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Bowling Green, Ohio

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# Briefs

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#### Summer schedule posted on web

The University has posted its summer schedule of classes on the World Wide Web.

Edieann Biesbrock-Didham, director of mar-keting for the office of Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs, said the address for online schedule is http://www.bgsu.edu/colleg es/ContEd/ and that she is encouraging students to plan their class schedule

now. The traditional printed version of the summer course catalog will be avail-able by mid-February, she said

Bryan Chamber Series continues

# The News' Students share thoughts with Ribeau

Jay Young The BG News

Students gathered in Olscamp hall Tuesday night to share with President Sidney Ribeau everything that is right and wrong with the University.

The town meeting was part of the Building Community's Task Force's Focus on February. At the open forum Ribeau outlined for the students his idea of a University community. He said such a group of people includes a learning, collaborative, diverse and outreach communities.

Ribeau said a true learning community would not just allow the institution to have an effect on the student, but the other way around also.

"If Bowling Green State University was clearly a learning community, when you left here, when you graduated, this University would be different," Ribeau said. "What I pledge tonight is that there will be an opportunity for you to be involved at Bowling Green State University at a number of levels, this community building process is an important first step in that process.'

Ribeau said students must be part of the collaborative community.

"You have to invest in it to get mething out in return, and that I think is critically important. A community working collectively or together can accomplish re-markable things," Ribeau said. "All of you have ideas and input that could help us as we move toward the 21st century, but we need to create an environment where you can come forward and make those contributions."

Ribeau spent half of the twohour forum answering questions from the student audience. Senior Russell Wangler told the president there needs to be more communication between faculty and students.

"I think every teacher and every student, I think should have a mandated time, at least two times a semester to talk," Wangler said. "Not a group, just one on one."

Ribeau told Wangler he would support such a move. By a show of hands, the audience told the president that the majority of them would also approve of such a move.

Wangler turned to the students



University President Sidney Ribeau and Junior Paul Gessing share a brief conversation before Tuesday night's town meeting in Olscamp Hall. The President discussed the Building Community project with students and answered questions from the audience.

in attendance and encouraged them to participate in the overall project.

[Ribeau], I think, is going to do a hell of a lot for the Universi-Wangler said. "But the botty, tom line is that it's up to you, and you, and me and us."

After the forum, Ribeau said he was pleased with the firt-time event.

"I was very pleased with the specific things that we need to turnout, the quality level of the questions, the interest of the students. I think we have many more people that are seriously interested in the University's future than a lot of people might have anticipated," Ribeau said. "It's a good start. Now we have to move from the discussion and is-

work on.'

Junior Lynne Reiner said she would like to see the project work.

"I think it would be great if it all works out," Reiner said. "I agreed with a lot of the comments about teachers and buildsue level to pinpointing some ing community."

# **University forensic** team places third

#### Vince Guerrieri The BG News

The University was the host for the Ohio Forensics Association State Novice Forensics Tournament Feb. 2-3, and Uni-versity Forensics finished in third place. Of the seven participants in the tournament from the University, four were named novice state champions, according to James Brandon, co-director of University Forensics.

Derrick Jones took first place in drama, as well as fourth place in drama and second place in after-dinner speaking. Jones also took first place in the triathalon for winning in three events.

Monica Bueno is the state novice champion in drama and, ented team," Jones said. "Hope-

poetry. Cynthia Brown took third place in drama and Scott Irelan placed fourth in the triathon.

The tournament was organized by Brandon and Dan Henning, co-directors of University Forensics. According to Brandon, the tournament went smoothly, and they received many compliments from other coaches and teams

The Novice Tournament's results will be combined with the results from the Varsity State Tournament to determine the University's overall finish. The Varsity Tournament will take place at Heidelberg College Feb. 17-18.

"I think we have a very talwith Philana Boles, in dramatic fully, we can win more events at



ries at the University continues Sunday with a per-formance featuring six College of Musical Arts faculty members.

The 3 p.m. concert in Bryan Recital Hall of the Musical Arts Center is free and open to the public. Selections on the cham-

ber music program will include "Quatuor" by Jean Francais. the piece will be performed by flutist Susan Klick, oboist John Bentley, clarinetist Edward Marks and bassoonist Jeffrey Ly-

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

> Quote of the day "If we're going to change how we do business at Bowling Green we're going to need you to collaborate with us." -University President Sidney Ribeau about building ity.

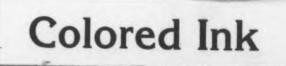
A University student passes by the east side of Rodgers Hall. The icicles on the side of the building are the remains of the water firefighter used to put out the residence hall fire.

duo. Boles also won first place in the Varsity Tournament.'

### The Building Community Task Force's **Focus on February** 101 Olscamp Hall

Discussion groups started Monday and will meet throughout the week. Below is Thursday's schedule. The News will print the following day's schedule during the week.

Customer Service	1:45 - 3:15 p.m.
Faculty and Staff Working Together	3:30 - 5 p.m.
Open Communication Within and Across Areas	5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Increasing Access to Information on Campus	8:30 - 10 a.m.
Ideas for Building and Enhancing Trust	10:15 - 11:45 p.m.
Heavy Workloads	5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Participatory Leadership	1:45 - 3:15 p.m.
Moving Toward a Learning Community	3:30 - 5 p.m.
Teaching, Research, and Service	8:30 -10 a.m.
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Building and Supporting Diversity on Campus	5:15 -6:30 p.m.
The Budget and Allocation of Resources	10:15 - 11:45 a.m
Alcohol Abuse Among Students	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
Community Building Spaces on Campus	8:30 - 10 p.m.
Opportunities for Interaction Outside the Class	12:15 - 1:30 p.m.
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Creating a Safe Community	12:15 - 1:30 p.m.
Evaluating the Need for a Governance Structure	12:15 - 1:30 p.m.
An Exploration of Our Core Values	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.



# Opinion

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# etters to the Editor

## Man can move large markets

I wish to earn the attention of college students of the state of Ohio, I am an economist.

My views are so powerful that when widely read, they cause world financial markets to move. I can move markets

But because of this fact, the American major newspapers will not publish my work. I am deliberately censored in my own country simply because my econmomic views are powerful.

I wish to interest college students in my work.

As you can see from the enclosures, General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and former President George Bush were favorably impressed with my views. Please assist me.

Sincerely,

Joe Kinney Economist Plainfield, Indiana

## Comm Decency Act -- Indecent

Mike Wendling's article dis-

cussing the Communications Decency Act talks only about regulating so-called pornography on the Net. What he doesn't mention is that the Act does much more than that. If you want to see what the passing and signing of the Act would ban, look into the Net under "Communications Decency Act." You'll find a list of 47 wide-range topics that Congress wants to censor. For example, remember all those great novels like The Adventures of Huck-leberry Finn, The Scarlet Letter, and Oedipus Rex? Gone. Howard Stern and Quentin Teratino? Gone. Discussions of abortions by pro-lifers and pro-choicers? Gone, too. (Why? If the deed isn't illegal, how the hell can talking about it be?) Remember, these are just a few examples. You'll be shocked when you read it. I understand that Congress wants to put some type of control on the Net in order to keep kids from seeing stuff they shouldn't be seeing; however, once again they have gone too far and are abusing

Let your congressmen and congresswoman know how you feel about the Communications Decency Act. It's easy to get their e-mail address from the Net and it won't take you more than a minute to e-mail them.

**Kimberly Gassner-Harkness** 

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**Creative Writing Major** 

Junior

The BG News

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the original good idea.

# The beauty pageant that wasn't

It has recently come to the attention of many members of this campus that certain individuals are restoring what we thought was an antiquated and detrimental event, the Miss BGSU scholarship pageant.

We are writing with the concern that many of the issues surrounding this event will not otherwise be discussed.

We want to stress very strongly that we are not writing with any disrespect to the women who may have entered this contest; our aim is to uncover some of the hidden aspects of this pageant, and contests like this one in general.

Although the pageant's organizers stress this is not a "beauty pageant," there are both swimsuit and evening gown portions of the event.

If, as the organizers claim this is merely a scholarship for the women of this campus, why include such rituals at all?

In competitions such as this, evening gown and swimsuit categories have been historically modeled on an "ideal standard of beauty," meaning that women who enter must conform to someone else's idea of attrac-

tiveness and fitness This has traditionally excluded

vomen of color, women with larger bodies, and women who are not able-bodied. Another requirement is that

the women who enter must not be married, must not be pregnant, nor have given birth, nor have ever had an abortion.

Does this mean the wives and mothers of this campus are not fit to represent the University?

Does it mean that if one chose to terminate one's pregnancy (which we know from the Supreme Court is a private de cision), one can't be eligible to receive financial assistance for her education through this scholarship opportunity?

It seems that this stipulation stems from another ideal, that of the "sexually pure maiden." We are surprised that there

isn't an accompanying examination to ensure that their hymens are still intact.

Miss BGSU must be between the ages of 17 to 24. For all of the non-traditional students who may have been interested in this "scholarship opportunity," we

"We want to stress very strongly that we are not writing with any disrespect to the women who may have entered this contest; our aim is to uncover some of the hidden aspects of this pageant, and contests like this one in general."

are sorry to inform you that you are not eligible to compete and possibly represent the Universi-ty at national competition.

Also, it denies scholarship to men.

When questioned as to whether or not a similar event would be organized for the men of the University, one of the event's organizer's replied there wouldn't be a pageant for men, because for men, there were no further opportunities to compete in pag-

eants, and there would therefore, be no real incentives for the men to enter into a similar event.

Wednesday, February 7, 1996.

But, for the women, there are: the winner of the Miss BGSU will go onto to compete in Miss Ohio, and from there possibly the national pageant, and so on.

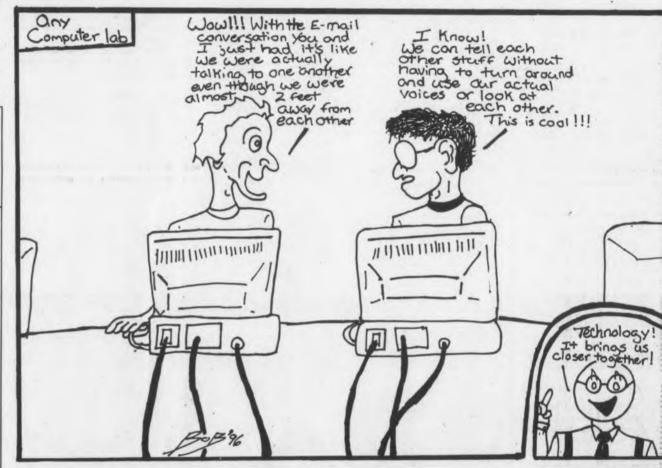
So in reality, this less of a scholarship opportunity, and more of and introduction to thecostly and time-consuming worldpageantry.

We understand that women have been given many incentives to enter this competition to try to win some assistance with tuition.

While we are supportive of the creation of new scholarship opportunities for University students, we question whether this is the most appropriate format for doing so.

We urge the members of thiscampus to question whether or not this is really an event we want at our institution of higher. education.

Erin H. Brown and Kristin McKeown are Women's Studies majors and guest columnists for The BG News.



# "Cooties" cause for campus condoms

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AIDS has gone mainstream. Magic Johnson made the cover of two major news magazines this week as he makes his comeback to basketball.

