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### Speaker to bring TV of Canada to U.

By Katy Ellsworth

CAMPUS-LIFE REPORTER

A boy who debeaks chickens and a girl who is a myopic stripper. Those are just some of the characters in Daniel Richler's "Kicking Tomorrow," a novel about an 18- year-old boy living in the 1970s

Daniel Richler is a Canadian author and television star, with many achievements such as hosting a literary series, "Imprint" and creating a Sci-Fi art series

Richler will be speaking on campus today and Wednesday as part of the continuing Canadian author series this spring. He will be discussing approaches to media, political coverage, and the arts in Canada and the United States. However, his main focus will be on alternative mass media.

Perhaps Richler's biggest feat is the youth-oriented show, "Big Life." This counterculture program, which is no longer on the air in Canada, took different themes and important events and tried to not look at them through the mass media

Mark Kasoff, director of Canadian Studies and professor of economics, said that one of the differences between American and Canadian television is that a lot of Canadians watch American television, but there are almost no Canadian television stations in the United

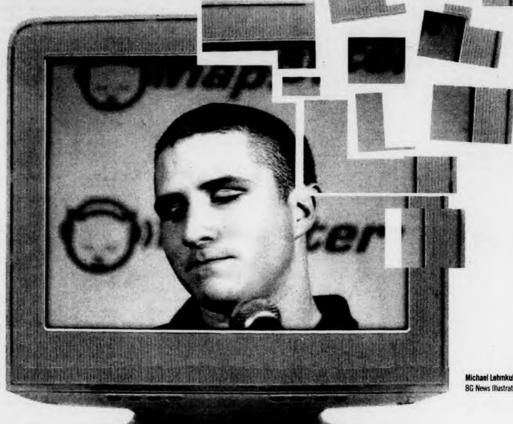
Canadian programs also differ from those in the United States. Many of the prime-time programs in Canada are comedies like our late night Saturday Night Live. In fact many of the main-stays on SNL are from Canada,

The presentation should be a experience about Canada for students who attend. Not many students know a lot about Canada unless they have taken a class. So the presentation should give some additional insight into the differences between Canada and the United

Kasoff also said that students should learn to "seek the truth outside the mainstream."

If you are interested in attend-ing the presentation, Richler will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in Olscamp 101B tonight.





# **NAPSTER** DISINTEGRATES

By Lisa Bettinger ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Music fans may soon have to find a new source for online music. Yesterday the U.S 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Napster has to stop the trading of copyrighted material. The three-judge panel also ruled that the website can be held accountable for "vicarious copyright infringement." This ruling upheld an earlier injunction from a district court

judge.
In other words Napster can no longer allow users access to copyrighted material in its database.

the website to shut down.
Hilary Rosen, president of the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America), told the Associated Press, "This is a clear victory. The court of appeals found that the injunction is not only warranted, but quired. And it ruled in our favor on every legal issue

The Napster website allows users to download and

Napster, due to a court order, is no longer free to allow the sharing of copyrighted material over the Internet

share electronic music files, better known as MP3s. College students make up a large number of Napster users. However many schools, including BGSU, have blocked access to the site to on-campus students.

Yesterday's ruling was met with some mixed reaction on campus. "I think it's upsetting," said sophomore Kelly Putnam. "Most of my music comes from

"I think it sucks," said freshman Harley Quinn.

"It was coming, it was unavoidable," said sophomore Clint LaForest. "It was legally right to do."

"I would have used it here on campus, except for the firewall," said senior Todd Giallorati. "I don't think it's right. I don't agree with it. It's no different than taking a cassette and copying stuff off of the radio."

This ruling is not the first time Napster has been under fire. The website is facing lawsuits not only from the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America), but rapper Dr. Dre and the heavy metal band Metallica have filed lawsuits as well. This ruling stems from the lawsuit filed by the RIAA. Metallica went so far as to have over 300,000 Napster users blocked from the website. More recently fans of the U.K. trio Manic Street Preachers found their access to the website denied. The band's label, Sony Music UK, had its access blocked because fans were downloading songs from the band's upcoming album.

During MTV's coverage of the Capitol Hill hearings over Napster, Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich said, "Napster hijacked our music without asking. They never sought our permission. Our catalog of music simply became available for free downloads on the

In a recent interview with Britain's New Musical

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### Making an IMPACT on campus

By Craig Gifford

Four years after the opening of the Chapman Learning Community, the University will introduce Integrating Moral Principles And Critical Thinking (IMPACT), a new learning com-

munity, to begin in the fall.

IMPACT will take place in
Offenhauer, with classes being held on the 11th floor and offices and student housing on the 10th floor.

Neil Browne, director of IMPACT, said that the goal of the program is to integrate learning and living on campus.

"This is one of a number of attempts to unify what goes on in residence life and in the classroom," he said.

Betsy Barre, senior, who will be joining the program in its inaugural year, agreed saying, "It's a great opportunity to inte-grate classes and disciplines to the rest of the University."

The courses within the pro-gram will deal with critical thinking and moral principles.

IMPACT will also focus on learning skills such as presentation and listening.

Browne feels that these are

both very important because, "a person who knows a lot will be as useful to the community as well as they can communicate

what they know."

While IMPACT has a lot of the same ideas as the Chapman Learning Community, such as living and learning in the same building. Browne said there are differences between the two and his program will be able to stick out.

theories behind Chapman and what we will be doing are quite similar," he said. The educational objectives are quite different. They are two different groups of students."

The types of students that IMPACT is looking for are the type who enjoy learning and put out the effort to learn, Browne said. Each student must also have the grades that would allow them into the honors pro-

IMPACT will find these students through an application process, which will determine each of their motivations to learn, previous academic performances and previous attempts to demonstrate interest in life beyond the classroom.

"These students want all the opportunities that Bowling Green State University can provide them; they want to be around others who excel," he said. "It is important for very high achievement-oriented students to be around others who are the same."

Betsy Barre had similar thoughts. "It is important because I can live with other individuals interested in pursu-

ing knowledge, it is kind of a support network," she said. In its first year the program will consist of 50 students.

'We find a community over 50 to be awkward," Browne said. "Our students don't want to be over 50 for cohesion of the curriculum.

Browne said that there are

currently 16 members already signed up for the program and that he will take up to five more current students. He wants the rest to be incoming freshmen, so that there will be a, "large element of peer tutoring."

Three faculty members will be in charge of teaching the courses that the program will offer. Besides Browne, the faculty will also consist of Nancy Kubasek and Stuart Keeley. Browne said that it is important for the faculty offices to be located in the residence hall in order to provide help at all times to the

participating students.

Barre said that the program should be special in what it

"It's going to be a type of honors learning community that is very selective," hse said. "We will be doing extra reading and extra work. It will be a special breed of students."

Browne said that he hopes to see the community prosper, but

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### Daffodils to help ACS fight cancer

With the help of local volunteers, the American Cancer Society will be sponsoring its annual fundraising event Daffodil

ACS will be selling bouquets of 10 daffodils for \$6 per bouquet. Order forms can be obtained from the ACS and also from Linda Glomski, Campus Coordinator for Daffodil Days at BGSU, and will be accepted through March 8.

The bouquets will be delivered on Monday, March 19 and can be delivered anywhere in Wood County. The proceeds will be used to help local cancer patients and to support programs offered by the Wood County ACS.

Anita Dunipace, Area Director of ACS, said that fundraising is very important because it is important for research to continDaffodil Days is especially important in Wood County because it has a higher cancer rate than any county in the state of Ohio. According to Dunipace, there were approximately 535 cancer patients in Wood County

said that Glomski University alone collected \$10,000 during the event last year and has increased its goal to \$12,000 for this year. According to Dunipace, Wood County colle ed approximately \$75,000 last

A unique aspect of Daffodil Days in Wood County is the delivery service that is offered. High gas prices, however, will limit the number of deliveries to be made. Glomski said that volunteers would make only one delivery trip through Wood County. She

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# Creatine rules for B.Y.U. weightlifters

By Meghan Riding

PROVO, Utah - Jon Brann is the Incredible Hulk, Superman or Hercules.

