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Tax season hits BG

Those who are non-residents of Bowling Green still need to pay taxes to the city

By James Seay
BUSINESS REPORTER

A season is upon us that most people despise, yet others embrace. It is a time of the year when we pay the government its

due, or the Internal Revenue Service pays individuals what they deserve. We call it tax season.

During this period, the IRS either distributes money to individuals, or collects from those who owe taxes to the government.

Austin Sweeny, Tax Commissioner of Wood County, explained the importance of filing income taxes with the government.

"The ultimate consequence of not filing your income tax could be six months of jail time and/or a \$1,000 fine," Sweeny said.

Sweeny said that although students may reside in other states or countries, they are still subject to pay taxes.

"It does not matter where you come from ... if you live or work in Bowling Green, you must file your income taxes with the government," Sweeny said.

Kyndra Bacon, former University student and Detroit Mich., said that it is not fair that students' money goes to fund this city and state.

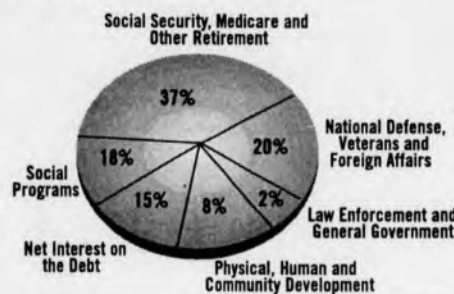
"It is unfair and something needs to be done about it," Bacon said.

Another University students was optimistic about receiving a refund from the IRS.

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WHERE THE MONEY'S GOING

The following chart is a breakdown of where American tax dollars are being spent.



Source: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Heidi Fox BG News

FEATURE

Grill serves plenty of character

By Jordan Fouts
CITY REPORTER

Sometimes, even in Bowling Green, you want to go where everybody knows your name. For many longtime residents, that place is the Corner Grill.

For 24 hours a day, Monday through Saturday, the old Grill entertains a diverse sampling of the city's populace. It caters to everyone, from students to judges to lawyers to construction workers.

The core of the Grill's patronage is a group of regulars who have been coming there since the beginning, more or less. They come in most mornings, and sometimes again during the day, to sit at the far end of the vintage counter. They reminisce over their meals, heckle each other, or armwrestle the waitress. Those with the longest standing are honored by having their coffee mugs hang over the grill.

"It takes a while to get up there," said Paul Gamo, who's been going for more years than he can count. But he remembers the original owner, Max Liatman, a clothing store owner who opened the Grill so his workers could have a place for their lunch breaks.

Jerry Liss, owner of Pisanello's Pizza across the street, comes in often for breakfast and also remembers Liatman.

"Everyone has a Max story," he said. "He was a character. It takes a character to start this place."

Five years shy of being considered a regular, Liss said he loves the atmosphere and banter he finds at the Grill.

"The Grill takes on different characters at different times of day," he said. "It has great food, and the atmosphere adds to it. It's not the healthiest food in the world, but it makes you feel good."

Liss recalled that in the blizzard of 1978, the Grill served as a gathering place for everyone fighting the snow. "Almost everybody is accepted. By and large, people come because they enjoy the others who



Kristalyn Shelveland BG News

GRILL, PAGE 5 **GREASY FOOD:** The Corner Grill, on North Main Street, attracts a number of regulars.

U. of Miss. professor works on male pill

By Shane Scara
U-WIRE

OXFORD, Miss. - University of Mississippi scientists are working to develop a safe contraceptive pill for men.

Mitchell Avery, a University of Mississippi professor of chemistry and medicinal chemistry, and Theresa Johnson, a third-year grad student of Chemistry from Twin Cities, Minn., are attempting to develop a compound capable of killing sperm cells without affecting other parts of the body.

Ideally they will develop a safe alternative to the steroid-based compounds on which most research has focused.

Lactate dehydrogenase, a compound found throughout the body is essential to cell energy production. Johnson is attempting to inhibit only the lactate dehydrogenase in the sperm cells, thus rendering the male temporarily sterile.

Johnson intends to produce a compound that is reversible and can stop sperm without affecting other body tissue and organs.

"If you could somehow stop sperm you would have a contraceptive," Johnson said. "But at the same time you don't want to affect any other tissues including the testes. All signs point to the process being reversible. If it isn't reversible that is unacceptable and we'll have to do further research."

Johnson, who works closest with the project, said she has had some success.

"We've found compounds that are active as inhibitors," Johnson said, "but they are not selective. So, instead of being able to inhibit

BIRTH CONTROL, PAGE 5

Annual art show competitive, varied in works

By Amanda Ambroza
WORLD AND NATION REPORTER

Welcomed by an array of fruits, punch and two guitar players, patrons at the opening reception for the annual Undergraduate Art Show were treated to a feast for the senses from the moment they walked in.

Ceramics, fibers, glass, jewelry, metals, enamels, paintings, photographs and sculptures are just some of the variety of works featured at the show, which will be held in the Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery through March.

The art show consists of works by University students who were enrolled in an art course between summer of 2000 and spring of 2001. Over 800 students submitted pieces to be considered for entry into the show, but only 145 made the final cut.

Pieces to be featured in the

exhibit were chosen by University art faculty and two guest artists from the area, Barbara Miner of the University of Toledo and Georgette Zirbes of the University of Michigan.

Miner was inspired by the work she judged.

"It was a pleasure to spend so much time informally around such honest art," she stated in the exhibit's program. "Above all, the commitment and energy represented in this show made me want to leave the gallery and race to my studio to work."

Over \$15,000 in scholarships and awards were given to students yesterday as reward for their work, and many participating artists were able to sell their work to patrons of the show.

Sophomore Kyle Massey, Alumni Association Purchase Award Winner for his blown glass piece "Self Portrait on Glass

Vessel", was impressed by the number of people who attended the opening reception.

"It's good to see all these people come out and see my work," Massey said.

Other patrons were parents who came to see the results of their children's labor.

"There's such a wide range of art," said Kara Christy of Newark, mother of art student J.C. Christy, recipient of the first place Juror's Award for Sculpture.

"You think of art as just drawing, but then you see the stone and glass and see there's so much more, Kristy said.

The Undergraduate Art Show will continue until March 25. The show will close over Spring Break.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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Enthusied by the idea and eager to help Lachs gain student support and exposure for his proposal, Hedges posted the proposal along with a petition on the Web at <http://collegepetition.com>.

Taxes loom for scholarship earners

By Jennifer Perez
U-WIRE

MISSOULA, Mont. - Last year when University of Montana journalism senior Jason Begay was filing his income taxes, he found he owed \$700 to the IRS for two \$3,500 private scholarships he received.