Public service announcements about the prevention of AIDS run night and day.

a friend, "We're livin' in the age of cooties."

The American public has been adequately warned.

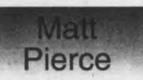
College students, one of the fastest rising groups in terms of rate of infection, are inundated with information and frequent visits from speakers such as "Condom Man."

Despite this encouraging in-flux of awareness, Bowling Green still seems to be stuck in the 1980s world of casual, meaningless sex.

The next time you're at one of BG's more popular bars, take note as to which basic human need is being catered to.

At the ultra-white, buttoned-up flannel bars, dance floors are packed with bodies, and strangers grind away on each other indiscriminately without even a "Hello."

At the dance bars, even with (Huh huh, he said "body") appar more ample space, you hear "Get



On "The Simpsons," Bart tells Off" followed by "Do Me!" followed by "Let's Go All The Way." You can't exactly cha-cha to these songs.

> And of course, the great liquid eliminators of inhibitions and good sense are as readily available in great amounts as water in those metal hamster cage bottles.

> Meanwhile, the bar's owner, who does NOT sell condoms with his Long Island Iced Teas, is counting his cash in the back room.

He and his ilk are not, however, completely to blame for the potentially unhealthy social environment cultivated in BG.

He has set up his bar to make dough, and the bar that offers what the students want, makes the most.

The University student body ently wants sex, and not lots of it.

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Just enough for one night and back to classes on Monday.

We must realize that we are not a very sexually mature campus.

This is evidenced in the growing popularity of the aforementioned bars, dorm walls plastered with nudie women, and the fact that Deja Vu is still in business and recruits our boys in the pages of this very newspaper.

These are piffle, though, compared to the travesty of last semester's open season on women.

All the factors that contributed to that explosion of rapes and as saults will never be entirely known, but I do believe that our immaturity did play a role.

If we truly want a campus which is free from sex crimes and rampant STDs, our infatuation with quick, easy sex must end.

Casual sex is never safe sex.

Safe sex is based on love, trust, and knowledge of your partner's past sexual encounters. (Ooh, how romantic!)

College is not only where we

"College students, one of the fastest rising groups in terms of infection, are inundated with information and frequent visits from speakers such as 'Condom Man'."

learn our vocations, but where we learn to be responsible members of society, and this includes sexuality.

For the sake of our collective health and reputation, it may very well be time to stifle our hormones, revamp our social activities and seek out more mature, meaningful relationships.

#### So chew on ice.

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# State

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## Money for crossings II debated in House proaching trains.

#### **Rich Harris** The Associated Press

LAKEWOOD, Ohio - This west-side Cleveland suburb is a locomotive engineer's worst nightmare: Twenty-six crossings peppering a two and half-mile stretch of busy, mainline railroad.

Twenty-six chances for a car to be stranded on the tracks. Twenty-six opportunities for some impatient motorist to weave around lowered gates because he thinks he can beat a train.

"Lakewood is probably the worst area for crossings that I can recall, and I travel all over the system," says Danny Gilbert, manager of grade-crossing safety for Norfolk Southern.

For almost as long as there have been cars and trains to collide, railroads and police de-partments have struggled to prevent crossing accidents. Lights, gates, bells, horns, whistles and all manner of signals have been months to erect a crossing after

But not everyone is getting the message, and railroads and federal officials are out to foil the last of the die-hard violators.

Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, has introduced legislation that could help convince communities to make the politically unpopular decision to close a crossing. Closings skew traffic patterns, which can hurt local businesses and anger voters.

The bill, if passed, would pay up to \$15,000 per crossing closed, half from the federal government and half from the railroads. "No local jurisdiction wants to close a railroad crossing," De-Wine said. "But if we give some

inducement or benefit to the community...we find it does work." DeWine also has brokered an agreement between Ohio agen-

cies to halve the time it takes to install new gates and flashers. "It takes, on average, 18

employed to warn people of ap- the final decision is made," De-

Wine said. "I found that unacceptable."

In 1994, the last full year for which data is available, 610 people were killed and 1,923 were injured in 4,921 vehicle-rail collisions.

Figures for 1995 are not yet out, but preliminary numbers are "promising," Federal Railroad Administration chief Jolene Molitoris said.

Remarkably, Lakewood police report relatively few crossing accidents -- only seven in 1993 and three in 1994. Figures for 1995 were incomplete, but only one accident had been reported through July of last year.

But that doesn't include the number of near-collisions, which railroad officials say happen several times daily.

Lakewood police Capt. Dan Clark declined to comment on near-collisions, or whether officers see many pedestrians as they patrol around the tracks.

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Andre Jones, left, gets a high five snowball greeting from friend John Green as they play in Raleigh, NC. Raleigh set a record at zero degrees, breaking the previous record of nine set in 1980.

**High five** 

## level smokestack Number of police ombanv officer deaths rise

#### The Associated Press

NEW RICHMOND, Ohio - A utility company on Tuesday decided to demolish a cracked, 280-foot-tall power plant smokestack judged so unstable that the Coast Guard shut down all nearby Ohio River traffic.

After consulting with experts, the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. concluded that the steel-andbrick emission stack was at risk of imminent collapse and could not be repaired.

crack developed in the smokestack Sunday because of subzero cinnati, has six coal-burning gecold and recent weather extremes. Two miles of the river was closed to shipping the next day, and barges were backed up by Tuesday afternoon.

The Ohio River is a major commercial waterway for shipthe Gulf of Mexico.

Company officials hoped to have the stack toppled into the river by Wednesday morning and the plant restarted soon after, spokesman Steve Brash said.

Welders were making cuts at the base of the stack Tuesday, and demolition experts were deployed to place explosives, he said.

The 44-year-old Walter C. A 50-foot-long, 1-foot-wide Beckjord Generating Station, about 20 miles southeast of Cinnerators.

> The generator that feeds the cracked smokestack had been down for maintenance before the problem occurred. The remaining five have been shut down. The Coast Guard closed the

ping between the Midwest and river to all traffic, including commercial vessels and barges, on Monday afternoon because of the danger that the stack might fall on vessels or create dangerous waves, Lt. Cmdr. Roderick Walker said. His boss, Cmdr. Bruce Branham, decided to close an area between one mile upriver from the plant and one mile downriver.

> Walker said commercial shipping companies were complaining Tuesday that the closing was costing them money, but he said the river would not be reopened until the danger was removed.

"There's absolutely a lot of pressure to open the river up," Walker said from the Coast Guard's Louisville, Ky. marine safety office. "These people need to get their cargo through, it's costing them money."

But, Walker said: "I don't want to lose one life or one barge of cargo, depending on how this thing falls."

It was not clear how soon after demolition of the stack the river would be reopened.

CG&E shut down the other five generators Monday and sent all but essential employees home from the 175-employee power plant. CG&E management was worried that the stack could fall on the plant and strike equipment that contains steam under pressure, Brash said.

The plant generates 9 percent of CG&E's output.

CG&E said it was meeting coldweather demands for electricity by drawing from the grid created by its merger last year with Indiana's PSI Energy Inc.

### The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- A total of 162 law enforcement officers were in Oklahoma City, according to a groups said. report Tuesday.

The total represented a rise in deaths among police officers for the second straight year, although it was far below the highest number of 190 in 1989. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Concerns of Police Survivors said the figures in their joint report were preliminary.

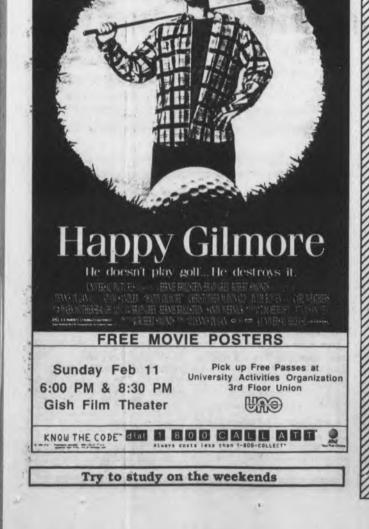
The deaths resulted almost equally from felonious assault and accidental causes

California led the nation in police fatalities with 18, double the number of Florida and New Jersey. The Oklahoma terrorist killed in the line of duty last year, bombing on April 19 was the including 12 who died in the single deadliest day in law en-bombing of the federal building forcement history, the two





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#### State

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# Judge must stop the pigeon poop

#### The Associated Press

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio - A judge who shot pigeons outside his courthouse because he was fed up with their droppings must help solve the poop problem as part of his punishment.

Judge William Harsha of the 4th Ohio District Court of Appeals was found guilty Tuesday of discharging a pellet in the city, a misdemeanor.

The judge was charged Jan. 29 after an officer found him standing outside his courthouse office, pellet gun in hand and two dead pigeons at his feet

Harsha had said he knew it was wrong to shoot the birds but he just got fed up with being showered with pigeon droppings

Harsha had been charged with a similar misdemeanor, firing an air rifle within the city limits. He pleaded no contest.

He could have been sentenced to up to 30 days in jail and a \$250 fine. However, Circleville Municipal Judge John Adkins ordered Harsha to pay the \$40 court cost.

Adkins also put the judge in charge of a committee that must draft a report on how to solve the pigeon problem in Circleville, 25 miles south of Columbus.

Adkins suggested that Harsha complete the report within six weeks

Harsha also had said he was upset by droppings on ledges.

# St. Henry worker death investigated

The Associated Press

31 ST. HENRY, Ohio - The acci-'dental death of a worker at a turkey-processing plant is under investigation, the Mercer County sheriff's office said Tuesday.

Scott Springer, 25, of Coldwater, was killed after he was pinned between two semitrailer trucks Monday at Cooper Foods. He was pronounced dead at Mercy County Joint Township Community Hospital in ColdDeputy Angie Brunswick said

the investigation is routine and that there is no evidence that Springer died under suspicious circumstances

Brunswick said Springer had been trying to attach a chain from a semitrailer to a disabled truck when a third truck bumped one of the vehicles, trapping Springer between them.

About 340 workers are employed at Cooper Foods

Germany will honor U.S. veteran

#### Sonja Barisic The Associated Press

**CINCINNATI** -- Walter Farmer risked court-martial to protest an Army command that he ship 202 museum paintings from Ger-many to the United States at the end of World War II.

The paintings, including works by Botticelli, Rembrandt and Vermeer, were sent anyway. But Farmer's letter to superiors condemning the action created controversy, and the paintings were returned

On Friday, Germany will award Farmer, 84, of Cincinnati, in Bonn. He was to fly to Ger-

The medal is the highest honor Germany can give someone who has not served in its military or is not a head of state, said Dean Denlinger, Germany's honorary

Since reunification in 1990, Germany has sought the return of 200,000 German museum pieces allegedly stolen by Soviet troops during the war. German researchers trying to track paintings learned about Farmer's protest of the shipments.

"Through his dedication to the preservation of German cultural heritage, Mr. Farmer has set an admirable example in personal strength and civil courage," the German Consulate in Detroit said Monday.

Farmer said he was willing to risk punishment because American officials had been talking about keeping German-owned art as war booty, and he thought that was wrong.

"It's just unbelievable that something you did at the spur of the moment 50 years ago could mean this much," Farmer said in an interview from his home.

Farmer said the Army had told

"Some of the words they used were 'for protective custody' and 'until the Germans had the right to get them back.""