But sometimes he said he feels like them after using a unique product that has helped him improve weightlifting sessions for over four years.

The unique product? Creatine.

Brann, 18, a Brigham Young University freshman from San Antonio, Texas, majoring in business entrepreneurship, began using creatine when an older brother returned home after a year of college football and recommended the supplement.

"I use creatine about 30 minutes to an hour right before I lift weights, which is about four times a week," Brann said.
"When I use it I feel less sore, I'm able to lift for longer periods and I won't tire as much.

For eight years people have invested in creatine, a supplement designed to enhance workout performance by giving added strength and endurance, allowing users to experience more energy when exercising, said Patrick Prata, manager of Supplement Warehouse in Provo.

Athletes and weightlifters like Brann may use creatine and similar supplements, but the days of universities providing the product to athletes have disappeared due to controversy.

The NCAA banned colleges from supplying creatine to athletes for two reasons, BYU Head Trainer George Curtis said.

"It is the NCAA position that none of the Division I teams are allowed to use creatine because there is a lack of research on the long-term effects. Also, banning it will help create an even playing field because some schools have more money to provide it than others," he said.

Creatine is not illegal for athletes to use and coaches and trainers are allowed to offer advice on the use of it, Curtis said.

"Creatine itself is not banned. In fact, it can't even be detected because it is naturally found in the body," he said.

Since the NCAA decision went into effect August 2001 BYU has relieved itself of the financial burden of supplying creatine to its 800 athletes, eliminating the

\$15,000 to \$16,000 cost a year, Curtis said.

Prata said the reason people take supplements such as creatine is to motivate them.

"It is used as a motivation to help people get back in the gym and to reach goals faster - that's why people take supplements," Prata said.

The positive feedback Prata gets from users is as big as the bulging muscles it can help pro-

"Almost everyone likes creatine. About 95 percent of the peo-ple I talk to give me positive feedback and experience positive results," Prata said.

By using creatine and similar products, people are able to endure longer and harder work-outs and can bulk up in size easier, Prata said.

Creatine users usually range in age from 16 to 30. Many of the users are athletes from both high school and college

"I see a lot of high school and college athletes using creatine. Coaches, some from UVSC, talk to me about creatine for their players," Prata said.

Craig Swenson, director of pharmacy for the BYU Student Health Center, said creatine could help with high-intense workouts.

"It possibly helps with high-intense exercise. Football players are some of the people most likely to use products like creatine," venson said.

Jared Massey, 21, of Vernal, Unitah County, took creatine as a football player in high school and saw results.

"I used it to get bigger muscles faster, to get more mass. After using it for about two months I gained 10 to 15 pounds," Massey said. "I found it boosted my energy, repaired muscles faster and increased mass.

The purpose of using creatine does not have to be increasing muscle size to intimidate opposing teams as you charge down the football field.

Prata said new creatine products are designed to help in specific sports, not just football.

"Different types of creatine are available to help personalize workouts, whether you want to take it before or after exercising, or if you're running, swimming or doing another kind of sport," he

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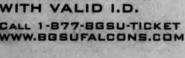
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### **SOMEBODY** TO LOVE:

Time is ticking away, fellow students. You only have eight months from today to prepare for yet another Hallmark holiday of love: Sweetest Day (repressing ... gag ... reflex ...). Screw that crazy Cupid kid, anyhow.





### STRIKE A POSE There's

nothing to it, I swear. Vaguely still in vogue, this poser-enne is still trying to make us think she's one step ahead - even though she's as old as many of our mothers. Nevertheless, she's still the princess of (pop) power, back at the ranch in her little chaps and cowgirl hat. Rock and rodeo.

### **WORD OF THE DAY** BUGGER

Pronunciation: 'bu-gur Function: noun Etymology: Middle English bougre heretic, from Middle French

Date: 1555 1: SODOMITE, small or annoying thing

2:a worthless person, rascal. A small or annoying thing. also: don't "bugger" or she'll hit you!

### SAY WHAT?!?

"I don't see what the big deal is with edible underwear ... after you wear them a few times, they taste like all the other pairs anyways."

TOM ARNOLD COMIC AND WEIRDO

# They call me Supa MB



MARY BETH MURTHA Supa Dupa MB

Okay. It's time that I come out. I just need to admit it.

There is no other explanation.
I mean, why else would I pierce
my nose? It's time that I come to terms with this new aspect of my personality. I'm poser-oriented. I find myself attracted to other people with alternative lifestyles you know, college radio DJs, scenesters, philosophy majors, people who keep giant reptiles as

I can't help it. I was just made this way.

And I'm working on taking that next step — getting a job at record store, maybe, or a coffee shop. I figure, if I'm going to live this life, I should just go all the way. A flaming, obvious poser.

A nose ring is only the beginning. I'm also working on wearing those fake horn-rimmed glasses the ones with plastic lenses

(though I have 20-20 vision, I won't admit it). Next, I will collect bumper stickers of bands I don't listen to. I will wear pins of causes I don't believe in. And if I can score the cash (perhaps pretending that I sell cool drugs when, really, I have a student job in a departmental office), then I'll buy CDs of post-alternative musicians. And I can hang out at the shady bars in town, trying to pass

as one of the Hipper-Than-Thou. It's a process, you know, of real-ly accepting who I am. Of coming to terms with myself. With being a

I mean, a nose ring is an obvi-ous signal, right? I should have realized it before now, really. Like my mid-90s phase of wearing plaid flannel and steel-toed boots and starting 'zines that never got off the ground. Or like freshman year, when I started wearing Birkenstocks® and tie-dyed concert t-shirts, with my long hair parted in the middle and my subtle suggestion of an underground drug culture. I was just too blind to see what was really going on. But now? Now I see the truth.

Now I can tell myself, "Posing is an acceptable lifestyle. There are

others like me." And it's true, there are. I was thinking of starting a club, you know: Posers For A Corporate Idea of Cool. Jesse Camp could be our mascot, and we could have meetings at that sushi bar in Toledo. I know that there are people who would love to join, and that's the problem.

I'm a poser, man. The whole point of posing is that you don't know (or you pretend not to know) that people can see through you. And if you all join together and put a name on it, for God's sake - well. That's the end of it. So, no club for me. Besides, I'm a lone wolf, you know? I've got to just do my own thing. Be who I am. Which, unfortunately, is a lot like the way everybody else who's cool is. But that's okay. I'm sure it's unintentional.

So ... yes. I've come out. My nose ring was that final straw on the back of my Camel cigarette case. I can say it now.

I'm such a poser.

Editor's Note: What is the common definition of poser? More than likely it is not Mary Beth, do you agree? Let her know at:

### marym@bgnet.bgsu.edu

Life is full of blatant posers, they just reek of trying too hard. Page 3 proudly presents our poser "Hall of Fame." Oh Nelly, these sucka's are the créme de la créme!

WHAT A BUNCH OF POSERS!















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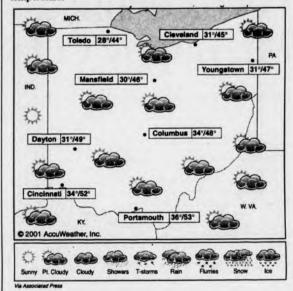
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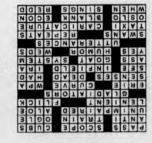
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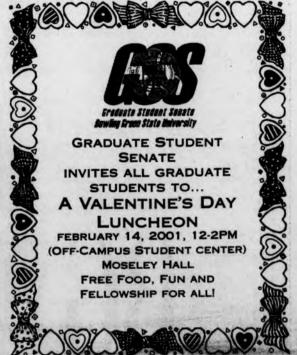
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For eight years people have invested in creatine, a supplement designed to enhance workout performance by giving added strength and endurance, allowing users to experience more energy when exercising, said Patrick Prata, manager of Supplement Warehouse in Provo.

