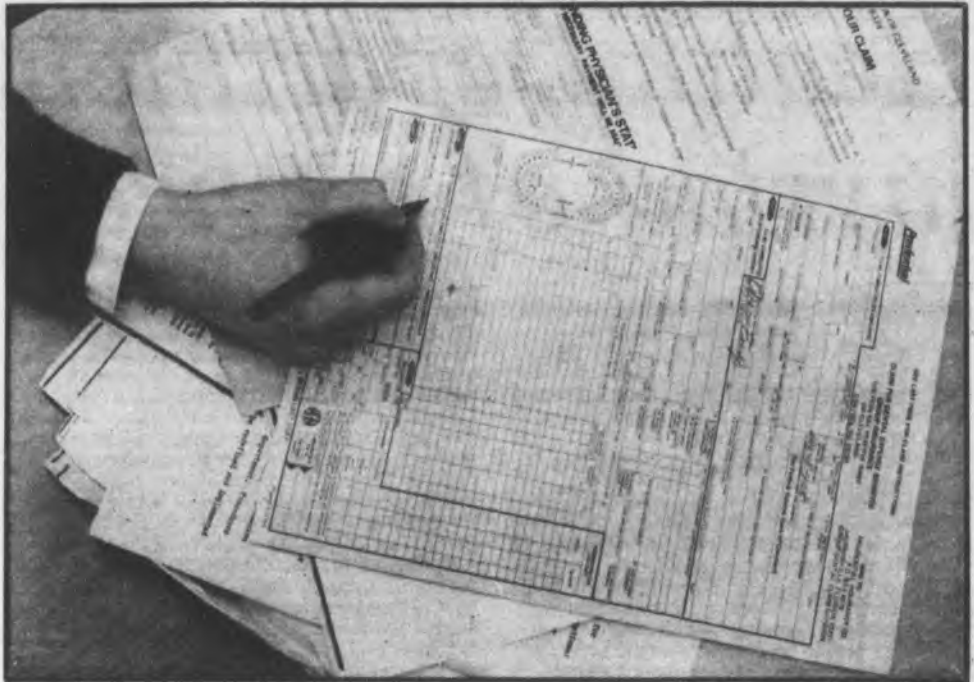


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Health insurance forms are a tedious, but necessary part of the health insurance system.

made on a quarterly basis, if so desired.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan will fully cover the emergency room visitation fee. For example, if a student sprains an ankle while playing raquetball at the Rec Center and is brought to Wood County Hospital, the plan will pay for needed prescription drugs, medicine and dressings as well and 80 percent of any lab fees.

IF YOU MANAGE to stay away from any serious, long-term illnesses, then the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan is excellent. The plan will cover up to \$125,000 in hospital and physician expenses each each calendar year. If a severe illness should result in a total expenditure of say, \$225,000, then after the coverage runs out, the student must pay for 20 percent of the difference or \$20,000.

Health insurance plans offered by other agencies such as Allstate and State Farm are not tailored specifically for the college student. For the most part, the prices of their policies are based on the applicant's age, marital status, and past medical record. These prices are also generally two to three times higher than the University sponsored blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan.

Nationwide Insurance agent Ken Shroyer recommends the University plan: "It is an excellent plan for the student because of the low cost and overall good coverage."

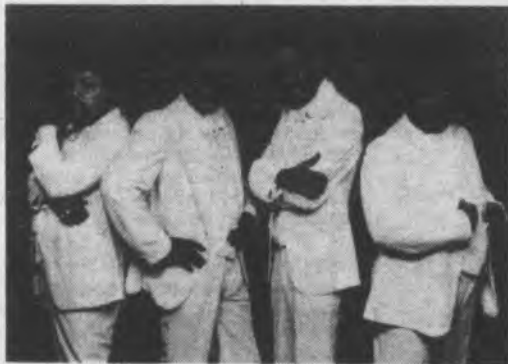
SHROYER OFFERS offers a comprehensive plan for single men and women under 35. The advantage here (and with many of the other large insurance companies) is that the plans, while more expensive, are nearly comprehensive and will amply cover the fees from a prolonged illness.

"You could be in trouble financially if it is a long illness (with Blue Cross/Blue Shield). There is no question that our coverage is better in case of a long-term illness," says Shroyer.