Capt. Gary Milner of the Ar-my's public affairs office in Washington said it would be "sheer speculation" to comment on events that happened 50 years ago. A researcher at the National Archives said any records of Farmer's protest could not be

released over the phone. Farmer was a captain in the Army engineering corps when the war ended. He transferred to a military

finding art works the Nazis had stored in salt mines and other sites to hide them from enemies and protect them from bombings.

The U.S. Army created collecting points to store those works until their owners could be located.

The Nazis had stolen many of the items from other countries. But Farmer was responsible for gathering thousands of works that had been legally acquired by 16 museums in Berlin.

Farmer directed the Wiesbaden collecting point - a bombedout building. He replaced 2,000 shattered windows, fixed the

#### officers around Europe. "The next day, maybe 30 of us sat in my office and wrote the protest. We had it typed and

He called other monuments

Tom Uhlman/The Associated Press

up wet blankets to provide hu-

midity needed by the old paint-

On Nov. 6, 1945, Farmer

received a telegram from Army

headquarters ordering him to

prepare 202 paintings deemed

shipment to the United States.

'of greatest importance" for

"I immediately burst into

tears," Farmer said. "I was so

ings

furious."

signed on that day.

RAILROAD

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The railroads and the FRA take a three-pronged approach to grade crossing safety: education,

enforcement and engineering. The best-known element is Operation Lifesaver, an education program with the motto "Look, Listen and Live."

officers hand out thousands of crossing near Cincinnati.

tickets every year. Railroad security nabs thousands more trespassers and crossing-jumpers.

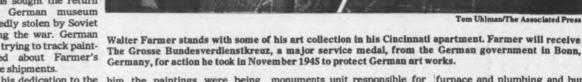
But few of the 280,000 public and private railroad crossings in the United States are foolproof. Gilbert recalls riding in a State Highway Patrol helicopter and spotting a motorist skirting the As for enforcement, police gates at a Norfolk Southern





## with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit at a ceremony many on Tuesday evening.

consul in Cincinnati.



The Grosse Bundesverdienstkreuz, a major service medal, from the German government in Bonn, Germany, for action he took in November 1945 to protect German art works. him the paintings were being monuments unit responsible for furnace and plumbing and hung shipped overseas for safekeeping.



Nation

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# **Seven family members** die in apartment fire

## George Carties The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Calif. -- An arson fire killed seven members of an immigrant family inside their apartment early today, and police were seeking the missing father who apparently fled with burned hands and forehead.

The victims, four children and three adults, weren't immediately identified, police Sgt. Jon Perkins said. But neighbors said they were members of an Iranian family who moved to this country two to three months ago.

Signs of an "accelerant" flammable substance-were found in the living room and

kitchen, Perkins said. "We feel this is an arson murder," he said. Police were searching for George Avanesian, 40, who fled to his sister's nearby home and then left, Perkins said. The sister called police after he left her house and told them he had suf-

fered burns. "This is a horrendous crime and we want to find him," Per-

kins said. The one-bedroom apartment was rented to Avanesian, who also goes by the first name Jorjik, and his wife, Turan, said Peter Kissablak, the building manager.

The 5:45 a.m. blaze at the fourstory tan stucco building singed

the windows of the first-floor unit and sent smoke throughout the building, awakening neighbors

"I just heard a noise and woke up. I heard a woman yelling," said neighbor Vahe Dishaidzvan. who lives on the first floor.

"There was smoke first and then first thing we heard was the alarm," said Mary Kissablak, a second-story resident. "We couldn't see anything. We went downstairs and we couldn't see our hands in front of our faces."

The fire was confined to the one unit, except for some smoke and water damage elsewhere, fire Battalion Chief Don Biggs said



Two ducks enjoy their swim in a pond even though the temperature reached record lows.

# **Companies crack down on computer copulation**

#### **Elizabeth Weise** The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - No one would dream of sending one of those raunchy "I never thought I'd be writing this ..." letters to Penthouse on the company letterhead. Nor would many employees take out a subscription to Hustler and have it delivered to the office.

That's pretty close to what some employees are doing on their computers at work these days. Using their corporate email addresses, they're sending letters to sexually explicit bulletin boards or downloading material such as the "Hottest Babes of Amsterdam.'

Employers are getting wise to the situation, and in some cases are warning their staffs to knock it off In its extremely detailed eightpage memo "Acceptable Internet Usage Policy," Texaco Inc. tells

employees straight out that they're being watched via the computer activity logs and that no funny business will be tolerated. Texaco expressly bars em-

ployees from downloading offensive material from the Internet. Violators can be fired.

"The user should consider their Internet activity as public information and limit their activity accordingly," the memo reads

Louis Maltby of the ACLU's Workplace Privacy Taskforce said: "It's the company's computer, and they have the right to tell you what you can do with it and they certainly have the right

to tell you you can only use it for and keystroke monitoring." work.

"When you walk into the workplace, you check your privacy at the door," said Beth Givens, director of the University of San **Diego Center for Public Interest** Law. "In numerous court cases, employers have retained the right to monitor the work product of their employees -- and that included electronic mail, voice mail, telephone conversations

Not all employers are as concerned as Texaco. At the Boeing Co. in Seattle, where about 10 percent of employees have Internet access, Lee Lathrop, Boeing's Web master, said: "Our experience has been that when people first get on, they do spend a lot of time looking around and learning to use it. After about 30 days, it falls off and they're very responsible."

An acceptable-use policy is being written, however, and Boeing is considering some type of filtering program to bar access to

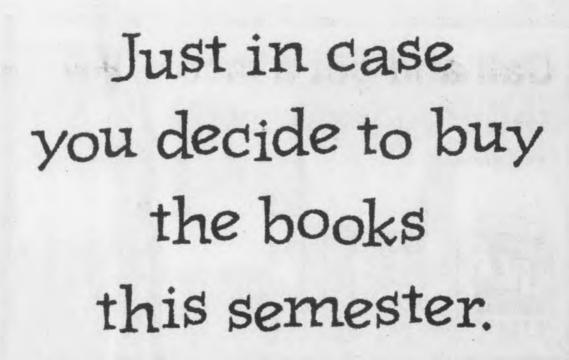
certain key words. "There's no business reason why anybody might be looking at sex pages at work," Lathrop said. As for computer giants IBM and Microsoft, neither has spe-

cific policies in place. Washington lawyer Mark Rasch, who specializes in com-

puter and Internet security, recommends companies come up with a policy on what is permissible,

Computer privacy advocate Jim Warren called the whole matter an issue as old as the notion of paid employment.

"It's pilfered time," he said. "If you don't let me pilfer time watching alt.sex.superhunks, I'll do it around the water cooler -the old-fashioned way."







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**Researchers study lead exposure** Toxic metal may contribute to antisocial behavior

## Lindsey Tanner The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Researchers using a new test that looks for lead in the bones instead of the blood say exposure to the toxic metal may contribute to crime and antisocial behavior in children.

Boys with high levels of lead in their bones were more likely to engage in bullying, vandalism, setting fires and shoplifting than those with low lead

levels, University of Pittsburgh researchers found in a study of 301 students tracked from age 7 to 11.

"This is the first rigorous study to demonstrate a significant association between lead and antisocial behavior," said Kim N. Dietrich, a lead expert and professor of environmental health at the University of Cincinnati. "It's very new and groundbreaking." Lead is known to interfere

with development of the central nervous system. Previous studies have linked exposure in children with learning disabilities, restlessness and the tendency to be distracted. Exposure comes primarily from old paint and water pipes

The University of Pittsburgh study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, looked at Pittsburgh public-school children with antisocial or delin-

#### quent behavior. None of the children had

ever been diagnosed with lead poisoning and some had normal blood-lead levels, the usual method for determining expo-

sure, said Dr. Herbert L.

Needleman, who led the study. Researchers measured cumulative exposure by a new, expensive form of X-ray that examined the youngsters' shinbones.

# Man claims magazine can't sell his name

## Anne Gearan The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Ram Avrahami believes his name is worth something, and if magazines, record clubs and credit card companies can buy and sell it, he ought to get a share of the profits.

Avrahami, a 33-year-old former marketing manager for a phone company, is suing U.S.

News & World Report, arguing that the magazine had no right to sell his name and address to another company without his permission.

"It is unfair to me. Actually it is unfair to me twice," he said Tuesday. "The magazine sells my name without asking me, and then I receive the junk mail for which I really have no use." Representatives of the direct-

marketing industry say the law-

suit is unfounded, and they fear devastating consequences if Avrahami prevails.

"Look at it this way: If I want to send you something and have to call you or write you to make sure it's OK to send you this material, do you know what it's going to do to the direct-marketing industry?" said Ed Burnett, a direct-mail consultant in New Jersey. "It's going to kill it, that's what it's going to do."

The lawsuit is not the first to challenge direct-mail marketing,

but it apparently is the first to target the seller of a mailing list rather than the buyer. Challenges to the direct-mail industry on the grounds that re-

ceiving uninvited mail violates a person's privacy rights have failed.

Since filing the lawsuit last

See MAIL, page eight.

# Oregon senator is sworn in to replace Packwood

Scott Sonner The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Ron Wyden was sworn in Tuesday to fill the unexpired term of former Republican Sen. Bob Packwood, be-coming the first Democratic senator from Oregon since 1962.

"It's a happy day," Vice President Al Gore said after he gave Wyden the oath of office on the Senate floor.

"You have a state that has not elected a Democrat in 34 years and now all the sudden one is elected. I think it does say something about the shifting mood across the country," Gore told reporters later.

Wyden said he asked Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield to hold the Hebrew Bible for him in the formal ceremony because he re-spects the Republican's ability to pull differing parties together.

"It is easy to divide. It is easy to blow things up. It is hard to build," said Wyden, an eightterm congressman. Wyden, 46, was elected in the

nation's first congressional vote-

"You have a state that has not elected a Democrat in 34 years and now all the sudden one is elected. I think it does say something about the shifting mood across the country."

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Al Gore vice president

by-mail election, edging out Republican Gordon Smith. He will serve the three years left in the term of Packwood, who resigned in disgrace last fall amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

Hatfield, who is resigning at the end of this year, also praised Wyden and told reporters he expected to be able to work with him well in a bipartisan fashion.

"Being a freshman senator does not mean he is a freshman congressman," Hatfield said about Wyden's 15 years in the House. "I think he'll hit the ground running."





# World

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# China asks for help in quake's wake Haitians impatient with new regime's

## Elaine Kurtenbach The Associated Press

BEIJING - Officials pleaded for help Tuesday for hundreds of thousands of people who survived a devastating earthquake only to endure hunger, near-freezing temperatures and hundreds of aftershocks.

The quake on Saturday killed at least 246 people, injured more than 14,000, and left 260,000 without homes, officials said. By late Tuesday, 970 aftershocks had been recorded, including a strong 5.6-magnitude jolt. Officials said they expected more aftershocks of comparable strength.

The number of buildings destroyed by the quake climbed to more than 300,000 as rescue workers discovered entire communities that had been destroyed.

"I personally appeal for help for the stricken areas. We need all the help we can get," said Wang Ze, an official with the provincial government.