Athletes and weightlifters like Brann may use creatine and similar supplements, but the days of universities providing the product to athletes have disappeared due to controversy.

The NCAA banned colleges from supplying creatine to ath-letes for two reasons, BYU Head

Trainer George Curtis said.
"It is the NCAA position that none of the Division I teams are allowed to use creatine because there is a lack of research on the long-term effects. Also, banning it will help create an even playing field because some schools have more money to provide it than others," he said.

Creatine is not illegal for athletes to use and coaches and trainers are allowed to offer advice on the use of it, Curtis said.

"Creatine itself is not banned. In fact, it can't even be detected because it is naturally found in the body," he said.

Since the NCAA decision went into effect August 2001 BYU has relieved itself of the financial burden of supplying creatine to its 800 athletes, eliminating the \$15,000 to \$16,000 cost a year, Curtis said.

Prata said the reason people take supplements such as creatine is to motivate them.

"It is used as a motivation to help people get back in the gym and to reach goals faster - that's why people take supplements," Prata said.

The positive feedback Prata gets from users is as big as the bulging muscles it can help pro-

"Almost everyone likes creatine. About 95 percent of the peo-ple I talk to give me positive feedback and experience positive results," Prata said.

By using creatine and similar products, people are able to endure longer and harder workouts and can bulk up in size easier. Prata said.

Creatine users usually range in age from 16 to 30. Many of the users are athletes from both high school and college.

"I see a lot of high school and college athletes using creatine. Coaches, some from UVSC, talk to me about creatine for their players," Prata said.

Craig Swenson, director of harmacy for the BYU Student Health Center, said creatine could help with high-intense workouts.

"It possibly helps with high-intense exercise. Football players are some of the people most likely to use products like creatine," Swenson said.

Jared Massey, 21, of Vernal, Unitah County, took creatine as a football player in high school and saw results.

"I used it to get bigger muscles faster, to get more mass. After using it for about two months I gained 10 to 15 pounds," Massey said. "I found it boosted my energy, repaired muscles faster and increased mass.

The purpose of using creatine does not have to be increasing muscle size to intimidate opposing teams as you charge down the football field.

Prata said new creatine products are designed to help in specific sports, not just football.

"Different types of creatine are available to help personalize workouts, whether you want to take it before or after exercising, or if you're running, swimming or doing another kind of sport," he

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### **SOMEBODY** TO LOVE:

Time is ticking away, fellow students. You only have eight months from today to prepare for yet another Hallmark holiday of love: Sweetest Day (repressing ... gag ... reflex ...). Screw that crazy Cupid kid, anyhow.





### STRIKE A POSE There's

nothing to it, I swear. Vaguely still in vogue, this poser-enne is still trying to make us think she's one step ahead - even though she's as old as many of our mothers. Nevertheless, she's still the princess of (pop) power, back at the ranch in her little chaps and cowgirl hat. Rock and rodeo.

### **WORD OF THE DAY** BUGGER

Pronunciation: 'bu-gur Function: noun **Etymology: Middle English** bougre heretic, from Middle French

Date: 1555 1: SODOMITE, small or annoying thing

2:a worthless person, rascal. A small or annoying thing. also: don't "bugger" or she'll hit you!

### SAY WHAT?!?

"I don't see what the big deal is with edible underwear ... after you wear them a few times, they taste like all the other pairs anyways."

TOM ARNOLD **COMIC AND WEIRDO** 

# They call me Supa MB



MARY BETH MURTHA Supa Dupa MB

Okay. It's time that I come out. I just need to admit it.

There is no other explanation. I mean, why else would I pierce my nose? It's time that I come to terms with this new aspect of my ersonality. I'm poser-oriented. I find myself attracted to other people with alternative lifestyles you know, college radio DJs, scenesters, philosophy majors, people who keep giant reptiles as

I can't help it. I was just made

And I'm working on taking that next step — getting a job at record store, maybe, or a coffee shop. I figure, if I'm going to live this life, I should just go all the way. A flaming, obvious poser.

A nose ring is only the beginning. I'm also working on wearing those fake horn-rimmed glasses, the ones with plastic lenses

(though I have 20-20 vision, I won't admit it). Next, I will collect bumper stickers of bands I don't listen to. I will wear pins of causes I don't believe in. And if I can score the cash (perhaps pretending that I sell cool drugs when, really, I have a student job in a departmental office), then I'll buy CDs of post-alternative musicians. And I can hang out at the shady bars in town, trying to pass

as one of the Hipper-Than-Thou. It's a process, you know, of real-ly accepting who I am. Of coming to terms with myself. With being a

I mean, a nose ring is an obvi-ous signal, right? I should have realized it before now, really. Like my mid-90s phase of wearing plaid flannel and steel-toed boots and starting 'zines that never got off the ground. Or like freshman year, when I started wearing Birkenstocks® and tie-dyed concert t-shirts, with my long hair parted in the middle and my subtle suggestion of an underground drug culture. I was just too blind to see what was really going on.

But now? Now I see the truth. Now I can tell myself, "Posing is an acceptable lifestyle. There are

others like me." And it's true, there are. I was thinking of starting a club, you know: Posers For A Corporate Idea of Cool. Jesse Camp could be our mascot, and we could have meetings at that sushi bar in Toledo. I know that there are people who would love to join, and that's the problem.

I'm a poser, man. The whole point of posing is that you don't know (or you pretend not to know) that people can see through you. And if you all join together and put a name on it, for God's sake - well. That's the end of it. So, no club for me. Besides, I'm a lone wolf, you know? I've got to just do my own thing. Be who I am. Which, unfortunately, is a lot like the way everybody else who's cool is. But that's okay. I'm sure it's unintentional.

So ... yes. I've come out. My nose ring was that final straw on the back of my Camel cigarette case. I can say it now.

I'm such a poser.

Editor's Note: What is the common definition of poser? More than likely it is not Mary Beth, do you agree? Let her know at:

marym@bgnet.bgsu.edu

# WHAT A BUNCH OF POSERS! Life is full of blatant posers, they just reek of trying too hard. Page 3 proudly presents our poser "Hall of Fame." Oh Nelly, these sucka's are the créme de la créme!



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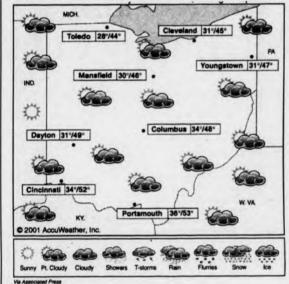
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PROBLEMS?

About to trade in your Doc Martens for the answer to 47 down? Fear not, faithful reader.

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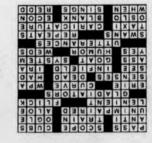
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HONOLULU (AP) — The Navy will use a deep-sea robot to investigate the ocean floor where a Japanese fishing vessel sank after it was struck by a U.S. submarine, a Navy spokeswoman said Monday. The Ehime Maru went down in 1,800 feet of water nine miles from Honolulu after it was hit by the USS Greeneville.

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EDITORIAL

# Napster down, but not quite out

Yesterday's court ruling from the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has stayed the injunction against Napster. Most of us saw it coming, but it's still a little difficult to swallow.

Some say that downloading music is nothing more than the equivalent of a bunch of friends copying each other's music in a giant global room. Napster advocates argued that it shouldn't be illegal to trade with peers and should therefore remain open.

Hollywood cronies were up in arms years ago when VCRs threatened to ruin the motion picture industry. Many thought, "If people can just watch a movie in their homes, why would they pay to see a movie in a theatre?" Well, time has proven that the cheap conveniences of a home video rental has actually helped create a boom in motion picture revenues.

