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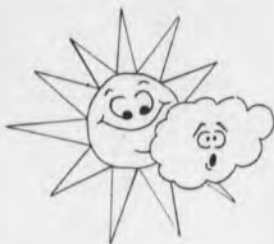
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Weather



Clearing up:

Tuesday, cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. The high in the lower 30s. Northwest winds less than 10 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. The low around 20. Wednesday, mostly sunny with the high 40 to 45.

Inside The News

Ram tough:

Preferred Properties and Piedmont Properties landlord Doug Valentine could face criminal damage charges after an incident in which he rammed his front loader into a delivery truck in an attempt to move it out of his way.

□ See page four.

Off the campus

King me!:

PETAL, Miss. (AP) - Charles Walker has reclaimed his title as world checker king by playing 229 games simultaneously, defeating 227 contestants, losing one contest and tying one.

"I am going home and eat me a steak," Walker said after completing his last match of the day at the National Checker Hall of Fame in this suburb of Hattiesburg. "After dinner I am going right to sleep because I have been on my feet all day."

That was eight hours of steady play. Walker, founder of the checker hall of fame, often paused less than 10 seconds to make his move as he hurried from board to board.

Walker's 227 victories Saturday breaks the record of 221, held by Canadian Army Maj. H. Roy White, who recorded his feat on Oct. 27, 1990, in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Harkin hunting:

COLUMBUS (AP) Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, seeking the Democratic nomination for president, filed a full slate of national convention delegate candidates in Ohio, his backers said.

Susan Gippin of Akron, Harkin's Ohio coordinator, said Monday that the names of 250 potential delegates were submitted to the Ohio Democratic Party in advance of its Jan. 28 deadline.

Lottery

CLEVELAND - Here are Monday night's Ohio Lottery selections:

Pick 3 Numbers: 5-0-4
Pick 4 Numbers: 3-9-4-2
Cards: 2 of Hearts
7 of Clubs
3 of Diamonds
Queen of Spades

The Super Lotto jackpot is \$8 million.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Bush faces tough crowd tonight

by Mike Feinhaber
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- It's the recession -- but not only the recession.

It's a pervasive sense of politics-as-usual, of a government out of touch with its people.

It is a feeling that the Japanese, indeed, make better products and will be hard to catch up with.

It is a perception that, for the first time in this country, kids will have a harder time than their parents.

As President Bush prepares to go before Congress and the nation Tuesday night with his State of the Union prescriptions, the country seems agreed that something has gone haywire, and that something quick and easy won't fix what's wrong.

"What's the 20-year plan?" asks

paper shop owner Cass Rankin, 37, walking her dogs, Chelsie and Tuxedo, in Phoenix, Ariz. "Where does he see our economy, our lifestyle, our country, our power, the whole shebang -- where does he see it in 20 years?"

Was it only a year ago that America -- united, patriotic, uncertain but largely convinced that it was doing right -- was engaged in an air war against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi aggression in Kuwait, and braced for a ground invasion?

Hardly anyone mentions the war in this kitchen table sampling of American opinions. When foreign affairs are mentioned, it is usually to complain that America is too generous.

"I think President Bush should look inward toward the country rather than outward toward the world," mused Lex Cleary of

Plattsburgh, N.Y., a fishing guide and consulting engineer.

Too much money is being sent abroad, said Dan Legere, owner of the Maine Guide Fly Shop in Greenville, Maine. He paused, then said, "Not to say the Russian economy can't use it."

To be sure, Americans haven't lost the dogged optimism that characterizes them.

"Times are tough," said Dianne Gray, 36, of Sutton, Vt., "but you just grit your teeth. If you're really willing to work, there's jobs out there to be found -- I've got three of them."

Mrs. Gray works in a florist shop, part-time, cleans a woman's house, and sweeps the post office. Her husband is out of work.

"We're not living high on the hog," she said. "But the bills are paid."

See Union, page 5.

Locals offer advice for speech

by Katherine Rizzo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Some Ohioans have definite ideas about what President Bush ought to say in his State of the Union address tonight.

Marshall Garrett of Columbus would like to hear Bush focus on education, reasoning that job opportunities disappear without proper training.

Garrett, a production worker with Anheiser-Busch in Columbus, sees the economy's problems intertwined with education problems.

"If you give a person the opportunity, they can do things for themselves," he said last week. "Bush should get more in touch with our economy and our job situation."

C. William Swank, executive vice president of the Ohio Farm

See Ohio, page 5.

For The Future Leaders...



The BG News/Tim Norman

Working on one of four banners, senior special education major and Orientation Board secretary Beth Snoddy paints the outline of a flag on the first floor of the Student Services Building Monday

afternoon. The banners will be part of an Orientation Board lesson for this fall's freshman and transfer orientation leaders. Orientation leaders meet once a month to prepare for fall orientation.

USG bill suggests drinking penalty

by Julie Tagliarone
The BG News

Senator Michael Brennan introduced a bill to reduce the maximum penalty for underage drinking of alcohol at the Undergraduate Student Government meeting Monday.

Senate Bill 91-92-16 calls for the penalty for underage liquor offenses for 18, 19 and 20-year-olds to not exceed \$1. Currently, underage violators face a possible six months in jail plus a \$1,000 fine.

Brennan's bill also asks Bowling Green Mayor Wes Hoffman to require the police to enforce the local laws rather than the state's police.

Brennan said most of the alcohol lawbreakers have caused no harm to the community, adding that the writers of the 26th amendment to the U.S. Constitu-

See USG, page 6.

Alleged killer enters no plea during BG trial

by Chris Hawley
The BG News

Alleged killer Richard Lee Geringer was brought before Common Pleas Court Judge Charles Kurfess Monday but did not enter a plea to charges in the shooting deaths of his wife, daughter and girlfriend.

Geringer's attorney, Don Cameron, requested an extension for his arraignment Monday morning.

"We'll ask that another date be set for that," Cameron said to the court.

Geringer, a resident of Perrysburg Township, was arrested after fire fighters, summoned to his barn by a fire alarm, saw his daughter's body in his house. Geringer was found on his property with gunshot wounds to his head.

A Wood County grand jury indicted him Jan. 8 on one charge of attempted arson and two charges of aggravated murder for each death, the first alleging that the killing was premeditated and the second stating that the killing was done while committing another felony.

Geringer, his voice muffled by head bandages, told the judge he understood Wood County Prosecutor Alan Mayberry's charges that he killed the three and attempted to set his pole barn on fire Dec. 23, 1991.

Mayberry told the court Geringer faces the death sentence or life imprisonment on the charges.

"Possible penalties on the first six counts are either life or death," plus three years per killing for specifications that a firearm was used in the crime, Mayberry said.

The Wood County Clerk's Office notified the Ohio Supreme Court Jan. 15 that Mayberry will seek capital punishment for the killings. Geringer and Richard Fox, whose case is now being appealed, are the only two defendants to have faced the death penalty in Wood County in this century.



Sentinel-Tribune pool photo/Mark Deckard

Accused murderer Richard Geringer enters the courtroom for his arraignment Monday morning. Geringer did not enter a plea due to the absence of one of his attorneys.

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Inquiries about ACGFA

The Advisory Committee on General Fees Allocation (ACGFA), the student committee charged with deciding how student organizations will allocate more than \$400,000, will not receive an increase in money this year.