China's State Council, or Cabinet, and the ruling Communist Party announced they would send 100,000 quilted cot-



Doctors attempt to save a child hurt in the earthquake in China.

ton garments, 100 tents, more than 1.5 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, and \$2.4

million in relief funds to the stricken area. Military commands provided

quilts and tents for the hun-

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# yria, Israel agree on security talks

#### **Barry Schweid** The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria - Syrian President Hafez Assad gave cautious approval Tuesday to resuming peace talks with Israel. They reopen Feb. 26 in eastern Maryland, Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced.

Final word on Assad's assent reached Christopher two hours after his meeting with the Syrian leader ended. A senior U.S. official, explaining the two-hour delay, said Assad obviously had to settle questions about the timing of Israel's elections before saying yes.

Christopher's Syrian counterpart, Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, notified the American diplomat as they dined on lobster and Mediterranean snapper at the end of a Muslim day of fasting in the holy month Ramadan.

Christopher announced resumption of the Syrian-Israeli talks in a hotel discotheque, where an American flag was placed for the occasion. He said the new round will focus initially on security, the toughest item on the peace agenda.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres is expected to announce next week that he will call national elections in late May instead of in October under the current schedule. He is serving out the term of assassinated Yitzhak Rabin, and Peres says as an elected prime minister he would have a mandate to negotiate with Syria over the future of the strategic Golan Heights. Until he has such a mandate, Peres is not expected to respond to Assad's demand that Israel re-

linquish the territory it captured in the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars as Syria's price for peace.

Peres likely would be favored to win early elections, even though many, possibly most, Israelis are reluctant to withdraw from the rocky Golan plateau with its clear view of Syrian tank positions inside Syria.

The Golan Heights also is home to 14,000 Israelis, who were encouraged by their government to move there and have used the area for industries including wine production.

Peres has conceded Syrian sovereignty in public statements but held off approving a full pullback on the ground that Syria had not spelled out its peace terms.

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Carefully steering clear of issues on which Israeli and Syrian negotiators are deadlocked, Christopher said real progress toward a framework for a peace treaty is possible.

"Across the board, the parties are making progress," Christopher said.

He met with Assad for 3 1/2 hours at the presidential palace, reviewing proposals swapped over 12 days this winter by Israeli and Syrian negotiators near Queenstown, Md., 50 miles east of Washington.

Israeli and Syrian generals will be in the delegations again when the talks reopen for one week at Wye Plantation, a secluded conference complex from which the news media have been banned on

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the U.S. theory that secrecy engenders compromise.

the last two rounds but his travel schedule appears to preclude sitting in on the next one. The State Department announced last week a major trip beginning in late

Christopher has participated in

Preval has his work cut out for him.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Rene Preval isn't even in office yet, and already Haitians are impatient.

**Michelle Faul** 

The Associated Press

policy progress

The new president takes office on Wednesday without the overwhelming popular support en-joyed by his predecessor and with widespread frustration over the government's inability to relieve grinding poverty.

"We'll give the new govern-ment a month. If nothing changes, then we'll show them,' said Jean Junior, 31, an unemployed mechanic trying to hustle a job washing a car at a downtown street market.

"We'll demonstrate. We'll protest," others shouted.

It was a sorry mood for the first peaceful transition of power one popularly elected from president to another in the 192-year history of Haiti, the world's oldest black republic.

The current president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, will retire to his walled-off, newly refurbished mansion in a Port-au-Prince suburb with his new Haitian-American wife.

Aristide says he'll return to doing charity work for street kids and try to resume his role as a "voice for the voiceless." But many suspect he also will be a major force guiding his successor, the man he once called his twin.

He will need foreign aid to appease a hungry and angry people.

But such aid is tied to stringent economic measures that would cut thousands of jobs in a nation where two-thirds of the work force already is under- or unemployed.

Aristide's government rejected those conditions, but Preval has indicated he will adopt the austerity measures.

He may have little choice. If protesters take to the streets. they could overwhelm the new National Police, an ill-equipped force hurriedly trained by U.S., Canadian and French instructors and which has been accused of

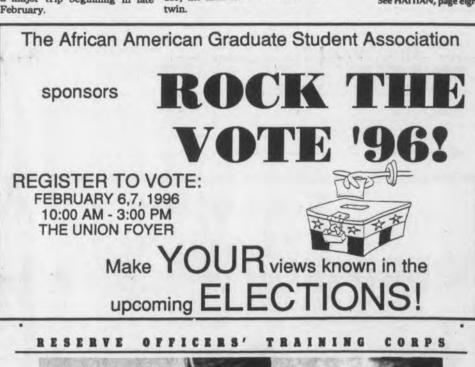
being trigger-happy and abusive. Acknowledging those concerns, Preval has asked the United Nations to keep peacekeepers in Haiti for six months after the current U.N. mandate expires on Feb. 29.

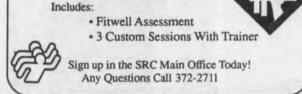
Many of his former allies object, saying that extending the mandate would prolong a military occupation of Haiti. The U.S.-led force intervened

in September 1994, ousting the military rulers who had deposed Aristide in a coup three years earlier. Aristide returned from exile the following month.

Aristide remains Haiti's most popular figure, but by law could seek a consecutive term. not

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dreds of thousands of people

shivering outdoors in near-

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could rise further as soldiers

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bones when a wall trapped him

on top of a burning stove was

flown to the provincial capital,

Kunming, the newspaper China

Preval also has suggested he

will sell or lease state-owned en-

terprises, making good on a

promise broken by Aristide's

government in the face of popu-

Failure to privatize the com-

panies, most of which are un-

profitable, has frozen about half

of Haiti's \$1.2 billion in interna-

tional aid. It also has discouraged

private investment, considered

Youth Daily said.

lar outcry.

Officials said they feared the

# Gaza faces population crisis

#### The Associated Press

El BIREH, West Bank - The population of the impoverished Gaza Strip will double in the next 15 years if current birth rates continue, Palestinian officials said Tuesday.

"Gaza eventually will explode. There will be no job opportunities, no sufficient services, a severe housing crisis and all kinds of other problems," said Hassan Abu Libdeh, head of the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics.

Palestinian women in Gaza have an average of 7.44 children, he said, announcing the results of

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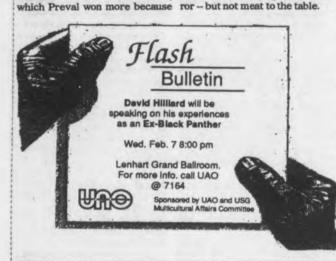
a demographic survey among 15,000 Palestinian families. Gaza's population is now 934,000.

In the West Bank, the average is 5.61 children per woman, compared to 2.9 in Israel, he said.

of his association with Aristide than because of his own bleak

Most Haitians had wanted him to campaign message that Haiti's make up the three years he lost extreme poverty won't end soon. Most of Haiti's 7 million people in exile, but under U.S. pressure live as though the 20th century Aristide abandoned that possipassed them by. Ninety-five per-That left the elections to Precent of peasants have no electricval, a 52-year-old agronomist. He ity, running water or access to won 87.9 percent of the ballots, health care. Port-au-Prince, the

but only 27.9 percent of the eleccapital, has only four elevators. To many citizens, the resto-An air of hopelessness sur- ration of democracy has brought rounded the Dec. 17 election, an end to military-sponsored ter-



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Photo Scavenger Hunt, Prout Hall Safe Sex Gone Bananas, MacWest Lounge, 9:00 pm Wham, Bam, No Thank You Sam, Prout Lobby, 9:00 pm

Tuesday, February 6 Photo Scavenger Hunt, Prout Hall \* CD Players, Commons Cateboria, 9:30 pm \* Ice Cream Social following the CD Players performance

#### tant to advocate birth control. saying it violates Islamic teachings. Yasser Arafat and other leaders also advocated a high

birth rate for years as a weapon in their war of demographics Palestinian officials are relucagainst Israel.

> "Now, we're free to talk, we mentor. can walk out at night, without fear, but we can't eat. We can't

eat," said Junior. Preval, a former grass-roots activist, has indicated he will abandon his far-left, militant past and adopt the austerity measures Aristide's government didn't pursue.

He reportedly plans to cut the number of government ministries from 18 to about 10. Three of the ministries to be cut were created by Aristide, his former

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summer. Avrahami has emerged as something of a champion of the American Everyman. His electronic mailbox overflows with the complaints of fellow sufferers, and his lawyer has gotten so many calls he is considering a class-action case against mailers.

"The fact that we cannot escape commercial intrusion, even in the sanctuary of our own homes, is inherently troubling," Avrahami wrote in an opinion piece this week in the Los Angel-

es Times. "Is this the price of modern society or is this a symptom of disrespect for our wishes?' On Tuesday, a judge threw out

Avrahami's case on technical grounds and instructed him to refile his lawsuit in a higher court. Avrahami said he will do that.

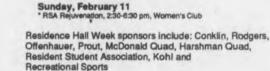
General District Judge Karen A. Henenberg said her court, which is Virginia's equivalent of a small-claims court, lacks jurisdiction.

Avrahami, a graduate of the Wharton business school at the

Friday, February 9

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#### About 2,000 soldiers continued to dig through the rubble

for survivors Tuesday. Local officials said all of the 22 foreigners who had been trapped in Leaping Tiger Gorge during the quake had been rescued and moved to Kunming. One, an American, was seriously injured but out of danger, they said.

The names of the foreigners were not available, and the government did not permit foreign journalists to visit the disaster site.

The Red Cross Society of China appealed for international aid. Several hundred medical workers were sent to

essential to reviving an economy still smarting from U.N. economic sanctions imposed during military rule.

Many Haitians think the next step for Haiti will be determined largely by the ability of Aristide and Preval to work together.

Graffiti spray-painted on Portau-Prince walls say little of Preval's election, instead carrying a message for Aristide in the next election: "We're waiting for you in 2001."

University of Pennsylvania, is seeking \$1,100- the 8 cents U.S.

News is believed to have gotten for his name, and the rest for aggravation. Avrahami has already spent more than that in legal bills.

Avrahami's lawsuit cites a Virginia law protecting unauthorized use of a person's name for commercial purposes without permission. The law is generally used to protect public figures from others trying to cash in on their names.

U.S. News and the direct marketing industry claim Avraha-

North Lounge, 7:00 pm-midnight

mi's name as it appears on the list is not something that he owns and that the law was meant to protect celebrities and other public figures.

"We have always maintained this is an inappropriate use ... and the inappropriate court to decide this case," said the magazine's lawyer, David Fiske.

U.S. News has countersued Avrahami, asking the higher Circuit Court to affirm that the magazine's marketing practices are lawful. That case is set for trial June 6.

The Direct Marketing Association estimates that the directmail industry employs 18.2 million people nationwide and that 98 million Americans shop by direct mail.

In an interview outside the courthouse, Connie Heatley, spokeswoman for the Direct Marketing Association, noted that people who don't want junk mail can register with the association, which will then ask its 3,600 members not to solicit their business, or they can complain to companies directly.

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the area in the northwestern part of Yunnan province, 1,300 miles southwest of Beijing, to fight the spread of diseases

The equivalent of \$9.5 million in money and supplies poured in from other parts of the province, the Xinhua News Agency reported. Hong Kong and Macao pledged aid, and Japan and Iran also offered assistance.