The same has happened for music sales. While critics of Napster have said that music sales would plummet into obscurity, album sales have actually risen since the advent of Napster. The flip side is that college-town record stores (Napster territory) have reported massive drops in sales.

YOU DECIDE

What do you think about the latest injunction against Napster? Let us know at bgnews@listproc.bgsu.edu

On the legal front, the Recording Industry Association of America, Dr. Dre and Metallica (amongst others) contend that "sharing" files is a theft and should be halted. But most users don't see it in these terms. It's just a similar product at a better price.

Musicians, though, sell CDs for a living. That is their 9-5 job. We often look at musicians and forget that if we were in their shoes, we just might agree with them.

get that if we were in their shoes, we just might agree with them. No matter what arguments we put forth for either side, nobody's going to change their mind. Both sides have dug their trenches

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But there seems to be some compromise. Napster has reportedly inked a deal with Bertlesman, a subsidiary of BMG. This merger will most likely ensure the survival of Napster, but in a much different format. Preliminary plans have rumored to be a type of subscription fee

that is charged to individual accounts which will divide revenue between the downloaded artists.

While Napster will probably never be the same, other sites still allow users to share music. Scour.com, imesh.com, and mp3.com all allow users to trade free music files. Even though a ruling has been issued, it is just a matter of time before these new sites must face the same challenges that Napster has. It wouldn't be surprising to see this same debate in the courtroom once

In the fledgling years of the

Internet, we are all navigating through uncharted waters. We might end up looking back on these times and saying things like, "Well, back in my day, we used to be able to get music for free on a website called 'Napster." Only time will tell.

The only fool-proof solution might be a Napster-like website that allows musicians to post their own free music voluntarily for people to share. That way, fans will know who cares about them and who just wants money.

In this format, the battle might end. Then again, even that is doubtful.

**U-WIRE COLUMN** 

### Let us drink a Mr. Happy Cola

AT ISSUE Don't fear the new Happy Fun Erectile Dysfunction Drank.

NEW YORK — Progress is a beautiful, beautiful thing. When technology finally gets things right, though, someone — be it the government, the school or another authority figure — goes and ruins everyone else's good time.

There once was a new beverage in Japan aiming to improve the overall quality of life. It would revolutionize the way we look at the soft drink. Advertisements billed it as "the solution to your night-time problems," and boy, you can't get much more accurate than that.

This new soft drink apparently contained an unusually large dose of a drug named sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra. According to Reuters, the drink contained 64.3 milligrams of the drug, much higher than the average pill strength of 25 or 50 mg in Japan. There is a 100 mg dose available in the United States. As one might imagine, this is pretty potent stuff—its unofficial name should be something along the lines of "Happy Fun Erectile Dysfunction Drink."

Japanese merchants imported about 47,000 bottles of this stuff from China. Of that original shipment, 4,000 bottles remained unpurchased, only because the Japanese government placed a ban on it. I'm sure the last of it would have gone like hotcakes as well, but no — stuffy Japanese government officials put a quick end to sildenafil soda sales, saying that the drink violated drug laws. This situation sounds like one of those great 1960s beach party movies where all the kids are on the beach, twisting to their "rock 'n' roll music," when the square adults come in and turn off the music. That's enough of that! No

more fun for you young people!
And so it goes in Japan. This is truly a shame. According to the same Reuters article, an estimated 9.8 million men suffer from erectile dysfunction in Japan. In addition, the Associated Press released a survey last December stating that Japanese couples had sex least frequently among all the nations surveyed. It sounds to me like Japanese citizens could use this drink.

Hell, it sounds like citizens of every country could use this drink. It doesn't make sense why this drug must be so taboo. Why STEVE LUBER

New York U.

should anyone, or any government, fear it? Erectile dysfunction (ED) is quite a nasty problem. According to the Viagra Web site, approximately half of all men ages 40 to 70 suffer from it. It affects so many people, and yet the only one willing to talk about its benefits are the advertisers paid to do it, including Bob Dole.

If this drink really has the same ability as its pill counterpart, it should be available worldwide. Goodness knows people would buy it, even with the 3000-yen price tag (about \$25.70 in American dollars).

Perhaps the erectile dysfunction drink would need to be made a prescription drug. Its high abuse potential would rank it up there with other risky prescriptions like morphine and marijuana. I can imagine the sildenafil soda being sold by drug dealers on the black market.

No drug has been as hailed, criticized or made fun of nearly as much as Viagra since its introduction a few years back. It has become a subject of debate, a symbol of pop culture, and now that its active ingredient has been made accessible in a Mountain Dew format, people are just as riled up as they were when the craze began.

craze began.

But the sildenafil drug really shouldn't be made a hush-hush affair. It is, all joking aside, a very important part of many men's lives, and it should be made accessible in Japan and anywhere else. Maybe the government is misinformed about the drug. Maybe it hasn't been regulated. Perhaps someday, after conducting adequate research on the drug, the drink that brings new meaning to the words "soda pop" will be back on the shelves in

I would like to make a plea directly to the Japanese government: Don't take away Happy Fun Erectile Dysfunction Drink — it's fortified with carbs and electrolytes to replenish the body, with an extra active ingredient for men who like to work hard and — well, you finish the sentence.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

A court put an injunction against Napster. If you had that power, what would you shut down?



BETH REZNY
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"I would shut down Johnny Wells (my roommate)."



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Men's basketball needs our support

This is about the B!G GAME on Wed. versus Marshall for the Men's Basketball team. The crowd at the last game was good, but our team is on a very important stretch of the season and only a sellout will do! We need to rally around this team as they make a run to the top of the MAC standings.

standings.

We made improvements at the last home game with the number of fans and the new band director was AWESOME! We need to continue to improve as the team has and show our support! I hope to see you all at the game and cheering with the always faithful SIDE-LINE SQUAD! Coach Dakich said in a recent interview that he'd like to see the SIDELINE SQUAD stretch all the way down the side of the court. Let's make that happen. See you all at the game.

Aykbar Muhammed aykbar@hotmail.com

### More student housing hurts everyone

We wish to thank you for the excellent coverage on the Klotz Road housing by Jordan Fouts and also the very fine commentary by Brian Engelman.

The saddest part of all the hearings was that we did not find anyone on the council, except for Mr. Ng, who seemed to feel even a tiny bit of sympathy for the permanent and senior residents who are going to be financially hard hit by the apartments. Several of the residents have already found out that our properties suddenly have dropped in value, having lost the appeal of a quiet and nice residential area. And we have no hope that either the council or the county auditor will do anything to lower our property values, and also our taxes due that lower value.

But the real losers are the students and the future generations who are losing farmland that will be sorely needed in the years ahead. The time will come when they will wish that those few acres and many others had been saved

from the building of apartments that were not at all needed.

Students will be the losers because of the energy and fuel used to construct the apartments. The use of electricity and water and other energy by those few who may rent the apartments at the high projected rental fee is wasted because these apartments are not needed. The students are not needed. The students are the losers because the small animal life that has been able to use the farm fields for food will find them shut out.

If anyone should protest, it is those who will lose the present and the future benefits of land being covered by more buildings.

being covered by more buildings. When we first moved to Bowling Green, it was enjoyable to see rabbits and a few other small types of wildlife around, including ducks, but that will completely disappear. We have even had deer in this area. So, thank the property seller, the council and the builder for robbing you of things that your generation is going to need in the future.

The California shortage of power is nothing compared to what will come in the future for you and your children if we keep using land and taking it away from its needed uses. We who live on Klotz Rd. will lose money, but you will lose much more, as the natural beauty and life that has been here is systematically destroyed.

Thanks again for your coverage, and please keep standing up for what is good and best.

Paul M. Lehenbauer plehen@wcnet.org

### USG has no right to ban freshmen cars

My name is Allyson Sanders and I am currently a freshman at BGSU. Usually I don't have a strong opinion about the decisions made on campus. But, with this new issue on freshmen parking. I was outraged.

ing, I was outraged.