Therefore, Bob Arrowsmith, assistant vice president of student affairs, thought students should be kept from deciding how they want to spend what money they have. We are still scratching our heads on this one.

Arrowsmith shocked many student leaders with his announcement that he was taking what control students have over their general fees away. Then, after less than a week, he reinstated the ACGFA.

From the beginning, it seemed to be an issue of control. Arrowsmith was taking away input on ACGFA funds, we thought, to consolidate his authority in order to make student organization funding cuts later.

Yet, after an outcry from the leaders of student groups both new and old, he elected to restore the facade of student control over student monies.

It never really made sense to us, and all we have now are questions.

For instance, what did Arrowsmith really mean to gain by not convening ACGFA? Could it have been as simple as Arrowsmith not wanting to bother with three Saturday meetings this year?

What is illusion and what is reality with this idea of student control over general fees? What is the formula for

deciding how much money ACGFA has to distribute in the first place? What input do students have in this decision?

And, what kind of control should students have over the amount of general fees they are charged?

This last question is perhaps the most interesting, especially in light of recent events:

□ Administrators now say they may have to raise the general fee slightly in 1993 in order to completely pay for the Falcon Fieldhouse now under construction. Students were told no fee increase would be needed to pay for the building when they were polled favorably on a decision never brought to a vote by Undergraduate Student Government or the general student body.

□ In November, a city-wide citizens committee made up of mostly permanent residents recommended a \$5 to \$10 increase in each student's general fee in order to pay for an additional eight emergency employees. Will students have an opportunity to approve or reject this "tax," eerily similar to the .08 percent city-wide income tax increase the committee also recommended?

USG, particularly President Mike Sears, showed some brilliance in the matter by calling an emergency meeting to discuss the issue.

As far as we are concerned, the ACGFA question is one of control -- who has it, and who should get it.

We hate to leave you with a bunch of questions. But, perhaps a campus-wide brainstorm is necessary here.

Icy walks hard fall

The BG News:

On any warm day, groundskeepers can be seen at every corner of the campus as they mow grass, trim hedges and dispose of litter.

They do an excellent job of making the University a beautiful site for all of the new visitors and potential students touring the college.

Why is it that this same energy has not been directed toward clearing our sidewalks of snow and ice? How is it possible that on Tuesday, Jan. 21 -- one week after the "big snow" -- conditions are still so bad at various parts of the campus?

In between classes today, I saw two people fall (a now-common occurrence) and about a dozen exclamations of "Whoa!" I also heard, "Oops!" and "Damn!" as other students tried to avoid falling flat on their backs.

I've heard the excuse that it's been too cold for "salt" to have any effect -- true or not,

has it been too cold for the common snow shovel, too?!!

It is now a "toasty" 39 degrees outside, and no doubt the snow and ice on the sidewalks will subside here within a couple of days. Winter is not over, however, and I dread having to deal with this kind of situation all over again.

Sean Patton
Junior
IPCO major

Condoms are rights

The BG News:

I would just like to say that the vast majority of us who go to this University are adults with rights. So, when organizations like Students for Life and Active Christians Today start telling adults how to conduct their sex lives, I get mad.

I feel that condoms should be distributed on campus, because abstinence -- on a broad scale -- does not work. There will never be a time in

America when every single unmarried person will abstain from sex.

We have quite a bit of freedom here. And until this country turns into a totalitarian police state, people with some level of freedom will have sex (married or unmarried).

So, instead of telling people that premarital sex is wrong (this is opinion, not absolute fact), we give them choices.

If the condoms offend you, then don't look at them. Don't buy them. We can actually do that.

We are not children. We are adults. We must decide, for ourselves, whether to take the condom or not. If all this talk of condoms and safer sex offends these conservative student organizations, then I must say that their narrow-minded, condescending, self-righteous attitudes offend me just as much.

Jocelyn Taylor
Sophomore

ON YOUR MARK....



Cash, college and Snugsy

A look at money, the University, bunnies and hate

' ' A a a a a a a u g h !
0000000000000000000000000000000000
00 What the hell are you doing?
Can't I even take a BATH without you guys following me around and writing down every damn thing I say? - Oscar Wilde, 1878.

Michael Martone



Money. Mmmmm. I love it. I just can't get enough of it.

And neither can the University, and that's where the fun begins. Because we're broke, the faculty is going to go two years without a pay raise, and retiring professors are not being replaced, leading to absurdly overcrowded classrooms. Options:

- (1) Accept the status quo.
- (2) Raise the tuition.
- (3) Alter priorities.

Option #1 means we start losing our best professors to other universities.

When thinking about option #2, remember that we're talking about a raise beyond the 7 to 9 percent tuition increase cap that is needed to cover increased expenses. In other words, option #2 means removing the cap, which at the University of Illinois led to a 25 percent tuition increase the next year.

Option #3 seems the least threatening until we start talking about specifics. For every new project (better lighting for a safer campus) or current deficiency (professors' salaries) you fund, you must make an equal and opposite cut that the students are willing to tolerate.

Well, you're the students. What are you willing to cut?

Please don't mention the fieldhouse. All of the money was already committed to that project a long time ago, so save your principles to protest future expansions and don't cry "wolf" over milk you helped spill, even if you weren't aware of the glass when you threw stones at it.

And please don't mention Olscamp's sabbatical. The sabbatical is just a shifting of paid vacation from the end of Olscamp's tenure to the middle of it, and although it will create an unnecessary four-month leadership void (unlike when he's here -- ha.), still IT DOESN'T COST THE UNIVERSITY ANYTHING.

Despising authority blindly never got anyone anything except

personal popularity. And remember, we're attending a state school -- and you can't whittle down the profit margin of a non-profit organization.

The point to remember is that, while the recession continues, there is no way for the students to avoid economic pain. But where would you like it to hurt? I'm curious -- write to me c/o BG News (210 West Hall) and I'll do a follow-up column later this semester.

"The Amazing Adventures of Snugsy in Garbageland" -- Part 6: Snugsy Learns How to Hate.

NARRATOR: And then, Snugsy, the insufferably cute little critter of an unknown species, having learned much from the Magic Smidlits during her stay in their enchanted land, said goodbye to her newfound friends and headed down the chocolate cupcake lane once again, when she ran into Mike Martone, who was feeling particularly bitter that week.

MIKE MARTONE: I'm in hell.

SNUGSY: Gee, Mike! You've cheered up since we last met!

MIKE: Shut up. This week, I've been depressed by just how much hate is left in the world.

When I was younger, my history classes left me with the impression that progress was forward and irreversible, with the atrocities at Selma and Ole' Miss incapable of being repeated in our enlightened present, and the progress that was still needed would build on what was already accomplished.

But in the last half year I've been witnessing the rise of Neofascism in Germany and anti-Semitism in the Soviet Disunion parallel the rise of David Duke in the United States and Jean-Marie LePen in France.

Is this just a side effect of an economic global burp, or have people ALWAYS hated each other, while feigned tolerance was merely imposed from above? Are we permanently

doomed to witness the use of entire races of people for the gratification of others?

Even you, Snugsy, you cute little white fuzzy innocent critter, were just called into existence for the purposes of having a hippo land on you eight paragraphs from now, because I know that a few demented readers would find it funny.