So this year, when Begay was awarded a \$10,000 Scripps Howard national Top 10 journalism scholarship, he set aside some money to pay his taxes.

"I am scared to do my taxes because of that scholarship," Begay said, recommending that students save some of their award money in case they will owe income taxes on it.

Although Begay's scholarship was a part of his 2000/2001 financial aid package, it still counted in last year's income since he got the scholarship in one check at the beginning of the school year.

Many UM students don't realize they may owe income taxes for partial or full-ride academic or

athletic scholarships they receive, though the law has been in effect for years.

Scholarships, grants and fellowships used by degree candidates to pay required tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment are tax-free, but money used to pay for room, board, travel, research, personal expenses and clerical help is considered taxable income.

"This is an obligation that students must be aware of and need to respond to," said Mick Hanson, UM financial aid director.

The taxable amount differs for specific students, he added.

IRS law allows dependent students an income up to \$4,400 before being subject to taxation, while independent students' income is not taxable unless it exceeds \$7,200.

"This is between the student, the tax preparer and the IRS," Hanson said. "The Financial Aid Office is not involved in the tax-consultation process."

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We all love it, but with the burgeoning population at BG, maybe it's a privilege that should be reserved for upperclassmen. Guest writer Jack D. Eagleeye envisions such a future. Oogie will be fine, but don't tell Marvin. He wants to go to BG, but maybe he'd be better off as a Buckeye.

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So then the bartender says ...

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No Food for Freshmen

By Jack Daniel Eagleeye
GUEST WRITER

Members of the Undergraduate Student Government passed a bill yesterday forbidding freshmen from eating at any dining service on campus starting in fall 2002. Before going into effect, the legislation must be approved by people who will not be freshmen in 2002.

By banning freshmen from eating at BG's dining services, upperclassmen will not have to wait in line for their food as long. It would also significantly decrease vandalism problems that the cafeterias may or may not have.

"By creating a new problem, we are solving an old one, a method UZG has been using lately," according to one UZG member.

The bill's other purpose is to promote exercise and weight loss amongst freshmen by encouraging them to work harder by giving them more challenges to deal with, much like the bill that prevents freshmen from parking on campus.

"A freshman who eats too much will be unhealthy, much like any freshman who needs to leave campus — for whatever reason," one UZG representative said.

In turn, this will make the campus more enjoyable for anyone who is not a freshman. This representative gave his definition of unhealthy as being "anything that I disagree with."

"Right now, we have a briefcase campus," said another UZG representative. "Every Friday there is a mass exodus to the diners, and frankly, it sucks because I don't want to wait in those long lines," she said.

Most freshmen do not really need to eat food on campus, just like most do not need cars on campus, therefore UZG demands that all freshmen step aside for anyone who is not a freshman.

"Hey, I'm not gonna be a freshman next year, so I said 'What the heck?' I'll go for it," one UZG member said.

Another UZG representative said the food bill will allow freshmen to see their parents more

often, since they will be asking them to bring food to their dorms.

When one senator-at-large was asked if he thought it was unfair that the upperclassmen should throw away freshmen rights for the gain of the upperclassmen, he responded with, "We will not only deter freshmen from leaving campus (with the exception of the food bill), we will also deter them from going to Bowling Green in the first place."

A bill to prevent freshmen from attending Bowling Green will soon be proposed to the administration.

Note: That's right, this is a fictitious article based on a recent campus controversy. Geez, nothing gets by your ironclad sense of humor. Good job picking up on the subtlety! If you are one of those humorless people who still doesn't get it, write to Jack Daniel Eagleeye at:

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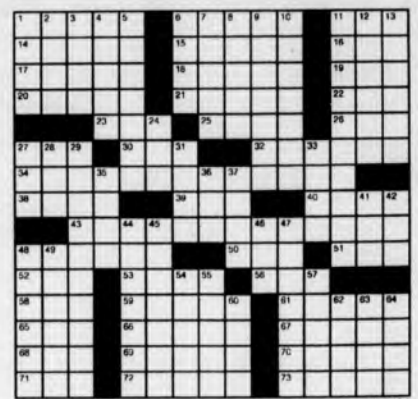
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(that you'd think would piss off a cow, but probably wouldn't)

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- 2) Is your udder supposed to hang down past your knees like that when you get old?
- 3) This is some delicious ground chuck ... no, it's sirloin, but wasn't your calf named Charles?



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You have?!? That's hard-to-believe, considering that the euglena, an autotrophic eukaryote, is microscopic! Our Page 3 euglena, whom we will call Oogie, makes his own food, unlike most BG frosh. At home in the water, he is probably in your toilet. Just look for the whip-like flagellum, and look for him around Page 3 in later issues!



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Enthusied by the idea and eager to help Lachs gain student support and exposure for his proposal, Hedges posted the proposal along with a petition on the Web at <http://collegepetition.com>.

Taxes loom for scholarship earners

By Jennifer Perez
U-WIRE

MISSOULA, Mont. - Last year when University of Montana journalism senior Jason Begay was filing his income taxes, he found he owed \$700 to the IRS for two \$3,500 private scholarships he received.

So this year, when Begay was awarded a \$10,000 Scripps Howard national Top 10 journalism scholarship, he set aside some money to pay his taxes.

"I am scared to do my taxes because of that scholarship," Begay said, recommending that students save some of their award money in case they will owe income taxes on it.

Although Begay's scholarship was a part of his 2000/2001 financial aid package, it still counted in last year's income since he got the scholarship in one check at the beginning of the school year.

Many UM students don't realize they may owe income taxes for partial or full-ride academic or

athletic scholarships they receive, though the law has been in effect for years.

Scholarships, grants and fellowships used by degree candidates to pay required tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment are tax-free, but money used to pay for room, board, travel, research, personal expenses and clerical help is considered taxable income.

"This is an obligation that students must be aware of and need to respond to," said Mick Hanson, UM financial aid director.

The taxable amount differs for specific students, he added.

IRS law allows dependent students an income up to \$4,400 before being subject to taxation, while independent students' income is not taxable unless it exceeds \$7,200.

"This is between the student, the tax preparer and the IRS," Hanson said. "The Financial Aid Office is not involved in the tax-consultation process."

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FOOD:

We all love it, but with the burgeoning population at BG, maybe it's a privilege that should be reserved for upperclassmen. Guest writer Jack D. Eagleeye envisions such a future. Oogie will be fine, but don't tell Marvin. He wants to go to BG, but maybe he'd be better off as a Buckeye.

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So then the bartender says ...

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No Food for Freshmen

By Jack Daniel Eagleeye
GUEST WRITER

Members of the Undergraduate Student Government passed a bill yesterday forbidding freshmen from eating at any dining service on campus starting in fall 2002. Before going into effect, the legislation must be approved by people who will not be freshmen in 2002.

