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USG adopts new constitution

By JEFF ARNETT
The BG News

A new constitution and four bills aimed at University improvement passed unanimously as the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) engaged in an unusually busy General Assembly meeting last night.

The first and most urgent point of business at the meeting was the new constitution, which, according to Chief Legislative Officer Brent Merriman, introduced changes designed to clean up problems in the present constitution as well as strengthen the organization as a whole.

"As it exists, there's just a lot of loopholes and inconsistencies," Merriman said.

Among the new constitution's major changes are an increase in the size of the USG Senate, which is intended to increase the proportion of elected Senators to appointed Senators, and the introduction of a Speaker. The Speaker, according to Merriman, will serve to take part of the burden off the president and vice president, as well as add leadership to the legislative branch of USG. The Speaker would conduct meetings, as the vice president does now. He or she would also be a member of all standing committees and would oversee those committees.

Though the constitution is considered a great improvement over the previous one, it is not yet finished, even though it has already been passed. Article III, which deals with the judicial branch of USG, is not in what is likely to be its final form, but it was still passed in order to "make a smoother transition," according to Merriman.

Chief of Staff Mike Allton said during the meeting that the constitution could be passed with or without the third article. The General Assembly ended up passing the entire constitution in the expectation that amendments to repair the faulty article would be introduced in the near future.

"We figured that would be easier for everybody," Merriman said. Amendments to the new constitution are expected to be introduced in a couple of weeks.

In addition to the constitution, USG passed four other bills last night, each unanimously.

The first aimed for the installation of 10 new blue emergency phones on the University campus. Due to the high cost of these phones, three to four thousand dollars per phone according to At-Large Senator Lindsey Niewiersky, there may be a while before they are installed.

Two of the bills that were passed dealt with pedestrian safety at the edges of the University campus.

The first formally requested signs to be erected on the crosswalks on Merry Street between Mercer and Thurston warning vehicles to yield to all pedestrians. It also urged Bowling Green police to "strongly enforce all traffic laws which pertain to the violation of these signs." The second bill regarding pedestrian safety formally requested that Bowling Green install a traffic signal and signs instructing all vehicles to yield to pedestrians at the intersection of Ridge and Mercer.

The final bill passed was the so-called USG Suggestion Box Bill, which resolved, as the title suggests, to place a USG suggestion box in the Union.

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Survivors face long road

Police, volunteer agencies provide support after rape

By WENDY SUTO
The BG News

The step-by-step process and procedures a sexual assault survivor goes through vary greatly

with each case, according to authorities.

After the person reports the incident to someone, one of the first steps that may be involved is filing a police report. Usually

the police department is notified by the hospital or an advocate who tells the police they have a sexual assault victim who needs to make a report. Lieutenant Brad Conner of the Bowling Green Police Department said the initial officer responding to the hospital just tries to get the basic information of who is involved, when and where the incident took place and what happened specifically.

"This is done in case we need to inform the units on the road, particularly in stranger assaults," Conner said.

The officer will not conduct an in-depth interview with the victim because that is reserved for the detective after he arrives at the scene. Conner said the reason this is done is so that they do not victimize the victim any further.

"It is just one more time they would have to relive the experience," Conner said. "We try to minimize that."

BGPD chief Tom Votava said that the process is long and complicated. Handling such a report involves being sensitive to the victim.

"This is such an emotional and physical trauma that it is often a sensitive topic for officers who are collecting the evidence," Votava said. "It calls for special skills and attention."

Conner further explained that depending on the circumstances, a search warrant may

This is the second of a three-part series on rape. Yesterday gave a general overview of sexual assaults. Today will look at what rape survivors should do after a sexual assault. Tomorrow will focus on what men need to know about sexual assaults.

be obtained to gather more physical evidence such as bedding, clothing or a condom. An interview with the suspect may also take place to get his side of what happened.

"If the person doesn't want to file charges, then we don't contact the suspect," Conner said. "We will abide by her wishes and are very sensitive to her needs. We will make any services available to them that we can."

Once at the hospital or the University Student Health Center, a rape kit will usually be performed as part of the collecting evidence process. Barbara Hoffman, a nurse practitioner at the Health Center, said that she will first explain the procedures to the victim so she will know what to expect.

"This relieves a lot of anxiety because they will know what the visit entails," Hoffman said.

Collecting evidence from the rape kit may include retrieving dry blood, seminal fluids, pubic or head hair, saliva, and a possible photograph in order to show any injuries that may be

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Legal Procedures

- ✓ Assault reported to police.
- ✓ Evidence is gathered and a rape kit is performed, if victim wants to pursue the matter.
- ✓ Evidence is examined by the Bureau of Criminal Identifications and Investigations.
- ✓ The case is referred to the Wood County prosecuting attorney.
- ✓ The case goes to trial.

Counseling may be needed and provided at any stage

Bloodmobile makes return trip to BGSU

By BRANDI BARHITE
and MIKE WENDLING
The BG News

Having strangers slice into your veins and take out a pint of blood isn't such a bad experience.

Really. That's what The News found out yesterday when two reporters decided to take the plunge and donate blood to the American Red Cross Bloodmobile. The Bloodmobile travels to area high schools and colleges, and will be in Olscamp Hall for the rest of the week from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

"We try to make giving blood festive," Bloodmobile team supervisor Mark Urrutia said. "We have food and raffles, and basically we just want a person to try it once and if they don't like it they don't have to come back."

Urrutia said they usually hope to have 425 donors by the end of the week, however,

the Red Cross is expecting more this week because of a good turnout at the last Bloodmobile at BGSU in October.

The goal for Monday was 75 donors, and the Bloodmobile exceeded that goal. At 3 p.m. News reporters were donors number 72 and 73. Typically the beginning of the week is slow and the Bloodmobile's busiest days are Tuesday and Thursday Urrutia said.

"Last time in town, the response was good," he said. "We visit most universities three times a year. There is a tendency to collect more at BGSU."

The process starts with a simple sign-in. Walk-ins are taken, but appointments are preferred. Volunteers take a donor's name, address and social security number, and as a security measure, the donor must repeat this information at each step along the way.

Kelly Schultz, who was

signing people in, said that before people come they should eat or have one of the snacks provided.

"The best advice I can give is to eat," she said. "People need to come in with a full stomach so they don't feel woozy."

She said it is uncommon for people to pass out, but many people do get lightheaded. Schultz said that nobody passed out yesterday.

After signing in, the donor is given a sheet with 37 questions, to determine if they pose any risk to the blood supply. The questions range from "Are you in good health today?" to "Have you taken money or drugs in exchange for sex?" and "Have you had any vaccinations today?" The questionnaires are filled out in private.

The donor is then given a physical examination. A volunteer records temperature

● See BLOOD, page seven.

Gays pushed out of military

By AMYJO L. BROWN
The BG News

"One's sexual orientation is a personal and private matter, and is not a bar to entry into or continued service in the military unless manifested by homosexual conduct."

Passed by the U.S. Congress and President Clinton five years ago, the "Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue" policy of the armed forces is not preventing gays, lesbians, and bisexuals from being discharged from the military.

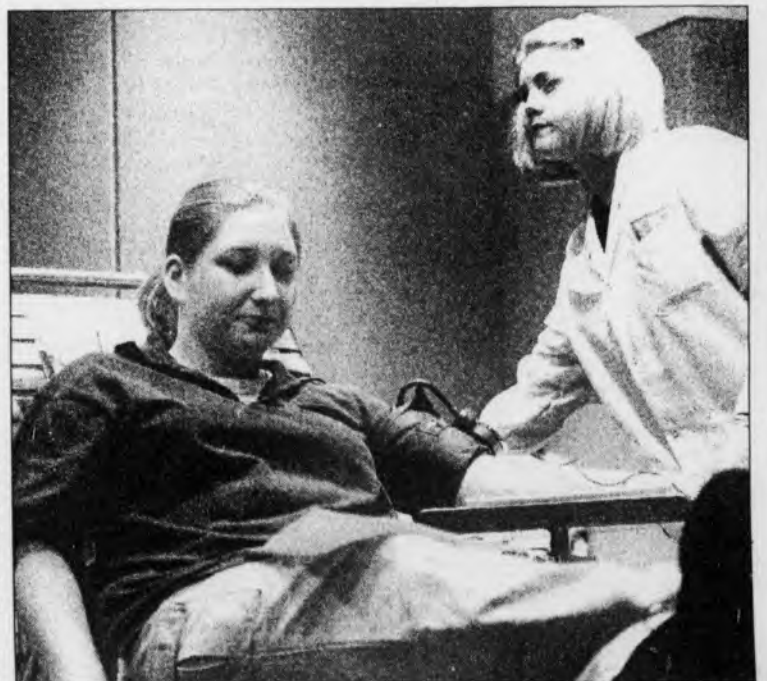
A report, recently released by the Pentagon, recorded 1,145 homosexuals discharged over the past year. This number is the highest number of discharges since 1989.

The report raises concerns that the policy, intended to protect service members from being harassed into revealing their sexuality, is not effective.

Stacey Sorbel, senior staff attorney for the Service members Legal Defense Network, represents service members who have been discharged on accusations of homosexuality.

