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A daily independent student press

Snow

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- Guns are dangerous and provide false security.
- Proposition 209 needs work to improve enrollment in California.

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■ Iraq is bombed again by the United States.

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■ Haiti may become a dictatorship.





■ The women's basketball team looks for revenge against arch-rival Toledo tonight.

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We just had the most embarassing loss in my entire history of coaching, up at Eastern Michgan."

Deanne Knoblauch Women's basketball coach

Commuters take weather in stride

By AmyJo Brown The BG News

In bad weather, traveling to campus can be tricky and dangerous, but many commuters feel this weather is no threat.

Icy coated vehicles, state emergencies and blizzard conditions were everyday occurrences over the University's winter break, however, the weather offered a small reprieve just in time for students to return to school.

With the worst behind them, many students commuting from distances ranging from 20 minute to two-and-a-half-hour drives are finding no difficulty in reaching their classes.

"I'm not having any trouble," said Matt Molinski, who travels from Findlay in his four wheel drive vehicle.

Michelle Luthman, a freshman art major who lives in town, feels the road crews are doing a

good job of clearing the snow from the roads

A few students did fear that traveling on the roads in some places might be dangerous.

"It's mostly county roads that aren't being cleared," said Kathy Dreher, a senior social work

For students who feared driving to school on the first day due to bad weather, the administration offered a more lenient policy for students who missed first day attendance required

"Students' safety was more important," said Steven Richardson, vice provost for undergraduate affairs. "We didn't want students racing back to school in bad weather.

Students who missed a class that required first day attendance because of bad weather had to inform the instructor in

• See COMMUTERS, page six.



BG News photo/ SCOTT FAUBER

This unfortunate car in a student parking lot won't be going anywhere soon. Recent snowy weather has resulted in several cars being snowed in.

harat: ook The Discipline System assessment and participation assessment program for con-

By IRENE SHARON SCOTT

The BG News

It's a common scenario: it's Thursday night, and you decide to have a few friends over and have a few beers. Next thing you know, you are being turned in by a resident advisor for under-age drinking in the resident hall.

Busted.

The largest number of violations at BGSU are alcohol related. Through the disciplinary system, the University attempts to regulate underage drinking.

According to Jodi Devine, staff assistant of judicial affairs, the purpose of the University's disciplinary system is address the need to clarify the code of conduct violations.

There are different sanctions for a student's first two "disruptive alcohol violations" in University-owned housing and other areas. A disruptive violation means that the student's behavior endangers the health and safety of others, such as making noise, vandalism or assault, Devine said.

After the first violation, the student is referred to the office of student life, where the student is placed on probation. Part of his or her punishment is serving community service

However, in the case of a second violation, the student is suspended from the University, documented for alcohol assessment and must consult a treatment program in order to be considered for readmission to the University. If the student

lations in University-owned assessment and participation in housing, depending on the severity of the violation. An example of a non-disruptive violation is a 21-year-old or older student walking in the halls of a resident hall with an open alcohol container, Devine

Disruptive alcohol violations in University-owned housing

Disruptive is defined as an alcohol violation occurring in conjunction with behavior that is disruptive to the community, endangers health or safety of others or results in damage or vandalism to University property or property of members of the University community.

does return, then he or she is placed on probation.

"Community service is not the same when you are doing it at 4:30 a.m. on a Sunday," she said. "It [community service] gives them a chance to think about what they did and causes them to change their actions."

In addition, community service helps the students give back to the community, she

There are three levels of punishment of non-disruptive vio-

After the first violation, a student will be placed on residence hall probation and required to participate in a Viewpoints

Alcohol Education Class. The second violation causes referral to the office of student life where the student is placed on probation. Participation in Perspectives Alcohol Education Class and community service

are also required. A third violation results in suspension from the University, documentation of alcohol

a treatment program for consideration of readmission. Furthermore, the student is placed on probation upon return.

Alcohol related classes by Viewpionts are one form of punishment. The Wellness Cen-

ter sponsors these classes. Most students know what alcohol is and feel that is all there is to know about it said Chris Hageman, Health Promotion Coordinator. However, through the classes, students find out more information, and myths are cleared.

At the end of the classes, the students fill out an evaluation about what they got out of the class, what they learned, what they liked most and what they will change about themselves, Hageman said. "A lot of evaluations show that students learned about things they never knew, such as alcohol poisoniong. Evaluations are fairly positive because the classes do not preach."

In addition, punishments vary slightly if violations by students take place in other

For example, in the case of a second non-disruptive violation by a student outside of residence halls, an alcohol assessment by a certified Chemical

See DISCIPLINE, page six.

Parking forum planned

By SARAH DELANEY The BG News

It's 9:15 a.m. and you're cruising onto the University campus for a brand new semester. You've got just enough time to park and make it to class for the first day attendance policy. But there's just one problem: the parking lots are full.

Despite continual parking congestion, James Wiegand, Director of Public Safety for the University police, ensures that action is being taken.

"An ad hoc committee has been formed and is reviewing some of the University's parking policies," Wiegand said. "We're also looking at how other universities have solved their parking problems."

But the committee can only do so much. The rest is up to the students.

"We've got two open forum meetings scheduled for the end of January where students can bring their suggestions and creative solutions to this problem," he said.

But Wiegand stressed the forums are not intended to be complaint sessions. Instead, he hopes they will explain how the parking works at the University and generate some innovative ways to resolve the situation.

'We know what the complaints are," he said. "We want the students to help us find some acceptable solutions to them."

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Eager students board the shuttle bus to avoid the cold and wet weather.

Shuttles slowed by snow

By ROBERT RECKER

The BG News

The release of Mother Nature's fury over the last two weeks has slowed things down on campus, including the bus shuttle services. Some students and teachers struggled to make their first classes of the semester.

Shuttle drivers are blaming the little white stuff everywhere for slowing down their routes. The News took a ride on the shuttle to get a firsthand account.

"The roads have not been too good," said shuttle driver Richard Bateson. "The routes have been a little slow. You can't get any traction.'

"It's supposed to take 20 minutes to go around the campus, but today it's been about 25 to a half an hour with the roads," he said. "They say it might change to freezing rain, but I hope not."

The shuttle delays haven't affected all students. Some, like freshmen Dan Ryals, undecided, and Vicki Laspina, undecided, have to hoof it to class through the snow. Both live in Kohl Hall, and have classes in relatively close

"All my classes are within walking distance, it wouldn't make sense to use the shuttle," Laspina said. "I do use it to go to the rec though."

"The shuttle used to show up a lot faster, about every 10 minutes or so," Ryals said.

Sloppy driving conditions are not the only cause for the slow-down, according to Stacie Enriquez, the administrative assistant of parking and traffic. Trains that back up traffic around the University, traffic on Wooster, and an overload of classes scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays add to the delay.

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The BG News PINION PAGE

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Part 1: Staff Editorial for Clinton Impeachment

Amidst the applause and Clinton chants, there is absolutely no doubt in our mind that President Bill Clinton should be removed from office.

The simple fact is that Clinton lied about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky to a grand jury. He committed perjury. He obstructed justice. Those are federal offenses. For those facts alone he should be removed. Yet too many Americans are cheering for Clinton and in return celebrating his breaking of the law.

Thursday, as the impeachment trial gets underway, the majority of the American people want to move on and dismiss Clinton's folly. No one seems to care that he is a shabby role model or even worse, dishonorable and a liar.

Many will argue that this entire case is completely unfair and an attempt to sabotage Clinton. Many more even have the audacity to claim the Republicans plotted and set Clinton up for impeachment.

The only person who got Clinton impeached is Clinton himself. This case could have easily been avoided if Clinton would have answered yes instead of no when asked about having sexual relations with Lewinsky.

Another absurd point is that the Republicans have wasted precious time on this case instead of dealing with more pertinent issues. What is more pertinent than preserving the U.S. Constitution? What is more pertinent than preserving the prestige of the office of the president? If Americans insist on blaming Congress for wasting time, the blame is being misplaced. President Clinton is the culprit. He lied and he didn't take responsibility for his actions.

It is also important to note that this case is not about sex. It is about lying. Lying is lying no matter what it is about. Clinton's lie is no less severe because he lied to protect his image and his family. If he was so concerned with protecting his family from his actions, he should have thought twice before he got involved with Lewinsky.