What in the world gives USG the right to forbid freshmen students from having cars on campus? Yes, the parking on campus is a problem, although this problem will not be resolved by removing the freshmen's right to have cars on campus. USG defends its decision with simple topics, such as the safety of students in Lot 6.

Removing the freshmen cars is not going to make Lot 6 any safer. Putting more lights out into Lot 6 and Lot 6 overflow and the shuttle systems will help to make the lot safer. USG brings up the point that most freshmen students go home every weekend, and removing their right to drive home will make the campus and residence halls more of a community. I believe that the only thing that will make the halls more of a community is the students who want their living environment more of a community.

Freshmen want to be able to have their cars has nothing to do with each freshmen staying on campus every weekend. Each student has to want to stay on campus (this is what RAs and hall directors are paid to provide each student. It is true that not many freshman have co-ops or internships, but a number of students do have off-campus jobs. I, myself, have maintained an off-campus job for three years, and there was no way I was leaving a job I enjoyed and where I knew everyone to start over.

Most freshmen use their cars to travel to the store, a job, or just a way to get off campus for the night. No one should be forced to walk everywhere if they prefer to drive, no one should be forced to quit their off-campus job because they don't have transportion and no one should be forced to give up their personal car because USG believes we need the "real college experi-

Students should have the choice on whether or not to bring their car on campus. And even though upperclassmen don't want to believe it or aknowlegde it, freshmen have choices too.

Allyson Sanders Freshman (with a car in Lot 6) power91\_82@yahoo.com

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### Net's music swapper falls

Express, Manic Street Preachers bassist Nicky Wire said, "I think that the idea that Napster is a charity is hideous. They're an American company who are desperately out to conquer the world and sell their shares for as much as they can. They're just as evil as Coca-Cola."

The future of Napster is now uncertain, but according to F. Dennis Hale, who teaches a course on journalism law and ethics, there are some things Napster can do. "They could ask for the whole 9th Circuit Court to hear the case, which is possible," he said. "They could appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.'

What the U.S. Supreme Court would do with the case opens up other possibilities. "Whether or not they hear the case depends on what mood they are in," Hale said. "This is a major federal copyright question."

Hale also points out that so far a total of four judges have ruled against Napster. Since there was no indication of a split decision in the 9th Circuit Court, it could be assumed that it was an unanimous decision. The opinion from the judges was 58 pages long. "It looks like the judges were pretty analytical and thoughtful," Hale said. "They fully explored all the legal issues on both sides. This is so much greater than any other copyright infringement case.

One other possible fallout from yes terday's ruling could be that Napster will have to shut down. As for now, the site can stay in business until the lower courts rewrite the injunction, which was

Court. "It's pretty clear that the end is near for Napster," Hale said. "Unless they can reposition themselves with

licensing. Their future is limited." While the deathwatch for Napster is eginning for some, Hale makes one point. "Technology will continue to create problems for the music industry," he said. "When will people have the soft-ware at home to do the same thing that Napster is doing now?'

The end may be near for Napster, but some students see other possibilities. "I download music from other sites," said

"People will still buy CDs," said

"There will always be free music out there," said Giallorati.

### **IMPACT** to integrate learning

**IMPACT, FROM PAGE 1** 

doesn't know that it will grow much beyond the 50 students that it will start

"You have to ask how can it grow while preserving the feel of a small com-munity?" Barre said that IMPACT should be a successful program on campus.

"It will attract students to Bowling Green that wouldn't normally come, she said. "It's like getting the education of a small liberal arts school at a big

Barre said she would encourage other

students to join the program, as long as they want a quality education.

"If the student was qualified, I definitely would encourage them. If they're interested in learning outside the classroom, living with others who are will

### Flower power to help cancer

**DAFFODILS, FROM PAGE 1** 

also explained that if an individual is not home at the time of the delivery, the name of a pick-up station where he or she can pick up the flowers will be left.

Volunteers are working hard to advertise Daffodil Days. Glomski said, "We've spread the word around campus and at

According to Glomski, each student received a flyer with his or her spring schedule, and students with on-campus jobs will find one located with their end of the month paychecks as well. Other forms of advertisement include table tents in dining halls and a banner locatin front of the Business

Administration Building.
Glomski explained that student volunteers are very important in Daffodil Days. Student organizations such as Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi and Omega Phi Alpha are involved in the

She also stressed the importance of students becoming involved in events such as this. She said, "I think volunteer work is going to become vital for

For students interested in becoming a volunteer for Daffodil Days, contact Linda Glomski or any brother of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. A meeting for volunteers will be held on Wednesday ,Feb. 4, at 5 p.m. in 200 West Hall.



### THE BLOTTER

Campus: Rachel Dielman was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk on Thurstin

Julian Hardy was cited for disobeying a traffic control device.

Franklin Bryan was cited for disobeying a traffic

Donald E. Burton was cited for disobeying a traffic control device.

Clifford P. Bujak was cited for under age consumption of alcohol and possession of parapherna-

Michael Duhr was cited for possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Amy Cernava was cited for disobeying a Do Not Enter sign near Fraternity Row.

An officer picked up a student with an outstanding warrant. The student posted

A student was transported to WCH for a broken ankle.

Michelle A

LeBlanc was cited for speed.

Karen S. Witt was cited for expired reg-

A Pepsi machine was reported knocked over at Butt's.

Ben D. Harrell Jr. was cited for driving under suspension.

Kari Elizabeth Freeman and Janet Clark were involved

Freeman was cited

Marc Libarati and Thomas White were involved in a traffic

accident. White was

Erin M. Spath and McWhorter were involved in a traffic accident. Spath was cited

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Donahue and Jennifer A. Jaggers shoplifting.

Courtney L.

Edward J. Onsel was cited for red

Joei M. Shaffer was cited for failure to yield.

Justin A. Miller was arrested for assault and underage possession of alcohol.

Charles A. Dawson and Madison Gregory IV were cited for possession of marijuana

and paraphernalia.

Sanford Fraley was arrested for providing liquor to a minor and possessing marijuana. He was cited for no license plate and

open container in a motor vehicle.

Mark Mathias was arrested for underage possession of

Kyle Wilson was arrested for open container and under-

age possession of

alcohol and warned for littering.

Zachary J. South was cited for public urination.

**Sherry Johnson** was arrested for underage consump-

Andrea L. lohansen was cited for speed.

Peter G. Burr was cited for underage consumption.

William T. Nagel was cited for disorderly conduct, underage consumption and resisting

Timothy A. Hamen was cited for public urination.

Shane M. Blodgett was cited for open

container.

Nyles A. Bowman was cited for driving under the influence

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### United States 'failed' with Iraq, Hussein says

President Saddam Hussein said Monday that the United States has failed in its confrontation with Iraq because it has not found allies inside the country to overthrow his government. Saddam's remarks came during talks with Vojislav Seselj, head of the Serb Radical Party, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

# anmar hopes to increase tourism

By Denis D. Gray THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YANGON, Myanmar - The tourism industry thinks it can make the magic of Myanmar golden pagodas, ancient cities, sarong-clad people — a more potent lure than the calls for a boycott of this military-ruled

Business people maintain that lackluster marketing, few inter-national air links and bureaucratic hassles rather than political activists have held Myanmar back from becoming one of Asia's top tourist destinations.

They're especially hopeful about a new promotion campaign they have planned.

"The biggest thing is aware-

ness. The country has basically been locked away from the world since World War II," said Duncan T. MacLean, who heads the recently formed Marketing Myanmar Committee.

The industry contends it isn't worried by the boycott campaign started by Aung San Suu Kyi, the pro-democracy leader and Nobel peace laureate who is urging tourists as well as foreign investors to shun her country.

A number of human rights advocacy groups around the world have taken up her call. They argue tourist spending goes into the coffers of a junta that brutally crushed a people's power uprising in 1988, uses forced labor on tourism projects and tramples on basic human rights.