By banning freshmen from eating at BG's dining services, upperclassmen will not have to wait in line for their food as long. It would also significantly decrease vandalism problems that the cafeterias may or may not have.

"By creating a new problem, we are solving an old one, a method UZG has been using lately," according to one UZG member.

The bill's other purpose is to promote exercise and weight loss amongst freshmen by encouraging them to work harder by giving them more challenges to deal with, much like the bill that prevents freshmen from parking on campus.

"A freshman who eats too much will be unhealthy, much like any freshman who needs to leave campus — for whatever reason," one UZG representative said.

In turn, this will make the campus more enjoyable for anyone who is not a freshman. This representative gave his definition of unhealthy as being "anything that I disagree with."

"Right now, we have a briefcase campus," said another UZG representative. "Every Friday there is a mass exodus to the diners, and frankly, it sucks because I don't want to wait in those long lines," she said.

Most freshmen do not really need to eat food on campus, just like most do not need cars on campus, therefore UZG demands that all freshmen step aside for anyone who is not a freshman.

"Hey, I'm not gonna be a freshman next year, so I said 'What the heck?' I'll go for it," one UZG member said.

Another UZG representative said the food bill will allow freshmen to see their parents more

often, since they will be asking them to bring food to their dorms.

When one senator-at-large was asked if he thought it was unfair that the upperclassmen should throw away freshmen rights for the gain of the upperclassmen, he responded with, "We will not only deter freshmen from leaving campus (with the exception of the food bill), we will also deter them from going to Bowling Green in the first place."

A bill to prevent freshmen from attending Bowling Green will soon be proposed to the administration.

Note: That's right, this is a fictitious article based on a recent campus controversy. Geez, nothing gets by your ironclad sense of humor. Good job picking up on the subtlety! If you are one of those humorless people who still doesn't get it, write to Jack Daniel Eagleeye at:

whose_your_daddy_1999@yahoo.com

PAGE 3 PRESENTS ... THINGS YOU COULD SAY ... (that you'd think would piss off a cow, but probably wouldn't)

- 1) Don't worry about your calf, I'm sure he's warm and safe somewhere. Like in a broiler.
- 2) Is your udder supposed to hang down past your knees like that when you get old?
- 3) This is some delicious ground chuck ... no, it's sirloin, but wasn't your calf named Charles?



Starvin' Marvin, BG Frosh? Well, even the "Ethiopian" Marvin would be disappointed with BG if this new bill (yark) goes through. Don't worry, though, Marvin. You may be emaciated, but the nice people at BG care. They'll probably even tell you so at Orientation.

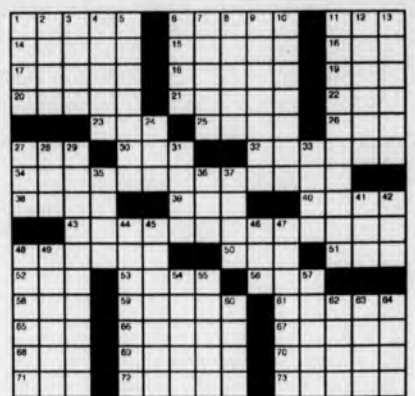
SAY WHAT!?!?

There are some frauds so well conducted that it would be stupidity not to be deceived by them.

CHARLES CALEB COLTON
ENGLISH AUTHOR AND
CLERGYMAN, AND A RASCAL

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Have you seen this in your toilet bowl?

You have?!? That's hard-to-believe, considering that the euglena, an autotrophic eukaryote, is microscopic! Our Page 3 euglena, whom we will call Oogie, makes his own food, unlike most BG frosh. At home in the water, he is probably in your toilet. Just look for the whip-like flagellum, and look for him around Page 3 in later issues!



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EARNHARDT JR. CRASHES IN FIRST LAP

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — In an eerie reminder of his father's fatal accident last weekend, Dale Earnhardt Jr. crashed hard on the first lap of Sunday's rain-delayed Dura Lube 400. The 26-year-old son of the racing great walked away limping from a car that was badly damaged after hitting the wall.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Vanna, can I buy a pardon?

Money talks. Influence, power and favors play a role in politics. It's as old as the ground that many politicians fight over.

The National Enquirer broke the story of Hugh Rodham accepting \$400,000 to successfully lobby the former president to grant two pardons. The brother of former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton then gave the money back when the controversy made national headlines.

Much debate and criticism has surrounded former president

Clinton's decision to pardon a chorus line of criminals, but presidential pardons are nothing new.

What is new, is the question "has a bribe influenced a pardon decision?"

When former president Clinton was impeached he incurred a massive debt that could have possibly forced his hand into illegal activities.

But how can anyone really tell if a pardon has been bought?

Aside from finding a cashed check for \$200,000 with "Clinton pardon payment" scribbled into

YOU DECIDE

What do you think about the a president's right to grant pardons? Let us know at bgnews@listproc.bgsu.edu

the memo line, how can the American public ever really know?

The insane amounts of Washington lobbyists, special interest groups, and financial

backers make it almost impossible to see who is pulling the strings. For a presidential candidate to become a candidate, he must indirectly or directly peddle his services to many particular groups in exchange for financial backing.

Remember when Al Gore preached video game, music, and movie accountability to a rally, only to travel to Hollywood to collect a multi-million dollar donation within the week? This sort of thing happens every day in politics.

The only thing that Clinton did

was push his luck one last time. Perhaps, his biggest mistake.

On a Saturday Night Live sketch following impeachment, comedian Wil Ferrel proclaimed that he was "bulletproof," in his portrayal of Clinton at a news conference.

While this may have been true at the time, the former president may have pushed his luck one time too many.

News organizations can smell a rat, and have been hounding this story since it first broke. While the topic of pardons has

been debated before, this is one of the first times that the validity of the practice has been questioned. A monetary bribe could have occurred.

For the first time in eight years, Clinton backers are siding against the fallen figure. For the first time in a while, people are also beginning to debate if a president's right to pardon should be abolished.

What is clear is that this could be the straw that breaks the camel's back if Clinton accepted money for pardons. Infidelity is one thing, bribery is another.

U-WIRE COLUMN

Internet is only a supplement

AT ISSUE The internet has changed the lives of everyone, but not as much as expected

PEORIA, Ill. - News flash: The Internet hasn't turned out to be as revolutionary an innovation as, say, the wheel.

The wheel deserved its grandeur: It has survived thousands of years without much alteration. It lets you move heavy things, rollerblade and get speeding tickets.

That's much more than cavemen probably envisioned when the first one let a round rock slip from his hand, watched it roll down a hill and exclaimed, "Erghh!" In fact, that one monosyllabic grunt probably could sum up every expectation placed on the wheel.