This is an ugly case. Saturated with sexually explicit details the case seems like nothing more than a presidential R-rated movie, but take away the spin and the case is about lying. It is about obstructing justice. It is about demanding more from our president and in return more from our country.

Thursday marks the beginning of the trial of the century, yet if Clinton is not reprimanded it will also mark the fall of justice. Clinton should be removed from office. Case dismissed.

Correction: Tom Klein, Guest Columnist in the Tuesday, January 12 edition of the BG News Opinion Page, is the Head of the Chapman Learning Community and Professor of English.

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REAL PANIC SETS IN FOR THE FIRST TIME



Guns provide false security

Having a gun in your home does not equal protection. In order to have a sense of security and protection, many people overlook the fact that guns are dangerous weapons. Misuse and accidental discharging of guns cause problems that far outweigh their benefits. "Benefits" is probably not even the correct term — because they are "offering protection" against imaginary intruders. Guns are more often used by non-intruders - accidentally - in homicides and in suicides.

I'm not opposed to people who need guns having them for their jobs, like my father, a police officer. But he knows how to handle one, how to clean it, and how to store it. Some people hunt and use their guns for that sole purpose. But simply having a loaded gun in your house is unsafe, illogical and unnecessary.

The arguments for guns in the home are weak. The fear of someone breaking in with a weapon is unlikely if he is a burglar. Is a gun going to be a deterrent? Will you use it as a threat? Or do you intend to kill anyone coming into your home?

Can you be sure the person lurking in the hallway is an intruder? What if it's your teenage daughter sneaking in late, or your son getting something to drink in the kitchen?

Accidental shootings can happen for many reasons. And guns are weapons that make that damage permanent.



"Having a loaded gun in your house is unsafe, illogical and unnecessary."

Couldn't something else be used as a weapon? There are many household objects that can normally be innocuous, but have potential as a weapon. Anything heavy or blunt will do. How about a baseball bat? It is easily stored, and won't hurt anyone if it accidentally falls over.

Of course, maybe a baseball bat is only effective at close range. Who knows? But the statistics show that your gun is more likely to be used on you.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine (1993), a gun triples the risk of a homicide in the home.

Self-defense is a major argument for having a gun, but the reality of having one is that it is rarely used for that purpose. Of the 12,066 American gun deaths in 1995, the FBI determined that only 176 were in legitimate self-defense. Is a gun worth the 1.5 percent chance?

Ideally, anyone owning a gun

would keep it locked up, hidden and unloaded. According to National Data Programs, forty-one percent of American house-holds contain one or more guns. And one-half of all handgun owners say they keep their guns loaded some of they time (Journal of the American Medical Association,1994). So the risk is there, despite the ideal.

The group most likely to be injured by guns is children. Kids are curious, and their parents may not have taught them enough about guns. Thirty percent of families with children keep loaded guns in the house (JAMA, 1992) and those guns have caused unnecessary deaths.

Handguns kill more than ten kids everyday (John Hopkins Research, 1996). And children know that their parents have guns, and where they keep them. Fifty-nine percent of students, grades 6-12 reported that they could get a handgun "if they wanted one. 36 percent said they could get it within an hour (LH Reasearch,1993).

It is a fact that guns kept in the home are 43 times more likely to kill a family member, friend, acquaintance than an intruder. Not 43 percent, not triple the risk-43 times more likely. Residents with guns in their homes are five times more likely to have a homicide, and three times more likely to have a times more likely to have a suicide than residents without guns. Those are odds that speak volumes about how much protection guns offer, and who they end up harming.

More guns are not going to make more peace, regardless of the intimidation they provide. Instead, they are prone to accidents. If everyone goes gun crazy and carries concealed weapons, they will not be leveling the playing field against criminals. Rather, they will be making every place more dangerous and eventually, more unintended victims will pile up.

Look at the statistics — and look elsewhere for more. I'm convinced that the benefits of owning a handgun for protection are greatly exaggerated.

My friend told me about how his dad staved off a crack addict who was trying to break into his college apartment. Having a gun may have saved him.

Ask any parent who has buried his or her child which was shot accidentally. Having a gun in the home has ruined lives.

It's a personal decision, but it is one that should be made with facts, not paranoia in mind. The potential destruction of guns is much greater than the benefits. I don't have any solutions or desire to force people to make more informed decisions about the necessity of guns. Each family or individual must weigh the consequences and decide if they can handle the responsibility.

(Gun facts found at www.ceasefire.org) Natalie Miller can be reached for comments at annemil@bgnet.bgsu.edu

Go check out The Big Creak at Easystreet on Thursday!

Propopsition 209 needs some tinkering

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The predictions that California's Proposition 209 would erode the diverse student body on University of California campuses have come true in the past year. Since the proposition's implementation, the enrollment of Black, Latino, and Native American students collectively dropped by 9.5 percent. But this past Monday, Gov. Gray Davis announced a plan that could negate Proposition 209.

This plan, subject to passage by the University of California Board of Regents, should be adopted in order to restore many prospective students' right to pursue quality higher education.

Davis' proposal calls for all students graduating in the top 4 percent of their high school class to automatically gain admission to a University of California campus. This much more localized approach would supplant the current system that requires the admission of the top 12.5 percent of students statewide.

This current system gives stu-



dents from affluent school districts an unfair advantage over lesser-privileged students, traditionally those in urban and rural districts.

In addition to changing admissions requirements to a local scale, Davis' plan aims to decrease the emphasis placed on standardized tests, which are often biased against minority students. Some emphasis would be shifted to more student-friendly examinations, such as the SAT2, which allows students degree of choice in terms of tested content.

Detractors of Davis's proposal will no doubt claim that such a

plan could decrease the academic prestige and the strength of future University of California classes, but such claims are unfounded. All students being admitted will satisfy gradepoint-average and college preparatory class requirements. Also, students will not necessarily be admitted to every campus-likely leaving UCLA and Berkley as the system's most prestigious.

But it is important that those reviewing admissions to the University of California's campuses should do so thoroughly to ensure that all students with the ability to thrive at the university level be allowed to do so - and not be punished because their school districts were ill-equipped to meet their educational needs.

A diverse campus plays a large part in the development of well-rounded students. Students need exposure to a multitude of backgrounds to prepare them for an increasingly global society. Students benefit from experiencing the various and unique ideas, philosophies and art that tie in

with different cultures and ethnicities.

The University of California Board of Regents should support Davis' proposal when it comes up for a vote in March. This vote should be monitored closely here at the University, given the classaction lawsuit filed against it for the use of affirmative action in admissions.

Should the University lose the lawsuit, a similar system may work well to preserve the University's diverse campus. And for now, the future in California appears promising - Davis himself has a seat on the 26-person board, and he will be able to appoint new members over the course of his four-year term.

But there is no reason for this measure to stall. The regents should support Davis and restore hope to countless students currently trapped in the shadow Proposition 209 casts over California.

TODAY Snow Showers. THURSDAY Haze.

HIGH: 22

LOW: 20

HIGH: 32

LOW: 14

Today likely in the snow morning. Cloudy with scattered flurries in the afternoon. Less than an inch of additional accumulation. Temperature nearly steady around 20, northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 70 percent.

Tonight ... cloudy. A 50 percent chance of snow late. Low around 15.

Thursday ... cloudy with light snow likely. High in the lower 20s. Chance of snow 60 percent. Again with the snow! Hang on.

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WEDNESDAY 1/13/99

Noon

Brown Bag Luncheon

The Women's Center Brown Bag Luncheon starts this semester with "Women, Fears, Phobias & Panic Attacks." According to the National Institute of Mental Health, panic disorder strikes between 3-6 million Americans, and is twice as common in

women than men. The presenter, Norma Davenport, MA, will discuss causes, symptoms and treatment resources for women dealing with anxiety. 107 Hanna Hall.

5 - 6:30 p.m. **Women Graduate**

Students Support Group reminder that you are not alone! A space to talk

Good conversations and a

7 p.m.

Women's Basketball hosts Toledo

about academic identity

issues, balancing personal and

work life, prelims, dissertations,

and just getting through every

returning to the "real world",

day. 107 Hanna Hall.

The Falcons lock horns with arch-rival Rockets in a midweek showdown. Anderson

Catherine Jones, flute

Thursday 1/14/99 8 p.m.

Students \$2, Adults \$3, Call

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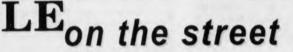
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PEOPLE on the street





Brian Seymour Sophomore Education Big loss.

Michael Jordan is

basketball.