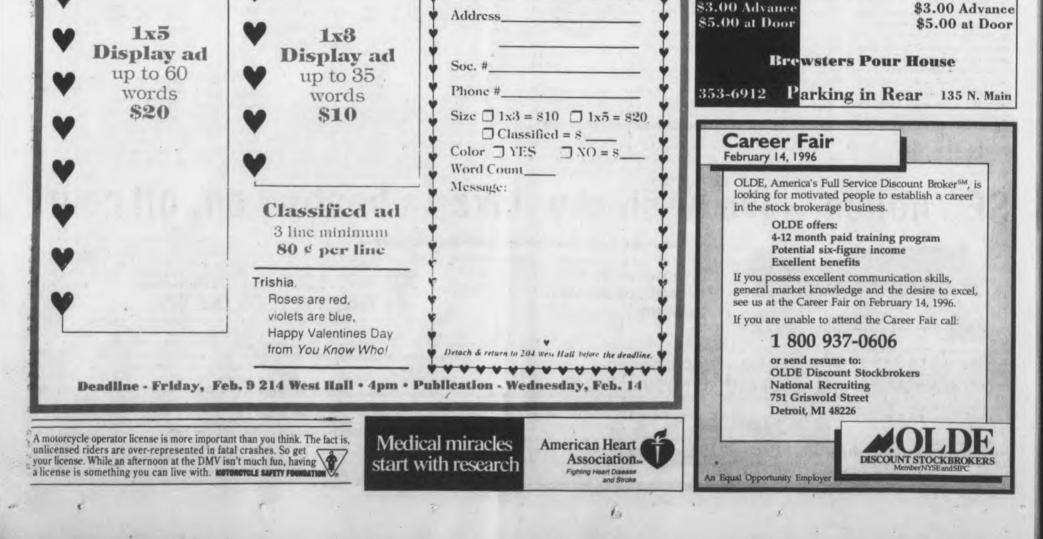
In a conciliatory gesture, President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan urged Taiwanese to aid Chinese earthquake victims. "We are all Chinese people,"

Lee said. "The political disputes we have with [China] should not affect our love for our compatriots."

More than 330,000 people were affected by the quake, which heavily damaged 16 of Lijiang County's 24 towns, cracked roads and wrecked bridges.

sideration is stationing U.S. troops on the Golan Heights as peace enforcers, a role U.S. troops have undertaken in Bosnia to maintain a settlement there.

While asserting Syria's commitment to negotiating an accord, the government-guided Syrian press has accused Israel of exaggerating its security worries.





## Komives could return to hoops team tonight

Scott Brown The BG News

Is he back?

Find out tonight - maybe. Shane Komives, declared academically ineligible to play basketball two weeks ago, has won an academic appeal and could conceivably be in uniform tonight against Central Michigan, but probably won't be until Saturday's game at Ohio.



The Toledo Blade reported Tuesday that Komives had hired an attorney and was prepared to take the University to court over his eligibility, which he claims is valid now that he has won the appeal.

The controversy surrounds Astronomy 212, which Komives took last semester and failed. He transferred into the class three weeks late, and because of that was not allowed to complete an extra-credit assignment handed out the first week of class.

The extra credit, conceivably, would boost Komives' grade to passing, and then push his grade point average above the 2.0 requirement. The appeal, granted by the College of Arts and Sciences, would allow Komives to complete the extra credit assignment

Mike McGill, Komives' Toledobased attorney, was in court Tuesday afternoon and did not return calls to The News.

Komives was mum before his team's Tuesday afternoon practice, indicating only that the final decision has yet to be reached.

Bowling Green coach Jim Larranaga said that a decision could be reached today.

"I think we'll find out something [Wednesday]," Larranaga said before his team's Tuesday practice. Larranaga did not comment further.

Both athletics director Ron weirlein and assistant athletics



Daniels may return to lineup tonight

Scott Brown The BG News

Home, sweet home. The Falcon men's basketball team is home for five of its final eight games of the regular season, starting tonight against Central Michigan at Anderson Arena (7:30 p.m., WBGU-FM, WBVI-FM).

Bowling Green has gone 7-0 at home this season and needs more of that home magic the rest of the season if it hopes to secure home-court advantage for the first round of the MAC Tournament.

The Falcons are presently in a four-way logjam in fifth place in the conference. The top four teams host a quarterfinal round game and get the inside track on a MAC Final Four appearance at the Sea-Gate Centre in Toledo.

"Obviously, it's important to play well at home," said BG coach Jim Larranaga. "But we've been getting better as a team on the road."

One key for the Falcons tonight will be the health of point guard Antonio Daniels, who missed Saturday's game at Kent with a sprained knee. Daniels' status for tonight's game was still uncertain as of Tuesday afternoon.

"If he's able to play, he will play," Larranaga said.

Daniels did practice on Tuesday, but his mobility was somewhat limited.

In the event Daniels will be inactive again, Howard Chambers will again get the call at the point. The walk-on provided the Falcons with a solid performance in a starting role Saturday -- he had three steals, four assists and only one turnover in 37 minutes - but did not score.

Developing Chambers into a scoring threat, as well as other key Falcon contributors such Kirk Cowan and Dayon Ninkovic, is the Falcons' number one priority right now.

'We really haven't been able to get our whole team playing well together," Jay Larranaga said. "We've had so much injuries. Dayon was playing

really well and then he sprained his ankle. Kirk was starting to play really well and

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then he gets hurt. "I think these next few games, when Antonio gets healthy again, we'll just start to play better and better."

Even with a healthy Daniels tonight, however, the Falcons will still need big contributions from their pair of walkons, Chambers and Josh Wittensoldner.

"One of the things that you can count on is that whether Antonio is able to go or not [tonight], Howard and Josh are going to be very important to us," Coach Larranaga said. "We need someone to bend the ball handler, and we're not going to want Antonio to do that for 40 minutes."

The Falcons are hoping that some stability will set in now as the season reaches its stretch run. Various injuries and academic problems have made preparation for each game an adventure.

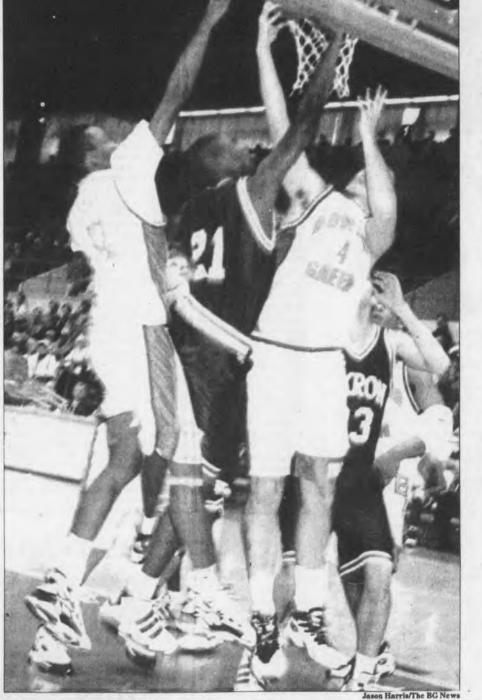
"We've had a lot of distractions, and it might have af-fected us a little bit," Jay Larranaga said. "Really, I think it's going to make us better as a team as the season goes on. Hopefully we'll be able to get past all that stuff now and finish the season on a high."

Central Michigan provides an interesting opponent for the Falcons tonight. BG's only MAC road win this year (they are 1-5 away from Anderson Arena in the conference) was in Mount Pleasant.

The Chippewas enter with a 5-13 overall record, 2-8 in the MAC. They have won only one of their past nine games.

Ohio State transfer Charles Macon is averaging 17.7 points a game to lead CMU, but he was held to just 11 points in the teams' first meeting this season. Shutting Macon down again will be a big key for the

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Falcon center Dayon Ninkovic (4) and Kirk Cowan (31) defense an Akron player's shot in a recent game.

# BG women's defense concerns coac

Steve Wildman The BG News

It has been a tough week for the Falcons.

They have lost their last two that for a while, but in practice I win" situations before, and they games and have moved back into saw it again and I think that we think they can overcome the fifth place in the Mid-American can get back on track," Clark Chippewas. said.

At 5-5, the Falcons are not where they want to be in the MAC, but the team is not throwing in the towel on the season. The Falcons have been in "must

"We have been in this situation before. We are in the position to strike to get a better

well at home so we have to be ready to play. The emphasis has to be on what we do. We can't worry about what our opponents do. If we stick to our game and execute we won't need to worry about the other team," Clark



director for academic affairs Virnette House declined comment Tuesday afternoon.

Joe Cranny, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences - the course in question is under the wing of Arts and Sciences - referred questions to Nancy Footer, general counsel of the University.

Footer said late Tuesday afternoon that she has had no contact with McGill concerning Komives' situation

Conference. The Falcons need a win against Central Michigan tonight to keep the hope alive to pled the Falcons in their last two host a game for the MAC Tour- efforts.

nament. Head coach Jaci Clark wants to see the same Falcon team that played well against Toledo and beat Ball State and Akron.

"I'd like to see our team back again, the team that plays hard and aggressive. I haven't seen

The lack of defense has crip-

"It comes down to playing defense to win games. Miami and Kent were able to do whatever they wanted to do offensively and we couldn't stop them. That puts a lot pressure on your offense. Defensively, we have to play harder," Clark said.

Tubby Smith, while Mississippi

State (14-5) has only recently

started playing like the team that

Despite the dearth of ranked

teams, SEC coaches to a man

grow testy when the quality of

"I don't think the league is

their league is questioned.

began the season in the Top 10.

We have been in this situation

before. We are in the position to strike to get a better spot in the MAC tournament," Clark said.

The practices have been going well with the team working harder and playing harder. The concentration level has been high, Clark said.

The Falcons are not taking the Chippewas for granted. Central Michigan has only two MAC wins

spot in the MAC tournament."

Jaci Clark

Falcon women's head coach

to eight loses, but one of those wins was against Toledo who was in first place at the time.

of our opponents. Central plays where she went 2-11 for 4 points.

#### said.

Falcon Notes

Charlotta Jones is leading the MAC in rebounding with 9.1 boards a game. Michelle Terry is second in the MAC with 0.9 blocks a game.

Sara Puthoff has dropped from fourth to seventh in the MAC in scoring with 17.1 points a game. Puthoff had a "We can't underestimate any off game last Saturday against Kent

## SEC hoops, save Kentucky, takes a beating on, off court

#### Paul Newberry The Associated Press

ATLANTA - They used to say the two favorite sports in the Southeastern Conference football and spring football. The way this basketball season is going, that might be the case again. No. 2 Kentucky is far and away the best team in the conference, winning its first eight SEC games

while hardly breaking a sweat. To make matters worse, none of the other 11 teams is even ranked - a bitter blow for one of the country's largest conferences.

Compare that to the Big East, which has three teams in the Top 10 and two more in the Top 25.

"What happens is some people look at Kentucky and see what

they're doing and they just as sume the rest of the league is said Mississippi state down." coach Richard Williams. "Kentucky is just that good."

Kentucky (18-1) has won 17 in a row since a 92-82 loss to topranked Massachusetts in November. The numbers for the other SEC teams are another matter.

Arkansas (14-6), which reached the championship game last season, lost all five starters and got off to a slow start. Alabama (11-7) and Florida (9-10) also suffered major losses from their 1995 NCAA tournament teams. Georgia (12-7), expected to be among the top teams in the conference, has been a major disappointment under new coach

"What happens is some people look at Kentucky and see what they're doing and they just assume the rest of the league is down."