"The tourism industry and visiting tourists are helping sustain one of the most brutal regimes in the world. The cost of a holiday could be someone's life," says the Burma Campaign, which is based in Britain.

Although tourist numbers have leveled off the last three years, arrivals are up some sixfold from a decade ago.

Where once only limited and regimented group tours were available, about 200 travel agencies now offer jungle treks, river cruises, steam locomotive travel and ballooning over ancient temples. Hotels have mushroomed.

MacLean estimates that Myanmar, also known as Burma, saw 150,000-160,000 tourists last year. The government's figure,

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which appears to include businessmen, diplomats and other foreigners, is 200,000.

MacLean, also general manager of the Hotel Equatorial, predicts the country will see an increase in business travelers soon and then a significant rise in tourist visits during the 2001-02 high season.

His committee, which brings together the private and government sectors, plans major promotion campaigns this year, including the first direct push in the United States.

"Each year our marketing gets more effective. It looks like we're going in the right direction," said S.B. Chetry, local operator of the U.S.-based tour agency Journeys.



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By Jamie Tarabay THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DHEISHEH REFUGEE CAMP. West Bank—Palestinian gunmen on Monday threatened to step up violence to wreck Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon's promises of security. Israeli sol-diers killed two Palestinians in what witnesses called unprovoked shootings.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians and Israeli troops fought a pro-tracted gun battle that wounded eight Palestinians and left dozens of others overcome by smoke bombs used by Israeli soldiers.

Shooting incidents over the past two days marked an escalation after a relative lull in recent weeks. Sharon has not yet taken office but his advisers warned that once he was in power, Israel would retaliate more harshly

than it has under his predecessor, Ehud Barak.

Coalition negotiations be-tween Sharon's Likud faction and Barak's Labor Party resumed Monday. The two sides agreed that a joint government would only seek an interim accord with the Palestinians, not a final peace

Likud and Labor are at odds over how specific a coalition agreement should be. Labor wants details, particularly regarding peace negotiations, while Likud wants to make do with a general outline.

In the West Bank, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement said it would escalate attacks on Israelis.

"We will not be the only ones who will suffer," said a Fatah leaflet. "The Sharon era will not

be as stable and secure as the criminal Sharon promises.'

It was not clear whether Fatah had Arafat's blessing. The relationship between the Palestinian leader and the armed wing of his Fatah movement has become increasingly complex in five months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Fatah gunmen generally have not sought permission for attacks, but have responded to occasional Arafat appeals to quiet the situation.

In separate incidents Monday, two Palestinians were killed and two seriously wounded by Israeli

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#### Man fatally shoots his children in Texas

KATY, Texas - A man shot two of his children and his young stepdaughter to death before killing himself Monday in a violent end to a standoff that began hours earlier at their home, police said. A fourth child was wounded in the shootings in Katy, west of Houston.

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# Destiny space lab now glimpses Earth

By Marcia Dunn AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Two spacewalking astronauts hung a window shutter on the sparkling new Destiny science laboratory Monday, providing an unparalleled view of Earth from the international space station.

As soon as Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam Jr. placed the aluminum shutter on Destiny's 20-inch porthole and hooked up a gear box, the space station's residents cranked open the shutter from inside and gazed out the window for the first time.

"It worked!" Curbeam called

The shutter is needed to pro-

tect the window against damage from micrometeorites and had been covered with insulating material before the shutter installation.

The porthole, 6 inches thick and made of four panes, is the finest optical-quality window ever built into a spacecraft. Astronauts and cosmonauts will photograph and observe the Earth through the window, using high-powered cameras and tele-

scopes.

The first picture, naturally, was of the two space shuttle Atlantis spacewalkers. Space station commander, Bill Shepherd, did the honors. He called it "an awesome, awesome

"He's talking Oscar," shuttle pilot Mark Polansky told the spacewalkers, who burst into laughter.

Iones and Curbeam were not supposed to install the frying pan-shaped shutter until the third and final spacewalk of the laboratory-delivery mission, on Wednesday. But they were running so far ahead of schedule that they squeezed in some extra chores before returning indoors.

During Monday's seven-hour outing, the spacewalkers also installed the electronic base for a massive robot arm that will be added to space station Alpha in April, and strung a slide wire

along the length of the 28-foot lab for use by future construction workers. And they wired up a shuttle docking port on the end

of the laboratory.
Astronaut Marsha Ivins, the shuttle robot-arm operator, per-formed the bulk of the work in attaching the docking port to Destiny.

The docking port was removed from the space station on Saturday to make room for the \$1.4 billion laboratory, considered the centerpiece of the orbiting complex and carried up aboard Atlantis. Ivins parked the port in an out-of-the-way place on the space station.

On Monday, during their sec-

ond spacewalk in three days, Jones and Curbeam helped unlatch the docking port and watched as Ivins grabbed it with space shuttle Atlantis' robot arm and moved it to its final location on Destiny.

The astronauts paused just long enough to hear this good news from Mission Control: the NEAR spacecraft had landed on the asteroid Eros and was sending back signals.

"I hope we'll have some astronauts following to the asteroids in just a few years," said Jones, a planetary scientist.

As the spacewalkers toiled outside Destiny, work was going on inside to get it up and running.

Alpha's commander, Shepherd, and his two Russian crewmates confirmed that all the exterior connections were good.

Following the spacewalk, ground controllers planned to send commands to Destiny's computers to activate four gyroscopes that were sent to the space station last fall. The motion-control gyroscopes eventually will be used to orient the entire complex, saving a great deal of fuel, and will enable NASA to take over command of the station from the Russians.

Back at Cape Canaveral, meanwhile, space shuttle Discovery was hauled through fog to its

# Vomen finish their 1st trek across Antarctica



By Doug Glass ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Picking their way across icy crevasses and struggling through deep snow, adventurers Ann Bancroft and Liv Arnesen have become the first women to cross the Antarctic land mass on skis.

Bancroft and Arnesen made history on Sunday when they pulled their sleds onto the Ross ice Shelf, 90 days and 1,800 miles after they set out.

"It was something to step on the shelf," Bancroft said in a satellite phone interview Monday. "I've been trying to do this for 11 years. Now if we can just finish it

Bancroft and Arnesen must now cover nearly 500 miles in time to rendezvous with a pickup vessel by Feb. 22. They hope to use parasails to drag their heavy

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sleds across the Ross Ice Shelf, a mostly flat slab of floating ice bigger than France.

Bancroft, 45, of Scandia, Minn., is the first woman to cross the ice to both the North and South poles. Arnesen, 47, of Oslo, Norway, became the first woman to ski solo to the South Pole in 1994.

Both explorers are former schoolteachers. Workers at the expedition's Minneapolis office said schoolchildren from five continents are following the trip on the Internet and using it to study geography, science, history, physical education and other subjects.

"It's just been the two of us doing this trip, in a physical sense, but we've had so many people pulling for us in so many ways," Bancroft said. "It's really a

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remarkable experience to fulfill your dream and have so many people come with you in a way."

The journey began on Nov. 13. The women have battled injury, broken sleds and ripped sails, altitude fatigue and subzero temperatures. The most ground they covered in a single day was 77

"I think we're feeling 91 days of wear and tear," Bancroft said as the women prepared a dinner of dried cod, potatoes and vegetables. "We're tired and a little thinner than we started."

On Sunday, the women pulled their 240-pound sleds for more than nine hours down the final 12 miles of the Shackleton Glacier, named for the explorer whose disastrous expedition in 1915 inspired Bancroft and Arnesen to become polar adventurers.

They had to use crampons metal spikes attached to their boots - at times instead of skis to make it through ice that ripped holes in Arnesen's sled.

Now they must reach McMurdo Station before their pickup vessel has to leave the Ross Sea or risk being frozen in.