SNUGSY: Pardon me?

MIKE: Oh, I was just trying to explain how the prospects of equal rights are getting dimmer and dimmer.

SNUGSY: I get so confused sometimes. What exactly are equal rights? Pro-choicers claim that men and women have an equal right to treat anything in their bodies anyway they choose, while pro-lifers claim that women and men have an equal right to protect the 'life' of their unborn progeny!

Liberals claim that rich people and poor people have an equal right to a college education, while conservatives claim that poor people and rich people have an equal right to keep the money they earn! Who's



right? MIKE: Big words for a bunny. Hmhmhmhm. I'll admit that I don't really know. When rights collide, the highest-priority rights are supposed to be those protected by the Constitution.

But the 13th amendment prohibiting involuntary servitude is ignored whenever the government needs to draft soldiers, and the 5th amendment preventing seizure of property without due compensation is ignored every April 15th.

I guess that the only real equal right that exists is an equal right to try to hang onto anything you can grab.

SNUGSY: ****SPLAT!!!!

HECTOR HIPPO: I'm back!

MIKE: Oh, now I remember!

OSCAR WILDE: Just get the hell out of here, all of you!

Mike Martone is a columnist for the BG News.

Hit or Swiss

Javier Gonzalez



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Japanese not to blame for U.S. economic woes

American auto makers must also help end recession

As the presidential races really start to heat up, we are seeing the bombardment of the American public by propaganda and rhetoric from all the candidates regarding what they'll do for this country. The issues? Unless you've had your head buried in the sand, you should all know them. (1) The Economy, (2) The Economy, (3) The Economy.

Perrin Sah



Last month, President Bush visited Asia to discuss trade. Perhaps most significantly, he visited Japan. The purpose of his visit (no puke jokes here!) was to get the Japanese to open up their market to American products (for example, automobiles.)

On a side note, did you know the trade deficit between the U.S. and Japan has actually decreased in the last five years? In that time span, American exports to Japan have doubled. However, the business leaders of this country would rather you didn't know that. It tarnishes the image of Japan "screwing us" in trade.

Think about this. Why are the

The United States is an economic giant. However, that is no guarantee that it will always do well.

"Big Three" automakers having problems selling their cars in Japan? Sure, the Japanese government limits the importing of foreign cars, but how about some practical reasons?

For example, American cars have the steering wheel on the left side of the car. This is great for the U.S., where we drive on the right side of the road, but it makes it really inconvenient

for the Japanese, who drive on the left side of the road. This just doesn't work well. How many cars do you see with the steering wheel on the right side of the car here in the U.S.?

Also, American cars are BIG (just look at the monstrous Chevrolet Caprice Classic). In case you didn't know, Japan suffers from a slightcase of overcrowding; having to leave space for large parking lots and negotiating the crowded streets of cities like Tokyo isn't high on their wish list.

In comparison to Japanese cars, American cars are "gas guzzlers." So in a practical sense, is it any surprise that the Japanese don't want our cars?

On a more domestic note, let's look at America's largest (for that matter, the world's largest) company -- General Motors. This international behemoth is large enough to affect the economy of the United States with its actions.

Did you know that GM loses \$15 million a day?!!!!

As a result (at least partially), right before this past Christmas GM announced plans to layoff 74,000 employees and close an additional 21 plants.

Now I don't claim to be a financial genius (Visa can attest to that), but why does it seem to me that GM could find other ways to reduce costs? The CEO of GM earns an annual salary in excess of \$2 million. Meanwhile, his Japanese counter-

parts make about a third of that.

In a recent interview with Time magazine, GM's CEO was asked about the seemingly excessive salaries of upper-level executives in America. In response, he said, "I'll be happy to exchange pay with any Japanese CEO." If he's sincere about that statement, I would like to see him take a voluntary pay cut down to the level of Japanese CEOs. When you see that his salary is equivalent to the salary of more than 70 factory workers (and he's laying off 74,000 of them), you have to ask some questions.

Again, I don't claim to be anything but a lowly liberal arts-educated student columnist wannabe, but I have a "proposal" to help GM trim its operating costs.

What lays at the foundation of the economic woes of the U.S.? I don't know (but neither do many so-called experts). So what should we look for as the presidential candidates start spouting familiar (and popular) slogans of "America First" and "Buy American?" We, as a nation, must realize that it really doesn't matter if we no longer are the hegemonic power that was the case after World War II.

What we must emphasize is a healthy economy that is stable and on good terms with the rest

The United States is an economic giant. However, that is no guarantee that it will always do well. In order to do that, the businesses, and in particular the CEOs, must re-think their policy of how to lead the financial growth and well-being of this country.

Perrin Sah is a senior political science major from Strongsville, Ohio.



WRRO for women rights

Kristine Urrutia, Christina Phillip
Guest Columnists

There is a definitive affiliation between women and the childbearing function, and this association cuts through all socioeconomic, racial, political, moral and religious boundaries.

The focus of every woman's sexual experience has consistently implied childbearing. Although, due to these inevitable societal differences, no woman's sexuality can be classified in such a simplistic or universal way.

Additionally, not all women are able to have children and amazingly enough, some have no desire to do so. To uphold the freedoms of women in exercising their sexuality outside the context of the nuclear family, fundamental rights involving reproduction must be understood.

The reproductive rights of women are concentrated within four primary realms: the right to birth control, the right to abort a pregnancy and the right to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases and from sterilization.

promiscuous behavior. Furthermore, it encourages awareness and allows for the right to freedom in a person's chosen degree of sexuality.

And contrary to some beliefs, abstinence does not guarantee a better sense of "self-esteem" or of "self-dignity." That is a preposterous boast.

As members of the Bowling Green State University Women's Reproductive Rights Organization, we have defined our main goal as the affirmation of a woman's choice in her methods of reproduction.

It is also our hope to overcome the boundaries that separate the woman's experience in our male-constructed society, and allow for the individual's freedom to choose her own possibilities and destiny without the approval of others.

Kristine Urrutia is the president of the University's Women's Reproductive Rights Organization, and Christina Phillips is secretary of WRRO.

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IFC hears black greeks' reason for absenteeism

by Sherry Turco
The BG News

Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma -- African-American Greek Organizations -- responded harshly to the Jan. 20 Interfraternity Council Presidents and Reqs meeting during Monday night's Interfraternity Council meeting open forum.

A memo directed to Jeff Merhige, president of Interfraternity Council, was read by Willie Garrett, Phi Beta Sigma member, on behalf of the presidents and representatives of Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities.

Letters were sent out to Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma asking them to attend the business meeting.

The memo stated their absence from the meeting stemmed from the fact that Jan. 20 was the observation of the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"We all thought, that you being in such an immense position of

power and being in attendance at an institution of higher learning, would be well aware of this important historical date and the numerous contributions made to American society by our late brother," the memo stated.

Shouting broke out after the meeting over a comment made by an IFC member, saying IFC should have publicly canceled the Jan. 20 meeting. A handful of black greek members took offense to Merhige's comment at the end of the meeting. "I'll see you on the 29th [a IFC-related meeting]. Hope there's not a holiday."

In the memo, the predominately black greek organizations stated they will not accept "being in a society that operates on the exclusion of people of color."