The Internet, on the other hand, caused giddy shouts of anticipation when it first exploded upon the tech world. Suddenly, all eyes were on the computer geeks, waiting to see what their creation would bring us: A peaceful world united by wires? Business meetings conducted from bedrooms by people in pajamas?

Ivy League graduates suddenly thought it was a good idea to invest millions in the online ventures of 11-year-olds who used to make their bucks mowing lawns and baby-sitting. Why?

The World Wide Web once was heralded as the technological advancement that would change the way people live, communicate, work and sit at their desks staring at small boxes.

Instead, it's turned out to be a huge disappointment, an investment drain and a lousy substitute for walking around.

Just look at the long list of casualties:

Internet companies are failing left and right. To name a few, Amazon.com is floundering despite its wide selection of books and music at low prices, and Voter.com is going under, even in the wake of an exciting election year.

More than 12,000 jobs were cut at U.S. Internet companies in January, reported the New York Times.

And high-tech stocks are plunging faster than Michael Richards' career. TheStreet.com has dropped from \$71 to \$2.72 per share. Salon.com's stock, once priced in dollars, now is measured in cents, dipping from \$14.25 to a mere 75 cents per share.

Even popular news sites, such as CNN and MSNBC, are losing

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millions of dollars, according to The Washington Post.

The Internet supposedly offers the convenience of multiple news outlets at your fingertips, but maybe the novelty of reading half a dozen versions of the exact same headlines that appear on everyone's breakfast table has worn thin.

Where's the diversity that was promised? Online news outlets follow the pack as much as their paper ancestors. The really unique, valuable tidbits are buried in corners around the Web, hidden from the eyes of inept search engines.

The soothsayers were right about one thing, at least: There's a lot of stuff out there. So much that it's like the Super-Walmart of information - except without helpful employees who can tell you that the particular item you want is located in Aisle BZ-124, on the other side of the lawn accessories department.

And I still don't get how Internet sites that don't sell anything are supposed to make much money. Advertising, yes, but who actually looks at the annoying banner ads and pop-up screens?

I suppose the Net has its good points. It's nice to be able to keep in touch with high school friends, and it makes long-distance relationships far easier and less costly.

It's easy to take even the communication aspect too far, though. A scientific study last year that claimed that people who spend too much time online actually are more lonely, more depressed and more subject to eyeball rot than their sun-dwelling counterparts.

A communication medium that increases loneliness? That's like a diet pill that increases your appetite for fudge.

Maybe the Internet was a victim of high expectations. The solution, then, would be to let up on all the pressure and let it be what it will be.

It's time to accept the Internet for what it is - a nice supplement but not a replacement for real life.

After all, a flat surface with dimensions that can be measured in inches only can hold so much usefulness.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are you giving up, if anything, for Lent?



ELIZABETH MAAHS
JUNIOR
APPAREL DESIGN
"Studying."



ERIK BORK
JUNIOR
VCT
"I'm giving up sports cars."



MEGAN HUMPHREY
SENIOR
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
"Gong to my Methods classes."



JESSICA BATT
FRESHMAN
NEURO- SCIENCE
"I'm going to try to give up smoking."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let us use our meal cards off-campus

really cares for the student body I really believe that they should go ahead and allow Domino's to begin accepting the food card.

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The current costs of food on campus is astronomical. Yes, I understand that we need to support a good number of workers to prepare, cook and serve us our food, but there is absolutely no reason that we should not see some outside competition.

As long as I have been here there has been a definite problem with on campus food. It is poor quality, very little variety and it is very expensive.

Take, for example, the cost of a 20oz. bottle of Gatorade. It was \$1.99 at the Sundial. I just purchased eight 20-oz. bottles of Gatorade for \$6.79 at the local Meijer... That comes out to .85 per bottle (a profit of \$1.14/per bottle for the University).

They do not have to cook, prepare (other than stock the shelves to make money on this item). To tell the students that by adding outside competition to the University food services, the Dining Services will lose the ability to support its student workers and scholarships is an outright lie.

I personally believe that the University is afraid of opening its doors to outside competition knowing that there is a severe problem with the quality of food and service in house.

This would be the best thing for the students! If the University

Faith-based charities given a bad rap

In response to Eric Kintner's column "Aid Plan too non-secular," I would say that he's off the mark.

Basically, I would agree that Bush is really making those who receive U.S. aid choiceless in how it is packaged, but the end of his article confused me.

He stated, "I think that the implications of this (the privatization of foreign aid) undermine everything this country was founded on." How is that?

Our country was founded by political refugees who were seeking relief from religious persecution. One of the first tasks they set to was the "saving" of the native peoples.

I am not trying to attack Mr. Kintner or his views, just understand them. I can understand his dislike of President Bush and/or his policies, but I can't understand his attacks on religious organizations and their missions. They are providing a service by providing foreign aid.

When they offer their views to those receiving aid it is merely that, an offer. It is not as if aid is withheld just because someone in an underdeveloped country doesn't wish to accept Christianity or whatever beliefs belong to the aid workers.

I just think that it is unfair to liken missionary work to that of a large corporation trying to set up franchises. The messages are different and so are the ideas and goals.

I think it would be more appropriate if every week Eric Kintner just called his column, "This week's attack on the Bush Administration," because that is all we've seen from him since he began writing for the BG News.

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News travels quickly at Grill

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come here," he said. "Let's face it, the place is just what it is. It's not fancy, and it's tiny."

If not for the distinct 1950s design, the small restaurant at the corner of E. Court and N. Main roads would probably go unnoticed amidst the larger buildings surrounding it.

Signs outside advertise "Biggest & Best Hamburgs in town," and "Breakfast served anytime." A "help wanted" sign hangs tilted in the front door. The most prominent feature, a lighted "Maxwellhouse Coffee" sign above the door, announces some of the featured dishes.

"You don't see many of them anymore," longtime regular Ted Fletcher said of the sign. Fletcher recalled that he first came to the Grill in 1954. He said he comes back for the camaraderie. "Knowing everyone who comes in. The news is quicker than the

newspaper, you find out what's going to happen at the courthouse before it happens," he said.

The group of regulars is also known as the Board, because they interview and approve all prospective workers.

"They were tough on me, way tough," said Christopher Flores, recently hired.

Waitress Theresa Boggs, who started in 1992, gets a T-shirt whenever one of the regulars goes on vacation. Her collection now includes at least 300. "I've never been to any of these places," she said.

In charge of keeping the regulars in line is cook and owner since 1978 Linda Stacy, who does so with a flyswatter. "They have to watch their language," she said. But they don't seem to mind, as they've given her a few novelty flyswatters over the years.

"I love my job, because of the people," Stacy said. "They're really good customers. Super, super people. With 80 percent of the people, when they come in, we know what they want."