Junior Tech. Education More money for other players.



Dave Kecham Freshman



Elementary Ed. His level of skill will be missed.



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Robert Wozniak Sophomore Sport Mgmt. None. The NBA is screwed anyhow because of the

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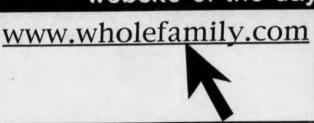
What effect will Michael Jordan's retirement have on

Adam Papas Junior Chem./Bio./Pre-Vet

It doesn't matter because they need me playing.

Anderson Arena.

website of the day



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/di-DAK-tik/ (adjective): instructive, teaching. Example: Guido presented a didactic book to Kermit and Alphonse, entitled How Not To Die And Other Good Tips. Didactic comes from the didaskein, meaning to teach.

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Activists seek to overturn ruling

was the longest trial in English history.

■ Vegetables

LONDON (AP) - Multinational corporations should not be

allowed to suppress criticism by filing libel suits, two vegetarian

activists argued Tursday as they sought to overturn a ruling that

to have a 'chilling effect' on free speech," defendant Dave Morris

"McLibel" case, which at 314 days in court, spread over 2 1/2 years,

defamed by Morris and Steel, who had distributed pamphlets enti-

tled "What's wrong with McDonald's? Everything they don't want

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Alfalfa sickens Americans with Salmonella

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Morris, 44, and Helen Steel, 33, defended themselves in the

In June 1997, McDonald's won a judgment that it had been

McDonald's is estimated to have spent \$16 million on the case and

The company also suffered the embarrassment of the trial judge's

The judge also ruled that substantial parts of Morris and Steel's

CHICAGO (AP) - Alfalfa sprouts, the quintessential health food

used as garnish on everything from salads to hamburgers, sickened

an estimated 20,000 people in the United States in two outbreaks in

Consumers "should consider this danger when deciding whether

to eat alfalfa sprouts," the researchers, led by Dr. Chris Van Beneden,

an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Associa-

tried, the researchers said they may not be adequate.

Although new methods to prevent salmonella poisoning are being

Salmonella is a strain of bacteria found in animal feces. It general-

ly causes nausea but can be fatal in older people, infants and those

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Saudi proposal to ease sanctions rejected by Baghdad

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq spurned a Saudi Arabian proposal to ease U.N. economic sanctions Monday, dismissing the idea as inadequate and accusing the Saudis of aggression.

U.S. aircraft, meanwhile, attacked Iraqi defense installations in northern Iraq, and neighboring Kuwait said it has placed some military units on maximum alert due to threats from Iraq.

In Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, the foreign ministers of six Persian Gulf states lent cautious support to the Saudi proposal, which seeks to persuade the United Nations to lift the embargo on Iraq for all goods except those that could be used for military purposes.

The apparent aim of Saudi Arabia and the five other Persian Gulf states is to calm Arab public opinion - which exploded in several Arab cities after U.S.-British airstrikes against Iraq on Dec. 16-19.

Arabs have expressed increasing anger over the suffering of Iraq's 22 million people under the sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. The invasion sparked the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The Gulf foreign ministers discussed the Saudi proposal Sunday. Although they did not formally announce a decision to support it, one participating official told The Associated Press on Monday that the ministers gave the initiative "general prelimi-nary approval."

Arab League foreign ministers will take up the proposal on Jan. 24 in Cairo, Egypt, said the official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. If they approve it, the idea will be prented to the United Nations.

However, the overture encountered hostility in Bagh-

Iraq "categorically rejects the so-called Saudi initiative," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz as saying.

"Saudi Arabia has been a party to the aggression against Iraq since 1990. Therefore it is not expected that it will come up with positive and fair proposals in favor of Iraq," he said.

Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf neighbors joined the U.S.backed coalition that drove Iraq from Kuwait in 1991.

Aziz emphasized that Iraq will accept only "a total lifting of sanctions.

Iraq's hard-line stance reflects its renewed defiance of the United States, Britain and their Gulf allies since the U.S.-British airstrikes in December.

The United States and Britain launched their four-day bombardment to punish Iraq for refusing to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors responsible for dismantling Iraq's illegal

The United Nations will not remove the sanctions until U.N. inspectors certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction. But in the aftermath



A British Royal Air Force F-15E Strick Eagle comes up for fuel during routine checks over the no-fly zone in southern Iraq yesterday. For each of the past two days, American planes have fired on Iraqi radar installations.

of the airstrikes, Iraq has refused to allow any further weapons inspections.

Iraqi forces also have confronted American and British planes enforcing "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq.

In separate incidents Monday, U.S. Air Force planes fired missiles at two air defense facilities in northern Iraq after their pilots determined that the Iraqis were about to attack them with surface-to-air missiles, U.S. officials

Iraqi officials did not confirm the attacks. The extent of any damage to the facilities was not immediately known.

Angered by the tacit support of Arab governments for the airstrikes, President Saddam Hussein last week urged Arabs to overthrow leaders who do not support Iraq.

Iraqi legislators also have urged the government to rescind its 1994 recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty and U.N.-demarcated borders. This led Kuwait to put some of its armed forces on maximum alert, Kuwaiti Defense Ministry spokesman Col. Ahmed al-Rahmani said in Kuwait on Monday.

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Progress made in Yugoslav army hostage negotiations

The Associated Press

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Ethnic Albanian rebels have agreed to release all eight Yugoslav soldiers they have been holding hostage since their convoy strayed into rebel-held territory in Kosovo four days ago, an international official said today.

The head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Knut Vollebaek, said negotiations with the Kosovo Liberation Army ended successfully.

"We have had positive results," he said at a news conference. "We have reached an agreement with the KLA on an early release of the detainees."

He refused to elaborate on details, including when the soldiers would be freed and whether any ethnic Albanian prisoners would be exchanged for them, as the rebels had demanded.

However, an OSCE statement issued later in the day suggested the releases were planned for Wednesday. It said an "important meeting" between international representatives and leading members of the Kosovo Liberation Army would be held in Glogovac on Wednesday morning. Reporters were invited to

Glogovac, a village about 25 miles southwest of Pristina, is in rebel-held territory.

International monitors have been talking with both the rebels and Serbian authorities since the soldiers were seized Friday in KLA-held territory in northern Kosovo.

Officials fear Serb forces will resume their military crackdown against ethnic Albanian separatists — largely halted since they agreed to a truce in October — if the soldiers aren't freed soon.

Shortly before Volleback's announcement, the Yugoslav army had warned the soldiers must be released "unconditionally," saying otherwise it might have to use force.

"The case of kidnapping of Yugoslav army members by Albanian separatists and terrorists is a flagrant example of an insane criminal act," said the army.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic told Vollebaek in Belgrade on Monday that time was running out for the soldiers to be released before a major crackdown

Yugoslav army tanks are stationed close to Stari Trg, near where the Yugoslav soldiers are being held in the village of Bajgora, poised for action.

The soldiers reportedly were being well-treated in captivity. An OSCE tape of the hostages made available to selected reporters showed them relatively upbeat.

One of the unidentified soldiers said their KLA captors had "behaved very correctly."



Associated Press Photo

Yugoslav army soldier Nikola Cvejovic, one of eight Yugoslav soldiers being held prisoner by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), smokes a cigarette in captivity yesterday. Officials fear Serb forces will resume hostilities because of the recent hostage taking by the KLA.

More than 1,000 people have been killed in Kosovo, which is trying to secede from Serbia and the Yugoslav federation, since February.

On Monday, a key aide to ethnic Kosovo leader Ibrahim Rugova was assassinated outside his Pristina home.

A Serb official in Kosovo, provincial information secretary Ivica Mihajlovic, called the killing of Enver Maloku "another act of terrorists who are against peace," the Serbian Media Center reported.

The shooting death of the head of the province's Kosovo Information Center, which reflects the views of Rugova, had new tension to talks aimed at securing the release of the soldiers.

"The incidents in Kosovo indicate that the province is a ticking time bomb and we could see fullscale fighting and a new wave of refugees if no political solution is found soon," said Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency in Geneva.

He noted that shelling by government troops last weekend had displaced about 2,000 more people from their homes near Podujevo and Suva Reka.

Maloku was to be buried later today.

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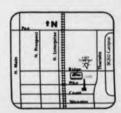
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British to relinquish control of N. Ireland in March

The Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

— The British government seeks
to end a quarter century of control in Northern Ireland and
return power to local leaders in
mid-March, politicians said
Tuesday.