"We have represented over 1,600 clients since the policy

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A University student gives blood yesterday at the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

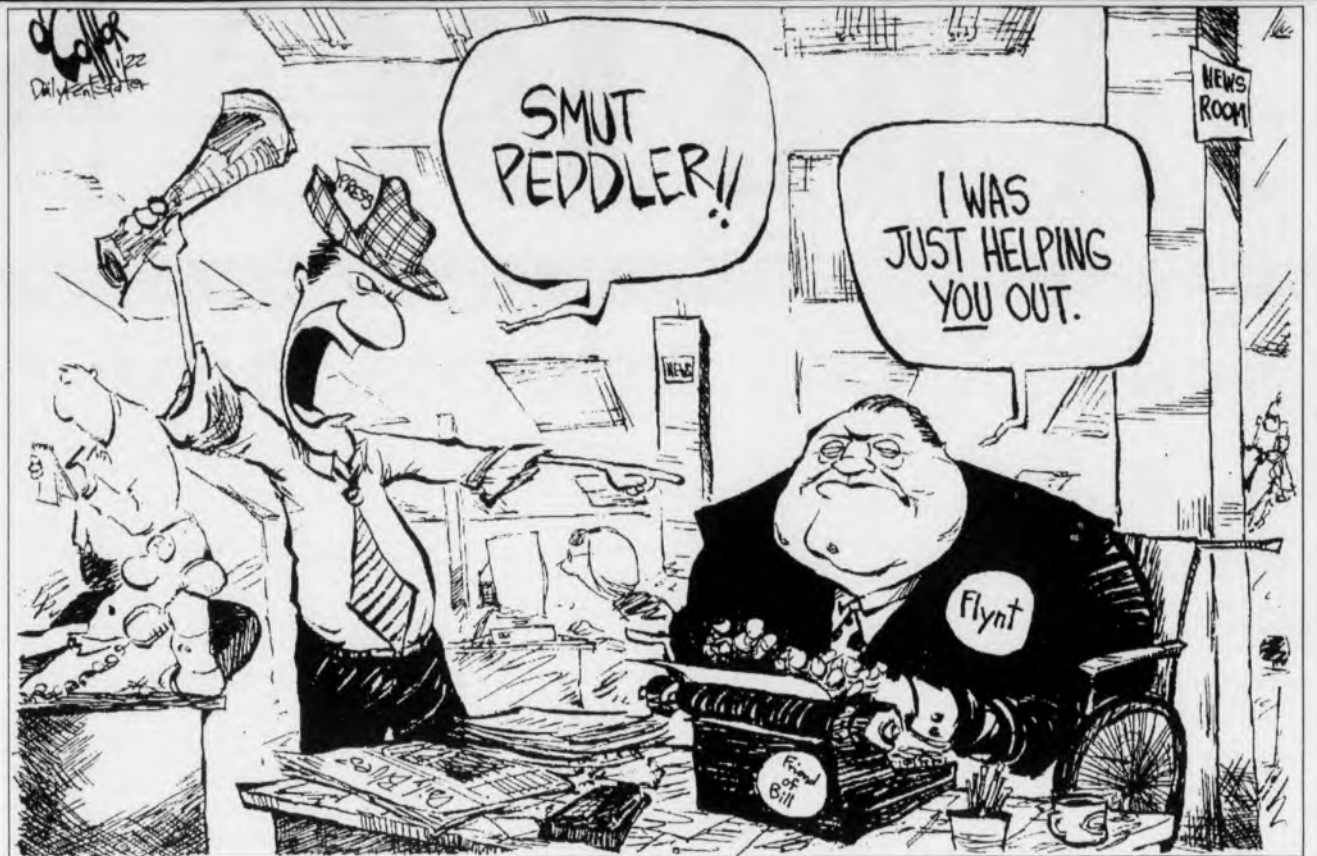
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Hopeless romantic reflects on V-Day

Valentine's Day is this Sunday. It's about time to think about doing something sweet and mushy for your significant other (if you haven't already). Maybe dinner, a card, flowers, chocolates, all the old clichés that come out around this time of year (not that I have anything against flowers).

You know, last year the thought of all those old clichés depressed me just ever-so-slightly. (The only competition I can think of for Valentine's Day is Christmas when it comes to making people feel lonely.) I remember Brandon Wray, one of last year's columnists, wrote about how he so thoroughly despised the holiday that he was having an Anti-Valentine's Day party. Thinking about that column still makes me smile — even though Valentine's Day doesn't seem to be affecting me at all this year.

Last year I swore up and down that I hated Valentine's Day, except that really I don't. I can't. It's just not possible for me to hate this holiday. To hate that it emphasizes loneliness, yes, that I can do — but to hate a holiday that celebrates love, never.

My friend actually had to remind me that this was the last column I'd have before Valentine's Day, and she wanted me to

Jena Lohrbach



Columnist

write about it. I think because she remembers how I reacted to it last year (perchance she wanted to see the holiday torn apart again). This same friend is the one who looked at me last year, at the end of the year for reasons that I will not go into and told me, "You are of a dying breed — a hopeless romantic."

But let's leave that sentimentality out of this for a minute. There are people out there who feel the full force of the potential this holiday has, just because they have no one that they're "romantically involved" with. And people who are in those envied relationships try to tell their unattached friends that, "it's really no big deal; we probably won't even do anything." Don't tell them that; that's *not* the issue. The deal is that you have someone that likes to surprise you every now and then, someone to kiss good night and

someone to call just because, to hear them breathing on the other end of the line. And, yeah, you can try to do that with your friends — but it's not the same thing (and if you tried to kiss your friend good night, they'd probably think you'd lost your mind).

And by the way, what are those little signs I see up all over campus?

The ones that offer "healthy" suggestions for things to do on Valentine's Day? They may not say "all alone" but it seems implied. My friends were laughing at the "make fondue" suggestion. What the — make *fondue*? Someone out there must really like cheese . . .

Offering ideas of stuff to do for Valentine's Day is kind of silly anyway. I mean, really, do people ever really take the suggestions seriously? If I told you to go out and have a snowball fight (if there was snow on the ground), would you take that seriously? (Would you do it anyway without the suggestion?) That sign also suggests a movie. But I do that anyway, with as many friends as I can gather. And it's only healthy if you avoid the buttered popcorn and the overpriced candy.

What all single people really need on Valentine's Day is some-

thing to make them laugh. I got a forward a few years ago, and I send it to friends every year around Valentine's Day. It's this little poem called "F*@ Valentine's Day." Need I say more?

There's a "Couples Suck" night Thursday at Harshman sponsored by BACCHUS. The flyer reads: "Let out your aggression on couples and this silly Valentine's Day stuff" and "free; and no lovey-dovey crap allowed."

You might be tempted to throw your own Anti-Valentine's Day party, like Brandon did. Personally, I'd rather do something a little more elementary-schoolish. I miss doing all those little cheap Valentine cards with invitations to "be mine" and decorating a shoe box as creatively as possible. But alas, I have not the money to do even that.

And so, let me take a moment to send Valentines via less than fifty words here: "Be Mine" to the hockey team (you guys rock my world), and "Happy Valentine's Day" to all those people who have a knack for making me smile.

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guest column

For the past eight years or so the C.D. Players (Cultural Diversity Players) have been a program in the housing department, but not this year. The past two years I was in C.D. Players, but not this year.

I worked for the Office of Residence Life for two years as a resident advisor. For two years I heard a plethora of housing people tell me about the lack of diversity and that they encouraged diversity programming and openness to diversity. So it seems odd to me that the housing department would effectively kill off the Cultural Diversity Players.

During Welcome Week this year, as in past years, C.D. Players performed. This is the only performance the C.D. Players will be giving this year. Several weeks after the Welcome week performance, the C.D. Players had a beginning of the year, organizational, new member meeting. At this meeting, I and another member from past years took control of the meeting until one of the newly appointed C.D. Player advisors showed up.

Upon this advisors arrival, we, The C.D. Players, were informed that there had been some changes with the C.D. Players. These changes were decided by three people in the housing department who had seen the C.D. Players perform a total of four times, between them and two of them had only been hired to work at BGSU this year. These people had never had any direct contact with the C.D. Players and no real knowledge about C.D. Players.

Our advisor told us that these three people had made changes with the C.D. Player format, without asking anyone who was in C.D. Players. And they weren't going to ask us now. They were going to force the C.D. Players to follow their rules.

Since I was an R.A. for two years, I was quite familiar with the Housing Department officials making changes without asking anyone who was involved. I know a lot of students are familiar with that also, electronic locks on the girls bathrooms anyone? Even after some of our C.D. Players members met with the Housing department officials to plead our case, they were inflexible. I was told that I could be kicked out of C.D. Players, because I am a commuter student, and apparently that means I cannot participate in a University sponsored group, unless I live on campus (Commuter students do you feel the love?) Our new advisor denied saying some things and everyone was pissed off.

Still wanting to have the C.D. Players, myself and several other members worked to get the Housing department back behind us. They were very uncooperative though, not even telling me about several meetings they set up. Apparently I'd make trouble, or something. I became disenchanted and we all became disenchanted.

Since there are only two or three people who were in C.D. Players in past years, and no real advisor anywhere, C.D. Players future doesn't seem very promising. The people who were members of C.D. Players in the past, including myself, are graduating shortly and nobody will be around to carry on the C.D. Players.