She said that while some have passed away, there are always more to take their places.

"You miss the ones who passed away," Garno said. "They get replaced, but it's not quite the same."

He recalled the late Art Schooner, in observance of whose funeral the restaurant closed. "One side had Corner Grill people, and the other side was his family," he said.

When any of the regulars don't come in for a few days, the others start to worry, Garno said. "We want to know where, and how they are. We will go to great lengths to find out. You don't get that kind of concern from other restaurants."

Birth control for men tested

BIRTH CONTROL, FROM PAGE 1

lactate dehydrogenase in the sperm and testes it would do it systemically (throughout your body), which is not acceptable."

The male contraceptive research is Johnson's PhD project for which she has worked six years. The research was going on under Avery before Johnson began her study.

"It is a project that was started a while ago," Johnson said. "I'm not the first person who has worked on this."

Johnson's research involves computer technology. The software most often used is Sybyl by Tripos and Associates.

"To design these compounds we've been using computer-aided drug design," Johnson

said. "We model the lactate dehydrogenase system on the computers. We use that information to design the compounds. Then we synthesize them in the lab, and then we test them."

At the end of this semester, Johnson will graduate. Avery will continue the research with other graduate students or post-doctoral researchers.

Male contraception has been a research topic for over 30 years. With the introduction of the birth control pill for women, the idea was put aside.

The World Health Organization has made it a priority because of concerns about overpopulation in developing countries.

"Male contraception doesn't

have as much chance for commercial success as other products," Johnson said. "It becomes a social issue: will men use a contraceptive agent? I don't have to worry about that though. Mine is the science not the social issue."

Johnson hopes to move to the next step -- tests on animals -- soon. In the next couple weeks, Avery and Johnson will test a group of compounds in test tubes. If the results are good then they can proceed.

"I feel (this research) is important because there is definitely concerns that the world population seems to be increasing at an alarming rate," Johnson said. "And any compound that would help to limit the population growth would be helpful."

Taxes support local gov.

TAXES, FROM PAGE 1

Dab Dalton, freshman, stated that he is ecstatic about receiving the return.

"I already have filed my taxes and I am excited to be getting back a return ... it is like receiving an award for my faithful service to the government," Dalton said.

According to the IRS, the government began to tax back in 1788 when the newly ratified

Constitution allowed the federal government the right to tax citizens.

Ever since then, the money collected has gone to help the government pay its debts, help the elderly and poor, support the military and provide law enforcement.

Although approximately 37 percent of tax money goes to the Social Security program, younger taxpayers will not

receive their contribution until they reach the age of 65.

According to Ohio's Department of Taxation, approximately 30 percent of state tax money goes to the school systems in the state.

This year, people who live or work in Bowling Green pay a flat rate tax fee of 1.92 percent. This money primarily goes to support local government and construction projects within the city.

Utah State U. professor names 20 new species

By Dave Boyle
U-WIRE

LOGAN, Utah - Reptiles or amphibians. Either way, Joe Mendelson is happy. Especially when he gets to name new species of them. "It's a thrill and an honor to name new species," said Mendelson, assistant professor of biology at Utah State University.

"While I mostly work on frogs," he said, "I have named two new species of snakes, one new lizard and two new salamanders."

Last summer Mendelson and

colleagues from the United States and Mexico drove nearly 9,000 miles around Mexico conducting surveys of frogs in rain and cloud forests of southern Mexico.

This research was funded by National Geographic and was intended to check the current status of Mexican populations of frogs.

As for the results, Mendelson said he was disappointed.

"It was depressing to see how many populations have declined and how many species have clearly become extinct," he said.

On this particular trip, however, they did find a new species of salamander and several rare frogs.

Over the years, he has found and named about 20 species of frogs from Latin America, plus a few snakes and lizards.

Mendelson conducts similar research with frogs in Guatemala.

"A primary aspect of these projects is to determine how many species exist in Mexico and Guatemala," he said.

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LIBERATED: Flames erupt from targets during joint live fire exercises by the U.S. and Kuwaiti militaries at Udari, Kuwait, 20 miles from the Iraqi border Sunday Feb. 25. The exercises were held on the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq.

Kuwait celebrates Gulf War victory

By Diana Elias
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KUWAIT — As allied war jets flew overhead, Kuwaitis raised their flag and performed a traditional victory dance Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the Gulf War and freedom from Iraqi occupation.

Security was tight as Gen. War heroes — including former President George Bush and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — watched men in robes perform the arda, the Gulf's traditional dance depicting the "joy of victory," with swords and rifles.

Kuwait, which has held off on such galas for a decade out of respect for its war missing, is celebrating liberation day with

pomp and parades for the first time since the war's end in 1991.

"It's a glorious day," said Salem Abdullah, a 47-year-old civil servant. "But one thing is missing — our POWs."

Kuwait accuses Baghdad of holding some 600 people captive. Iraq insists, however, that it has released all war prisoners.

The Kuwaiti government decided to part with tradition this year because liberation day, Feb. 26, falls one day before the 40th anniversary of the country's independence from Britain in 1961.

On Sunday, soldiers received the Kuwaiti flag from the crown prince, Sheik Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, and hoisted it on a pole at the seaside Flag Square. Balloons and white pigeons went flying

into the air, women ululated and schoolgirls sang.

Bush and retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the international military coalition that fought the war, watched live-fire maneuvers by U.S., British and Kuwaiti forces some 30 miles from the Iraqi border.

"I think we ought to bring some of the (Iraqi) Republican Guards here and let them take a good look," Schwarzkopf said afterward.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, the former general who served as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff during the crisis, arrived in Kuwait later Sunday.

Small oil-rich Kuwait, with a tiny army, still depends on its Gulf War allies — mainly the United

States and Britain — for protection. Kuwait signed 10-year defense agreements with its Western allies after the war, and has renewed the pact with Washington through 2011.

Baghdad has heightened its campaign against Kuwait in recent months with Odai Hussein, the Iraqi president's son, telling Parliament Iraq's map should be altered to include Kuwait.

On Sunday, the pro-government Al-Anba daily published a cartoon of a joyous Kuwaiti sticking his tongue out at a jumpy, sweating Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and saying "Welcome Bush," repeating the former president's name 15 times.

French offer assistance to Iraqi Kurds

By Thierry Boinet
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FREJUS, France — As the French government offers medical benefits and shelter to 908 shipwrecked Iraqi Kurds, the immigrants are being greeted in the streets with free food, clothing and a general outpouring of hospitality.

"It's up to us to help them," said Ginette Garau, a mother of 11 children from the town of Frejus, where the Kurds have been living in a military camp since their rusty freighter washed onto the French Riviera last week.