Sean Neeson, leader of a small party called Alliance that represents Northern Ireland's most moderate Protestants and Catholics, said Britsh Gov. Mo Mowlam had said March 10 is the target for returning control of government departments to local leaders for the first time since 1974.

"We have a clear timetable laid out," Neeson said.

Mowlam, Britain's highestranking official in Northern Ireland, declined to comment on what she told five separate delegations of politicians during daylong talks at Stormont, the British government complex in east Belfast.

March 10 will come 11 months to the day after eight local parties struck a peace accord, outlining plans for a coalition government of Protestants and Catholics that would cooperate formally with the Irish government.

The date also will come a

week before St. Patrick's Day, when in recent years politicians have deserted Northern Ireland for the United States, where both sides lobby influential Irish-Americans and attend U.S. President Bill Clinton's White House festivities.

After months of tense haggling, both sides agreed last month that the new Northern Ireland administration — to be called the Executive — should have 10 departments, four more than the current British government regime.

The parties also agreed on forming six policy-making committees with the Irish Republic, a

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FORUM

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Although most students seem to think the problem is a lack of places to park, Wiegand said it is more complicated than that.

Stacie Enriquez, Parking and Traffic Administrative Assistant, echoed those sentiments.

"There are a number of things contributing to this problem such as the way classes are scheduled, the first day attendance policy and usage of the shuttle services offered on campus," Enriquez said. "I know we have an adequate number of parking places but they aren't all convenient.

She said the ice arena is one of the commuter parking lots that is inconvenient and not a popular parking area. Enriquez acknowledged that the problems cannot be solved overnight and will require a lot of brainstorming on the part of everyone involved.

Connie Schorling, sophomore interior design major, thinks the forum is a good idea. One issue she would like to see raised at the forum is changing back to the former restrictions regarding where on-campus freshmen and sophomores can park.

"There used to be a commuter overflow lot across Merry Street, but now it's always filled up with on-campus students, Schorling, Perrysburg commuter

Last fall, that parking lot was opened up to all on-campus students, not just the juniors and

Yesterday Schorling said she

was lucky to get a spot behind the Health Center, but she attributed that to having an 8 a.m.

Schorling said she does not think increasing the number of metered lots is a good solution because they are a "rip-off." But she would pay more for a parking decal if it guaranteed her a parking space on the central

According to Wiegand, the central campus area has an insufficient number of spots for those who want them.

"We also have an insufficient number of shuttles and they don't always run in a timely manner," he said.

Wiegand encouraged students to attend the forum and voice their solutions.



Parking spots are few-and-far between by late morning on any given day. Parking solutions will be discussed at a forum later in January.

DISCIPLINE

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required. In response to Devine's example of a non-disruptive violation, Al Gerschutz, a senior theater major, believes the system is

"Overall, the system is quite extensive. However, I do not approve of the non-disruptive policy. A student shouldn't get suspended for enjoying alcohol and getting caught three times,"

Devine believes the system is

effective and does deter students from breaking the school's code.

"I think it does stop students; we have a low rate of recidivism," she said. "This means there is a low rate of repeat offenders once they have experienced the judicial system."

Whenever a student or campus organization violates the Code of Student Conduct, the punishment issued depends on the severity of the violation. Possible punishments include a warning, being placed on proba-tion or restriction or loss of privileges. Loss of privileges may include denial of parking and being ineligible for election to an official position within an organization. Additional punishments include community service, restitution, suspension from the University and University activities, and residential eviction.

Jennifer Meeker, a junior integrated language arts education major, said the system is weak in some areas.

"In some instances, I believe the University's discipline sys-

Enriquez believes that a major

reason for the traffic backup is

the number of students who

pus, but everybody drives,"

tions to improve shuttle service.

they could cut the time in half,"

"We have a pedestrian cam-

Some students had sugges-

"If they added one more bus

That approach has not been

tem is effective; however, I believe its alcohol policies do not effectively control drinking. School probation is a slap on the wrist and does not control the problem. It is like Saturday detention. Stronger measures need to be taken when dealing with underage drinking in order to solve the problem," she said.

Tori Hricover, a junior accounting major, said the system is fair and believes students need to have common sense and be responsible when drinking.

"I think the system is fair. It

acknowledges the fact that you are an adult and have certain rights," Hricover said. "Students just need to have common sense and be responsible when it campuses, BGSU frequently comes to drinking alcohol and other things."

According to Jill Carr, associate dean of students, the system was updated in July 1995 after the hiring of Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs. Since then, Whipple has created a community that works together with individuals from other university campuses, she said.

Carr believes that the system is fair and addresses the rights and responsibilities of students. Also, in comparison to other updates the system to meet stu-

dents' needs, she said. Stacy Hilvers, a sophomore photo journalism major, believes the system is doing the job.

"I think the University laws are fair," Hilvers said. "College students are old enough to take responsibility for their actions. If they are in the wrong, then they should be punished for it."



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commute from off-campus.

Enriquez said.

Ryals said.

overlooked by the parking and traffic department.

'We want to increase the shuttle service," Enriquez said. "Last year we proposed to add another shuttle that would serve the offcampus route, while keeping a shuttle for on-campus use.

The number of cars causing traffic could be drastically reduced, she said, with an offcampus shuttle.

Currently, there are two buses that run during the day, one at night, and another students can phone in the early morning

The next problem is, who will fund the off-campus shuttle.

Enriquez explained that since 1992, when the state cut back education funding, the shuttle has been paid for by the parking and ticketing office, not tuition. The money is raised from parking decals and parking tickets, among other things. She proposed an alternative, with the students picking up some of the

"Along with the Undergraduate Student Government, last year we supported a general fee increase that would help pay for another bus, but it was not approved because other areas needed the funding."

Students will have a chance to voice their opinions over the matter in two open forums, scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27 in Rm. 111, Olscamp Hall.

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order to not be penalized. "The deans of each college and the chairs of each department were told that bad weather was a legitimate excuse," Richardson said.

The administration also offered accommodations to a small number of students who wanted to come back early

because of the weather, Richardson said.

Richardson also said the University was lucky because the ice storm hit before classes began. The University had a whole week to plow and remove snow along with clearing one major entrance to every building on

Parking remains a problem once the commuters reach campus, but few students contributed the problem to the snowy conditions. They said the University was doing a good job of plowing the parking lots.

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Haiti nears dictatorship again

President decrees new government, ignores Parliament

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - President Rene Preval says he will bypass Haiti's combative Parliament and appoint a new government by decree - moves that critics say will set the troubled Caribbean nation on the road to dictator-

Preval's nationally televised broadcast late Monday dealt a blow to the country's flagging experiment with democracy. Haiti has suffered four military coups since 1986, when a popular uprising brought an end to the Duvalier family's 28-year dictatorship.

Preval's decision is likely to deepen a political stalemate that has left Haiti without a functioning government for 17 months and crushed hopes that democracy will bring some dignity to the Western hemisphere's poorest nation.

Monday was the original end-of-term date for the legislature, dominated by foes of Preval and his mentor, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Preval says lawmakers' recent vote to extend the term indefinitely until unscheduled elections in the future had no legal validity.

"I have neither the authority to prolong their terms nor to dissolve Parliament," Preval said.

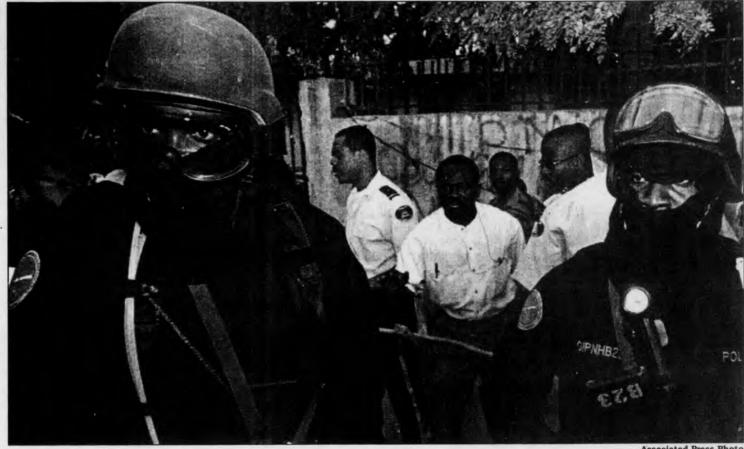
Parliament had failed to ratify four Preval choices for premier, and Preval said in his address that once his latest nominee - Education Minister Jacques-Edouard Alexis - names a Cabinet, he will decree it the new government.

cratic institutions," Senate President Edgard Leblanc told The Associated Press after Preval's

"Preval has become a dictator," added Rep. Arry Marsan, also from the majority Struggling People's Organization party.