The memo reminds Interfraternity Council that King spoke of equality and racial tolerance, two concepts that "should be practiced here at Bowling Green State University and abroad."

The conclusion of the memo said that an organization of National Panhellenic Council is still being pursued.

"It is this sort of nonchalant, non-tolerant attitude that has helped us to see a change has to be made," the memo stated. It went on to say, "We believe

the most recent oversight and other untimely happenings could be avoided if we are granted our own entity. You may be unable to accept and embrace this idea but that won't stop our diligent journey to the organization of N.P.H.C. on this campus!"

The memo was read during the open forum of the meeting, which allows a member to comment on what is stated during this time. Rather than commenting on the memo, another topic was brought up and the matter overlooked until David Burch, Sigma Phi Epsilon, brought the memo up for discussion.

"This is the biggest thing happening in our time and it should not be overlooked," Burch said.

Merhige then apologized to Willie Garrett, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma. He mentioned, "It was a standard IFC Presidents and Reqs meeting and that IFC had no intention of taking away from the holiday."

The conflict stems from several predominantly black greek organizations wanting a separate governing body -- the National Panhellenic Council. It has not yet been granted.

Rush dates for the Fraternity Spring Rush are set for Jan. 28, 30 and Feb. 3 and 5.

Smile!



The BG News/Jay Murdoch

Rick Pitetti of Carl Wolf Studio poses senior Melissa Green for her portrait Monday morning. Senior portraits are being taken until the end of the week. Contact *The Key* for information.

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BG landlord damages delivery truck

Anger caused Doug Valentine to kick car and damage Ryder delivery vehicle

by Eileen McNamara
The BG News

Preferred Properties and Piedmont Properties landlord Doug Valentine could face criminal damage charges after an incident in which he rammed his front loader into a delivery truck in an attempt to move it out of his way.

About 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, according to police, Valentine and two of his employees were clearing snow from his property,

the Railview Building, on Gould Street when he observed that a truck making a delivery to a business on the property, BG Flooring, 419 Gould St., was blocking his path.

Valentine asked the delivery person, Ray Westcott, of Lancaster, Ohio, to move and Westcott informed him he was almost done with his delivery and would move shortly.

According to the report, Valentine turned and kicked a car parked nearby, got into his truck and proceeded to plow the delivery truck out of his way, moving the vehicle about 50 to 75 feet. Westcott had to jump out of the way to avoid injury.

Valentine could not be reached for comment, but told police he asked Westcott to move three times and on the final time threatened to move the delivery truck himself. He said he did not mean to damage the vehicle and "stands by his actions."

Westcott, a delivery person for Columbus Carpet Distributing in Columbus, said he had a very different recollection of the inci-

"I told him [the area] was plowed, but he said he didn't care. He said he was the owner of the property and could do whatever he wanted."

Ray Westcott, delivery employee

dent. He said he parked in an area that had already been plowed and Valentine told him to move. Westcott pointed out he was parked in an area that had already been plowed.

"I told him [the area] was plowed, but he said he didn't care. He said he was the owner of the property and could do whatever he wanted," he said.

Westcott said he told Valentine he just had to drop off a delivery and have an employee sign for it and he would be gone. He also told Valentine to talk to his customer if he had a problem. Valentine went into BG Flooring and talked to one of the employees, telling him he wanted Westcott to

move immediately. "I said 'Go ahead. You can't move it, I've got the keys,'" Westcott said.

According to Westcott, Valentine said if Westcott didn't move the truck he would move it for him. Westcott stood between Valentine's front loader and his delivery truck.

"I didn't want the equipment to get damaged, so I blocked his way. He hesitated, thought about it and decided to put it in gear. When he got within six to 12 feet of me, I jumped out of the way," he said.

Westcott said Valentine rammed into the truck, moving it about 50 feet, raising it off the ground and damaging the rear hydraulic system.

"I thought what he did was wrong ... totally asinine. That's

breaking a law," he said. He said Valentine then left the scene of the incident.

Westcott said his company plans to take Valentine to court unless he pays for damages to the truck, which is property of Ryder Truck Rental in Columbus. Westcott also said Valentine kicked a car, and scared the two children occupying it, in a fit of anger before plowing into the delivery vehicle.

Ruth Hasselman, the owner of the vehicle, was upset by the incident because her two school-age children were waiting inside the car while she was in the Ohio License Bureau.

"He kicked my car and scared my children quite badly," she said.

Hasselmann said her children were exposed to harsh language and believes Valentine had to have seen the two children in the vehicle before he kicked it.

"I feel the kind of language Mr. Valentine used was unacceptable ... [the whole incident] was totally uncalled for," she said.

Hasselmann said she did not see the actual incident but her children did.

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Drivers instructed on precautionary actions

Proper running condition, preparedness a must

by Michael Zawacki
The BG News

Winter's fury, or flury, can be released at any given time. A warning to winter travelers, don't be left out in the cold.

Motorists should make sure their car is in proper running condition before traveling out on those potentially icy, and ill kept roads until spring arrives.

The Wood County Health Department reminds winter drivers to maintain a regular check on oil pressure, tire pressure and tread size, wiper fluid and brake fluid.

"Prevention is the first thing you want to be sure of," said Joanne Sommers, health educator at the Wood County Health Department.

Sommers said in case of a winter emergency there are certain necessities that should be in every traveler's car:

- candles, matches and/or flashlight;
- non perishable, dry foods such as dried fruits and nuts;
- flags or flares to signal rescuers;
- a snow shovel and an ice and snow brush;
- a car tool kit and jumper cables;
- a small bag of salt or kitty litter to provide traction; and
- blankets, hats, scarves and boots.

Sommers said if you are trapped in your car on snow Sommers added to never eat snow since it will chill you. Instead melt the snow in a coffee or nut can first before drinking.

"Exercise, like clapping your hands, is important because it will warm you, but too much will also increase body heat loss," said Sommers.

Sommers added it is important to keep the gas tank full because the car's engine uses more fuel in the cold weather. Covered roads, stay in your vehicle to avoid overexposure to the elements and overexertion and stay warm and awake for survival.

"You don't want to come down with hypothermia," said Sommers.

Make sure the exhaust pipe is cleared of snow and ice before running your car, to avoid a build up of carbon monoxide, and run the engine and heater sparingly, no more than 10 minutes every hour.

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Retirees always complain, said retiree Lulu Kemmerer, 79, of Fleetwood, Pa., who suffers from throat cancer but still gets by. "Every year the Social Security goes up," she said. "They can take care of themselves."

Much criticism of Bush bubbles to the surface; he is ridiculed for his trip to Japan and for buying socks at J.C. Penney's to boost the economy.

"He just found out there was a recession the other day," scoffed Jose Medina, 51, an airline mechanic who lost his job when Pan American World Airways went under.

"Politicians these days don't seem to come from Middle America like they used to," said Robert Dixon, manager of a printing company in Fayetteville, N.C. He said Bush "doesn't really understand."

The prospect that Bush would propose a middle-class tax cut created no enthusiasm.

"Tax cuts are not going to impact people who are unemployed," said Dorothy DeWitty, a city council member in Tulsa, Okla.

Business people and ranchers pumped for a capital gains tax cut and an investment tax credit - and a relaxation of environmental regulations.