Garau entered the military camp and walked out with Hulo Kawa, 39, his wife, Hilma, and their three children. She opened her home to the family and treated them to lunch at a fast-food hamburger chain during a tour of the town.

The restaurant's manager welcomed the Kurdish family and their French hostess by halving their bill, while local children led their Kurdish peers to the restaurant's playground and the inflatable castle.

"Are restaurants in France always like this?" asked 9-year-old Kawan Kawa, who ordered a kids' meal that came with a free toy, a miniature Bart Simpson.

Before leaving, her father expressed thanks for the warm welcome.

"I hope one day to give you back everything you've done for us," Hulo Kawa said, speaking through a translator.

As the immigrants apply for political asylum — almost all hope to stay in France or other Western European countries — they face an uncertain future and the daunting task of starting a new life outside the gated military camp.

The transition has been smoothed by the government, which has promised lodging and health care benefits as it examines asylum applications.

And national polls show that the French public, moved by the highly publicized journey of the Kurds, has softened its once less-tolerant attitude toward immigration and asylum.

BG NEWS WORLD BRIEFING

Powell: Lift ban on workers

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Endorsing a Palestinian demand, Secretary of State Colin Powell urged Israel on Sunday to lift an economic "siege" of the West Bank and

Gaza as soon as possible.

The constraints, which include a ban on Palestinian workers going to their jobs in Israel and the withholding of tax revenues, do nothing to improve the security situation, Powell said after a two-hour meeting with Yasser Arafat at his headquarters.

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 CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Parker, 16, and Robert Tulloch, 17, are charged with first-degree murder-accused in the murder of two Dartmouth College professors. Parker is considered a child under state law, but prosecutors are seeking to try him as an adult. Tulloch already is being treated as an adult.

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DEADLY STORMS: Two young girls look through the rubble of what was a trailer home in the Liberty community south of Pontotoc, Miss., Sunday. A tornado killed seven people around the city.

Bad weather cripples parts of Midwest

Weekend winds, snow, hale take lives, homes

By Timothy R. Brown
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTOTOC, Miss. — A tornado killed seven people and destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes around the city as violent storms swept through the region, authorities said Sunday.

Dozens were injured. A 2-year-old boy was killed by a twister in Arkansas. The storms struck the region late Saturday but the full extent of damage in rural northern Mississippi was not known until daylight Sunday. The twister cut a 23-mile path across Pontotoc County, the National Weather Service said. The vast storm system that swept across the eastern half of

the nation also dumped more than 20 inches of snow on northern Minnesota. Blowing snow closed hundreds of miles of highways in Minnesota and South Dakota. Pontotoc County Sheriff Leo Mask said his office confirmed two deaths in addition to five people who were dead on arrival at Pontotoc Hospital, including a 10-year-old boy. Mask said it was unlikely the death toll would

increase. In Arkansas, a 2-year-old boy died Sunday of injuries suffered when a twister destroyed the family's home in Fulton County on Saturday. His parents and a brother also were injured, authorities said. In Pontotoc, Johnny Seale held his wife close as their home was ripped apart around them. They survived but his 36-year-old son, a sister and a nephew were killed

in houses only yards away. "We had been watching the news and they were predicting ... that tornadoes were coming through our area, and my son-in-law called us and told us to be aware that it might be in the Randolph (community) area," Seale said in a telephone interview. "I've seen tornadoes before but I've never had to walk through the destruction like this time,"

witness Tommy Wiggins said. "Houses were leveled, trees splintered and people walking around in a daze trying to find their belongings." Wind damaged 10 to 12 houses in the Benoit area and a few homes in Leflore County. Hail the size of marbles broke windows in the Bolivar County Courthouse, and county officials said wind up to 80 mph destroyed one rural house and ran cars into ditches.

Online arbitration speeds settlements, lowers legal fees

By LEE UEHARA
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREAT NECK, N.Y. — The woman involved in a minor auto accident demands payment for her injuries. But to save the costs of a lawsuit, she agrees to arbitration. Her lawyer makes an initial demand to her insurance company. The company responds — without a word — with a counteroffer. After several more exchanges, the case is settled for about \$3,000.

Typical of traditional arbitration in many respects, this case had some important distinctions: It took just 16 minutes to settle and the parties never saw each other. It also took place online. ClickNsettle.com, the Long Island firm that handled the January case, is among a handful of companies nationwide trying to take the field of arbitration and mediation online. Arbitration has traditionally been seen as a cheaper alterna-

tive to lawsuits because legal costs are lower. But online arbitration, entrepreneurs say, offers greater speed because cases can be settled in as few as 10 minutes, and greater ease because no travel is required. "It's designed for people who say to themselves, 'It's going to cost me X amount of money and take this amount of time — and that doesn't make sense. Why don't we try to resolve it today?'" said Roy Israel, founder and CEO of clickNsettle.com Inc.

The company was founded in 1992 as a traditional arbitration firm, National Arbitration and Mediation Corp. But Israel and William Specht, the company's information technology chief, started to refocus the company three years ago to market its online dispute services. They launched clickNsettle in June 1999. The company has 47 full-time employees, and still draws upon a consulting roster of retired judges to serve as hearing officers for its

in-person services. Stock in the publicly traded company was trading at around 80 cents last week; as with many online-based companies, its price was down considerably, from a 52-week high of more than \$9. The company reports 2000 annual sales of \$4 million and \$5.6 million cash on hand. Israel acknowledged that the company's online division has yet to break even. "If we can introduce this effectively, at some juncture it'll just take on a life of

its own," Israel said. Maneesha Mithal, an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, says she's seen a notable increase in online resolution services in the past 18 months. It's a hot enough topic that seven top companies — AOL Time Warner, AT&T, Dell Computer, IBM, Microsoft, Network Solutions and Visa U.S.A. — are working together to propose industry standards, Mithal said.

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Guest Writer

"Norman's Stormin"

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Ever heard of a Mud Hen?
Deja Vu (enough said).
No S.A.T. score needed.
I hate Toledo. They think they
are some high and mighty
University that is the top of the
Mid-American Conference. Well,
I have other views of them. Let's
compare our two schools and we
shall see who is on top in the end.

Coaches:
This is easy. Coach D is a stud
compared to Stan, who is the
most boring coach ever. Yeah, he
rushed Kent State's coach but he
would wet his pants if Dakich
would head his way. Our coach
shows enthusiasm towards our
team and can get away with
wearing his clothes backwards.

Mascots:
Freddie has creamed every
mascot that has stepped foot in
Anderson. I don't want to men-
tion the fact that the Rocket used
to look like a condom. Plus, the
Rocket brought a posse to beat
the crap out of Freddie at
Seagate, so I need my vengeance
on that rubber.