Haiti has not had an effective government since June 1997, when Premier Rosny Smarth resigned to protest elections allegedly rigged with Preval's complicity to favor Aristide loyal-

Now Haiti, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, appears destined for another bout of uncertainty.



Associated Press Photo

"Preval has staged a coup against our demo- Anti-riot police stand guard outside the Parliament building in Port-au-Prince to protect Haitian lawmakers.

While the United States and others have vet to react, local politicians had plenty to say.

"It is to be feared that, after some feeble protests of principle, the international community will resign itself to business as usual," said human rights activist Jean-Claude Bajeux, a onetime minister in Aristide's government who has distanced himself from the former president.

Disgruntled legislators, even more unpopular than Preval, appear unable to muster much sioned by their dysfunctional democracy and protest from ordinary Haitians, who are disillutheir own grinding poverty.

The lawmakers brought this down upon their own heads. They don't represent the people's aspirations," said artist Mathieu Painvier.

the charismatic Aristide

Like many Haitians, Painvier still believes in

In 1994, President Clinton sent 20,000 U.S. soldiers to Haiti to restore Aristide to power after three years of repressive military-backed rule.

Aristide, who has already begun his re-election campaign for the 2000 presidential election, now stands accused of shady machinations.

Alexis' Cabinet is likely to be dominated by

Aristide loyalists. And Aristide's Lavalas Family party, founded before he handed over power to his handpicked successor in February 1996, probably will sweep elections — if the sides ever agree on how to hold a vote.

"Preval has executed the anti-democratic plan that he and Aristide have been preparing for a long time," Marsan, the lawmaker,

Others agreed with that assessment.

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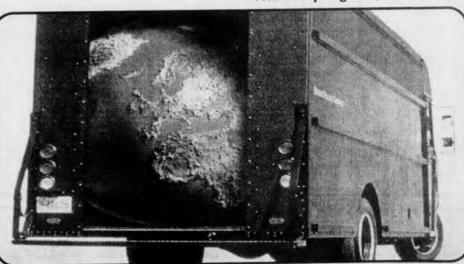
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Tribute to Cincinnati man who dedicated his life to helping less fortunate

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Buddy Gray spent much of his adult life trying to help homesess people, including restoring vacant buildings for low-cost housing, until a homeless man he befriended shot him to

Others have carried on Gray's work. Next week, they will open a 20-apartment complex named for Gray. Buddy's Place will temporarily house homeless people who are making the transition from a shelter to their own apartments.

Years ago, Gray founded the Drop-Inn Center homeless shelter and ReStoc, an agency that buys old buildings to rehabilitate them for housing. Last year, new directors were chosen for both organizations he started.

Jennifer Summers, 25, a teacher who served as an assistant to Gray at ReStoc, became its director. ReStoc will operate Buddy's Place.

Pat Clifford, 30, former executive director of the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, is now director of the Drop-Inn Center. It has existed for 25 years as Cincinnati's largest homeless shelter.

Clifford and Ms. Summers were from middle-class families and unexposed to homelessness before volunteering through a Xavier University program while in college. Both were inspired by Gray.

"Buddy was 110 percent devoted to helping the homeless. He slept and breathed helping the homeless," said Clifford, a Cleveland native. "He was such a role model, and worked so hard for the vision of human dignity, that that has helped us to carry on.

Last year, the Drop-Inn Center opened six apartments of tempo-

rary housing for women. That unit also houses a six-month program that assists addicted women and those fleeing domestic violence.

In August, the Drop-Inn Center started a project in collaboration with another shelter and Hamilton County's mental health board to help provide mental health services to homeless people with emotional or mental illnesses

Three times a week, visiting caseworkers interview and assess residents, referring them to appropriate programs. Before that, shelter managers didn't know who might be getting unstable, and when in doubt they called 911, Clifford said.

Buddy's Place will include a resident lounge and parking, and will have job training programs, social services and a resident manager.

The building was vacant and scheduled for demolition when ReStoc got it in 1987. Restoration took nearly \$1 million in public and private funds and an army of volunteers from the Drop-Inn Center, churches, schools and universities

Although Gray had many friends his tactics also made some enemies. Critics said he was stifling efforts to redevelop Cincinnati's seedy Over-the-Rhine district by buying vacant buildings scheduled for demolition, and was becoming a slumlord. But his backers said he was creating hope for the downtrodden by lining up housing for

Wilbur Worthen, 59, a homeless man who was mentally ill, entered Gray's office and shot him to death at the Drop-Inn Center on Nov. 15, 1996. Worthen told police that Gray was pumping nerve gas into his apartment. Found incompetent to stand trial, Worthen was committed to a mental health center.



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Freshmen senators prepare for Clinton's trial

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Talk about hitting the ground running. Eight freshmen have launched their Senate careers by plunging directly into the presidential impeachment trial even before moving into their permanent offices.

"It's kind of like playing in the World Series without having gone through the rest of the season, let alone going through spring training," said one of them, Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill.

"It's a quick way to make you understand that you're a part of one of the most important bodies in the world," said another newcomer, Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio. "I get goose bumps thinking about it."

Fitzgerald, Normally, Voinovich and their six newly minted colleagues would be spending a relatively leisurely January focusing on hiring staff, house-hunting and learning the ways of the Senate.

Instead, they have stepped straight into the vortex of a constitutional, political and media maelstrom, their schedules bulging with meetings, interview requests and time for poring over stacks of legal docu-

"It's intense," said Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind. "It's more than I was used to as governor, except in truly critical moments. I assume this is more than normal, but I have nothing to compare it

busy are they? Voinovich canceled plans to return to Ohio last weekend to attend swearing-in ceremonies for state officials. Fitzgerald did the same, and has so far limited most interviews to Chicago-area news organizations to avoid being overwhelmed. And Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., a former House member who returned to Arkansas two years ago, has been staying with friends because she has had little time to search for a home for her speak of the responsibility they bear and the awe they feel as jurors as the Senate considers whether to remove President Clinton from office. Only one other group of senators has performed this task: In 1868, when President Andrew Johnson was acquitted by a single vote.

You really think: 'What will my grandchildren read about this?"' said Lincoln.

Even so, she is among four of the eight newcomers who previously served in the House and had at least indirect knowledge of what it would be like serving in the new chamber. Besides Lincoln, they are Sens. Jim Bunning, R-Ky.; Mike Crapo, R-Idaho; and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

"I'd rather be talking about the issues I ran on, like education and crime," said Schumer, who served on the House Judiciary Committee that issued the articles of impeachment against Clinton last month.



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Associated Press Photo Eight freshmen have launched Senate careers by plunging directly into the impeachment trial of President Clinton. They are, from left, Evan Bayh, Jim Bunning, Mike Crapo, John Edwards, Peter Fitzgerald, Blanche Lincoln, Charles Schumer and George Voinovich.

Workers lobby (ongress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The head of the United Steel Workers says he's disappointed at President Clinton's refusal to take stronger action to block cheap steel imports and will take his fight to Congress.

The union's president, George Becker, said in a letter Friday to Clinton that the union had "no choice but to work with our supporters in Congress ... to pass into law the absolutely vital relief which the administration is apparently unwilling to pro-

The union specifically wants quotas to restrict imports to earlier levels. Other proposed legislation would ban imports for as long as a year, clarify courts' ability to issue injunctive relief, give industry a share of tariffs collected from imports and ease standards for proving harm and winning cases.

Lawmakers from steel-producing states stand ready to help the union, which contributed more than \$1 million to congressional campaigns since 1997. But success will be difficult and may come too late to be useful.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, Democratic chairman

of the Senate Steel Caucus, said there aren't enough lawmakers from the 16 steel-producing states to block a tendency toward free-trade policies.

"You have to assume that any getting-tougher-on-trade legislation in the Republican Congress is going to have a hard time," said Rockefeller.

Clinton on Thursday released his plan for combating steel imports into the United States in the wake of the Asian economic crisis. Domestic steel producers and union leaders said it was inadequate for averting additional plant closures and layoffs.