#### **Richard Williams** Mississippi State head coach

down," said LSU coach Dale Brown, whose team is struggling at 11-9 overall, 3-5 in conference play. "I think we have destroyed

each other. If you take Kentucky out of this league, all 11 teams, including Ole Miss, can beat each other on any given night."

Brown can only shake his hand

when he looks at the league standings, which show nine of the 12 teams with between four and six losses.

"I've been in the league for 24 years, and I've seen it as balanced as it is with most of the teams and so out of whack with one team," he said. "I think Kentucky is the best team in the country, bar none."

While Kentucky returned the bulk of its 1995 team, which won the SEC last season and reached the finals of the Southeast Regional, the other traditionally strong programs seemed to lose everyone at once. No one was harder hit than Arkansas, which lost Corliss Williamson (19.7 points a game), Scottie Thurman (15.4) and its other three starters.

Alabama lost every starter bu one, the most devastating blow coming when center Antonio McDyess decided to leave school two years early. Florida had to replace four-year starters Andrew DeClercq and Dan Cross.

In all, the league lost five of its top 10 scorers and six of the top eight rebounders.

"From a marquee player standpoint, the league is probably not what it has been the last couple of years," Alabama coach David Hobbs conceded.

Other factors have played a role in the SEC slide.

It's always been difficult to win on the road, in part because of the brutal travel that must be endured in a league which stretches over nine states.



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# Dream Team III could be Magic's kingdom again

#### Paul Newberry The Associated Press

ATLANTA -- For Pete Babcock, the issue of whether Magic Johnson should play at the Atlanta Olympics is simple.

"My personal feeling is we ought to select the two best players," said Babcock, general manager of the Atlanta Hawks. "If a player sat out 10 years, it wouldn't make a difference to me if he played well enough to earn a spot."

Babcock is part of the USA Basketball committee that will get together at the end of the NBA season to pick the final two members of the U.S. basketball team for the Atlanta Games.

Already, the third installment of the Dream Team includes Shaquille O'Neal, Hakeem Olajuwan, David Rob-Inson, Scottie Pippen, Glenn Robinson, Karl Malone, Grant Hill, Anfernee Hardaway, John Stockton and Reggie Miller.

Johnson played on the original Dream Team that won the gold at Barcelona in 1992. Last week, he rejoined the Lakers after a 4 1/2-year retirement and immediately began lobbying for a spot on the Atlanta team, noting his international experience.

"I know I can get out there and do my thing," said the 36-year-old Johnson, who had 21 points, seven rebounds and six assists in a victory Sunday pight over Utah.

Johnson retired from the NBA in 1991 after contracting the virus that causes AIDS. He played at Barcelona the followng year even though some foreign players expressed con-

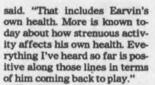


AP photo/Lenny Ignelal Magic Johnson celebrates after winning the gold medal in basketball in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

cerns about banging elbows with someone who had contracted HIV.

Babcock doesn't think Johnson's physical condition would be an issue if he was selected this year.

"I would assume that's because people are a little better educated today than they were four years ago about how the infection is spread, what's viable and what's not viable in terms of the danger," Babcock



The Dream Team will be coached by Lenny Wilkens of the Hawks, the winningest coach in NBA history. He steadfastly refused to take a stand on whether Johnson should be part.

# *McClatchy gives Pirate baseball fans a Valentine's Day gift*

Alan Robinson The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH – The Pittsburgh Pirates' 18-month search for a buyer apparently will end when California businessman Kevin McClatchy closes the \$90 million sale on Feb. 14.

Despite the last-minute withdrawal by one of his biggest investors, McClatchy was told Tuesday the 28 club owners will vote on the purchase Feb. 13. If they vote to approve, the sale would be completed the following day – the same day the Pirates start spring training in Bradenton, Fla.

"We've traveled a long, bumpy road, and we've had a lot of obstacles, but, somehow, we were able to fix it and get it done," said McClatchy, who at 33 would be the majors' youngest owner. "I am extremely relieved, and feel good about what our group accomplished."

The Pirates' 10 owners were advised Tuesday by major league baseball to finalize the sale. Baseball's ownership committee recommended approval of the sale in a directive to club owners, whose vote will probably be only a formality.

Only Monday, McClatchy's purchase didn't seem nearly as certain.

A deal involving \$69 million in cash from a dozen investors finally seemed done following the ownership committee's Jan. 30 approval. But scrap metals dealer Bill Snyder pulled out his \$5 million investment a day later in a dispute over control.

Snyder was unhappy the Pirates' board would have no say in the team's day-to-day operations, as McClatchy said it would. Major league baseball guidelines

dictate each team designate a managing general partner with decision-making authority.

With the Monday deadline for filing his final paperwork barely 48 hours away, McClatchy scrambled not only to make up the missing \$5 million, but to convince other partners not to leave, too.

Frank Brenner, a North Carolina metals dealer; brother, Mark, and friend Donald Beaver, who were brought into the McClatchy group by Snyder, kept the deal from possible collapse by retaining their \$5 million investment. McClatchy also convinced a

mew investor - Ken Pollock, an oil, gas and mining executive from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. - to take Snyder's place. Pollock, who owns Susquehanna Coal Co., and is chairman of Pennsylvania Gas and Water, was brought into the group by U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.

Santorum initially expressed reservations last year with McClatchy's commitment to keep the Pirates in Pittsburgh. "We were able to fix our prob-

lems," McClatchy said. "If it had been the first obstacle we encountered, I probably would have been more nervous."

McClatchy also got a psychological boost by attending the Pirates' annual wintertime fan festival. Despite the city's obsession with the Steelers' Super Bowl drive, fans waited up to 20 minutes Friday and Saturday for McClatchy's autograph – perhaps a first in this era of fan antagonism toward club owners.

"It was a surprise, and they thanked us for hanging in there and saving their team," McClatchy said.

## Moving teams may force creation of new franchises

#### Dave Goldberg The Associated Press

NFL owners again face their most perplexing question this week – how to fit 30 teams into 32 cities.

The only feasible answer may be a new round of expansion, a solution cited this week by several team and league sources.

But the major business when the owners meet in Chicago on Thursday and Friday is likely to be approval of Cleveland's move to Baltimore – with the condition that the Browns' name and colors remain in Cleveland.

The meeting comes a week after the Seattle Seahawks became the fifth team in the last year to move or announce their intention to move. In the Seahawks' case, it's to the market opened up in Southern California by the moves last year of the Raiders and the Rams.

That turbulence has raised eyebrows -- not only among the fans, but among the owners.

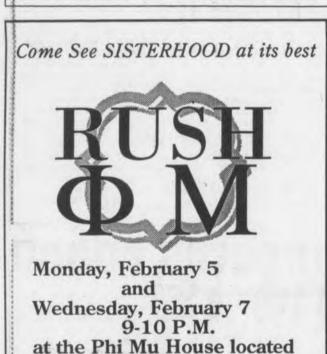
"I really don't know what's going on in this league," Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson said Tuesday. "I'm really sad to see what's happened to it. We don't have any rules and regulations anymore."

But Wilson appears to be only one of four potential votes against the move by the Browns. Eight are needed to block it.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue would not disclose his recommendation on Tuesday, saying he'd make a final decision after a meeting Wednesday night in Chicago with the stadium and

#### finance committees.

But sources say Tagliabue and Cleveland Mayor Michael White appear ready to accede to Art Modell's move of his team.

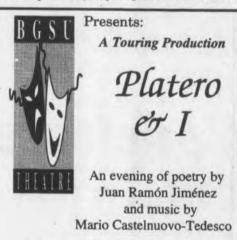


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Falcons tonight. "The big key is going to be if Anthony [Stacey] is going to be able to shut down Macon like he did last game, and everyone else being able to help him out," Jay

Larranaga said. BG will also have to be on the lookout for guard Aaron Brown, who is shooting 52.3 percent from 3-point range this season. He had a CMU-high 20 points against the Falcons earlier.



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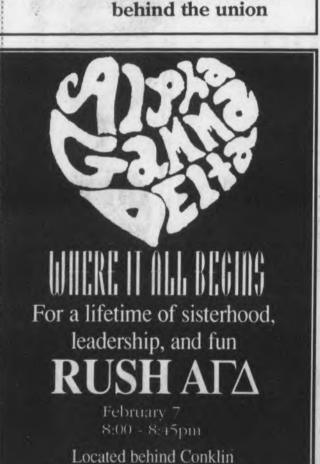
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# Browns may gallup to Baltimore as Mustangs

#### The Associated Press

BALTIMORE -- Cleveland Browns quarterback Vinny Testaverde said he was told the Browns will be known as the Mustangs when they move to Baltimore for next season.

But a team spokesman said

Tuesday that's not so.

"I don't know where he got that from," David Hopcraft, a spokesman for the Browns, said from the team's office in Balti-

Cleveland's WKYC-TV reported Monday night that Testaverde made the comment in a brief

interview while he was at a golf outing in Tampa, Fla. Browns owner Art Modell an-

nounced Nov. 6 that he signed a deal Oct. 27 to move the Browns to Baltimore for the 1996 season. "I don't know if the cat's out of

the bag yet, but it looks like we're going to Baltimore and it looks

"I don't know if the cat's out of the bag yet, but it looks like we're going to Baltimore and it looks like we'll be called the Mustangs."

like we'll be called the Mustangs The Baltimore Mustangs," Tes-taverde said. "I'll have to get

Vinnie Testaverde Browns quarterback

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used to the name, but we'll see how it goes.

Cleveland is attempting to block the move, and a trial is set for Monday.

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# Junior high basketball coach mauls officials

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ALEXANDRIA, Ky. - A youth league basketball coach and his junior high-age players, angry about losing a game, punched and kicked two referees and slammed them with metal chairs, witnesses said.

"I saw the two men. One's nose

was all messed up and the other's head was bleeding. They were a mess," said Jennifer Aboutorabi, who attended the game Sunday at the Old Campbell County High School in this northern Kentucky town

Police were investigating Monday. No charges had been filed.

The referees, Brian Sizemore, 28, and David Wolfe, 26, were taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center South. They were treated for face and head injuries and were released.