It is a shame, because a Cultural Diversity group is very good to have anywhere, and C.D. Players were a well liked group, performing in Residence Halls and for fraternities and sororities for the past eight years. C.D. Players had a lot of good things to say and a lot of messages to get across, but apparently the Housing Department doesn't see it that way.

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America from a British perspective

NORWICH, United Kingdom — Within an hour of my first arrival in the United States, I was confronted with a most moral question. At the border between Canada and the U.S. I was asked to fill out a visa waiver. The questions were simple enough: "Between 1933 and 1945, were you involved, in any way, in persecutions associated with Nazi Germany or its allies?" "Have you ever been arrested or convicted for an offense or crime involving moral turpitude?"

This kind of comic regulation I had never seen before. I was kind of impressed with American fastidiousness. Of course, I provided a straightforward negative to each of the questions (only pausing to giggle a couple of times). It was \$6 for the pleasure and I hadn't even had the chance to get used to my filthy-looking lucre (that's money).

Ahh, the bank. The very sinister advertising for one specific branch seemed to creep up everywhere I went. I got my photos back to find a strategically positioned logo in each right hand corner: My trip appears to have been a sponsored event.

Being five foot, English and looking a good six years younger than you actually are, as I am, is not an advantage in many places. Bowling Green is no exception. I seemed to be unable to garner much respect wherever I went.

"Is she old enough to drink coffee?" one elderly waitress

Rachel Crookes



Guest Columnist

barked at me, with an obscene lack of wit and a hefty dose of "grrr."

English friends had me believe that Americans were all "have a nice day"-ers who would all say "Oh, English? How very quaint!" The Americans I met did not do either of these things.

My English friends were right, however, when they said that Americans virtually give food away, are endearingly precious about coffee and have difficulties with sincerity.

Don't get me wrong, I met some very sincere individuals. It was just the accent that threw me.

It's that terrible realization that, yes, America is actually quite like it looks on the TV. If you've actually ever seen an English program in your life which wasn't "As Time Goes By" (of all the shows to have) or "The Benny Hill Show," you might think the same about us.

I was also lucky enough to be in northeast America during this,

the most hideous of winters. Ten degrees outside, no feasible way of walking to the stores and back with nothing less than six layers of clothes, you know the score.

No one seems to moan about it, apart from the people on the Weather Channel who are all clearly insane and litter their sentences with made-up words.

Which brings me to one of the two things I disliked about what I saw of America: the television. Tell me, how does this advertisement thing work? Sure, we have our ads but we also have the ingenious notion of paying for TV and only having a fistful of channels. Oh, the time we save, not dredging through quite so many channels of crap. It only takes us a moment, then we can get back to moaning about the drizzle and the price of fish.

Sitting down to watch my first game of American football was an enchanting experience: a game where no one is asked to be energetic for longer than sixty seconds at a time. This is my kind of sport. The climax of the game extended for over 30 minutes: more drinking time? Or rather, more opportunities to pop out and purchase the latest brand names rolled out by the ever-so-deadpan commentators.

The second thing which failed to impress me was your concept of radio, which has the same problem as your television. Even your equivalent of our classical station sounded like a joke. We have whole stations where pre-

senters follow the unwritten rule of only commenting on the sociological motivations of much talked about soap opera stars and playing eighties songs completely free of irony. You have the opposite: presenters reading the news in a thoroughly unironic manner and playing unironic eighties songs. Ok, ok.

Going on holiday, I think, is always a good chance to check that other places exist, you know, get out and gather evidence. But America frightened me: various people of higher-than-average intelligence pointed out to me the perceived unimportance of the island I had come from to the majority of Americans.

It's not that I expected Americans to be the bawdy Ricki Lakers the English media paint them as, I just expected something else. I don't doubt that the English must appear equally unsurprising, and that English television would only confuse you. But Americans in England, away from the comfort of 100 channels and amongst teenage drinkers? That's another, much more corrupted story.

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THIRTY

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Pass Notes

Want to pass as an expert? Start here. Proceed directly to jail. Do not pass go. And check out the original Pass Notes at www.guardian.co.uk

Pass Notes #4 Liquor Laws

21. We know the score. -Yep. One of the most stringent laws in the Western world. Canadian kids can swim beer at 19. English and Icelandic citizens at 18. We won't even talk about the French. So why? -Rumor tells us it's Puritanism. On a more concrete level, it's state law; well, actually, federal law, sort of. Come again? -Every state has a law forbidding drinking by those under 21. But that's only because of a federal law that stipulates that those states which do not have

such a law lose federal highway funding. Rough. -Yeah. Just ask Louisiana. A few years ago, that highly independent state (they follow French common law, not English, like the rest of the country) wanted to drop the age to 18. And? -The Feds nixed that one real quick. Beyond the age, what do we have to look out for? -Closing times and liquor stores. Rules regulating those vary from state to state and county to county. Thus, you can buy a bottle of booze in California at 3 a.m., and not be kicked out of a bar in Buffalo until 4 a.m., but in Ohio, you better get your public drinking in before 2:30 a.m. What are we to do? -Don't worry. Have another drink.

small beer

1.weak or inferior beer; 2.something of small importance; trivia*

Example: The tips Sebastian earned were small beer compared to the full-ride scholarship he received for his chess-playing aptitude.

Small beer dates from 1568. It was used often in Shakespeare's plays to connote something trivial.

USELESS FACT

DRAMBLIE. ONCE THE 'PERSONAL LIQUEUR' OF PRINCE CHARLES EDWARD STEWART, IS STILL MADE TODAY - 850 YEARS LATER - ACCORDING TO A WELL-GUARDED FAMILY RECIPE. WITH SCOTCH, HEATHER HONEY AND SECRET INGREDIENTS.

PEOPLE on the street



Donielle Cohen Sophomore Psychology

"No, I don't feel it is my moral responsibility because I can't give blood because I am anemic."



Keiko Matsu Senior Computer Art

"I think it's important to give blood."

*People on the street is intended as an unscientific sample of the student population. Anyone desperately hoping to be in this feature may find it profitable to hang around the student union around, say, seven-ish. But you didn't hear it here.

Do you think it is your moral responsibility to give blood?



Autumn Browning Sophomore Ethnic Studies

"I don't think it has anything to do with morals. It's your personal preference only."



Jon Labbe Sophomore Physical Education

"I think it's a personal choice, but I don't think you should overlook giving blood plasma."

UPCOMING events

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BG Student Education Association/ Union Foyer.

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of the German Film course. Open to all. Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

PowerPoint 97 Introduction

Use this popular Microsoft Office software application to design, edit, and show impressive slideshow presentations. Fee \$99. Class meets Feb. 9 and 16. Contact Computer Training Centers at 419/372-8181 or e-mail carl@bgn.net. Arowhead Park, Maumee.

Ball State

Anderson arena.

9 a.m. - Noon

Jehovah's Witnesses Information Table Union Foyer

10:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dave Matthews ticket raffle Win two tickets to see Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds in concert on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre in Louisville, KY. Raffle tickets can be purchased or bursared for only \$2! Proceeds will benefit Dance Marathon.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive Save a life by donating blood. First floor, Olscamp Hall.

5:30 - 7 p.m.

MORT Meeting (Multicultural Organizations Round Table) Sponsored by Multicultural Activities. For more information contact Lisa Herod at 419/372-2343. Taff Room, 3rd floor Union.

7 p.m.

Women's Basketball hosts

7 p.m.

Neonatal Intensive Care Units: The Power To Heal Sponsored by Collegiate Council of March of Dimes. No admission; refreshments served. Ohio Suite, 3rd floor Union.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BGSEA Membership Drive This is a great opportunity for education majors to get involved in the

4 p.m.

M Directed by Fritz Lang, this 95-minute film was made in 1930. Part

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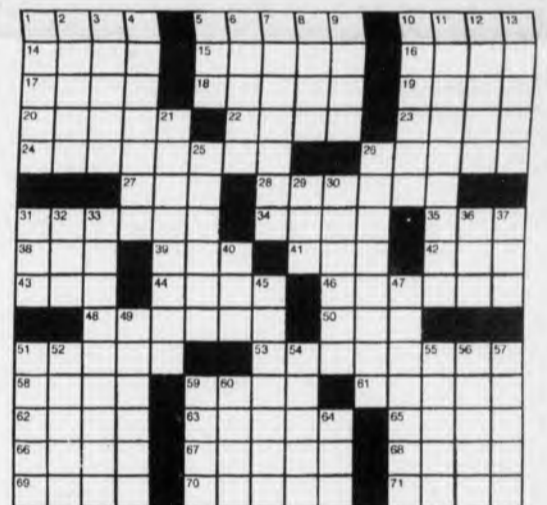
Today ... partly cloudy. High 50 to 55. Tonight ... partly cloudy. Low in the lower 40s. Tomorrow ... mostly cloudy. High in the mid 50s. Lovely, isn't it? But Mister Snow is creeping up on us again for Friday.

MONSTER MAD LIBS YOU HAVE WRITTEN A NEW LAW It will be unlawful to own a/an [n.] or carry a concealed [same n.] without a/an [same n.] license. The penalty for such will be [number] days in the [place] or a fine of [number] dollars. The penalty is doubled if the person is arrested while under the influence of [liquor]

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King Hussein buried

The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Against a tableau of haunting images — a riderless white stallion, a sea of sodden black flags, a pale queen in tears and a simple white burial shroud — Jordan's beloved King Hussein was laid to rest Monday under a gray-veiled sky.