The chances are slim that a student will fall to a long-term illness but the possibility cannot be automatically dispelled. The resulting debate the student faces is whether to go with the basic, economical plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) or the costly, comprehensive policy (Allstate, State Farm, Nationwide, etc.)

Shroyer suggests: "If you are nearing 21, I personally recommend looking into some of the health insurance plans available as soon as possible because because the fact is, not all companies are going to count you as a dependent until age 23."

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Life on crutches

Walking is just a part of the everyday routine for most people on campus. None of us really give it much thought. There are people on campus though that are thinking about it constantly, though. People on crutches have an experience in walking all their own.

Strangely enough, you rarely hear people using crutches complain about their actual injury. Their arms are the most abused part of their bodies, not the injured leg, ankle or foot.

Brian Ross, a construction technology major, has been on his crutches for two and a half weeks. He was treated at Wood County Hospital for a badly sprained ankle. This accident took place while Ross was playing raquetball. "The hardest thing is opening doors. Long distances really get to you, though. It works on your arms," said Ross.

CHERYL ZELEI, a 20-year-old marketing major, also sprained her ankle. The circumstances behind her injury are very different from Ross. Zelei was expecting a phone call from a friend, and as she was running to

answer the phone, she tripped over her roommate's shoes. She was also treated at Wood County and is now fully recovered. "Walking up stairs is the hardest part of being on crutches," she said.

Although Ross may have found some difficulty in opening doors, Lee Griffiths, sophomore marketing major, has had no such problem. "There is always someone who opens the door," she said. "We've been really lucky with the weather, too." Griffith also commented that she called Campus Safety and Security one day when the weather was bad to take her to class. In the process, she found out that there is no service on campus that will take you to class if you are unable to walk. Griffith injured her leg skiing at home in New York over Christmas break. She has been on crutches for two months now and she must continue using them for three more.

Each person's accident and injury is different but they all now face a similar set of circumstances. They deal with a whole new type of walking, using crutches.



Walking on crutches can be a confusing business, as evidenced by the concentration of some students on their injured foot (upper right). Taking a slope, no matter how slight, proves to be a challenge to be risen to (left) while some people just have to take a break from the sheer physical exertion.



Story by Kelly Weasner

Photos by Patrick Sandor

President proclaims Vision Week

by Karen Ashe
reporter

The Ohio Optometric Association will celebrate Save Your Vision Week March 6-12 with the 1983 theme of "I Care About Eye Care." This event serves to remind everyone to take care of their eyes and vision.

Dr. Daniel Runyan, president of the OOA, said there are many ways consumers can tell when it is time to have their eyes examined and self-detection is an important element of good preventive eye care.

Common symptoms of vision problems include blurred or distorted vision, headaches, pain of any kind in the eye, squinting, eye irritation, seeing spots or floaters, fatigue when concentrating on a seeing task and nausea after doing close work.

Symptoms may appear when driving including difficulty reading road signs, parking, judging distances, staying in the driving lane, spotting

activity off to the side and driving at night.

Dr. Runyan also said that while self-detection is helpful, it is no substitute for regular eye examinations.

IF ONE or more of these symptoms appears consistently, it is time to make an appointment with an optometrist. The exam should cover nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, distance and near vision, eye muscle control and coordination, and the ability of the patient's eyes to change focus easily from far to near and vice versa. Also, a glaucoma test should be routine if the patient is over 35 or has a family history of glaucoma.

Contact lenses have become increasingly popular with people who have vision problems. Jerry Raitz, optician at Burlington Optical Inc., explained that the difference between hard and soft lenses.

Hard lenses are non-gas permeable and allow no oxygen to reach the cornea. According to Raitz, "Anyone can be fit with hard lenses because they really correct any vision problem."

Soft lenses are composed of 38-40 percent water and allow oxygen to pass through. Wearers find soft lenses more comfortable and they can be worn for a longer period than the hard lens. While most people can wear soft lenses it depends on the amount of astigmatism.

A NEW LENS, theoric soft lens, is an alternative to the hard lens for people with a serious astigmatism. Extended wear soft lenses have recently been developed. Because of their high water content these lenses can be worn for two weeks straight.

Runyan suggests that is a good idea to warm up eye muscles as well as other muscles before participating in sports. This will help improve the visual fitness of weekend, amateur and professional athletes.