Industry officials say the surge in imports, which reached record levels in 1998, has resulted in at least 10,000 layoffs and a handful of company bankrupt-

Twelve steel producers and two unions have filed trade complaints accusing Japan, Russia and Brazil of illegally dumping steel in the United States at prices dramatically below production costs.

Because rulings are not expected until the summer, the domestic industry has been pressing the administration to take more immediate action, including reviews that could

lead to quotas or broad tariffs.

"I think there's going to be an awful lot of noise made, but ultimately we're part of a world trading system," said David Phelps, executive director for the American Institute for International Steel, which represents steel importers and exporters. "Fundamentally cooler heads in the end will prevail."

House Ways and Means Committee spokesman Trent Duffy said the release of the president's plan diminishes the chances for passing legislation.

"The president has just said he wouldn't support those protectionist types of measures that some might be seeking," Duffy

Clinton did offer more moderate proposals, including \$300 million in tax breaks for steel producers.

The House in October passed a non-binding resolution urging a one-year ban on imports from some nations. House members hope to build on that with binding legislation, but face obstacles from the House leadership and the administration.

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Sports



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Cardinal QB is future of pro football

Wait a second. Who did the Vikings beat Sun-

The Cardinals? From Arizona? But they haven't been to the playoffs since Sputnik traveled to the moon. All of a sudden they're a playoff powerhouse? Should we be worried? Is the world spinning off it's axis?

You say they beat the Cowboys in the first round of the playoffs? Aren't the Cowboys supposed to be the team of the 90's? And the lowly Cardinals beat them? Are we living in some sort of bizarro football world?

It's true. The Cardinals made some noise in the NFL playoffs this year. They have thrown their woeful past aside and begun their climb to the top of the mountain.

Nevermind the thrashing that they got from Minnesota's potent offense. Nevermind that they finished the season with a slightly better than average 9-7 record. And who cares if they won many of their games by three points or less. None of that matters anymore. Not with Jake Plummer at the helm.

On a Sunday afternoon in the middle of January, in a time where all but seven teams in the league had gone home for the year, the perennial floor mats of the NFL found themselves deep into the playoffs, two games away from the superbowl. They were coming off a huge win that served as a welcome party for Plummer.

The future of the league is here and is comes in a familiar shape Two short seasons, nine fourth quarter comebacks, and the guidance of a mediocre team to a playoff berth has the football world comparing Plummer to, dare I say it, Joe Montana.

Anyone who watched the Cardinals beat the Cowboys could see that the comparison is not at all far fetched.

Plummer's composure was evident in Arizona's loss to the Vikings. After a dismal first quarter where he saw more of the Vikings defensive line than his receivers, he settled down and led his offense to an impressive touchdown drive. He managed to keep his team in the game for most of the day by putting 21 points on the

It has been said that no one can run the two minute offense better than Plummer. His fourth quarter performances bring back memories of the Montana of the early

But the composure is not the only thing that allows Plummer to be mentioned in the same breath as Montana. They are the same size, 6-foot-2 195lbs. and both were passed over in the first round of the draft, with Montana going in the third and Plummer in the sec-

Each took over a team with a less than stellar history. Much like the Cardinals, the 49ers were 3-13 the year before Montana arrived. And they each went to the playoffs in their second season. The only difference is that Montana won the superbowl in his first playoff

appearance.
Plummer is the man to lead the NFL into the next generation. This season was only a prelude to how far he can take the Cardinals and the league. Much like Montana, he will form to the mold as the best quarterback of his time.

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By MARK WIESE The BG News

After an embarrassing loss at Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green needs to come ready to play against a very talented Toledo team.

Either the women's basketball team elevates their play from Eastern Michigan or it may be a long night against the Rockets.

We just had the most embarrassing loss in my entire history of coaching, up at Eastern Michigan," coach Deanne Knoblauch said. "I think we are going to rebound because I think they are a little embarrassed and we will show up to play."

BG is going to have to turn things around from the 31 point defeat at Eastern to have a chance against top ranked Tole-

Toledo is the only unbeaten team in the Mid-American Conference with a 4-0 mark. The Rockets (12-3 overall) are coming off a victory over defending conference champion Kent State to extend their winning streak to

Led by Kim Knuth, the top scorer in the MAC, Toledo is looking very strong, winning

their last nine games. Knuth brings her 24.7 points per game to the table and if BG wants to be competitive they have to find a way to contain her.

"Kim Knuth is the best player in the MAC by far in my mind," Knoblauch said. "She is just a nightmare."

Knuth has been a pain in BG's side scoring 23 points in the first contest of the season between Toledo and BG. Toledo defeated the Falcons 88-75 in the non-conference game at Toledo.

"Kim Knuth is going to get her points, you just want to make her work for them," Knoblauch said. "Hopefully she will get

tired and miss some shots at the end of the game."

The Falcons will try to rotate their taller guards on the 5-foot-11 Knuth to wear out her legs! and run her down. The Falcons need to force turnovers and play better defense in order to be successful.

If Knuth does not get tired the Falcons will have to improve in other areas to compete. In the last contest between the two teams turnovers were a problem for the Falcons.

BG also needs another big game from senior Jacki Rater-

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Say Good-bye

Associated Press Photo CHICAGO-For Michael Jordan months, Michael Jordan is holding a teased, taunted and tantapress lized a nation awaiting his conference today announcing his At last, he appears to retirement. The greatest player in NBA history and the most popular ath-Muhammad Ali expected announce his retirement

Wednesday at a news conference in Chicago, a source close to the NBA told The Associated Press Monday If so, it would be the second time in five years that Jordan

since

has walked away from the "This is a man who truly, as far as I'm concerned, is the modern day Babe Ruth," former NBA great and current Lakers vice president Jerry West said

recently. Just as with Jordan's first retirement, a number of factors - his age, a picture-perfect ending to last season, a fractured beginning for this one appear to have influenced his decision. And just like last time, Jordan could change his mind and return at some

> Asked about Jordan's retirement, Bulls spokesman

Tim Hallam said, "At this particular time, I can't comment."

Jordan's retirement was also reported by The New York Times, USA Today and The Denver Post.

His agent, David Falk, said that until Jordan "announces whether he is retiring or returning, anything else is specula-

And there's been a considerable amount of that ever since Jordan hit the final, thrilling shot in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in Utah to lock up the Bulls' sixth championship of the decade. That speculation intensified last week, when the NBA players and owners reached a settlement to end the six-month lockout.

Jordan turns 36 next month. The five-time league MVP led the NBA in scoring 10 times and averaged 31.5 points per game, best in league history.

With NBA players preparing for an abbreviated season to begin Feb. 5, Jordan was expected to announce his plans before training camps opened Monday. He had been in the Bahamas on vacation, but returned to Chicago earlier this week. Another source, who also requested anonymity, told the AP that Jordan summoned teammates Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper to his home to discuss the team's

"He prepares as well as anybody but from all that I hear, he's been playing golf and going to the Bahamas," teammate Steve Kerr said. "Unless he's working out in a hidden gym somewhere down in the Bahamas, I don't think he's really preparing to ers who played with him and

Jordan had always vowed to leave the game on top, and in private moments, he would confide that watching Willie Mays stagger under fly balls long after his skills faded was a powerful

There were several other factors that may have weighed on his decision. Jordan feuded with general manager Jerry Krause for years and, at the end of the last season, when Phil Jackson said he wouldn't return, Jordan said he wouldn't play for another coach.

During the summer, the Bulls hired former Iowa State coach Tim Floyd and introduced him at a news conference as the team's vice president for basketball operations. But Floyd, a longtime favorite of Krause, was widely thought to be the coachin-waiting, and his hiring may have further aggravated Jordan's relationship with the team.

For whatever reason, Jordan's decision to retire leaves the NBA in the lurch. Coming off a divisive labor fight that left fans more apathetic than angry, Jordan was the one drawing card that could have helped the league regain its popularity.

He refused to be labeled the league's caretaker, but when he came back the first time, Jordan said it was partly because he wanted to teach some of the younger players how to comport themselves - both on the court

"If he's finished, we're the ones who are at a loss, the fans who enjoyed him and the play-



NBA Championship his team won under his leadership.