Dignitaries and leaders from all over the world — some from states sworn to enmity — lionized the king, a testament to the enormous stature that belied Hussein's status as the monarch of a small and unassuming desert kingdom who preached peace in a turbulent region.

The funeral produced some stunning scenes of reconciliation, including a handshake between a radical Palestinian guerrilla leader and Israeli President Ezer

Weizman. Nayef Hawatmeh's guerrillas commandeered a school in Maalot in 1974, a hostage operation that killed 24 Israelis.

The king was buried on a day dominated by extraordinary images. Ordinary Jordanians viewed Hussein more as a father than a monarch, and wept from the heart. Grief-stricken, they pelted his coffin with flowers. Police had to strain to hold back surging crowds seeking a final glimpse of Hussein.

Echoing the poignancy of the proceedings was the appearance of the king's riderless white stallion and Noor, the American-born queen, glimpsed briefly in the palace doorway as she watched her husband's casket borne off for a solemn procession through Amman, his capital.



Associated Press Photo

Prince Ali left, son of King Hussein of Jordan helps carry his father's casket out of the Royal Blue Mosque at Raghdan Palace in Amman, Jordan, Monday. King Hussein died of cancer Sunday at age 63.

DEATH PENALTY State presses ahead with execution

CINCINNATI (AP)— The Ohio Attorney General urged a federal appeals court Monday not to halt the state's first use of the death penalty since 1963, and prison staff intensified preparations for the Feb. 19 execution.

A former military tent is to be erected outside the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility at Lucasville next week to accommodate media coverage of the execution of Wilford Berry.

The prison's execution team has rehearsed the process once a week for three weeks and will walk through it again twice this week and perhaps two or three more times next week, prison system spokesman Joe Andrews said.

Lawyers in the Attorney General's office who are working on the Berry case have been meeting daily. They worked through the weekend to prepare the written argument filed Monday with the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, deputy attorney general Mark Weaver said.

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Sides continue to bargain in Kosovo talks

The Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France— Ethnic Albanians pressed for a formal cease-fire for Kosovo while Serbs sought a pledge to keep Yugoslavia's borders unchanged as the two sides held peace talks Monday at a French chateau.

At the same time, international mediators wanted to drop what they called "side issues" and move on to details of a peace settlement for Kosovo, where more than 2,000 people have been driven from their homes in a year of fighting.

The sides remain so estranged that they are not meeting face-to-face. The mediators, led by

Christopher Hill, the U.S. ambassador to Macedonia, are shuttling between rooms at a splendid 14th-Century chateau outside Paris.

Hashim Thaci, political director of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army who is acting as head of the Albanian delegation, called for "an immediate cease-fire agreement between the warring factions in Kosovo — the Serb forces and the Kosovo Liberation Army."

That cease-fire, he said, should be guaranteed by the United States and the five other European countries that make up the Kosovo Contact Group: Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy.

There has been a cease-fire of

sorts since October, when American troubleshooter Richard Holbrooke worked out a deal with hard-line Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

But that deal, which averted NATO airstrikes, has been shaky from the start, broken by repeated outbursts of violence in Kosovo, a province in Serbia, and the main republic in Yugoslavia.

A formal cease-fire, signed by both sides, would amount to a de facto Serb recognition of the KLA.

The two sides were forced to the table by the renewed threat of NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia and further measures to cut off the KLA's arms supplies and financing. The talks began Saturday.

The Serbs are insisting that all sides sign the list of basic principles drawn up by the Contact Group as the basis for the talks here.

An international official at the talks insisted, however, that all sides already had agreed to the principles merely by coming to the talks, and that they are not negotiable.

A top Serb official in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade, speaking by telephone, said the delegation was insisting the Albanians sign off on the basic principles because "they contain guarantees for our future."

But a Kosovo Albanian official at the talks said the Albanians could not sign such a document, at least not now, because that

would be giving away everything. He spoke on condition he not be identified.

Earlier, a member of the Serb delegation inside the chateau, who also requested anonymity, described some of the details in the Contact Group plan as "horrific" because they would significantly reduce Serb authority in the province. He said the Serbs were preparing a list of proposed amendments.

The ethnic Albanian newspaper Koha Ditore, published in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, quoted Albanian sources as saying their delegation has made three demands at the conference: holding a national referendum on the status of Kosovo following the interim period of three

years, having NATO be a signatory to the agreement, and clearly defining the status of Kosovo. The referendum demand is important, because with the province overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian, the population is sure to vote for independence.

Hard-line KLA guerrillas, who are represented by five officials in the 16-member ethnic Albanian delegation, have said they would accept only independence.

Milosevic has rejected independence for Kosovo, which has 2 million residents, as well as the suggestion that tens of thousands of U.S. and other NATO troops would be deployed in the province to police any agreement.

Impeachment trial closes, final vote expected later in week

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House prosecutors argued their last stand against President Clinton at his impeachment trial Monday in closing arguments to senators ready by all accounts to return verdicts of not guilty by week's end. Clinton's lawyer dismissed their case as retribution "to achieve partisan ends."

"The truth is still the truth and a lie is still a lie, and the rule of law should apply to everyone," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said in a final plea for guilty votes on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

"Senators, don't be fooled by the president's excuses and spin control," he said.

Countering for the president, White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff launched a sharp attack on the Republican prosecutors themselves. They are, he said, "more focused on retribution, more designed to achieve partisan ends, more uncaring about the future we face together."

Referring to prosecution claims of "seven pillars of obstruction," he ridiculed them for building their case on "shifting sand castles of speculation."

A two-thirds majority is required to find Clinton guilty and automatically remove him from office. Even Republicans concede that won't happen, and some GOP senators have suggested that — particularly on the perjury charge — it is possible a

majority of the Senate might vote to acquit. The charges stem from Clinton's sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and his efforts to conceal it.

The final presentations — three hours to each side in the historic trial — marked the end of the argument phase in the four-week trial. Beginning Tuesday, senators will deliberate on Clinton's fate, with final votes on the articles of impeachment expected on Thursday or Friday.

Prospects for opening final deliberations to the public faded during the day, when Majority Leader Trent Lott announced his opposition. "It's going to be hard to meet the two-thirds hurdle" needed to open the doors, conceded Texas Republican Sen. Kay

Bailey Hutchison, a supporter of open debate.

While the outcome of the trial seemed sure, House prosecutors showed they intend to fight to the end.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the chief prosecutor, asked Senate leaders to approve three subpoenas for people who have cast doubt on sworn testimony that White House aide Sidney Blumenthal gave in the trial last week.

Blumenthal has denied feeding reporters a story — attributed ultimately to Clinton — to the effect that Ms. Lewinsky had told the president she was known as "the stalker" and that she had made a sexual demand on him.

In sworn affidavits in recent days, freelance journalist Christopher Hitchens and his wife, Carol Blue, said that Blumenthal had told them at a lunch in March 1998 that Ms. Lewinsky was known as a stalker.

And in a third affidavit released Monday, R. Scott Armstrong, an author and journalist, said that Hitchens and his wife told him that Blumenthal had referred to Ms. Lewinsky as a stalker.

There was no immediate response from either Lott or Democratic leader Tom Daschle to the letter from Hyde. Daschle did object to a request from Lott to make the Hitchens and Blue affidavits an official part of the record.

The controversy over Blumenthal's testimony appeared to have little direct impact on the trial itself, where it has been clear that Clinton has enough support to win acquittal on both articles of impeachment.

Partisan combat loomed, however, on a Democratic demand for a formal vote to censure the president immediately after the trial ends. Many Republicans are opposed, and one, Phil Gramm of Texas, has all but threatened a filibuster.

Daschle told reporters that Democrats would force the Senate to return to the issue later this year if Republicans don't agree to permit a vote on censure after the close of the trial.

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RAPE

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present, according to Hoffman. The visit takes between two to three hours and includes counseling.

An advocate may be called in at the request of the victim, according to Julie Broadwell, the coordinator for the Sexual Assault Awareness For Empowerment program. She said the option to have an advocate with the victim at the hospital when filing a police report or in a counseling session is always available.

"The person can meet the advocate face to face, or just make a phone call and speak with the advocate," Broadwell said.

The advocate program is a 24-hour service and Broadwell feels it is important for sexual assault victims to contact an advocate to find out what options are available to them before taking the next step.

After a rape kit is completed, the kit is taken to the crime lab at the Bureau of Criminal Identifi-

cations and Investigations (BCII) on E. Wooster Street to be analyzed. Larry Rentz, a laboratory supervisor for BCII, said the agency looks at the material forensically to determine what evidence may or may not be present.

"The big three are saliva, blood and semen in a rape incident," Rentz said.

He further explained that if evidence is found, a DNA analysis is carried out. This involves describing one particular person on a molecular basis.

"We are looking for gene sites in DNA, like hair and eye color," Rentz said. "We then compare it to those standards of both the victim and the suspect."

The evidence collected may then go to the prosecutor's office to file in a report. Audra Klotz, the victim coordinator at the Wood County prosecuting attorney's office, said she assists victims in the court process and goes over all the legal options available to them.