Witnesses said the attack occurred after the Bandits, sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Covington, lost to a team sponsored by H&W Sports of Florence. The referees had declared the game over after the Bandits

coach, James Pouncy, cursed and threatened them, witnesses said. Pouncy then rushed the two officials, and his seventh- and eighth-graders followed, witnesses said. They hit the referees in

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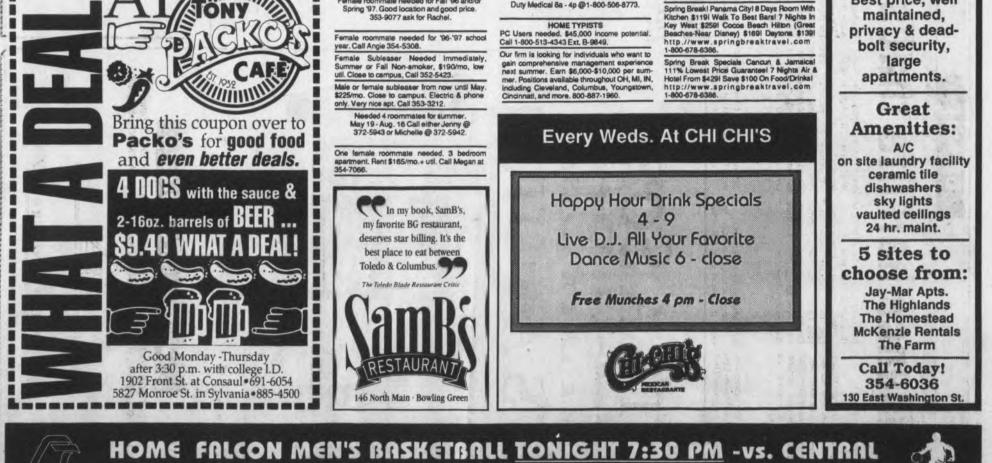
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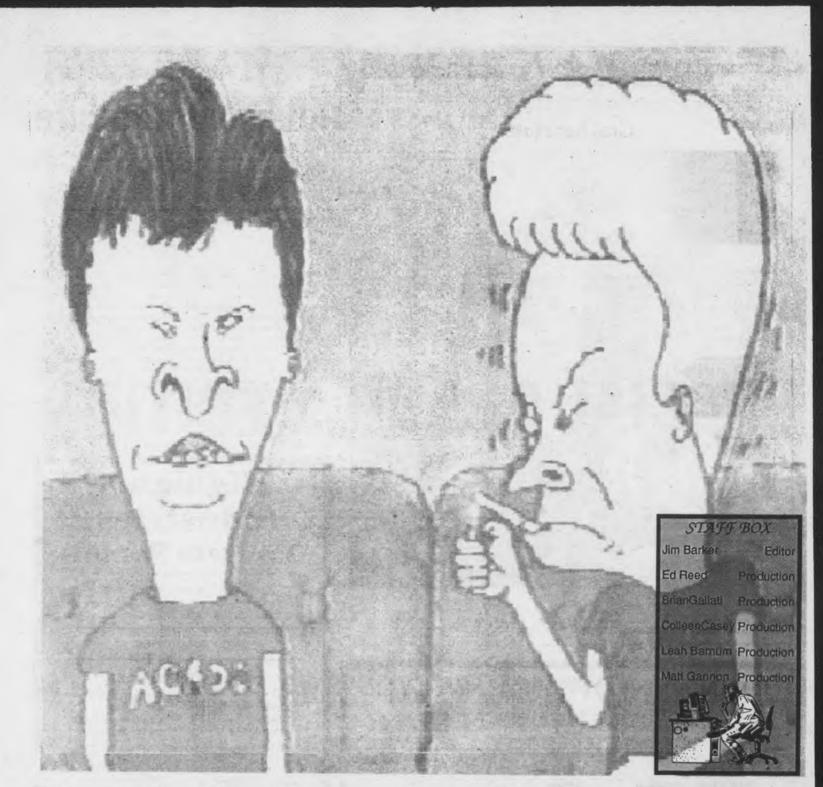
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# Use quality time when finding housing

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This year's Update living guide is special. The guide has been assembled hastily and with little regard for style or substance by people who couldn't care less where you end up living or who you end up living with.

Most of the stories within were not written by Update writers, and the design was done by a very irritable guy with a nasty

## Student should find own living arangements

flu virus.

Is this issue meant to be entertaining and informative? We didn't really have time to think about that. Is it meant to be indispensable, a first class housing manual for students to keep and cherish and rely upon? Don't be stupid.

Update thinks we have seen

wretched living conditions a person can find himself or herself in. roommates; and only wish we could say we learned from the experience

just about everything when it periences won't be so negative; comes to the kind of ghastly and but don't count on it. As your parents are so fond of saying, living with others is a "character We have had drunks, sluts, male builder." By the time you leave whores, slobs and slackers for school, most of you will have a veritable wealth of character.

No matter where you choose to live, you're still going to encoun-Hopefully, your own living ex- ter some very unique and frus-

trating problems. So bombarding you with eight pages of rental agency public relations material seemed a bit unjust, and we scrapped the idea.

Don't get us wrong, there are lots of great places to find an apartment and plenty of residence halls to choose from. But it would make more sense for you to find these places for yourself so you don't get shortchanged,

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## UPDATE

## **Graybar Hotel**



George Avanesian, 40, is escorted into the Glendale, Calif., police department Tuesday afternoon, after surrendering to police. Avanesian told the newspaper Persian Relief that he was involved in the arson fire that killed seven of his family members.

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Meredith Tremain The BG News

Spring semester is when most students start to make plans for next year's housing. The city of Bowling Green has a big selection of houses and apartments for rent.

Many houses already come furnished.

"Our furniture came with our apartment," said Carolyn Campbell, French major. "But it leaves much to be desired."

Already furnished apartments come with the basics.

Kitchen tables and chairs, endtables, lamps, dressers, beds, stoves and refrigerators come with the furnished apartment. said Helen Hernandez, finance director of Dick Newlove Realty.

However, students also have the option to rent unfurnished apartments, added Hernandez.

Campbell said even though they had a furnished unit they still needed to buy "little items

here and there, like ty stands If a student does decide on a

furnished unit, there will be an increase in cost.

There is a \$10 price difference between a furnished and unfurnished apartment, said Carol Meek, resident manager of Charring Cross Apartments.

Charring Cross's furnished units are studio apartments, which is a unit where the living room and bedroom are one, said Meek.

"Most people want them un-furnished," Meek added.

Renting is another option open to students needing furniture.

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# Night guard tales of terror and intrigue

#### By Jim Barker Update editor

Since this Update is supposed to cover some of the various problems, issues and concerns associated with living on or off campus, I decided that a really cool and totally unrelated story was in order.

So last Monday night, starting at the stroke of midnight, I stalked my way across campus to visit night guards in some of the various on-campus residence halls. I was curious to know what it was like to spend some 16 or more hours out of every work week sitting behind a desk or walking around looking for [and sometimes smelling for] trouble that might be afoot.

Were there any ghosts lurking in the bathrooms, or vengeful, knifewielding stalkers waiting in the stairwells? Not really. But I suppose that's a good thing.

Considering the problems that these young men and women can sometimes face during a week of night guard duty, the night I chose to visit seemed to be pretty quiet. But that didn't mean nothing was interesting had taken place.

"Well, we had a streaker earlier tonight," said MacDonald West night guard Jason Fisher. "I didn't get to see it, though."

"The girl who made rounds earlier said she heard someone close by saying, 'I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it' and the next thing she knew...[laughs]went so fast she hardly had time to think about it," Fisher said.

According to Fisher, a secondyear night guard and senior environmental science major, such occurrences aren't out of the ordinary. Drunken residents pass out on the lobby floor. Males loiter around trying to pick up women. Fights break out.

Sometimes minor incidents can turn ugly. Second-year MacDonald West night guard Kevin Holcomb remembers the night a man was making ill-mannered comments to

female residents. "This guy was sexually harrassing female residents, and this one girl went and got a male friend of hers," Holcomb said. "I mean, this girl went and got Chewbacca. This guy was really big.

"Things got kind of interesting for a while there," he said.

Holcomb said becoming a night guard was easy; watching friends go out to party and having to stay behind less so.

"The worst time is definitely the first weekend of the semester," Holcomb said. "You see all your buddies on the way out, or coming back, saying 'I can't believe you stayed in, there was this party,' but that's the way it goes."

Bromfield night guard Mark Wiese said it isn't hard to pass the time if there is something constructive to do.

"Mostly, I just read or study or turn around [towards the lounge] and watch television," Wiese said. Wiese, a freshman psychology major, is completing his second semester of night guard duty.

Wiese recommends a steady intake of caffeine and reading to take the edge off of desk time.

Offenhauer night guard Bob Dinsdale said his time as a night guard has brought him into contact with a variety of intriguing personalities, typically more intoxicated than intriguing.

"I remember this one time when I was an RA in Kohl Hall, and it was late and I was tired and I was in the bathroom getting ready for bed," Dinsdale said. "I thought I



smelled puke coming from somewhere."

Dinsdale loo :ed under the stall doors and saw a large puddle of vomit spread out around a pair of shoes. Upon opening the door, Dinsdale discovered a drunken resident sleeping on the toilet splashed from head to toe by recycled alcoholic beverages.

"When we finally woke him up, he kept insisting he didn't know where the vomit came from, even though it was all over him,"

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Dinsdale said. "He ended up cleaning the entire bathroom floor at four in the morning."

Dinsdale said that being a night guard means dinaking lots of Mountain Dew and eating as much sugar as possible to stay up the whole night through. Demanding schedules can sometimes cause night guards to inadversally doze off, he said.

"I used to work with this one guard who was always sleeping. He'd be snoring the entire seven hours I sat beside him," Dinsdale said. "Sometimes he'd go off to do rounds and not come back for four hours. He'd just go up to his room and sleep."

Dinsdale, as some readers may recall, was criticized for his Jan. 24 BG News editorial cartoon in which three guards were depicted snoozing while on duty. Dinsdale said he found the angry response to his caricature ironic and even hypocritical.

"They were saying that it wasn't realistic, but it's honestly the reality of what goes on," Dinsdale said. "Not every night guard sleeps on duty, but some do. And it's hard for some people to work a 12 or 14 hour day and not fall asleep on duty."

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### UPDATE

# **Music industry meets a new love affair**

#### **David Bauder** The Associated Press

Love and all its various permutations provide lyrical inspiration for most of popular music.

So it seems strange that a music industry that lives and dies with hype only recently has discovered Valentine's Day, the one day of the year set aside for lovers

"It's been a really tepid mar-

Roxana Hegeman The Associated Press

keting tie-in," said Pete Howard. editor of the trade newsletter Ice, which monitors when new music is made and released. "It carries the same strength as St. Patrick's Day. It barely registers on the Richter scale."

The second of the two "new" Beatles songs, "Real Love," is being released to radio stations around Valentine's Day, although it won't be available for purchase until several weeks later.

compilations of old love songs this month, trying to hit a wide range of tastes: country, soul, jazz and blues.

And two favorite singers among lovers of all ages, Barry White and Tony Bennett, plan special interactive events tied to Valentine's Day.

The music business tends to focus on one holiday alone -Christmas. Two, if you count

Sony Legacy is releasing five Hanukkah. Record companies open their wallets for sensuous compete to have their product among the thousands of compact discs gift-wrapped during December.

Some in the industry believe the Christmas rush is overdone, with so many new releases choking music stores that many worthy ones are ignored.

Other holidays largely have gone unexplored. No one really knows if lovers can be enticed to

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songs around Valentine's Day, because it hasn't been tried to any great extent.

"I don't ever recall anybody ever focusing on Valentine's Day as an opportunity and really going after it," said Adam Block, marketing director for Sony Le-

His label, which specializes in

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aired over a public access cable television channel.

At issue is whether a state law that prohibits wearing masks or People backed by the black Flinn contended that the Klan chairman of the Lafayette Parish masks are historically symbolic Council asked the district attorand therefore constitute freedom

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### UPDATE

# **TV violence desensitizes people**

## Jeannine Aversa The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON -- Crime pays - at least on television, according to a cable industry study released Tuesday on TV violence.

Most of the time, the bad guys aren't punished; nearly half the time, violent acts in TV programs show no harm to victims, and more often they portray no pain, according to the survey of cable and broadcast shows.