Cheerleaders:
Well I am a little bias on this
one, but their cheerleaders aren't
half as cute as ours - plus they
can't compete with our skillz
because we took their coach!

Fans:
UT has a mixture of hillbillies
and wannabe high rollers that
have used the same line for five
years: BGSUCKS. It's getting really
old now. Our fans rock - they
throw litter on the court after
horrible, and I mean horrible
calls, nice charge Clay! They are
hardcore b-ball fans who
absolutely loathe the Rockets.

Ballers:
They have Greg Stempin ...
oohhh ... we have Len Matela ...
need I say more.
They have inexperienced

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY



Falcons hold off Akron

Five score in double figures in front of 3,360 Sat.

By Pete Stella
SPORTS EDITOR

If you thought the Bowling Green men's basketball team was going to lay down and die after its 70-64 loss to Kent State last Tuesday, you were dead wrong.

The Falcons rebounded strong and defeated Akron 86-78 Saturday afternoon to improve to 13-11 overall and 9-6 in the Mid-American Conference.

Despite the victory, several BG players felt they didn't play very well throughout the afternoon and need to improve before tonight's game against arch-rival Toledo.

"We didn't play very well ... if we play like this Monday, we will get beat by 20," said BG forward Len Matela, who netted a team high 20 points and nine rebounds.

The Zips had trouble defending Matela in the post due to the injury of starting forward David Falknor, who guarded the Falcon during the Jan. 17 game. Akron was forced to put 7-1 Matt Seibert, a freshman center, on Matela for most of the game but was ineffective and only hit for six points and three rebounds.

"The difference in our teams is what Matela can do ... we don't have that right now," said Akron coach Dan Hipsher. "We threw a pretty good shooting night away (27-of-54 from the field, 12-of-24 from three point, 12-of-12 from the free throw line) with 17 turnovers."

The Brown and Orange struggled throughout the game due to Akron's stingy zone defense, something they don't see very much. But BG coach Dan Dakich credited assistant coach Keith Noftz for coming up with an 'adjustment' to break the press, which helped BG earn the victory.

The Falcons also had trouble

"We didn't play very well ... if we play like this Monday (against Toledo), we will get beat by 20."

LEN MATELA, JUNIOR

defending Akron's three guard offense, which combined for 52 of Akron's 78 total points. Andre Sims led Akron with 25 points and 6-of-9 from three point land.

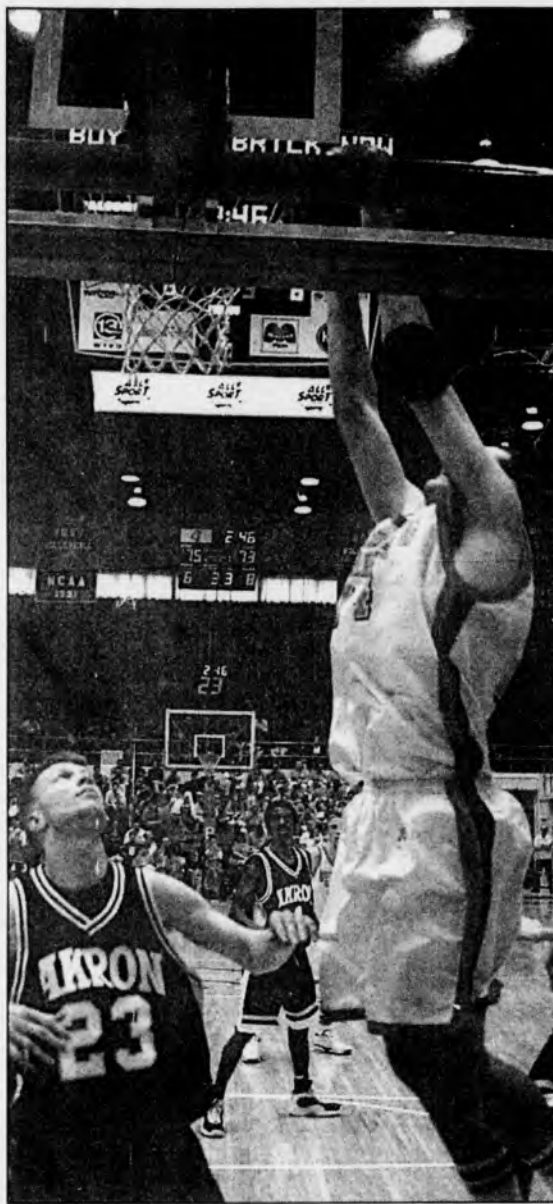
"They (Akron) battled ... but we have to be a lot better on defense," said BG guard Brandon Pardon, who chipped in with 15 points (5-of-6 from the field, 3-of-4 from three point land) and five assists.

BG jumped to an early 6-0 lead, with all the points coming from Keith McLeod hitting a three pointer and three free throws after being fouled while taking a shot. At the 15:34 mark, Pardon drilled a trey to increase the BG lead to 15-8 but the Zips cut the lead down to three, 16-13, on a three from guard Nate Schindewolf, who was held to just nine points on the afternoon.

The Falcons pushed their advantage to as much as 11 at one point but Akron remained strong and by the end of the first half, after a pair of Rashon Brown free throws, BG's lead by nearly one point, 39-38.

Thirteen seconds into the second half, Pardon drained a three pointer but was answered by a Sims three pointer 17 seconds later. At the 19:00 minute mark, Akron tied the game at 44 on a trey from Emmanuel Smith and got their first lead of the afternoon three minutes later on a jumper

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DUNK: BG center Len Matela dunks the ball to put the Falcons up 77-73 Saturday. Akron's Nate Schindewolf (23) looks on in awe.

Rockets invade BG for big game

By Nick Hum
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Bowling Green basketball coach Dan Dakich's 20 minutes are up.

After beating Akron, the third year head coach said he wanted 20 minutes to savor the taste of the hard fought win against Akron. Then it was back to the office to start sweating bullets again.

BG senior guard Trent Jackson said he would celebrate the 86-78 triumph over the Zips until he got back to his room. Then it was time for Jackson to start thinking about Toledo.

Why are the two men savoring the victory about as fast as you can savor the taste of a piece of penny gum? Maybe it's because their biggest arch-rival in the history of the school is heading south.

The Falcons' intense rivalry with Toledo will get a little more intense tonight with an 8 p.m. showdown at Anderson Arena. Both teams are fighting for positioning in the Mid-American Conference Tournament. More importantly, both teams are looking for the No. 3 seed to earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament that starts next week.

The Falcons believe they will have to play better than they did against Akron to beat a solid team like Toledo. BG center Len Matela said if the team had the same performance against Toledo as they did against Akron, they could get blown out. When Dakich was asked about Matela's quote, he said that his center stole his exact quote from the locker room.