One exercise athletes can use before participating in sports with a moving target is to try reading the label of a long-playing record as it spins at 33-and-one-third rpm.

Psychological aid available in many places

by Vicki Reinhart
copy editor

Any personal or psychological problem a student may have can be handled confidentially and at no cost by counseling services on or near the University, according to the directors of several services.

The directors agreed that they all work together to offer the best counseling services possible to students.

One place a student can go to obtain help is the University's Counseling and Career Development Center.

"We are the official counseling center for University students," Roman Carek, director of the center, said. "It is a place where (students) can come to discuss things that are interfering with their academic studies."

Carek said both career counseling and personal counseling are handled at the center.

He said sometimes students go into the center and ask, "What am I going to do with my life?" To help answer this question, Carek said the center offers a career library where students can go to find information on employment in many fields.

PERSONAL CASES handled by the center range from homesickness and roommate problems to eating disorders and post-abortion stress, he said.

"Our purpose is to meet the career counseling and the personal counseling needs of the students," Carek said.

He said the center also offers academic testing in areas such as language placement, American College Testing (ACT) tests, and law and medical school placement tests.

The center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Students can also get counseling at the Psychological Services Center located in the Psychology Building.

Kathy Sullivan, assistant director of PSC, said only about one-third of the PSC clients are students. The remainder are community members.

According to Sullivan, the center has two main functions.

"We do a lot of evaluations," she said, referring to children in the Bowling Green area. If a child is not doing well in school, the center will evaluate him intellectually to find the cause.

THE CENTER also provides on-going therapy to students and other community members in such areas as personal, family and marriage counseling, she said.

Students who go to PSC often need individual counseling with personal problems such as college adjustment and family problems, but more serious cases, such as thoughts of suicide and coping with daily life, are also handled.

The center is staffed by 11 part-time clinical psychologists, who also teach classes, and 35 advanced level graduate students studying for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. The students are supervised by doctors.

Although the center cannot accept any new clients now, Sullivan said they work with Counseling and Career Development to help students find a place to get help.

PSC is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PSC also offers a satellite service located in the Student Health Center directed toward dealing only with students, Reuben Enchemendia, director of the service, said.

"IT'S a general psychology service geared

toward students," he said, adding that the service is closely associated with the physicians at Health Services.

The service will see both students who call for appointments on their own or those who are referred to them by physicians, hall directors, professors or by another agency, such as The Well, he said.

Most counseling done at the service is long-term cases of students with more serious problems, Enchemendia said, but short-term cases are also welcome.

"You don't have to be crazy," he said. "Very few of them (students) are."

The service in the Health Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Another service offered to students as well as community members is The Link.

Bob Hepburn, executive director, said The Link, is unlike the other services because it is a 24-hour crisis intervention center and offers no long-term counseling.

"WE DON'T do any continuing counseling," he said. "We're primarily a one-time service."

The Link is staffed by paraprofessionals, or "well-trained volunteers," Hepburn said. The volunteers go through a training program about dealing with people in person and over the phone, he said.

The Link also acts as a referral service for students. People may be referred from The Link to PSC, Counseling and Career Development or The Student Wellness Center, he said, depending on the problem.

"Sometimes people just need to talk something through," he said.

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County hospital names its price

by Gloria Good
reporter

You are walking home from an afterhours and you have had a few too many beers. Your vision is blurred, you have lost basic motor control, and once again a treacherous curb grabs hold of your ankles. Only this time you fall hard—blood, and other unpleasanties.

Accidents will happen. But you are a college student. You have probably got a finite amount of funds, and a low one at that. Your hand/head/knee is seriously injured, but you have no insurance. Will the Wood County Hospital treat you?

"We take care of the patient first and ask for payment later," says William Culbertson, administrator of the Wood County Hospital. "No one is turned away because of money."

Which is fortunate. However, once you are treated, you are not in the clear yet. There are still other financial matters to take into consideration before getting that case of acute appendicitis.

THE CITY CHARGES \$35 for an emergency ride to the hospital. The minimum charge for emergency room treatment is \$25. An x-ray costs \$20 to \$26, depending on the location of the injury, and a series of x-rays costs around \$40.

This does not include the cost for any other lab work or treatment that must be done. There are no lower rates for students.