Bancroft and Arnesen made only 13 1/2 miles Monday while pulling their heavy sleds on a windless day. The lack of wind turns up the pressure on the two women.

"We only have nine days to make another 500 miles. There's just no way to do that pulling, Bancroft said.

If Bancroft and Arnesen ski to within 100 miles of the ship, a helicopter on board will try to get

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Sports Columnist

Nobody here has any problem identifying Perry Stadium or Anderson Arena.

And there's no real problem identifying Forrest Creason Golf Course either, as the course boasts Bowling Green's only sig-nificant hill, of which I have placed many a shot over, short of, or off to the left onto Interstate 75

But what about Stellar Field? Do you know who plays there? That would be our Falcon baseball squad, which has quietly boasted the most athletic success overall in the past five years here at BGSU, tallying two MAC championships and two trips to the NCAA Regionals. In college baseball, that's a significant achievement, since only 64 teams in the country qualify for Regional action.

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So, just to the left of hole number 16 at Creason rests cozy little Stellar Field. Admittedly, there's not much to the place. It's about as bland as a typical win-ter day in Northwest Ohio. The players dress in the hockey team's locker room and you won't find a 15-man ground crew carefully manicuring the diamond before and after games. Instead, you'll see the players themselves raking the dirt, laying the tarps down, and turning the sprinklers on.
On a couple of occasions I

have been able to watch a home run ball pass through the trees and trickle dangerously close to the 16th green. Surely, if ever a necessities, Stellar would be a prime example.

The place itself appears only slightly better than some of the best high school fields in the state. It has a rickety press box that shakes endlessly when the infamous wind blows and bleachers that creak with just the slightest movement. Oh yeah, and what do you know, it's another stadium on this campus that has no lights but desperately needs them.

Sure, Bowling Green has never been noted for its baseball prowess. And, yes, it is quite difficult to sit through a nineinning game, or two seveninning games when the temperature is still 40 degrees in early April. But the games are good and the national pastime should be enjoyed regardless of the

Seriously now, what else do you have to do besides sit around and watch the begin ning of the Indians' demise this season? Why not be a bandwagon Falcon fan instead?

How many of you know that quite a few past Falcons baseball layers have recently been drafted by major league teams and are currently roughing it in the minors for a chance to play in the Big Show? The talent is there, if not the publicity or the pres-

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Atlanta Braves top list for eastern league

Atlanta Braves

This week: National League East Teams listed in projected order of fin-

Manager: Bobby Cox Last year: 95-67, first place, lost to Cardinals in Division Series Comings: 1B Rico Brogna, OF Dave Martinez Goings: 1B Andres Galarraga, SS Walt Weiss (retired), OF Reggie Sanders, OF Bobby

The heart and soul of t h e Braves still their pitching, but Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine will both turn 35 this year, and John Smoltz attempt to return successfully after losing the entire 2000 season to elbow surgery. Kevin Millwood was the great hope

of the Braves' pitching future this time last year, but a 10-13 campaign did much to cool off the hype and send stomachs churning in Atlanta. John Rocker, like it or not, blossomed as one of baseball's best young closers last year, with 24 saves and a 2.89 ERA. The offense will still be led by 3B Chipper Jones and OF Andruw Jones, but the loss of Galarraga will hurt run production. The Braves tried to put all their eggs into the Alex Rodriguez free

agency basket to solve their bat problems, but nothing ever mate-rialized. There is a bright spot to that, as reigning NL Rookie of the Year Rafael Furcal will get a well-deserved shot to be the

everyday shortstop.

Outlook: Ninth consecutive division title is likely, but October success is very questionable if Smoltz and Millwood can't re-galvanize the rota-

2. New York Mets Manager: Bobby Valentine Last year: 94-68, wild card, lost to Yankees in World Series

Comings: P Kevin Appier, P Steve Trachsel

Goings: P Mike Hampton, SS Mike Bordick, P Bobby J. Jones

General Manager Steve Phillips came under fire for not significantly improving the team in the off-season. Rumored runs at free agents Alex Rumored runs at free agents Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez never got serious, and trade talks for David Wells fell apart. However, Phillips can't be faulted for his hole-plugging. Appier may not be on par with Hampton, but a rotation fronted by underrated ace Al Leiter with Appier and Rick Reed backing him up is far from undesirable. The Mets will be able to keep their two-closer situation in the bullpen intact by re-signing John Franco as a safety net for sometimes-combustable Armando Benitez. C Mike Piazza and 2B Edgardo Alfonzo will form the core of the offense, but in front of and behind them will be assorted question marks. Robin Ventura looked horribly past his prime at times last year, and Benny Agbayani, while having a really fun name to say, isn't a prototypical corner outfielder with just 15 homeruns in 350 ABs last

Outlook: Mets keep their status quo. Wild-card favorites once again, and the prime threat to break the Braves' stranglehold on NL East titles.

3. Montreal Expos Manager: Felipe Alou Last year: 67-95, fourth place, missed playoffs

Comings: 3B Fernanado Tatis Goings: P Dustin Hermanson, P

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## Track finds winners in Peterson, medley

By Ryan Fowler SPORTS REPORTER

For the men it was the leaping ability of Eric Peterson, for the women it was the endurance of the

distance medley team. Both took home first-place hon-ors at the All-Ohio Championships this past Saturday at the University of Findlay. With most Division I and II track squads in attendance taking first was a difficult feat. Peterson's leap of 22-11 3/4 made coach

Sterling Martin very proud.
"He probably had three of his best jumps of the year," coach Martin said. "So we're very pleased and proud of him."

Tom Kutter had a productive veekend in the distance events. The junior placed second in the 3000-m in 8:37.73 and fifth in the mile with a personal best time of 4:21.31. With basically one good leg Eric Brandle ran two personal bests this weekend in the 400-m and his leg of the 4x400-meter relay team. Brandle has recently been hampered by tendonitis in his Achilles' heel. His determination and effort

helped his team in the end.
"He really stepped it up and raced through the pain in order to

put some points up on the board," coach Sterling said.
Ricco Oglesby ran another fast 60-m in a time of 6.84 good enough for fifth place. Oglesby, however,

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RELAY: The third leg of the Bowling Green Men's Distance Medley sprints ahead.

### Women's tennis bested by Cinci

By Nick Hurm ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Bowling Green women's tennis team was two set wins away from turning its weekend

from a mess to a success. The Falcons lost two matches over the weekend, both by scores of 4-3. The weekend showed signs of hope for the upcoming Mid-American Conference season, with some big wins by some of the Falcon players. More than anything though, inconsistency was the

major theme. BG nearly beat a very good Cincinnati team, which includ-ed Kara Molony, the 22nd best player in the country in singles competition. Her sister Lyndsey Molony was also ranked in the top 30 in the competition for doubles competition. After giving up a good fight to the Bearcats, the Falcons struggled against Michigan State. BC coach Penny Dean believes the Spartans were an opponent the Falcons shouldn't have lost

"I honestly felt we were bet-ter than Michigan State," Dean said. "I was pretty disappointed with the loss. We were inconsistent and didn't have a lot of emotion. It looked like they wanted the match a little more than we did."

Although the end result of the Spartan match was disappointing, the start looked **WOMEN' TENNIS** 

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promising. The Falcons won the double point as junior Devon Bissinger and senior Abby Eratton cleaned up at the first flight with an 8-1 victory. BG lost the second flight, but earned the doubles point with a third flight victory by senior Meghan Rhodes and freshman Gaby Coello.

"It's important to have confidence in your doubles play," Dean said. "Mentally it's easier to play the singles matches after you win the doubles point."

After the doubles win was where the Falcon inconsistency kicked in. BG did not earn the mental advantage that Dean described. Rhodes lost the first flight 6-0, 6-4 to Spartan Natasha Skogerboe. The Falcons ran off the next two singles points with wins by Bratton and senior Erika Wasilewski, but lost the last three flights, resulting in the match defeat.