"The world of television is not only violent, it also consistently sanctions its violence," said the report on the \$1.5 million study commissioned by the National Cable Television Association.

The study found a consistent pattern across all channel types and genres. "This is troubling," the re-

port said.

The survey, the largest of its kind, was based on a sample of 2,500 hours of programming on 23 channels - a mix of cable,

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broadcast and public television - from Oct. 8, 1994, to June 9, 1995. It was conducted by researchers at four universities.

"One of the clearest findings of this study is that a very high proportion of violent scenes lack any form of punishment for the perpetrators," the report said.

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National Cable **Television Association** study on violence

The study does not rate specific programs, channels or stations for violent content.

The negative consequences of violence are usually not shown, the study also found. For example, 47 percent of all violent interactions show no harm to victims and 58 percent show no pain.

In addition, the study found that 57 percent of TV programs surveyed contain violence; roughly one-third of those shows contain nine or more violent interactions.

What effect does this have on viewers?

The study says it can desensitize people to both real violence and victims of violence. can increase people's fears of becoming a victim, and as many other studies have suggested, can lead to more aggressive behavior.

The highest level of visual violence -- 61 percent -- can be found on shows aired during prime time, between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., the study found.

The study also found that premium cable channels most frequently air shows with violence, while basic cable channels are close to or below industry averages.

The three major broadcast networks - ABC, CBS, NBC air fewer programs with violent content than the industry average, while independent TV stations are moderately above the norm, the study said.

Public TV stations air the fewest shows with violence.

The study was done by the University of California, Santa Barbara; the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; the University of Texas, Austin; and the University of Wisconsin, Madison

Last September, the three networks along with the Fox network touted a University of California, Los Angeles, study that found "promising signs" in the way the networks portray violence.

Both NCTA's and the networks' studies were prompted by threats from Congress to intervene if the TV industry failed to take steps to stem violence in their programs.

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#### VALEN-

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putting old music into new packages for compact discs, tried a Valentine's Day tie-in for the first time last year by releasing compilations of love songs by the O'Jays, Isley Brothers and Frank Sinatra

The Isley Brothers package has sold 109,000 copies, according to Soundscan. That's a pretty healthy sales figure for repackaged oldies, and it encouraged Legacy to try again.

Legacy's new releases include a 20-song Billie Holiday compilation, including "All of Me" and "The Way You Look Tonight." The soul collection contains The-Isley Brothers' "For the Love of You," Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes doing "Hope That We Can Be Together Soon" and "Best of My Love" by the Emotions.

The country collection includes weepers by George Jones and Willie Nelson. The blues compilations, "Messed Up in Love and Other Tales of Woe" appeals to listeners for whom Valentine's Day is a dirty word.

Not for Tony Bennett, who will be host to a two-hour live concert on the Arts & Entertainment network on Valentine's night. The network will take telephone requests that night from fans who want to hear a particular song. Bennett also will take requests the day before when he's host of an on-line chat session on Prodigy.

Then there's the Lord of Love, the Rajah of Romance himself. Barry White has made a living with pillow talk, so it's expected he will stay busy on the holiday of love.

"He receives a million requests for Valentine's Day," said Doug Richter, White's manager. Radio stations, in particular, are eager to hear White's deep bass voice.

Fans will have to settle for keystrokes on a computer. White will be host of an on-line chat session on the Microsoft Network on Valentine's Day where perhaps he'll be coaxed to give





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hoods unless it is something like a Mardi Gras show.

Walker acknowledged that the bottom line for the NAACP was to use the anti-masking law to get the Klan show off the air. A criminal violation of state or federal law would force the station to cancel the show, he said.

Flinn said his goal is to get the temporary policy rescinded and the law proven unconstitutional or taken off the books.

We have broken political cor-rectness," he said. "This is not about the law. It is about poli-

"We haven't broken the law. tics."

Seven More Days Until Valentine's Day

### February 7, 1996

### UPDATE

# Greeks drink more, more Physician pleads often than independents

## 'Functional saloons' must enforce alcohol policies

#### **College Press Service**

For 19-year-old Matt Garafalo, Big Brother night was supposed to be among the first of many parties at the University of Iowa fraternity he had recently pledged.

It was the night when Lambda Chi Alpha told new members which older ones would act as their "big brothers," the guys who would guide pledges through their first year in the house.

"The big brothers were getting the little brothers smashed," Kelly Hirsch, a Northwestern University student who attended the the party, told "The Daily Iowan."

But what was supposed to be a celebration, a new beginning, for Garafalo and others by morning had turned tragic. Garafalo was found dead by his fraternity brothers - a victim of acute alcohol intoxination.

That same night, members of Northern Illinois University's Sigma Chi fraternity decided to celebrate after an initiation ceremony of their new members.

"They had apparently participated in a formal initiation and then later headed out to a field to take part in an informal fraternity ritual under the stars," NIU

director of public affairs Melanie Magara said.

At 3:30 a.m., Michael G. Simpkins, a NIU junior, was killed when a car in which he was a passenger went off the road, into a culvert and flipped. Simpkins was thrown from the car and died a few hours later at the hospital. It was just two days before his 20th birthday.

The driver of the car, a 21-year-old Sigma Chi member, was charged with two counts of felony DUI. By chance, the death of both students occurred the day before Harvard University's School of Public Health and Social Behavior announced that fraternity and sorority members drink more heavily and fre-quently than non-Greeks, according to its nationwide survey.

The survey of more than 17,500 students at 140 colleges and universities showed that 86 percent of men and 80 percent of women living in fraternities and sororities are binge drinkers [binge drinking is defined as consuming five drinks for men, or four for women, one or more times during a two-week period.] These numbers are nearly double those of the overall student population, where 44 percent report binge drinking.

The study, which calls many fraternities and sororities "func-tional saloons," recommends tougher sanctions against them when alcohol policies are violated.

"The national organizations must be held accountable for serving underage students in their frat houses and providing an environment where binge drinking is the norm," said Henry Weschler, director of Harvard's College Alcohol Studies Project.

Binge drinking has been linked not only to hangovers and missed exams, but also to increased incidents of unprotected sex, violence, hazing, date rape and even death. The same Harvard study calls binge drinking "the number one public health hazard and primary source of preventable morbidity and mortality" for college students.

Alcohol is linked to nine out of ten campus crimes, according to a 1989 study by Townson State University's Center for Study and Prevention of Campus Violence. On average, Universities report three violent crimes per year, 430 property crimes, eight hazing or hate crimes and many alcohol offenses.

# guilty to assault

#### The Associated Press

FRANKLIN, Pa. - A psychologist who once ran a special-education school pleaded guilty Tuesday to causing his son's extensive brain injuries.

Robin Gates, 42, former administrator of Riverview Intermediate Unit 3 in Clarion County, pleaded guilty to an aggravated assault charge in Venango County Court in connection with the assault on his 2-year-old son, Steven, on Feb. 9, 1995.

Gates was to go on trial Tuesday but entered the plea after opening arguments. He admitted to pushing his son down concrete steps onto the concrete basement floor of his house in Cranberry Township. You will think the child was

in the ring with Muhammad

All," District Attorney Marie Veon told jurors about the injuries to Steven.

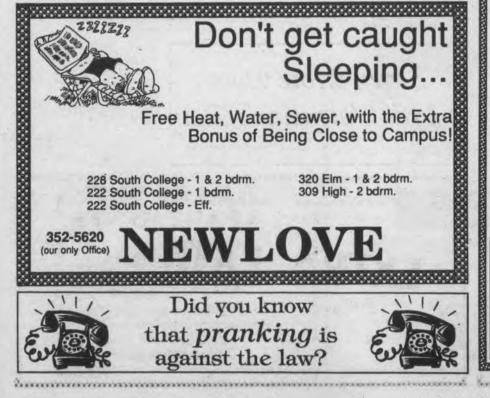
Gates originally told police that the boy was hurt when he stopped his car quickly, sending the boy flying out of an unsecured child-safety seat.

But Dr. Scott Cartwright, a pediatrician, said the boy's multiple face and neck injurles happened at different times. He disputed Gates' account of an accident and said the boy appeared to have been shaken and hit.

Cartwright also said the injuries were one to two days old, not the five days Gates claimed when he took the boy to a hospital.

Gateş was suspended without pay last May.





### UPDATE

# **Residence hall life that's...en**

#### **College Press Service**

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Fairfax, Va. - George Mason University students may not enjoy amenities such as room service or mints on their pillows, but some say the private service operating campus housing has definitely made dorm living eas-

In an effort to focus administrative efforts in academics, officials at George Mason University contracted Campus Hospitality L.C. to take control of tion," said Sophomore Robin their housing this year. Wroblewski. "It makes a big dif-

"We're trying to take a departure from regular dorm life," said Larry Van Wert, Campus Hospitality's general manager. "We want to run the residence halls as if they're inns." The priviatized residence halls

already include new exercise facilities, 24-hour receptionists and completely renovated rooms. "Things are better just be-

cause they have their full atten-

ference."

Campus Hospitality was created last spring after two Maryland corporations with numerous hotel and restaurant properties merged. Soon after, the new company successfully pitched their business idea to GMU officials. The University currently pays a fixed management fee of \$225,000 per year.

"We put in new carpeting,

painted everything and replaced and seniors will want to stay on some furniture," Van Wert said. "It's easy to make a dorm room, but these rooms need to be more than that. We want to make these students feel like they're at home."

Currently, GMU has 2,500 students living on campus. Van Wert and school officials, however, hope to increase that number. "If the food and the arrange-

ments are better, more juniors

campus," Van Wert said, whose company will receive \$90 for each occupied bed over 2,500.

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## Waste reductions needed on campuses

#### **College Press Service**

There's too much garbage being produced on campus. Or so say the environmentalists.

"People consume goods at an incredibly high rate," said Allen Lowender, a chemical engineer and Greenpeace activist from Salt Lake City. "Schools are some of the worst examples. You could probably cut out half the waste produced on campus just by eliminating paper and food. And that's just a start."

Although colleges have greatly improved recycling efforts on campus, Lowender said that a stronger effort must be made to cut down on consumption in the first place.

"You look at the basic task and figure out ways to cut down on the garbage you produce," Lowender said. Waste reduction efforts on campus can range from cutting down on paper by turning in assignments on disk or by e-mail or having students use their own mugs or glasses in the cafeteria to avoid the use of plastic cups.

With waste reduction in mind, Brown University began the "Brown is Green" program in 1990 in an effort to cut down on discarded material and conserve natural resources. As part of the

effort, a campuswide information drive was designed to inform students about the environmental costs of their everyday habits.

"I never gave much thought to how much I was wasting before I started reading the signs," Brown sophomore Michelle Baid said, referring to the "Brown is Green" posters that listed some sobering facts and figures about the environment. "But when you start to look at what you're doing, you see how much stuff you're wasting."

In addition, Brown administrators also set out to cut down on their own use of natural resources. The largest effort went into conserving water on campus by limiting the flow of showers and toilets. Showers in residence halls and athletic facilities flow at a rate of 2 gallons per minute, down from 3.5 gallons per minute. School officials say they've heard few complaints from students - and they've managed to cut down the annual water consumption on campus by more than six million gallons a year.

By installing similar watersaving fixtures, officials at New College in Sarasota, Fla., have saved more than \$20,000 in one year, recouping their installation costs after three months.



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