When a sexual assault sur-

vivor comes to the prosecuting attorney's office, she will usually have already spoken to law enforcement and medical personnel. Gary Bishop, the Wood County assistant prosecuting attorney, said the person may have already decided several things:

1 Do I consider what happened to me a crime?

1 Do I want to reveal that in a somewhat public way?

1 Do I want to see the person punished?

The first step in deciding whether or not to prosecute is to find out what their options are, Bishop said. They can then choose what they want to do.

"There is no point at which they are locked into a system that they can't remove themselves from," Bishop said. "We encourage people to come talk to us even if they are not sure they want to prosecute."

He said he wants survivors to be able to make an informed decision rather than one based on fear or misconceptions.

"We care about them as a person, whose rights have been violated and whose rights are worth protecting," Bishop said. "They deserve and will get our respect and a degree of dignity."

Where the investigation may need to go is a third step in deciding whether or not to prosecute someone, according to Bishop. How they can be a part of the process if they so choose is also an option.

A sexual assault survivor may seek counseling at any time following the assault. Elizabeth Yarris, a counseling psychologist at the BGSU Counseling Center, explained that there are two times when victims might seek counseling. It may be immediately following the assaultor when survivors deal with the incident again at a later time of their life.

She said one guideline for dealing with sexual assault victims in a counseling session is to make sure they have complete control over any decisions they make.

"They have experienced a situation where control has been taken away from them," Yarris said. "They may have a difficult time coping or being able to think clearly, so the role of the counselor frequently is to provide information about the steps to take."

One of the primary steps is to make sure the victim knows she is not at fault or to blame, and to make sure she feels safe emotionally and psychologically, she said.

When survivors are re-experiencing thoughts and feelings from the incident later in their life, due to something that triggered what happened, they may decide to then come in for counseling.

"We help them try and make sense out of something that wasn't supposed to happen," Yarris said. "The survivor has to understand it is part of her history and move on with her life."

Craig Vickio, clinical psychologist at the BGSU Counseling Center, said there is great varia-

tion in emotions of the victims when they first come in for counseling.

"Some will want to deny the event or deny its significance and put it out of their minds," Vickio said. "There may not be a lot of visible emotions."

Survivors may have trouble sleeping or have nightmares and they may be anxious or depressed.

"We help the person learn how to manage stress and anxiety and calm their psychological responses," Yarris said.

The recovery process can sometimes be slow and even never-ending. Broadwell said that she has found that as soon as someone is able to share their experience with someone else, the more easily they are able to process the trauma and move toward the recovery process.

"I have known clients who have recovered from the aftermath of rape and made wonderful choices that helps them move forward in their lives," Vickio said.

MILITARY

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was implemented," Sobel said. "In virtually all cases people have made statements (about their homosexuality) because they were harassed by their peers or superiors."

According to the regulations of the policy, a service member can be discharged if "that mem-

ber has stated that he or she is a homosexual or bisexual, engages in homosexual acts, or marries or attempts to marry a person known to be of the same biological sex."

Colleen Coughlin, American culture studies student, said that homosexuals used to be viewed as a security risk because their sexual preferences, if found out,

could be used against them in order to gain important information. She also said that people might be nervous about being around homosexuals in the foxholes or the barracks.

"The arguments against gays and lesbians are the same as the ones used against blacks and women years ago," Coughlin said.

She said that the U.S. Department of Defense issued a report that claimed that homosexuals offered no greater risk than any other service member. Sobel agrees.

"Thousands of gay, lesbian and bisexual service members have served their country and were distinguished veterans," he said. "They have demonstrated

they are able to serve under all conditions."

Although cases have been brought to the Supreme Court to challenge the constitutionality of the "Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue" policy, none have been heard by the Court.

"The 'Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue' policy raises very serious constitutional ques-

tions," Sobel said. "It is the only law that says you can discriminate."

Captain Robert Scholl of the University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps said that it is Congress and the President who decide on the policies, not the armed forces.

"We don't get to make the rules, we just have to follow them," he said.

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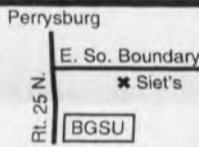
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Young writers face many difficulties

By ALEXANDRIA DIETZ
The BG News

To some, the life of a writer is full of exciting characters and romantic language, but to a young writer just starting out, it is a long and difficult road. Jason Nelson knows that road well.

Nelson is a creative writing graduate student who has been submitting work for the past three years.

"I send everything from small literary journals to large literary journals," he said. "Right now it is all pretty experimental."

"I once heard that for more famous writers, if you get one out of five submissions published you are doing well," Nelson said. "So for everyone else, one out of 10 is great."

He said right now it is tough to get writing published because

public funding is drying out and it is getting harder to get support.

He also said that not only is it hard to receive funding, it is hard to get paid.

"Good literary work doesn't make any money anymore," he said.

Nelson, who writes poetry and flash fiction, has had his work in 25 publications and has completed a few manuscripts.

Nelson said his work has been described as European futuristic poetry.

"It is more abstract and non-linear," Nelson said. "It compares to abstract art."

Nelson is currently working on a poem where he is using the 19th century English language. He is also incorporating engravings from a journal called "Engineering."

He also likes to write flash fiction, which is only one page long.

"It focuses more on the beauty of language and not with plot or characters," Nelson said.

He said he found it easier to write flash fiction because there is a lot more room to play with the language and to add twists.

"I just sit down and it comes out," he said.

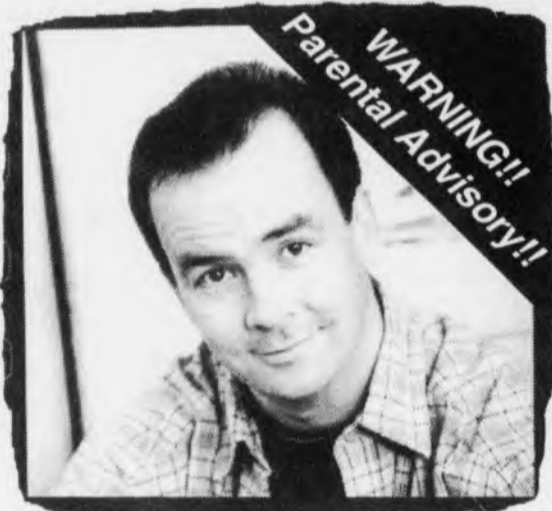
Nelson said he has been writing since he was a young boy growing up in Oklahoma City, Okla. However, he got his bachelor's degree in cultural geography.

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BG breaks four records

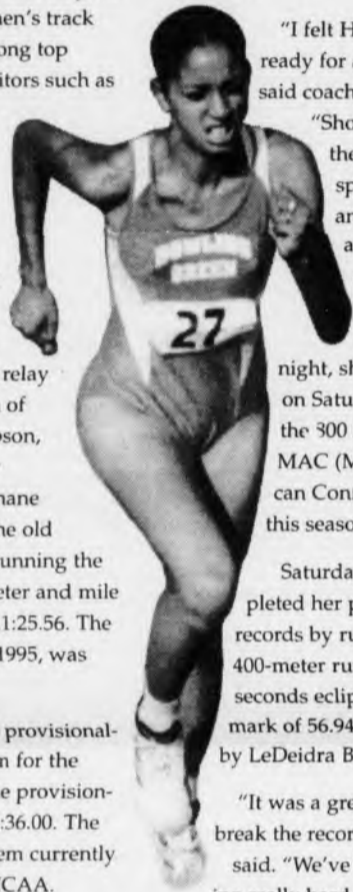
By MATT STEINER
The BG News

Three school records fell at the Cannon IV Classic Friday and Saturday in Indianapolis. The Falcon women's track team soared among top national competitors such as Michigan, Vanderbilt, UNLV, UCLA, Tennessee and others.

The highlight of the meet for BG came in the distance medley relay Friday. The team of Cristine Thompson, Tracy Hill, Libby Mitchell and Hanane Sabri shattered the old school mark by running the 1200, 400, 800-meter and mile combo event in 11:25.56. The old mark, set in 1995, was 11:56.25.

The time also provisionally qualified them for the NCAA meet. The provisional standard is 11:36.00. The record places them currently seventh in the NCAA.

BG News Graphic/ SCOTT ZIMMER
Hanane Sabri pictured



Sabri anchored the race. She ran the mile leg in 4:43.10. No other woman in the country has ran a mile as fast in 1999. The closest came from Jenelle Deathridge of Wisconsin (4:43.90).

"I felt Hanane was ready for a fast mile," said coach Steve Price.

"Shortly before the relay, she sprained her ankle. She ran a great race and after having soreness Friday night, she came back on Saturday and ran the 300 for the best MAC (Mid-American Conference) time this season."

Saturday, Hill completed her pair of BG records by running the 400-meter run in 56.85 seconds eclipsing the old mark of 56.94 set in 1982 by LeDeidra Ballard.

"It was a great feeling to break the records," Hill said. "We've been practicing really hard. One of our

goals has been to get a NCAA qualifier. When we went provisional (in

the relay) we accomplished that goal and all the hard work paid off."

Despite the record, her 25th place finish illustrated the high level of competition at the meet. BG used the tough competition as motivation.

"If it was a different meet, I don't think we would have had such great performances," Hill said. "The level of competition

helped us all perform well."

The third record was set by junior Lisa Keegan. She finished second in the 20-pound weight throw breaking her own record of 54 feet 6 1/4 inches set last week. The toss flew for 55 feet 2 inches.