The bright side for BG may

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### Ohio high school hockey players die in car crash

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) Students met with counselors Monday and beat a muddy path to the wooded crash site in suburban Cleveland where three high school hockey players were killed when their speeding car slammed into trees.

Afternoon rush hour traffic slowed to a crawl as it passed the mangled mass of dead and broken trees where three students from neighboring Cleveland Heights High School were killed early Sunday.

Fellow students parked at a nearby commuter train station crash site. They left flowers, hockey sticks, jerseys and notes. Some just stared in slack-jawed silence at the spot where the car driven by Brendon Benner left

"Brendon, I appreciated your help in math class. You were patient with me - as slow as I am," one girl wrote in a note that went on to wonder if Benner was serious about an offer of a prom date.

Benner was killed in the crash, as was fellow senior Milton Carter Jr., 18, and sophomore Kyle Barden, 16. Another team-Greg sophomore Uguccini, 15, was in critical condition Monday at 'Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

Scott Greggor, 16, a soccer player from Cleveland Heights. was treated and released from Hillcrest Hospital. He went to school Monday and spent most of the day in grief counseling sessions, officials said.

About 90 grief counselors, including psychologists and clergy, offered help to teens and staff members at the 2.200-student school

"A lot of the students were trying to understand how, at 18. your life can be over," said Darcel Williams, an assistant principal at Cleveland Heights.

### **Tennis bested by**

have been the singles play of Rhodes against Cincinnati. After suffering a bad loss to Lyndsey Molony, Rhodes came back Friday to defeat her in straight sets 6-4, 6-1.

"That was a huge win for Meghan," Dean said. "It was a bigger mental win than physical.

that Meghan likes to play. She did a good job mixing in short balls and her slice.

Wasilewski and Molony also picked up big singles victories in the third and fourth flights respectively. The Falcons rally was after they lost the doubles point with Molony and Wasilewski winning the only

played Cincinnati tough," Dean said. "We didn't play as well as we could in the doubles, but I was happy with the overall play."

BG will hit the road once again next weekend at Chicago to battle Illinois at Chicago and

### Braves top eastern league

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Steve Kline

New ownership promised to pump money into the team two years ago, and they have made good to an extent. However, that may not keep the Expos from leaving Montreal just as they are getting good. The Expos may drop a World Series berth in the lap of an unsuspecting new city in several years, baseball's answer to the Colorado Avalanche and Tennessee Titans. OF Vlad Guerrero is a real-deal superstar, hitting .345 with 44 HR last year. 2B Jose Vidro will be a superstar with one more season like last year's .330, 24 HR effort. Tatis is injury prone, but when healthy, he is as good a power-hitting 3B as their is in the game. The Expos are loaded with young pitching talent. Carl Pavano and Javier Vasquez front an upside-laden starting rotation, and Scott Strickland essentially gives the Expos two closers with Ugueth Urbina, which might come in handy for stretch-run trades if the Expos find themselves in the playoff hunt.

Outlook: The Expos are building a head of steam. Above .500 isn't out of the question.

4. Florida Marlins Manager: John Boles Last year: 79-82, third place, missed playoffs

Comings: C Charles Johnson Goings: IF Chris Clapinski

The Marlins' future, unlike the Expos, appears secure in their current hometown. That is good, because this is another young team on the rise. Ryan Dempster, Brad Penny, Jesus Sanchez and the currently-injured A.J. Burnett lead a plethora of young pitchers Boles is trying to piece together into a staff. Antonio Alfonseca, a bit player on the 1997 world champion team, has blossomed into a full-fledged money closer with 45 saves last year. However, the offense doesn't offer as many potential answers to its ques-tions. OF Preston Wilson is a mainstay in the outfield, but had a major league-leading 187 strike-outs last year. OF Mark Kotsay is solid, but not developing into the upper-lineup hitter he was originally projected as. Johnson will be a capable rudder for the young pitching staff. Simply by coming back to the Marlins, he becomes the cleanup hitter by default

Outlook: This won't be 1997 for the Marlins. But it won't be 1998,

5. Philadelphia Phillies Manager: Larry Bowa (first Last year: 65-97, fifth place,

missed playoffs Comings: P Jose Mesa, P Rheal

Cormier Goings: P Mike Jackson, SS Desi Relaford

The Phillies may have committed two of the biggest free agency blunders of the off season, sign-ing Mesa and Cormier to multiyear deals. Mesa has never been fully entrusted with the closer's role since blowing the save in game seven of the 1997 World Series with Cleveland. Cormier left Boston to go to a place where he could start. Cormier is already a failed starter, that's how he got to middle relief. How will his arm react to the suddenly increased workload? Omar Daal fronts the starting rotation. He is better than his 19 losses last year indicate, but the rest of the rotation bears a striking resemblance to Swiss cheese. The offense has two definite keepers in OF Bobby Abreu and 3B Scott Rolen, but a whole lot of open space around them. Much is anticipated of SS Jimmy Rollins, named one of the top 20 rookies to watch by Baseball Weekly.

Outlook: Veterans Stadium is a bad place to collapse. The turf is rock hard, and the fans are merciless hecklers.

Next week: AL East

# eterson gets win for track

TRACK, FROM PAGE 8

was held out of the 200-m dash because of a lingering hamstring injury. After discussing it coach Martin as-well-as sprint coach Tom Wright felt that it would be best not to run him in order to keep him healthy for the conference meets.

As a team BG took third place against eight D-I and II schools. That is acceptable in the mind of coach Martin

"All things considered I

thought we competed very well as a team," coach Martin said.

Women

The women's track team also had a strong performance finishing fifth overall with 12 Division I and II teams participating. Six Falcons placed in both track and field events. Lisa Mariea contributed for the

Falcons by placing second in the 5000 meter in a time of 17:36.58. Briana Killian showed the potential she has in the distance events. The freshman distance runner

placed third in a time of 2:16.05 Christine Thompson finished fourth in the mile in a time of 5:00.51. Then it was time for the distance medley team to show off their talent. The Falcon relay team ran a time of 12:08.71 to place them top among the 12 teams.

As for the field events Stephanie Heldt stayed consis-tent with a second place finish in the high jump with a leap of 5-5 and Lisa Keegan threw herself into third place in the weight throw with a toss of 54-11/4.

# ney play baseball here, too

tige commonly found at Florida State, Miami, or USC

Baseball is a simple game in my mind, one in which a player does not necessarily have to be all that tremendous of an athlete in order to be successful. In other words, even the scrappiest of teams can be successful, and if you enjoy that kind of ball, then Coach Schmitz's boys are

the ones you want to watch this

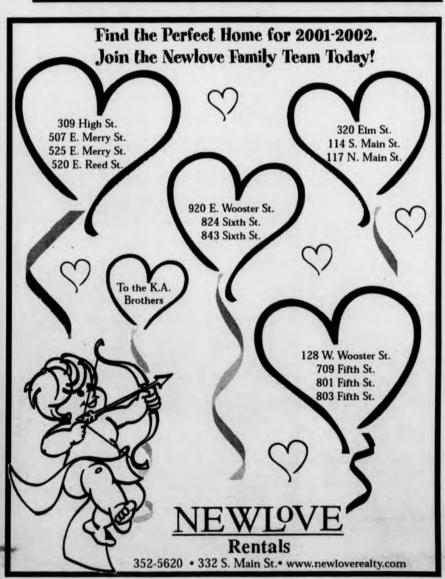
You won't see this squad blast 500 ft. homeruns, nor will you see any of the pitching staff exhaust the craftiness of Greg Maddux, or the pure heat of Randy Johnson. There are no prime-time players on that field, that's for sure. But who is out there are hard working, scrappy ballplayers who endure, more times than not, freezing temperatures, long bus trips, and the

cuts and bruises that come from playing four games in one week-end.

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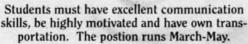
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