Even Michael DeShazo, night manager at Jesus House, a homeless shelter in Oklahoma City, Okla., saw sense in "tax cuts to

"I think President Bush should look inward toward the country rather than outward toward the world."

Lex Cleary, Plattsburgh

small businesses to hire more people, expand the work force."

But people were thinking long term - and in that regard had much to say about the state of America's schooling and about health care.

"Any country that doesn't take care of its children is going to be very short-lived," said graduate student Stacy Kaser, 35, who runs the electron-microscopy lab at the University of New Mexico.

"This is the first generation where the children won't do as well as their parents," said George Seymour, a biology teacher in Watervliet, N.Y.

Barbara Gordon, a cafe manager in Raleigh, N.C., worried "that the next generations are not going to be prepared for what they'll have to deal with."

Anna Hoffman, 48, a nursery school teacher for 14 years in New York City, said she would like "to pound into Bush's head that the future of the country lies in the young ... How have they the audacity to cut back on education?"

As for health: "If something is not done about socializing med-

icine, it's only the very rich who will get good health care."

Prasong Nurack, owner and chief cook of a Thai restaurant in Des Moines, so loves America that he holds special days in the restaurant celebrating free speech and other constitutional rights. But he worries about health care.

"Everybody should have health care, no matter if you have a job," he said. "In Thailand they do it, in America, why not?"

A few offer the president advice - "He's got to tell the people that it's about time you make a better product," said Douglas Blesl, 69, a retired Minneapolis dentist visiting Miami - but many say the job is too big for any one person.

"He's not a god," said Annette Turns, 42, of Harrisburg, Pa.

"I'm not so sure it's one man's job," is how Nedra Hoard of Westfield, Ind., put it during a visit to San Antonio, Texas. "We all need to reassess what we're doing, and what we've asked the government and what we've asked of each other."

Police Blotter

◆ Jay J. Stockwell, 18, was cited for underage consumption and disorderly conduct Friday. Stockwell was an "unwelcome visitor" who was intoxicated and pounding on the door of a Clough Street resident who called police from her neighbor's apartment. After police took him into custody, Stockwell escaped from the back seat of the police unit but was apprehended in the parking lot of Ranch Steak and Seafood, 1544 E. Wooster St. Because he was reported to be verbally abusive, Stockwell was handcuffed and transported to the Wood County Justice Center rather than being processed at the police station, police said.

◆ A resident of University Lane reported receiving an obscene message on her answering machine Friday. There was breathing, a male voice saying, "I'm caught, I'm caught," kissing sounds, a sound like a squeaky toy and sounds of beating the phone receiver on a table, police said.

◆ A resident of High Street reported someone had broken into her car by smashing in the front passenger side window while it was parked near Video Connection, 1216 W. Wooster St., Saturday. The thieves attempted to steal the stereo but only managed to steal the control knobs from the stereo. Nothing else was missing from the vehicle, police said.

◆ Darin Stoutenborough, 19, 286 Phi Kappa Tau house, was cited for underage consumption and littering Saturday on the corner of Manville Avenue and Clough Street. Stoutenborough threw an open container

of beer to the ground when he observed a police unit, police said.

◆ A resident of South Church Street reported someone stole the driver's side door from his Jeep while it was parked on West Oak Street Saturday, police said.

◆ Shannan L. Davis, 20, 400 Napoleon Road #335, was cited for underage possession and Michael J. Kaska, 20, 615 Second St. #1, for furnishing alcoholic beverages to underage persons Saturday in Kaska's apartment. Police had been responding to a complaint of loud banging and yelling coming from the apartment, police said.

◆ An employee of Society Bank, 1098 N. Main St., reported an attempt to cash a fraudulent check Saturday. The employee said a woman about 20 years old with shoulder-length curly blond hair drove up to the auto teller window and asked for a deposit slip and a Pell Grant application. The suspect attempted to cash a check worth \$709.81, asking for \$689.81 cash and a \$20 deposit. The teller was suspicious of the suspect's behavior and called the bank from which the check was written to verify the account. The check was fraudulent but the suspect had become nervous and had already left and could not be located, police said.

◆ A resident of South Grove Street reported receiving obscene phone calls Saturday. The suspect told the victim he was masturbating and said he was sorry he had sex with her because he has AIDS, police said.

◆ A resident of Orchard Circle reported a man wearing a black leather jacket was masturbating in front of her residence while looking into her windows, police said.

◆ Craig R. Daniels, 19, Portage, Ohio, was cited for underage consumption Saturday.

◆ Jason M. Crowell, 18, 1327 Charles St., cited for underage consumption Sunday at Howard's Club H, 210 N. Main St., police said.

◆ Matthew J. Fyffe, 505 Clough St. B23, was cited for underage consumption at a loud party at his residence, police said.

◆ Robert B. Hoffisis, 24, 12985 Kramer Lane, was cited for DUI and running a red light Sunday at the intersection of South Main and Clough streets, police said.

◆ David M. Hankins, 21, 516 E. Reed St., was cited on one count of criminal damaging Sunday. A neighbor said she observed Hankins, intoxicated, smashing the rear view mirror on a car parked on Lehman Avenue after leaving a party down the street, police said.

◆ An employee of Greenwood Coin Laundry, 1616 E. Wooster St., reported a balding older man was seen masturbating inside the laundromat by a customer Sunday, police said.

◆ The Yum Yum Tree, 1060 N. Main St., reported a breaking and entering and theft of about \$6 from the cash register Sunday. The locks were stripped off, possibly with channel locks, and the subjects had to go through two doors to enter the premises.

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Bureau Federation, is worried about ongoing trade talks, the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs.

"We just need to hang tough," Swank said. "It's important to the farmers that we don't get sold out in the GATT negotiations."

Swank also wants to see the capital gains tax reduced so that farmers who sell land aren't penalized, and to see tax credits that would help farmers invest in equipment.

John R. Hodges, president of the Ohio AFL-CIO, would like to hear President Bush declare a national industrial policy to

help this country remain competitive with Europe and Asia.

He thinks the government should encourage American corporations to invest in long-term strategies - investments some companies have been unwilling to make for fear of shaving profit margins.

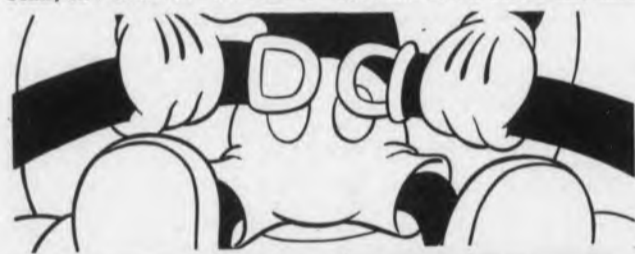
"There's going to have to be things to help industries succeed, because the stockholders, as you know, will be crying for a dividend," Hodges said.

A national health care plan could be part of that, he said, noting that Japan's national system eliminates the need for companies to pay for medical

plans. That lowers the cost of each item produced.

"What he should say is, 'The next year of my presidency will be exclusively devoted to the quality of life of the American people and here's my plan: universal health care for every American,'" said Rep. Mary Rose Oaker, D-Ohio and chairperson of the Bipartisan Caucus for Health Care Reform.

"But he won't. He won't have a comprehensive jobs bill or training bill or comprehensive health bill for this country. He'll give scotch tape approaches," Oaker said.