Tracy Hill

Those who did not make the trip to Indianapolis spent the weekend competing in Ypsilanti, Mich.

The top competitor for BG at the Eastern Michigan meet was Andrea Cook. The pole vaulter also eclipsed a BG school record. Cook vaulted 10 feet 3 inches breaking Mitchell's mark of 8 feet 8 1/4 inches set last year.

Other notables at the Cannon Classic include performances by

Thompson and Laura Deneau.

Deneau ran the 5,000-meter run in 17:21.13. Although it only grabbed 15th place at the meet, the time proved to be the best in the MAC as of Saturday.

Thompson added a personal best in the mile run. A time of 4:56.25 was good enough for 17th place.

Men's track and field bit hard by flu bug

By MATT STEINER
The BG News

The recent flu epidemic at BG does not discriminate. The men's track team is no exception. The team's hopes for a strong showing at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. fell prey to the illness.

"It (the flu) went through the team like wildfire," said coach Sterling Martin. "Five guys came down with the flu and four could not compete."

Martin expected middle distance runner Pat Miller to miss. Miller had been ailing since Tuesday. Sprinter Eric Browning, and long-distance runners Aaron Usher and Dave Anderson joined Miller on the inactive

list. Austin Chapin competed despite illness.

Martin knows that these things happen. He's glad to have the illness out of the way.

"When you compete as long as we do, it's tough to avoid those situations," Martin said. "With cross country, indoor and outdoor track, our season goes from September to May. I'd rather have it (the flu) happen now than when we're going into the MAC (Mid-American Conference) meet."

The meet featured 10 teams. BG took eighth place with 33 points. Indiana, the host school, won the competition with 170 points. Eastern Illinois (93), Middle Tennessee (91), Southern Illinois (86) and Ball State (54) rounded out the top five.

Alex Moser, coming off a second place in the weight throw and third in the shot-put

at Kent last week, turned in BG's only winning performance. Moser threw for a season best in the 35-pound weight throw heaving the hammer 54 feet 1/2 inch.

The Falcons did not take second or third in any event. However, BG placed fourth in the mile run, the 600-meter run and the high jump.

Jimmy Weckesser ran a strong mile. His time was 4:17.24. Craig Schoemer took fourth in the 600, 1:22.36. Doug Heitkamp did the same, clearing 6 feet 9 3/4 inches in the high jump.

Alex Sprague took fifth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.22 seconds) adding to BG's point total.

Last home meet a splash for swimmers

By NICK HURM
The BG News

Many first and last time events occurred for the Bowling Green swimming and diving team.

Friday the women's team faced off against the newly formed Akron swim team for the first time ever. At the same time seniors Katie Rosinsky and Tina Sullivan swam at Cooper Pool for one last time in their collegiat careers. This also marked the first time that coach Randy Julian graduated a swimmer he coached for all four years. All of this was complemented with a 148-82 BG win over the Zips.

"Tina and I were both very sentimental before the meet," Rosinsky said. "It felt like it was our birthday with all the flowers and balloons we received. It was nice to be recognized like that."

Sullivan went out with a bang finishing first in the 100 Back and second in the 200 Free. Rosinsky also picked up a third place finish in the 100 Free. Junior Kristin Semple picked up three first place victories and freshman Alissa Davies and Amanda Messmer picked up two first place victories a piece. Junior diver Laura Segerlin finished first on the one-meter and teammate Patti Wilson won the three-meter.

"I was impressed with the performance," Julian said. "It is always nice to

see parents and family members come and join in on the celebration."

Saturday the Falcons headed to Indiana to compete in their final dual meet with Ball State. The Cardinals have a much larger team and shaved for the meet. BSU was not only competing against the Falcons, but also against themselves to decide who will compete in the MAC Championship. All these advantages helped BSU cruise past the Falcons on both the men's and women's sides. The men were defeated by a score of 168-73.

"I think that the effort was there," Julian said. "In our sport it is difficult to cut lose when you know a lot of the other team members are rested and

shaved. It is tough."

There were many close finishes including the 200 IM, where Bill Roehl finished less than a second behind Cardinal Matt Pavlovich for second place.

"Even though Ball State does not have a great pool, a lot of us did well," Roehl said. "Kevin Anderson did well in the 200 Fly and my 200 IM was good for the kind of pool we were swimming in." I was trying to get psyched up for my races."

Captain Jeff Allen won the only first place victory for the Falcon's on the 3-meter board. Sophomore Josh Clungston finished second on the 1-meter board. Anderson finished three seconds behind the leader to finish third

in the 200 Fly.

The women were defeated by the Cardinals by a score of 191-107. BG won four events including both the 1-meter (Ellyn Vreeland) and 3-meter (Laura Segerlin) boards. Bethany Budde won the 200 Breast and the 200 Free Relay was also victorious.

BG will now take a rest period to focus on the road to Oxford (Miami) where the MAC Championships will be held in three weeks.

"This rest period is a time where everyone kind of does there own thing," Roehl said. "Hopefully everyone will be ready there own way."

Falcons to face Ball State in rematch

By MARK WIESE
The BG News

It has been over four weeks since Ball State and Bowling Green have tangled. The game still stands in the NCAA record books and the rematch is at hand.

The women's basketball team of Bowling Green looks to greet the Ball State Cardinals at the doors of Anderson Arena with a foul taste in their mouth. After suffering a 31-point loss to Eastern Division leader Kent, the Falcons will be looking to rebound against the Cardinals.

The last time these two teams met it resulted in a barn burning 106-105 quadruple overtime win for the Falcons. This game tied an NCAA record of most overtimes in a single game.

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Ball State: 7-15 overall, 4-8 MAC

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Ball State, 7-15 overall and 4-8 in the Mid-American Conference, is coming into this game looking for revenge over the four-overtime loss they suffered against the Falcons on their home court in Muncie, Ind.

BSU is coming off a stinging 85-57 loss against Toledo and will be looking to drown the post-season hopes of the Falcons. Leading the Cardinals this season is a pair of talented seniors.

Amy Kieckbusch and Markita Griffin are a potent duo averaging a combined 39.3 points per game. Kieckbusch is pouring in 20.1 while Griffin is lighting it up for 19.2 points a game.

"We (Bowling Green) will try to contain Griffin and Kieckbusch and make the other players make shots for them (Ball State)," BG's Yolanda Holt said.

In the teams' first meeting, Griffin scored 26 points while her counterpart, Kieckbusch, lit up the scoreboard with 20 points against the Falcons. BG needs to contain this duo of seniors to break into the win column once again.

At 10-11 overall and 6-5 in conference play, this is a crucial game for the Brown and Orange. With this being one of the five remaining games in BG's schedule, the Falcons need a victory to stay in tuned with the MAC playoff race.

"We are taking these last five games left this season as playoff games," Holt said. "We want to win them all."

Senior Jacki Raterman played a major role during the first contest between BSU and BG. She scored a career-high 34 points and played an astounding 58 minutes to record the victory for the Falcons.

Raterman is pacing the Falcons this season with a scoring average of 20.6 points a game and she is also pulling down 7.9 rebounds a contest. Raterman is coming off a human-like 16-point performance at the hands of the Kent defense Thursday.

Raterman will be looking to lead the Falcons over Ball State tonight at 7 p.m. in the confines of Anderson Arena.

BG comes up big at Eastern Kentucky

By G. MICHAEL GRAHAM

The BG News

They only hope to keep the momentum rolling high.

That's the thought of the Bowling Green women's tennis team after a good showing at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational over the weekend.

In the invitational against Eastern Kentucky, Louisville and Tennessee Tech, the Falcons won 3-of-6 singles flights and also took one doubles flight title. No team scores were kept in the match. In all, the team went 15-3 in singles play and 5-4 in doubles play.

"If we can play like we did this weekend and improve, we'll be a MAC (Mid-American Conference) contender," coach Penny Dean said. "Our doubles still need to improve. We just don't seem to be ready to play at the outset of each doubles match. Our strategy and formations are good. We're just not executing."

Freshman sensation Devon Bissinger went a perfect 6-0 on the weekend. She took the No. 6 singles titles with wins over Tennessee Tech's Carolina Melicoff (6-2, 6-3), Louisville's Kelly Ford (4-6, 6-1, 7-5), and Eastern's Kara Knoth (6-2, 6-1).

She teamed with sophomore Tracy Howitt to win the No. 3 doubles title with wins over TTU's Ozge Arslan and Melicoff (8-5), Louisville's Kelly Miller and Kelly Hoyt (8-5) and Eastern's Rachel Beaman and Sarah Goins (8-2).

BG sophomore Abby Bratton and junior Deidee Bissinger also went 3-0 to win the third and fourth flights respectively. Bratton recorded wins over TTU's Marion Deriviere (6-1, 6-0), UL's Kelly Whittler (6-3, 6-1) and EKU's April Dixon (6-3, 6-2).