Considered the greatest bas-

ketball player ever, Bulls for-

ward Michael Jordan is hold-

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against him," Suns owner Jerry olangelo said. Whether there will be another

with Jordan's worldwide appeal remains to be seen. After Magic Johnson and Larry Bird helped lift pro basketball's profile in the early 1980s, Jordan took it to the next level almost single-handed-

He also took the game itself above the rim, inspiring the generation of players who followed him to devise more and more of the NBA season yielded a bonanza of highlight-reel clips and when they were packaged on sports programs, the league's popularity soared along with the

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Departure leaves question marks

The Associated Press

Bring the rest of 'em back? Or low the wrecking ball to come rashing down on the rest of the dynasty?

Those are the questions Chicago Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause will have to answer. As of now, it looks like they're unsure of which path they'll choose.

Monday night's news that Jordan is planning to retire will have an immediate impact on the rest of Chicago Bulls. With only four players under contract and 10 free agents, the possibilities are many

Should they re-sign Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman and to build from there? And what about Steve Kerr, Jud Buechler, Luc Longley, Scott Burrell, Joe Kleine and Bill Wennington, the other free agents?

All could be expendable if the Bulls decide to completely

But all of them could be back if Reinsdorf and Krause think the team has a chance to be a champion without Jordan. "The guys we have back are

basically young," Krause said of the Bulls' four players under contract: Toni Kukoc, Ron Harper, Randy Brown and Keith Booth. "(We would) add more youth to them and see where we go from there to build another championship team. We did that once before a number of years ago with youth, stayed with youth and added veterans as we went along.

The Bulls technically will remain over the salary cap until they renounce their rights to Jordan. But once that happens, and if they decide not to keep Pippen and Rodman, they will be in position to immediately become major player in a free-agent market that includes Antonio McDyess, Damon Stoudamire, Jerry Stackhouse and Rod Strick-

According to the agent for Rodman, a return by most of Jordan's supporting cast isn't out of

"This means that Dennis will not be playing with Michael again, but everything else is up in the air," agent Dwight Manley said. "By saying their first priority was to bring the entire team back, I feel that demonstrated their sincerity.

"They still have to field a team, and there's a lot of possibilities as to how they could do it," Manley said.

How's this for an opening night lineup: Kukoc, Harper, Eddie Jones, Elden Campbell and McDyess?

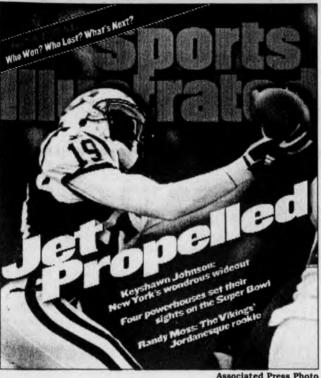
It's not out of the question, and here's how it could happen:

Krause, the only executive able to sign Pippen to a contract worth more than \$10 million annually, makes an agreement with Pippen's agent to sign him and trade him. Under the rules of the new collective bargaining agreement, such a transaction would be permissible if Pippen's new contract was for at least three years.

Krause then would trade Pippen to another team that could put together a package of players whose salaries would equal Pippen's. Campbell (\$7 million) and

Jones (\$2.2 million) would put the Lakers in that ballpark, and

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Jets wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson helped lead the Jets to the AFC Championship game.

Johnson shows top pick talent

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - Of all the memorable plays Keyshawn Johnson made in helping the New York Jets reach the AFC championship game, the easiest one got the most attention.

Except from Johnson.

Johnson put on a performance for the ages in Sunday's 34-24 victory over Jacksonville, catching nine passes for 121 yards and a touchdown; running twice on end-arounds for 28 yards, including a 10-yard score; recovering a fumbled lateral by Jaguars safety Chris Hudson that thwarted any first-half momentum the visitors might have gained; blocking like a fiend, including laying out defensive end Joel Smeenge on one of Curtis Martin's touchdown runs; and intercepting Mark Brunell's desperation pass at the end of the Jets' seventh straight win.

Not since Jack Manders did it for the 1937 Bears against Washington in the NFL title game has a player had TDs rushing and receiving, recovered a fumble

and intercepted a pass.

Broadcasters couldn't get enough of the interception, when Johnson was used in a prevent defense and outleaped shorter receivers and defenders to snag the ball. Television clips of that play permeated the airwaves.

"It was nothing innovative," coach Bill Parcells said. "He is the tallest guy who can jump, just like a 7-footer you put underneath (in basketball), not at the top of the key.

"He's tall and we want to be the first one to get our hands on the ball. That's what we plan to do on the last play, how we deploy our players and defend it. We've been practicing that for well over six weeks."

While Johnson was thrilled with his role on defense - he practically threw Pro Bowl cornerback Aaron Glenn to the turf while making the interception he was far more interested in discussing the fumble recovery.

When Curtis Martin lost the ball at the Jaguars 18, Hudson scooped it up and headed the

by quarterback Vinny Testaverde at the New York 40 when Hudson decided to lateral. The ball bounced on the turf and was recovered by ... Johnson.

"One thing I'm going to do is run," said Johnson, a Pro Bowl receiver in his third NFL season after being the top overall pick in the 1996 draft. "I'm going to make damn sure I catch him somewhere down the line. If you don't hustle, they have the ball and the game is a whole other situation.

"I don't think I'm slow, so I took off after him. If they don't catch him, I'll make sure I will. When he went to lateral, someone batted it and I was right there. That comes from hus-

Anyone who has seen Johnson play would have no qualms about his hustle. That impressed Parcells immediately upon taking over the franchise in 1997, just after the Jets finished a 1-15 season in which Johnson was criticized for writing an acidtinged autobiography.

"He enjoys that kind of com-petition," Parcells said. "He's very tough mentally and physically. I really take my hat off to

"He is a well-developing player. What I like about him is he is ready for the next thing on his

Johnson hopes that means getting even more action in Denver.

"I try and play big in every game, no matter what it's for or where it is," he said. "You have to make every game important to

"I just try and play," Johnson added. "I don't have to demand the ball with these coaches. They know and recognize talent and how to exploit defenses.

"As a rookie, I had to demand the ball, because we were losing and they weren't getting it to

Here, you don't even have to say nothing. They understand. They know what it takes to beat people."

Falcon running back makes his presence felt this year

The Associated Press

SUWANEE, Ga. - Some athletes are skittish about all the hoopla that goes along with playing for a championship. Remember Leon Lett's meltdown before the Super Bowl a few years ago?

Then there's Jamal Anderson.

The Atlanta Falcons running back doesn't shy away from the moment, he thrives in it. Not unlike the man he calls "Uncle Muhammad" — family friend Muhammad Ali — Anderson figures the whole world in his stage, so keep the spotlight shin-

glad you're here,"

Anderson told reporters who converged on the Falcons training complex Monday to launch a week of hype for the NFC championship game. "You're not going to bother me. I'd rather you be here than covering somebody else for the championship, so bother me all you want."

The All-Pro already has shouldered an inordinate load for the Falcons this season, setting an NFL record with 410 carries and a franchise mark with 1,846 yards rushing.

If Atlanta is to beat the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, Anderson likely will have to produce another of the 30-carry, 100yard games that have become so

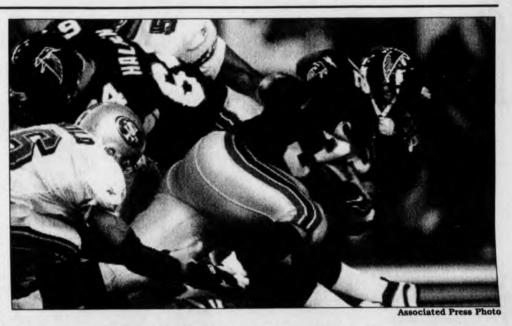
routine this season

The Falcons know it. The Vikings know it. Everyone knows it.

"Every team comes in with a goal to try to shut down our run," Anderson said. "It's an honor for me, really."