"One of the reasons prices are so high is because you have to do so much to make sure you've treated the patient as best as you can," says Culbertson.

"They call it the tip of the iceberg, but I call it the fin of the shark because it can eat you. Even though

a head looks all right, it needs x-rays, attention. That person could be back two weeks later with real problems."

Administrator Culbertson estimates the hospital has 18,000 emergency patients a year. "We also treat 7,000 in-patients a year, and 800 babies are born here each year," he adds.

The hospital has grown to accommodate the county's population. In 1951 it was built to hold 65 beds and it now has the capacity to hold 145 beds. The hospital employs 40 physicians and 450 others on a full or part-time basis.

Adequate facilities and good treatment cannot be found unless it is paid well, so illness can be a costly venture. It would be wise to think twice before you crack that skull or slice that finger. But accidents will happen. And it would be a good idea then to take a jaunt to the Wood County Hospital.

Cafeterias try for balanced diet

by Janet Pavasko
staff reporter

There seems to be a common myth out there amongst University students, that myth being dormitory food is neither balanced or tasty. This makes off-campus cooking sound like heaven to the taste buds.

Living off campus, most students are free and independent for the first time in their life.

"Everyone goes through a stage where they only eat their favorite foods," Dr. Lois Renker, associate professor of home economics, said. "Even though mom isn't around to tell you what to eat, most people outgrow this stage."

According to Renker, by following the four food groups and planning all meals and snacks, students should be able to maintain a good diet.

"Students should plan all meals, even TV dinners," Renker said. "While TV dinners are higher in salt, fat, and calories, they do contain vitamins and protein."

RENKER ALSO SAID she feels buying and

cooking for four people is a lot cheaper than when individuals cook for themselves.

"You could save money if you first plan ahead, use coupons, and use less pre-fixed food," she said. "Of course it also helps when everybody has the same meal patterns."

However, for those of us still living in the residence halls, a good balanced meal is not out of reach.

"Our philosophy is at the time students get to college, their eating habits are pretty well set," Jane Schimpf, assistant director of food operations, said. "They should know what is best for them, and should be able to choose balanced foods."

According to Schimpf, the same menu is used in every dining hall and operates on a five-week cycle.

"ALTHOUGH the same menu is used, managers are able to make substitutions as long as they offer the same number of items," she said. "For instance, there must be four entrees in the ala carte, hot sandwich, and specialty lines."

Schimpf said she feels students this year are following nationwide nutrition trends.

"This year students seem to be more conscious of salt and food additives, which is why we offer unseasoned vegetables at every dining hall," Schimpf said.

According to Schimpf, the University maintains a strict policy concerning special diets.

"In order to legally protect ourselves, we ask that any student on a particular diet bring in a signed physician's copy of that diet," she said.

Schimpf said she felt that since the University is an institution, several connotations naturally are linked with the food service.

"AUTOMATICALLY students think the food isn't going to be like mom's, but then again mom doesn't cook eight different dinner selections," she said.

"We try to prepare what the majority will like." Another connotation, according to Schimpf, is the excessive amounts of starch served by the dining halls.

"Yes the starch is there, but you don't have to select it," she said. "French fries are the highest usage food, but the minute we don't serve them, we get crucified."



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"SEPTIC TANKS pollute, but sewer systems are expensive. There is one small community here that wants one, but they found it would cost over a million dollars and you could probably buy the place lock, stock and barrel for \$800,000. And you can't tell a whole community that it's polluting," Sorrels said.

The mosquito program is one that has been applauded by the county. It sets out to destroy mosquitoes while they are still larvae, in standing water. It reduces pest problems and disease.

"Getting mosquitoes in the air is hard; not very effective," Sorrels said. "So we supply chemicals that are but on in early spring on the standing water. That kills the most. Then spraying is done in June."

The Health Department also investigates cases of food poisoning if two or more people complain about illness after eating a certain food or at a certain place; also, dog bites are investigated to prevent rabies.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT also has miscellaneous services, such

as keeping records of births and deaths which occurred in the County.

"If you go to Toledo to a hospital and die there, your death certificate will not be here, it will be filed in Lucas County," Ryder explained. "But if you were born here, we will have your birth certificate, provided you were born after 1906."

Nancy Kinney, director of nursing services for the department, added that a death will be noted after awhile because information does get back to the department, but the birth and death certificates will remain in the county in which they were filed.