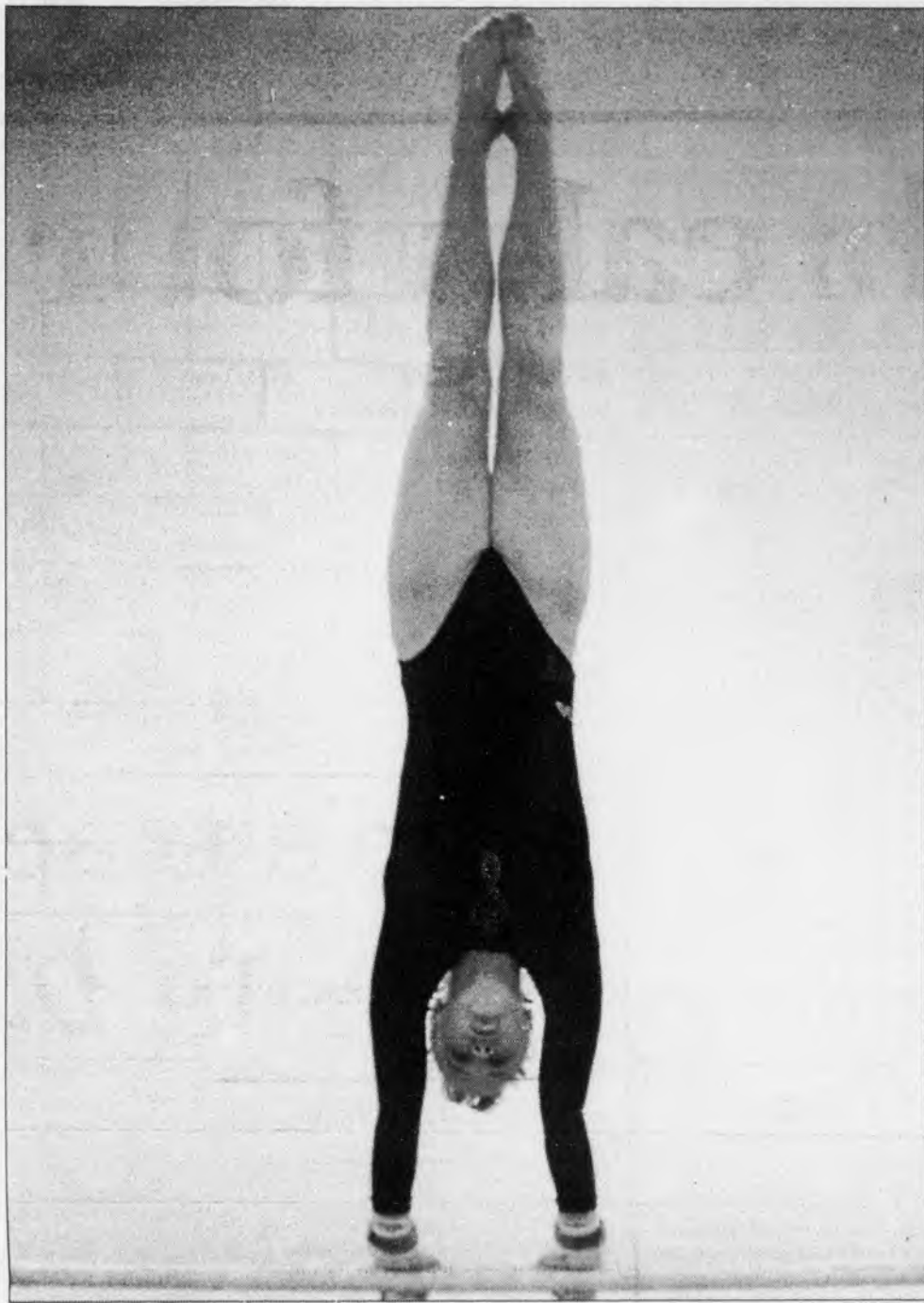
Deidee Bissinger registered wins over TTU's Barbara Soto (6-3, 6-1), UL's Kelly Miller (6-4, 6-4) and EKU's Sara Haney (6-1, 6-4).

"I played really well," Deidee Bissinger said. "I had some problems adjusting to the courts. I compensated by serving and volleying well. It helped that my serve was on."

Meghan Rhodes, Erika Wasilewski and Howitt all went 2-1 in singles play.

Gymnasts lose in Denver

By MATTHEW P. LYONS
The BG News



Kelly Verhoff executes a handstand on the uneven bars against Kent.

The Falcons got a "taste of the Rockies" Saturday as the Pioneers from the University of Denver showed they were still "King of the Mountain" in a 193.75 to 189.225 win.

The crowd of 979 watched as Denver took control of the vault, uneven bars, and balance beam and never looked back. The one bright spot for the Falcons as a team was the floor exercise. BG topped the Pioneers 47.5 to 47.45.

Individually, two Falcons had a good day. Freshman Mindy Untch's all-around score of 37.625 was a season best for her. Freshman Marny Oestrang's score of 9.875 on the balance beam set a new school record. She was two days shy of breaking the old record two years to the day after it had been set. Heather Ferguson set the record on February 8, 1997 at the Crunch Invitational. Oestrang tied the previous record of 9.85 set on January 16, 1999 against Ohio State.

Marny Oestrang now owns all five individual school records at BGSU. The new records are as follows: vault 9.875 (Ohio State), uneven bars 9.95 (Northern Illinois), balance beam 9.875 (Denver), floor exercise 9.950 (Western Michigan), and all-around 39.375 (Ohio State).

Co-Captains Jackie Haft and Sarah Grealis also posted solid marks against the Pioneers. Jackie Haft's score of 9.625 tied with Mindy Untch's mark on the vault. Sarah Grealis scored a 9.5 on the uneven bars.

The Falcons are now halfway through the 1999 campaign. With five meets left until Mid-American Conference championships they have posted a 3-3 record overall and a 3-0 mark in MAC action.

BG continues its season on Saturday when the Cardinals from Illinois State University come to town.

BG News Photo/SCOTT FAUBER

Pace car smashed at Daytona

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In "Days of Thunder," the Tom Cruise movie on stock car racing, a crew chief whose youthful driver has hit just about everything on the track, radios his protege with the field slowed by caution.

"Hit the pace car!" screams an agitated Harry Hogg — played by Robert Duval.

The Cruise character, hotshot rookie Cole Trickle, didn't succeed.

Joe Cooksey did.

And because of it, he has earned a place in Daytona lore.

"This might be the first time in the history of racing that the pace car's been wiped out in an acci-

dent," he said Sunday. "It was a pretty good lick, right square in the rear end."

Square enough to send ARCA pace car driver Jack Wallace from Daytona International Speedway to the hospital — for a pain in the neck.

But that's not a description of Cooksey, a 33-year-old driver from Centralia, Ill., who until that bizarre moment in the 59th lap of the FirstPlus Financial 200 hadn't hit anything at speeds approaching 190 mph. He said a mix-up while the pace car slowed the field left him nowhere to go.

"... He just slowed down or stopped," Cooksey said. "I tried to stop, but I couldn't miss him."

"I'm sorry that it happened. I hate to see people who are not racing to be involved in a wreck."

A passenger in the pace car, NASCAR pace car

driver Buster Auton, escaped uninjured. X-rays on Wallace proved negative, and he was released from Halifax Medical Center.

A crowd of 60,000 that saw the pace car mishap, very nearly witnessed history in the event, the first sanctioned stock car race this year at DIS. Shawna Robinson closed with a rush in an attempt to become the first female stock car driver to win on the high banks of Daytona.

When she came up a few car-lengths short, there was a groan from a crowd enlivened by women applauding and waving over the final 16 laps as Robinson completed her powerful run from fifth to second.

"We absolutely could have won, no question about it," Robinson said. "We just didn't have

enough laps."

Journeyman Bobby Gerhart, a winner for the first time in 14 years of ARCA racing, didn't think it mattered.

"I could put the car high, I could put the car low, I could run on the apron," he said. "I don't think she could have passed me."

Robinson, from Des Moines, Iowa, never got the chance. After she smoked off all the other contenders to move right up to Gerhart's bumper, a final caution ended the suspense with two laps remaining.

"When I got around the third-place car and got up to Bobby Hamilton Jr., I knew there was no question I could win," she said. "We ran out of time."

Kernen leads downhill ski championships

The Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Col. — Norwegians Kjetil Andre Aamodt and Lasse Kjus have made the combined event their personal playground all season.

Not even the presence of a Swiss interloper, Bruno Kernen, was likely to spoil their fun.

Kernen took a slim lead over the Norwegian duo on Monday in the downhill portion of the men's combined in the World Alpine Ski Championships, but no one expected it to last.

Two slalom runs, scheduled for Tuesday, will conclude the event, with the combined times for all three runs determining the combined champion.

Aamodt and Kjus are legitimate threats in slalom. Kernen, although he has had some success in combined events throughout his career, hasn't scored a point in slalom on the World Cup circuit this season.

"I have no idea how I can ski in slalom, sometimes good, sometimes bad," Kernen said. "I've had a really tough season so far, but I always knew I could ski fast."

Aamodt said he was "absolutely happy" with his position. "I'm eight-hundredths behind Kernen and six-hundredths ahead of Kjus, and they'll be my main competitors tomorrow," he said. "I think the slalom is going to be interesting."

Kjus was likewise pleased. "It's OK," he said. "It's good not to be too far behind."

Kernen, gold medalist in downhill and silver medalist in combined at the last world championships in 1997 in Sestriere, Italy, had a smooth run that was timed in 1 minute, 13.44 seconds.

Aamodt was lurking .08 seconds back, however, and Kjus

was only .14 seconds off the pace.