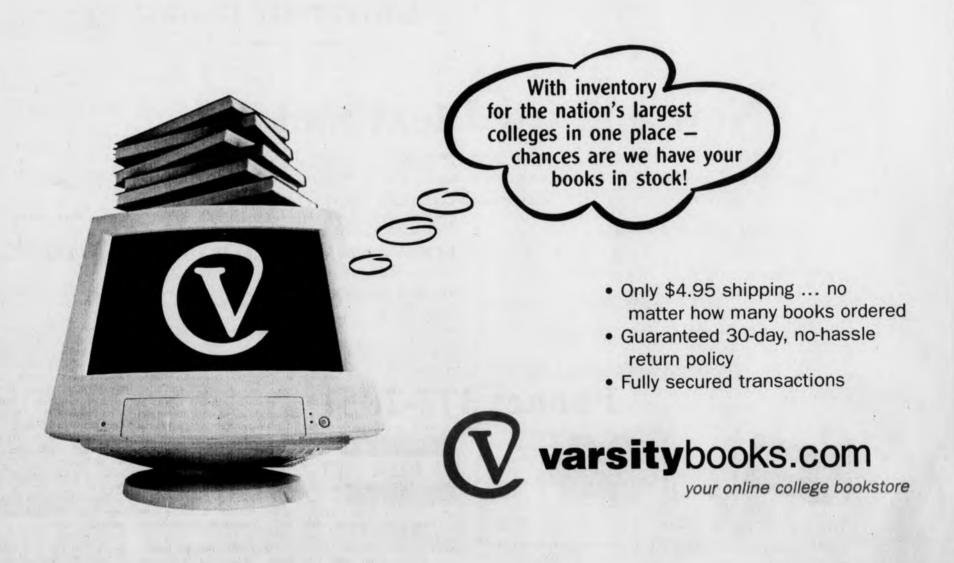
From the first day he reported to camp in 1994 as an obscure, seventh-round draft pick from Utah, he expected to some day be ranked among the game's best runners.

For some, that sort of attitude comes across as conceited. For those who are around him on a regular basis, his braggadocio is more charming than annoying.



Falcon running back Jamal Anderson has set the team record for rushing yards in a season.

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GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics split to start the '99 season

The Bowling Green's women's gymnastics team opened their season with a pair of road meets last week. They lost to Illinois-Chicago by a score of 191.725 to 187.925.

Newcomer Marney Oestreng (Trogstad, Norway) set a school record for the vault competition with score of 9.925. The old record of 9.850 was set last year by teammate Jackie Heft. Oestreng also set the school record in the uneven bars with a score of 9.875. The old mark of 9.800 was held by teammate Lesley Malucci.

Sunday, the Falcons won a MAC duel meet against Northern Illinois with a school-record team total of 191.575 to 187.100. Oestreng was again the leader winning the vault with a score of 9.725, the uneven bars with a score of 9.950, bettering the mark she set the year before. The previous school record for team score was 190.625 set in 1997 and equaled last season.

OVER THE WIRE

Noise helps Vikings defeat visitors

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - The blaring music, pounding drums and screaming fans. The Metrodome din gives the Minnesota Vikings as much of a home advantage as the Green Bay Packers hold on an icy day at Lambeau Field.

The Vikings aren't apologizing for the man made help that has put them within one win of their first Super Bowl in 22 years.

"Who cares if it's fair or not. We earned it," running back Leroy Hoard said. "Everybody has the same opportunity that we had to get home-field advantage. We got it. It's got to be good for something — that noise.

That noise is something the Atlanta Falcons will have to deal with in Sunday's NFC championship game. The Arizona Cardinals couldn't contend with it in the divisional round last week-

At one point just before kickoff, Cardinals tackle Lomas Brown and some teammates tried to communicate by screaming while standing next to each other. They couldn't hear.

Neither could Hoard.

McGwire's famous ball dealt away

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Mark McGwire topped the Babe again.

McGwire's record 70th home run ball sold at auction Tuesday night for \$2.7 million - well above November's record price of \$126,500 for a ball that Babe Ruth hit for the first home run in Yankee Stadium.

The buyer of McGwire's ball, was not immediately disclosed.

In addition to the \$2.7 million, the buyer must pay a commission to the auction house.

The ball, hit on McGwire's last swing of his record-breaking season, was retrieved at Busch Stadium Sept. 27 by Philip Ozersky, a research scientist.

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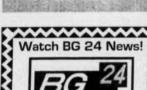
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Penn State The Associated Press

MONESSEN, Pa. Brad Jones, a freshman linebacker at Penn State, was in serious condition Monday

after being shot in the neck from point-blank range. Police said Jones, 21, was shot Sunday around 2:30 a.m., following an argument Saturday night with Lanyere Rockamore, 25, and Albert Reid, 25, both of Pittsburgh.

the first exchange, Jones encountered the two men again. They were in one car and he was in another head-

ing in an opposite direction.

Rockamore, driving the

After walking away from

car, pulled alongside and fired a .357 magnum as Jones rolled down the window, authorities said. The bullet ricocheted off Jones' spine and lodged in his chest.

"There was some kind of confrontation but we don't know the full extent," Monessen Police Chief Gary Tretter said. "To me, it seems there had to be something more serious than words exchanged. He wasn't trying to scare him. He was trying to kill this boy."

Tretter said the 6-foot-2, 256-pound Jones was coherent after the shooting.

"From what they say, it

was his size that kept him alive," Tretter said. "I mean, he was shot point-blank with a .357.

Tretter, who spoke to Jones' parents Sunday night, said Jones had no movement below the waist, but the doctors did not know if it would be permanent. Monessen football coach Jack Scarvel, who had also spoken with relatives, told The Valley Independent that Iones "has complete movement."

A spokesman at Allegheny General Hospital would say that Jones was in serious condition.

Rockamore was arrested

about 3 a.m. following a short chase. Reid was arrested as he tried to flee a house ! about 3:10 a.m.

The two men were charged with criminal conspiracy to commit homicide. Rockamore also charged with aggravated assault, possession of a controlled substance and other charges. Eight large bags of marijuana were found in his vehicleRockamore already faced a preliminary hearing Friday on unrelated charges of possessing crack cocaine.

Jones was a fullback who led Monessen High to a state championship game in,

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man. In the past couple of games Raterman has caught fire. She scored a career high of 34 points in the four-overtime thriller win for Ball State. Raterman also poured in 32 points in the victory over Northern Illinois.

She leads the Falcons in scoring this season, averaging 19.9 points and eight rebounds a game

Sherry Kahle and Francine Miller will also have to play tough to help the Falcons hold off the scoring surge of Knuth.

BG stands 6-8 on the year and is 2-2 in the MAC. A Falcon loss would put the Falcons below .500 in the MAC and that's motivation for the team.

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QUESTIONS—

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since Los Angeles needs a ballhandler now that Nick Van Exel is gone, Pippen would be a perfect fit.

If such a trade were made, Krause would then have to decide whether or not to renounce the rights to Rodman and the other free agents and clear them off the salary cap. If none of them were taking up space, the Bulls would be close to having \$9 million in cap room to offer McDyess.By the time opening night arrives, a majority of the players due to receive rings could be absent.

First, it'll be up to the Jerrys to decide how much dismantling

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players.

Jordan also pulled players salaries into the stratosphere as well. He made more than \$30 million in each of the last two seasons and players like Shaquille O'Neal and Kevin Garnett rode his coattails to secure \$100 million deals.

Last June, Fortune magazine totaled what it called "The Jordan Effect," putting his impact on the economy, since joining the NBA in 1984, at \$10 billion. It calculated he sold an extra \$165 million in tickets for the league, and delivered an extra \$366 million in revenue, mostly in added TV money and the sale of merchandise such as jerseys, hats and posters.

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3Com Park may stay home of 49ers

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. Concerned about soaring construction costs, the 49ers might scrap their plan to build a new stadium and adjacent mega-mall and instead refurbish the aging 3Com Park.

"We're evaluating all our options," a club source said today, speaking on condition of anonymity. "One of them is, 'What would it cost if a rehabilitation were done?"

The San Francisco Chronicle reported today that the 49ers had all but abandoned plans to construct a new stadium because cost estimates have pushed the price above \$525 million, at least \$200 million over the original

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total cost of the original project could approach \$800 million.

The 49ers denied the deal is dead, but it could very well be in deep jeopardy.

"It might be on a pause button or a resuscitator but it hasn't been scrapped," the source said.
"We're still evaluating. We're
doing what we should have done a year and a half ago but we got caught up in the momentum of the election."

Incredibly, no comprehensive cost analysis was conducted before the issue was put before San Francisco city voters in June

The proposal to help finance the stadium construction with

\$100 million in publicly backed bonds won narrow approval. But the stadium-mall deal has never really gotten off the ground and it's uncertain whether the bonds could be applied without another public vote if the nature of the project changed.

"The voters approved the money contingent on a new stadium, not a retrofit of the old Mayor Willie Brown's one." aide, Ron Vinson, said this morning.

Brown said the team hasn't told him of any changes in plans, so as far as he's concerned, the new stadium, which has had the support of NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

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