The Health Department's many-faceted programs can be taken advantage of by anyone in the community, including students.

"Students are part of the community, and we help where we can," Kinney said. Ryder and Kinney have both helped the Student Health Center, the College of Health and Community Services, and delivered programs and lectures to the University about preventive health care.

Organization uses natural birth control

CINCINNATI (AP) - Couples considering having children often wonder about the cost of child rearing - medical care, education, food and clothing. Few consider the cost of not having children.

The Couple to Couple League, an organization that promotes natural family planning, says a couple might spend more than \$5,000 in birth control devices over the life of a marriage.

That depends, to some degree, on how active a couple's sex life is. Based on having sex three times a week - and the marriage lasting 30 years - the Couple to Couple League arrived at these estimates:

- \$1,875 to \$4,755 for birth control pills, based on whether the cost is subsidized by a welfare or social agency.

- \$5,100 for combination use of diaphragms and foam, based on examination and replacement every two years.

- \$750 to \$1,000 for an intrauterine device, based on physical and reinsertion every three years.

- \$1,426 to \$4,320 for condoms, depending on quality and preference
- \$100 to \$500 for male sterilization; \$150 to \$1,000 for female sterilization.

THE SURVEY was conducted by Couple to Couple League members in Salt Lake City, and by Kevin Banet, the organization's publicity director in Cincinnati.

"The survey is fairly informal, but I think the costs are pretty accurate," Banet said. "I went to drugstores and compared different prices, and they made several phone calls."

In contrast, the U.S. Department of Agriculture last year calculated that it costs \$134,000 to have and support a child until age 18. The principal items in this are an estimated \$36,645 for food; \$41,121 for housing; \$20,355 for transportation; \$12,129 for clothing; \$3,703 for medical care; and miscellaneous costs totaling \$15,173.

The Couple to Couple League, founded in suburban Minneapolis in 1971 by John and Sheila Kippley, is headquartered in Cincinnati. It has 18,000 members, Banet said.

THE ORGANIZATION usually promotes natural family planning on moral grounds. The cost-of-avoiding-pregnancy approach is a new one for the organization.

"We don't emphasize cost too much, but we talk about all the reasons for people to use natural family planning," Banet said. "If they decide to use natural family planning because of cost, that's fine."

The league offers a \$35 class Banet says will produce the same results as thousands of dollars of artificial birth control devices.

"The course consists of four classes of two hours apiece," Banet said. "It includes the instruction, a book that's almost 300 pages long, a subscription to our newsletter, a thermometer and charts for one year."

The thermometer is to measure basal body temperature, one indicator of a woman's reproductive cycle. The charts indicate the days a woman is likely to get pregnant.

"THE BASAL body temperature shifts at the time of ovulation," Banet said. "The temperature shows one of three symptoms we look for: a shift about the middle of the fertile time tells a woman that the end of her fertile time is approaching."

The onset of that fertile period in the middle of a woman's menstrual cycle can be determined by the secretion of cervical mucus and by a change in the cervix, Banet said.

"You watch for mucus, which is what allows the sperm to live and swim to the cervix," Banet said. The cervix is the opening to the uterus, where a fertilized egg develops.

"You watch for mucus and cervix changes - the woman is doing these internal observations every day; the mucus and cervix indicate the start, and the temperature change indicates the end.

"WHEN the temperature goes up, it's a rather sudden shift - four tenths of a degree Fahrenheit - then it starts sloping off. It goes up upon ovulation, the releasing of the egg, because a hormone is released that raises body temperature."

Banet said the Couple to Couple League has trained 50,000 couples in this technique, which it contends is accurate but not foolproof.

"Various studies have found a 99 percent effectiveness for folks who are well-motivated and well-instructed," Banet said. "Being well-motivated and well-instructed is important. If not, they either do the wrong things or do not abstain when they should."

In short, abstaining from sex nine to 12 days a month is the key to natural family planning, Banet said. If a couple doesn't want to do that, the system cannot be a reliable method of birth control.

Ironically, the same system used to avoid pregnancy could be used by couple that wants to have a child and needs to determine a woman's optimum chance for getting pregnant.

THE COUPLE to Couple League has members in 47 states and is active in six foreign countries, Banet said.

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