The Norwegians know the territory. Kjus was first and Aamodt second in a combined in Wengen, Switzerland, on Jan. 17. A week later, Aamodt was first and Kjus second in a combined in Kitzbuhel, Austria.

Kjus, who tied Austrian ace Hermann Maier for the gold medal in the super-G on Tuesday and finished second to Maier in the downhill on Saturday, was the early leader in Monday's race. Racing sixth, Kjus bettered the time of Austrian Werner Franz, finishing in 1:13.58.

Two racers later, Aamodt, the defending world champion in combined, came across .06 seconds quicker than Kjus at 1:13.52.

Kernen was next, and avoided the problems in a couple of corners that hurt him in the downhill on this same Birds of Prey

course, where he placed seventh.

Franz was fourth in 1:13.91, followed by Kristian Ghedina of Italy in 1:14.15 and Paul Accola of Switzerland in 1:14.38.

Canada's Darin McBeath was ninth in 1:14.87, and Jakub Fiala of Breckenridge, Colo., was the top American, placing 14th in 1:15.61.

Mario Reiter of Austria, the 1998 Olympic combined champion, was far back in 18th place at 1:16.14 but relieved to have finished without mishap.

"For me, this downhill was too tough," Reiter said. "I will not ski a downhill that is so fast again. I'm too old for that to risk my life."

"My chances are, of course, very, very small. But there's at least another 100 slalom gates to go, and you never know what happens in slalom."

Bode Miller of Franconia, N.H., had a wild run. Miller was



Associated Press Photo

Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt races at the World Alpine championships in Beaver Creek, Col.

out of control early in his run then crashed near the finish, losing his left ski. He bounced on the snow several times, but rose

to his feet and skied across the finish line on one ski to post a time of 1:21.48. He was later disqualified for missing a gate.

SPORTS scene

compiled from wire sources

SOCCER

Goalkeeper goes Pro

Bowling Green State University men's soccer goalkeeper Scott Vallow was a first round draft pick of the A-League Cincinnati Riverhawks this past weekend.

He recorded 10 shutouts this past season increasing his school-record total to 42. In 1997, he equalled the BG record for shutouts in a season (12), originally set by Kim Bucher during the 1983 campaign.

BASEBALL

Tigers sign new pitcher

DETROIT — Free agent Robinson Checo, who pitched last season for Boston, signed a one-year contract with the Detroit Tigers on Monday.

Checo, 27, a right-hander, spent most of the past two seasons in the minors for Boston. He was 6-2 last season in Pawtucket with a 4.56 ERA with 10 starts and one relief appearance.

He was 0-2 with a 9.30 ERA in two starts for Boston.

Checo, who pitched two seasons in Japan for Hiroshima, became a free agent after the Red Sox didn't offer him a contract.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Quinton McCracken on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Sele on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B-DH Cecil Fielder on a minor league contract.

National League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with 2B Kevin Jordan on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA—Fined Houston F Charles Barkley \$5,000 for directing obscene language at fans in a game on Feb. 6. Fined Atlanta G Steve Smith and New Jersey G Kendall Gill \$2,500 each for engaging in an altercation near the locker room area after a game on Feb. 7.

FOOTBALL

National Football League BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Jim Collette offensive line coach, Rex Ryan defensive line coach and Donnie Henderson assistant defensive back coach.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Tim Jorgensen strength coach and Ray Perkins tight ends coach.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Terminated the contract of LB Corey Miller.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed CB Torey Hunter.

HOCKEY National Hockey League BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled LW Randy Cunneynorth and D Cory Sarich from Rochester of the AHL.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Placed RW Dino Ciccarelli on injured reserve. Recalled F Chris Wells and LW Peter Werrell from New Haven of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned C Rob Murray to Springfield of the AHL.

Carl Pickens honored

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals on Monday designated wide receiver Carl Pickens, the team's all-time leading receiver, as the franchise player to protect against losing him to unrestricted free agency.

The Bengals also hired Frank Verducci, 41, offensive line coach the past seven seasons at the University of Iowa, as tight ends coach. He replaces Bob Wylie, who left last week to become offensive line coach with the Chicago Bears.

Pickens wants to leave Cincinnati so badly, after seven losing seasons, that he would consider sitting out the 1999 season if the Bengals try to keep him from joining another team, his agent, Steve Zucker, said last week.

But in accordance with the NFL's labor agreement with the players' union, the Bengals ten-

dered Pickens a one-year contract offer at a salary equaling the 1998 average of the league's five highest-paid wide receivers. That would be in the range of \$4 million to \$5 million.

Giving Pickens the franchise player designation recognizes his achievements and protects the Bengals, team president Mike Brown said.

"It is a club's right, agreed to by the players' union, and it protects us against the chance of losing one top player to unrestricted free agency," Brown said.

"A franchise player has the options of accepting the tender offer, negotiating a different agreement with the club, or negotiating with other teams. The Bengals would have the right to keep Pickens by matching another club's offer for him.

STANDINGS

National Hockey League By The Associated Press EASTERN CONFERENCE

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National Basketball Association By The Associated Press EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Western Conference Midwest Division (San Antonio, Utah, Dallas, Houston, Minnesota, Vancouver, Denver) and Pacific Division (Phoenix, Seattle, L.A. Lakers, Sacramento, Portland, Golden State, L.A. Clippers).

Saturday's Games Boston 2, Philadelphia 2, tie Phoenix 3, Chicago 0 Montreal 3, Buffalo 2 Toronto 3, New Jersey 2 Florida 3, Carolina 3, tie Anaheim 4, St. Louis 3 Ottawa 2, Calgary 1 Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0 Sunday's Games Vancouver 3, N.Y. Islanders 3, tie Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 2 Pittsburgh 2, Detroit 1 Colorado 3, Dallas 0 Washington 3, Buffalo 1 Monday's Games St. Louis at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m. San Jose at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Portland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Browns prepared to fill roster

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns have done their homework and will enter the expansion draft armed with pages of scouting reports, medical profiles and other information on 150 of the NFL's most unwanted players.

right ones may involve more luck than research.

"We're looking for needle-in-a-haystack-type players," said Dwight Clark, the Browns' football operations director.

Cleveland's draft day has arrived and the Browns were to add more names to their roster this afternoon. They'll choose from a list of players deemed overpaid, underachieving or over-the-hill by the league's 30

other teams.

The Browns aren't looking for Pro Bowlers or Hall of Famers. They're searching for bodies, preferably ones who will be around for a while.

"We'd like to go with young guys who can be ready in two or three years," said Clark.

That might be tough to do when considering that of the 66 total players taken by Jack-

sonville and Carolina in the 1995 expansion draft, four remain on either team's rosters.

Clark and the Browns are starting to feel better about the first and less important of their two player drafts.

The 150 players from whom Cleveland can choose didn't look very appealing at first to Clark, who knew little or nothing about them.

But after spending hours breaking down game films, making phone calls and dissecting the list, Clark is convinced he can find some help.

"When I initially looked at the list, it didn't blow me away," Clark said. "But some of the players I had not been that familiar with. Ultimately, you start digging in and finding more information about them. That's when you start getting excited

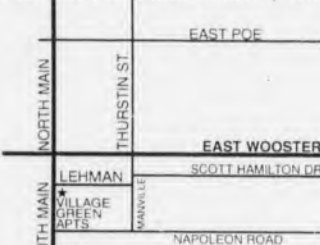
about it." Excited about the expansion draft?

It may be hard for the rest of the league to believe, but Cleveland is pumped. After a three-year hiatus, the NFL is back in football-mad northern Ohio. And to trumpet the Browns' rebirth, the league decided to conduct the expansion draft in the birthplace of pro football.

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Westminster judges are top dogs

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The spotlight, of course, is on the competitors. But there's plenty of heat to go around.

The dogs at the Westminster Kennel Club Show are already champions in the dog show world. So when they vie for honors at North America's most prestigious canine event, it stands to reason that those who do the judging will be the best in their field as well.

"Here you have all the best dogs in any given breed," said Bob Smith, one of fewer than 30 judges accredited by the American Kennel Club to judge all breeds. "You're under some pressure to prove yourself an authority on that breed."

Forty-two men and women from among the 3,500 AKC-accredited judges will pick the

best of the 2,500 dogs at the show's 123rd edition today and Tuesday at Madison Square Garden.

Dogs of 152 individual breeds will be judged during the two days. The breed groups — working, sporting, herding, terrier, toy, hound and non-sporting — are judged each night. The climax is the best-in-show presentation Tuesday night.

"It can be nervous before you start," said Dorothy Macdonald, a 23-year judging veteran who chose the sporting group winner at Westminster several years ago.

"The first thing you worry about is what to wear, since it is televised," she joked. "When you're waiting, it can be a little nerve-wracking. But once I go in, I'm looking at dogs, reveling in dogs."

Macdonald isn't among this year's judges, but came to town

to see the show and help run the annual symposium of the Dog Judges Association of America, held Friday and Saturday.

For 26 years, the organization has held seminars before each Westminster to help judges interpret the AKC's standards for each breed.

Westminster is a contest of conformation: how well each dog meets standards of appearance and temperament as outlined by the AKC. Each dog already must have been named a champion at AKC-sanctioned shows.

"It's like no other show," Smith said. "A lot of judges wouldn't admit it, but it's everybody's ambition to judge at the Garden."

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