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Sorority Row will receive furniture

Modular units for greek members will be purchased by the University

by Ashley Matthews
The BG News

The last time Wayne Colvin, director of Greek Life and Small Group Housing, can remember furniture being replaced in the greek units, Nixon was president and American troops were in Vietnam.

However, next year \$141,000 will be used to purchase new furniture for houses in sorority row. These include the Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, The French House, Kappa Delta, Chi Omega and Phi Mu houses.



Colvin

This purchase will be the first in an effort to provide new furniture for all greek units and residence halls.

Residence Life wants the furniture to be modular in fashion, meaning it can be shaped in different ways.

Assistant Director of Greek Life JoAnn Arnholt compares it to Leggos because the desks, beds and dressers can be ar-

ranged in various ways by stacking and lofting or bunking beds. Some rooms in greek units are smaller than standard residence hall rooms, and do not have the capacity for the same furniture, Colvin said.

"You can personalize your room without breaking the furniture," Arnholt said.

Each chapter affected by the change will have one representative on a committee to make decisions concerning which company to purchase from.

"What our plan is, is to identify a half dozen companies and ask them to come to campus with samples," Colvin said.

The final decision will be based on student evaluations, written bids and official estimates. Colvin hopes the negotiations will be completed later this semester and the furniture installed by fall.

Each year Residential Services receives money from the University for renovations, upkeep and maintenance of the living units on campus.

The amount received is based on available money from depreciation accounts funded by room payments. Accumulated interest from the accounts is used for

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Elena Peters, Chi Omega member

renovations.

A total of \$1,531,450 has been approved for the University's 1992-93 Auxiliary Improvement Projects, the name for planned improvements. This includes all residence halls and greek units.

This figure is determined by the Faculty Senate Committee, based on a proposal from Residential Services and Colvin, who is in charge of coordinating the projects.

Over the next 10 years, an estimated \$51 million will be needed for improvements in residence halls and greek units. This is because structural parts of many residence halls date back to the 50s and 60s, and will need to be replaced in the next decade.

Improvements include replacing roofs, plumbing, carpet and furniture.

Ziance announces meetings

Scott Ziance, first ward councilperson, has announced the dates of his quarterly ward meetings. They will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Wood County Senior Citizens Center, 305 N. Main St., on the following dates: Jan. 28, April 21, July 21 and Oct. 20.

"The problem we have is that based on our current funding model, we will be 25 to 30 million [dollars] short to complete necessary renovations," Colvin said.

"One of the problems that we have is competing between infrastructure type things and quality of life type things," Colvin added. "I've had the proposal in for new furniture since 1986."

Reaction toward the purchase of the furniture from students seems to be positive.

"I'm glad that it's going to happen," Chi Omega Elena Peters said. "It's a shame that it's taken this long."

Phi Mu House Director Christine Wagenfuehr believes her residents will like the changes.

"I think they will be happy about it, anything to update it would be acceptable," she said.

Workshop helps education majors

by Lisa Gallagher
The BG News

For 3,798 University students, their school days are just beginning when they graduate.

That's the number of students which were enrolled last semester in the College of Education and Allied Professions, the largest school at the University.

According to the education department, the college has grown considerably from the 1984 total of 2,372 students. Last year there

were 560 seniors that graduated with an education degree. The number is expected to be about the same this year.

But with all these students graduating in one field and the recent problems with the economy, how is anyone expected to find a job?

Many students wonder about this each day as they take classes at the University, observe classes and student teach at local schools.

"I know there are a lot of students looking for jobs in educa-

tion," said Amy Davis, a senior majoring in learning-disabled education. "It scares me to know that I have all those people to compete with for a job." Pam Allen, assistant director of Placement Services said the way to get a job is through good interviewing techniques and a strong resume.

To accomplish these goals, a program called Super Start Saturday has been set up to help education majors find a job.

The program was held on Jan. 18 in the Union's Lenhart Grand Ballroom. Allen, the main speaker, instructed the audience on how to write a resume and prepare for a job interview.

"I had no idea how to write a resume before, but this workshop really helped me out," Davis said.

"The interviewing and job hunting techniques were useful because they were very informative," said Pam Quail, a senior elementary education major.

The purpose of the meeting was to prepare students for the Teacher Job Fair to be held April 7 in the Ballroom.

Ninety school districts and 16 states will be represented at the

job fair. Over 2000 interviews will be conducted at the fair and many students will be called back for second interviews.

Allen said employers think University students are well-prepared for interviews and have excellent field experience.

The market for elementary education is the toughest of all education majors because it is the largest specialization in the college.

"Because of the economy, most people start by (substitute teaching) in areas of concentration they might not have particularly wanted," Davis said.

Most school districts in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio are very selective about who they hire. In other states such as Maryland, Texas, Florida and Alaska it is much easier to get jobs.

Locally, the Sylvania school districts are being very choosy in finding the right teachers and Maumee city schools just laid off seven employees.

"The best advice anyone can give an education major is not to limit yourself in any one area, and to meet as many people as possible," Quail said.

Presidential candidate's ideas voiced

by Jacqueline Porter
city editor

Issues concerning education, defense spending, and health care were discussed during an information session on democratic presidential hopeful Bob Kerrey Monday night.

Fifth district campaign manager for Tom Soroziak spoke of Kerrey's background and qualifications for the office, and said Kerrey did not "play into party politics."

"Kerrey is in politics because he believes in issues, not as a career," he said.

Among the issues discussed was Kerrey's plans for a health care program which would be sponsored by the federal government. Called "Health Care USA," the program would enable all United States citizens to have full medical benefits at a nominal cost.

Soroziak said it is becoming increasingly difficult for businesses to pay for their employees' health costs and if the government became the prime source for health insurance, businesses would actually be able to create more jobs - which would enhance the American economy.

The program would be financed through a 5 percent payroll tax without any contribution from businesses. Preventive health care would be free of charge and the most a family would potentially pay for the plan would be \$2,000 per year if it was necessary.

Soroziak said the program would actually save \$150 billion in the first two to three years of its inception. Then the money is planned to be distributed to other programs.

"Kerrey will take the money saved from Health Care USA and redirect into areas which will enhance the growth of the country such as education," he said.

Cuts in defense spending and increased attention on education are also issues the Nebraska senator is promising to work for, Soroziak said.

According to Soroziak, Kerrey does not want to completely eliminate defense spending because he believes it is necessary to maintain a strong country, but he wants to cut the spending by 20 percent - which he said would not hurt the job market.

Soroziak said Kerrey understood the problems recent college graduates will face in the near future, because of the deficit and higher cost of living that will result.

"College is becoming almost unaffordable for the middle class with its rising costs," said Kerrey in a video during the presentation.

USG

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tion based their actions on the belief that citizens 18 years and older had the skills to make decisions.

The bill was held off for discussion until a later meeting.

The General Assembly also opposed a bill concerning R.O.T.C. by a vote of 6-10-13. The bill, sponsored by senator Jeff Yeager, was in response to a state bill introduced in October, which in turn, reacted to a budget bill signed by Gov. George Voinovich in July. The governor's bill prohibited state universities from removing armed forces training units.

The governor's bill also would not allow restrictions on the presentation of career information that is not enforced on the armed forces and other institutions. Senate Bill 249 was introduced to make these restrictions a permanent amendment.

According to Yeager, in the USG senate bill, this was done in response to various universities - including Bowling Green - questioning R.O.T.C.'s policy regarding homosexuals. Yeager said Senate Bill 249 imposes severe restrictions on Ohio universities' right to self-determination.

Yeager said he was proposing the bill because he believed students should be involved in such situations concerning the University.

"We as students have a say in

how the University is run," Yeager said.

He added he had received responses by 40 students, including members of Amnesty International, consenting to participate in a letter-writing campaign to oppose Bill 249.

In other business, three campus organizations were represented to speak on the situation of condoms being present in the vending machines.

Stacey Brocco, president of Students For Life, opposed the sale of condoms on campus whereas Dawn McFadden of Women's Reproduction Rights Group spoke in favor of them.

"How many chances do you expect students to take with their lives until they get AIDS?" Brocco asked the senators.

The General Assembly voted to donate \$250 to help defray the \$2,000 cost of the production of "Black Anthology," a play that will be presented as part of Black History Month. The play is a history of African culture presented in an entertaining manner.

Four new senators and a coordinator were appointed and confirmed into USG. The senators include off-campus members Scott Ryan and Scott Michaelis, district senator Tara Pannett and senator-at-large Jenny Mathe. Monique Graham is the new multi-cultural affairs coordinator.

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Tenants must clear own paths

City charges house tenants hourly for not shoveling sidewalks

by Doug Baker
The BG News

Snow and ice on sidewalks can make walking dangerous, but failing to clear the sidewalks could be dangerous to your wallet.

According to Public Works Director Bill Blair, students living in houses should check their leases to determine if they are responsible for removing the snow and ice from their sidewalks.

Many leases on houses state the tenant is responsible for lawn care and snow removal.

If tenants do not have the sidewalks clean within a 24 hour period after notification by the

city, the city will contact its contractor to clear the sidewalks at 30 dollars an hour with a one hour minimum.

"Our ordinance reads that 24 hours after a storm is over the sidewalks shall be clear of ice and snow," Blair said. "Our whole purpose is to get the sidewalks free of snow and ice."

Blair stated that when the city receives a complaint, two inspectors are sent to see if the complaint is valid. If it is, the owner or the tenant is informed and they have 24 hours to clear the sidewalk.

If the allotted 24 hours expires without the walks being cleared, or if no one is home to be notified, the city's contractor will remove the snow and ice at a rate of 30

dollars an hour.

"If someone says they have classes all day and they'll get to it tonight, it's no problem," Blair said. "Obviously they can do it cheaper than our contractor."

The contractor bills the city, the city bills the property owner and the property owner bills the tenants.

Realtors are aware of the city's policy and take steps to prevent tenants from being charged.

Mary Newlove Noll, owner of Newlove Rentals 328 S. Main St., said her company usually checks the sidewalks and alerts tenants who have a snow removal clause in their lease.

"We just give them a call and remind them they should do it

themselves because the city charges like crazy," she said.

Kim Roessner, manager of R.E. Management 113 Railroad St., stated tenants used to be responsible for snow removal but now the company does the job.

"We usually try to get right out and get them cleared off," she said. "Our guys were out working right after the last big snow."

John Newlove Real Estate 319 E. Wooster, has a similar policy of notification to avoid being charged by the city.

"We call around and remind them there would be a charge from the city if they didn't clean their sidewalks," said Debbie, a John Newlove rental manager, who declined to reveal her last name.

Initiative urges warning labels for toxic matter

by Christy Vargo
The BG News

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Ohio Citizens Action demands consumers have the "Right to Know" with the initiative it is sponsoring in the Ohio General Assembly.

Ohio Secretary of State Bob Taft transmitted the Right to Know initiative to the Ohio General Assembly on Jan. 7, after the proposal was submitted with a petition by Ohio Citizens Action.

Ed Hopkins of Ohio Citizens Action said the initiative, if passed, will protect consumers from toxic ingredients in products known to cause cancer, birth defects or reproductive system damage.

The initiative calls for warning labels on products containing one or more of 458 chemicals deemed carcinogenic or damaging by government agencies including the Food and Drug Administration, International Cancer Research Center and Environmental Protection Agency, Hopkins said.

"We think people have the right to make an informed choice [among products] to protect themselves," he said.

The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants is battling the initiative to keep Ohio businesses competitive and product prices low.

Ohio Council of Retail Merchants governmental affairs Director Mark Bordus said the initiative would put Ohio businesses requiring the warning label at a disadvantage since different labels would be necessary for in-

Ed Hopkins, Ohio Citizens Action member

state and out-of-state markets.

Companies using separate labels would incur more costs at warehouses, which would be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices, Bordus said.

Michael Pearson, University marketing professor, said the warning label would create inefficiency and higher prices.

A warehouse supplies numerous states, and separate labels for Ohio would be costly, he said.

Hopkins said prices will not rise because manufacturers will use one label for all markets, rather than separate labels for each market.

He said manufacturers requiring the warning label would make their products safe to avoid using the label.

The Right to Know initiative calls for the warning label on products containing one or more toxins known to cause one case of cancer in an exposed population of one million people.

Ohio Citizens Action wrote the initiative and circulated a petition which gathered 104,000 signatures to force manufacturers to produce safer products, Hopkins said.

Shakespeare art to remain buried

Imagine solving a 220-year-old mystery only to have your treasure irretrievably stowed away.

That's what happened to St. Lawrence University art history professor Martin Postle who has found the famous "Shakespeare Between Comedy and Tragedy" painting by Thomas Gainsborough, lost more than two centuries ago.

The problem is Postle found the art work underneath another famous Gainsborough -- the artist's portrait of his son-in-law, musician Johann Christian Fischer. Because the Fis-

cher portrait is considered "one of Gainsborough's masterpieces," Shakespeare's image will remain trapped between canvas and the image of Fischer, according to Macreena Doyle, coordinator of news services at St. Lawrence.

The Shakespeare painting was discovered after six years of research by Postle, who serves as the deputy director of the Institute of European Studies in London, through the use of an X-ray.

In 1985, when Postle was researching Gainsborough's contemporary, Sir Joshua

Reynolds, he came across a book by W.S. Spanton, a professional copyist, who asserted that Gainsborough's Shakespeare painting was hidden underneath the Fischer portrait.

Postle pursued Spanton's theory and found, in letters written by Gainsborough in 1768, that the artist had painted "Shakespeare Between Comedy and Tragedy" for the famous Shakespearean actor David Garrick.

A few months later, Gainsborough wrote of his trouble completing the painting, and in

early 1774 -- the painting still unfinished and unpaid for by Garrick -- Postle theorizes that Gainsborough recycled the canvas by painting the Fischer portrait on top of the English playwright.

The *London Daily Mail* reported the X-ray revealed Shakespeare standing on the right, gazing toward the sky with one arm outstretched holding a quill pen. In the center of the portrait is the kneeling figure of Comedy accompanied by an almost indistinguishable profile of Tragedy on the left.

Since the only way to retrieve the painting is to destroy the Fischer portrait, Shakespeare's image will remain hidden. The painting, part of the Royal Collection, will stay at the National Gallery in London.

Meanwhile, Postle will continue to teach St. Lawrence students while trying to unravel the reason for the cover-up.

Cops investigating UT murder

TOLEDO (AP) -- Police are investigating the death of a 19-year-old nursing student whose bullet-ridden body was found on a University of Toledo campus.

Melissa Ann Herstrum of Rocky River was found early Monday lying face down in the snow on the university's Scott Park campus, about one mile south of the school's main campus, said Frank Pizzulo, director of campus police.

The body was discovered shortly after Toledo police received a telephone call from a man saying a taxi cab driver had been robbed in a campus parking lot, and shots had been fired, he said.

Police found no one in the parking lot but decided to search a nearby wooded area.

"As one of the officers walked around the corner of the engineering technology center, he saw a body lying on top of the snow," Pizzulo said.

Pizzulo said the telephone call came from a man who claimed he was a dispatcher for the Checker Cab. Co. But the company said its dispatcher didn't call police and that there was no robbery.

It is the second crime involving gunfire at the university in the last week.

On Jan. 20, five rounds from a semi-automatic pistol were

fired into a residence hall, barely missing a sleeping student.

Some students said they were scared.

"It's frightening," said Sandy Bennett, a sophomore. "You're afraid to walk on campus after dark. You don't know what's going to happen."

Toledo police have assumed responsibility for investigating the murder, spokesperson Sgt. Art Marx said.

He said Ms. Herstrum had "numerous bullet holes," including a gunshot wound.

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Gov. Clinton denies report of long affair

by Dana Kennedy
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An Arkansas woman said Monday she had a 12-year affair with Democratic presidential contender Bill Clinton and he's "absolutely lying" when he denies it. Clinton shot back: "She didn't tell the truth."

Gennifer Flowers said at a news conference that the Arkansas governor told her "he loved me." She released audio tape that she said captured Clinton talking to her about the likelihood of reporters inquiring about their relationship.

The voice urges a denial, then says, "They can't run a story like this unless somebody said, 'Yeah, I did it with him.'"

The authenticity of the tapes has not been independently verified.

Flowers, who first told her story in a paid interview with the *Star* tabloid, said at the news conference: "The truth is I loved him. Now he tells me to deny it. ... He is absolutely lying."

Clinton told reporters that Flowers, an Arkansas state employee, had "changed her position for money. ... As far as I'm concerned, it's a closed matter." He referred reporters to an interview he and his wife granted to CBS's "60 Minutes" that was aired Sunday night.

Clinton has acknowledged talking with Flowers on the phone after she called to express her distress at being named in news reports alleging that they had had an affair.

His wife, Hillary, said at a campaign appearance Monday in South Dakota, "We've said all that we have to say. We've explained ourselves as best we can. We leave it at that."

Flowers' appearance marked an escalation in the campaign controversy that has thrust Clinton into an unwanted spotlight at precisely the time his candidacy appeared to be taking flight.

The 45-year-old Arkansas governor is generally acknowledged to be the front-runner for his party's nomination, and leads in fund raising and campaign endorsements. He has shown strongly in the poll practices.

The portion of the tape played contained explicit references by Flowers to sexual practices.

"Enough is enough," Democratic National Committee Chairperson Ronald H. Brown said in a statement. "We should pull the plug on trash journalism and titillation television."

Blake Hendrix, Flowers' attorney, said the next issue of the *Star* would contain additional details of the alleged relationship between the two.

Strict dial-a-porn law passed

Supreme Court seeks to protect kids from 1-900 messages

by Richard Carroll
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) The Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for enforcement of Congress' latest attempt to protect children from sexy telephone messages a law that threatens to all but destroy the "dial-a-porn" business.

The court, without comment, rejected a challenge to a 1989 federal law requiring telephone companies to block access to sex-message services unless a customer asks in writing to receive them.

The law has not been enforced while the free-speech challenge acted on Monday was pending.

Joel Dichter, a lawyer for four dial-a-porn companies that sought Supreme Court review, had told the justices the law "has broadly and unnecessarily curtailed - if not destroyed - adult access to lawful, protected

speech."

The court gave the \$2 billion-a-year industry a reprieve in 1989 when it struck down a ban on all sexually oriented dial-up message services.

That decision acknowledged that Congress had a legitimate interest in preventing children from being exposed to "indecent" messages. But the justices unanimously said the blanket ban had "the invalid effect of limiting the content of adult telephone conversations to that which is suitable for children to hear."

Congress went back to the drawing board and, under the prodding of Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., quickly passed a new law - one the dial-a-porn industry says places an unconstitutional "prior restraint" on speech.

The law requires phone companies, if technologically feasible, to block access to such services, available through 976 exchanges, unless written requests are received asking for access.

One possible loophole exists. The law im-

poses the requirement on a phone company only if it bills its customers for the 976 calls. The law does not appear to apply if the message-service company bills the phone customer directly.

In other matters Monday, the court:

◆ Voted 6-3 in a Connecticut case to expand a 1956 ruling that bars labor unions seeking to organize a company's workers from handing out leaflets on company property.

◆ Ruled 6-3 in an Alabama case that shifts in the allocation of power among elected government officials do not require federal approval under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

◆ Agreed to decide whether Alabama officials unlawfully interfered with interstate commerce by imposing a \$72-per-ton fee on out-of-state hazardous waste dumped at a commercial site in their state.

◆ Agreed to referee a dispute between New Hampshire and three of its neighboring New England states.

Macy's stores file for bankruptcy

by Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — R.H. Macy & Co. Inc., the retailer known around the world for its Thanksgiving Day parade and enormous Manhattan store, sought sanctuary in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Monday, overwhelmed by debt and the recession.

Plagued by the same sluggish sales as other retailers, Macy's fought for two years to remain solvent. It conceded defeat Monday when lawyers carried three boxes of documents into a courthouse and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for the 134-year-old retailer.

"We have known for some time that Macy's had more debt than is desirable in such a weak economy," chairperson Edward S. Finkelstein said in a statement.

"We worked night and day to find a suitable solution and ultimately came to the conclusion that filing for Chapter 11 was best for Macy's future," he added.

The filing showed Macy's had liabilities of \$5.32 billion against assets of \$4.94 billion as of Nov. 2.

Much of the debt was left from the company's \$3.48 billion leveraged buyout by management and its \$1.1 billion purchase of the California-based Bullock's and I. Magnin chains from Federated Department Stores Inc. in 1988.

All of Macy's units, including its 144 department stores and 107 specialty stores, were listed in the filing. The department stores are concentrated in the Northeast, the South and the West. Specialty stores are scattered around the nation.

The documents starkly il-

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lustrated how severe Macy's plight had become. The company told the court it expected to lose \$86.5 million in the next 30 days.

Chapter 11 allows a company to continue to operate while it reorganizes without retribution from unpaid creditors.

Macy's entered bankruptcy court protection as Federated and its affiliated company, Allied Stores Corp., prepared to emerge from Chapter 11. Like Macy's, they were swamped by takeover debt.

Retailing analysts said Macy's will undergo a re-organization process similar to Federated and Allied, selling or closing underperforming stores. How that will affect Macy's 69,500 employees remains unclear.

Sandra Mayerson, an attorney specializing in bankruptcy cases, said Macy's likely would sell Bullock's and I. Magnin chains.

The biggest change was expected to be in Macy's ownership.



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