"That's exactly what I told Lenry," Dakich said. "Except I dropped two F-bombs in the sentence."

It's a rivalry that doesn't lose its intensity. In 143 meetings, the Rockets edge out BG with a slim 73-70 overall lead. BG has not lost at home to UT since the 1997-98 season.

During the two teams last meeting in January, the Rockets edged out a 76-73 victory in the last seconds of the game. Rocket's forward Greg Stempin and guard Nick Moore combined for 43 points on 12-of-25 shooting. Matela led the Falcons with 23 points.

"We're looking for a good rematch," Jackson said. "It doesn't get any easier at this point. Hopefully, we'll have a good crowd. I feel we have the best fans in the MAC, if not the best fans in the country."

The Playoff picture:

•Bowling Green (9-6 in the MAC) trails Ohio (11-5) by 2.5 games for the final bye position. The Bobcats still have two tough games remaining between MAC leader Central Michigan and Miami. If Ohio wins both games, they eliminate the Falcons from the bye. If the Bobcats split and BG wins out, the Falcons would finish ahead of Ohio by consideration of the tie-breaker (BG beat Ohio 78-68 Feb 7).

•The Falcons trail Ball State, Marshall and Toledo by one game. All three teams have two games left to play. If any of the



SPLIT: BG forward Austin de Luis skates around the net as Western Michigan defender Mike Jarmuth and Falcon forward Curtis Valentine close in. BG split with Western this weekend.

Defense stands up

By Dan Nied
SPORTS REPORTER

So how does it feel to hold the nation's top line to one strength goal and just two power play goals over two games and come away with a mere split?

Disheartening, to say the least.

But that's the situation for the Falcon hockey team after they failed to pick up ground in the dwindling race for the last Central Colleague Hockey Association playoff spot this weekend.

Against No. 12 Western Michigan, Bowling Green played superb defense against the Broncos' top line of Steve Rymsha, Mike Bishai and David Gove. The three had combined for 56 of the Broncos' 119 goals on the season.

To counter the possible goal scoring deluge, Falcon coach Buddy Powers matched the top line with the line of Curtis Valentine, Tyler Knight and Dennis Williams and defenseman Doug Schueller and Kevin

Hockey splits with Western

By Derek McCord
SPORTS REPORTER

When it seemed that the Bowling Green hockey team had the momentum they needed to get into the playoffs, disappointment took the wind out of their sails.

The Falcons opened up the next to last weekend of play for the Central Colleague Hockey Association with a brilliant defensive performance.

The Falcons shut-down the Conference's third best offensive team, Western Michigan, by notching a 4-2 victory Friday.

The Bronco offense stuck early when junior Mike Bishai skated into the Falcon zone, moved the puck from forward to backhand and slid it between BG goaltender Tyler Masters' legs while falling down, scoring 2:34 into the game.

The goal of the game for the Falcons came from the most unlikely man on the team.

FALCON HOCKEY

LAST WEEKEND: Won 4-2 Friday and lost 2-1 Saturday

CCHA PLAYOFF RACE: One point behind Notre Dame for last spot.

THIS WEEKEND: Host Ferris State Friday and Saturday.

With Bishai controlling the puck just inside the blue line, Doug Schueller came up and stole the puck from him and he headed toward WMU goaltender Jeff Reynaert on a breakaway.

With a WMU player speeding forward to catch up to him, Schueller let the puck go and scored his second goal of the season.

"Bishai likes to play with the puck a lot and create space, I just kind of poke checked the puck away from him," Schueller recalled. "I got the puck and tried to get my feet going to get away from some guys."

"I thought some guys were right on my tail so I shot it as quick as I could."

Junior defenseman Marc Barlow squeezed the puck between the post and Reynaert's arm after receiving the pass from Greg Day to score on the power play with 1:59 left in the second period. The Falcon power play struck again 6:44 into the third period as Ryan Murphy found a loose puck in front of the congested Bronco net and slid it in.

The Broncos came back with a power-play goal of their own at the 13:53 mark of the third when Steve Rymsha found the puck after it

Women fall to Buffalo 76-66

By Ryan Fowler
SPORTS REPORTER

It seems as if the seniors of the University of Buffalo women's basketball team like to leave a lasting impression on their fans.

"Senior Day" was good to Mari McClure and Tiffany Bell. McClure and Bell, two senior Bulls, combined for 52 of the team's 76 points en route to a 76-66 victory over the road-plagued Falcons on Saturday.

The multi-faceted McClure scored a game-high 31 points, snagged eight rebounds and dished out seven assists. Bell scored 21 points and equaled

McClure's eight boards.

The first couple minutes of the contest saw each team trade buckets. Then the Bulls showed their horns and went on an 11-0 run to increase the lead to 18-7 six minutes in.

Buffalo (19-7, 10-5 MAC) kept the pressure and hot shooting up, leading by as many as 17 points in the first half. The Falcons went on a late 8-2 run to close the gap within nine, but McClure converted a three-point play to put her team up 11, 41-30, going into halftime. BG's coach Dee Knoblauch was quoted on the Falcons' website,

bgsufalcons.com, after the game.

"We got in that 18-6 hole, and we just couldn't get out," Knoblauch said. "We battled them even after that. We never held our heads, and we kept competing, but we just couldn't get all the way back."

The Falcons, who were led by Fran Miller's 14 points, made several runs in the second half to make it interesting. Early in the second half, BG (10-16 and 6-9 MAC) got within eight at 50-42, but another Buffalo doubled the lead to 16 at 58-42.

After that run, senior Angie Farmer started to catch fire.

During the Falcons' 12-2 run over the next 4:30, Farmer scored seven of her 12 points, including a traditional three-point play to start the run. With 3:32 left in the contest, BG was down six, but they would get no closer.

McClure and Bell finished the game shooting free throws, converting on 11-14. For the game the Bulls shot 40 free throws to the Falcons 16.

BG's 2-12 record on the road is a sore spot that Knoblauch knows has to be fixed.

"We have been two different teams," Knoblauch said. "We have been good at home, and

very bad on the road."

Even with the loss Coach Knoblauch had positive words after the game about her squad.

"I was pleased with our competitiveness; we really battled today," she said.

WOMEN'S B-BALL

SCORE: Falcons fall 76-66 at Buffalo.

RECORD: 10-16 overall, 6-9 in the Mid-American Conference. 2-12 on road.

FRAN MILLER: 14 points.

BG plays well against one of CCHA's top teams

DISHEARTENING, FROM PAGE 9

Bieksa. The five defensive warriors contained Bishai's line, giving up only one goal on a nifty move by Bishai.

"That's the matchup we wanted when Bishai's line was out there," said Powers. "Because we were at home, we had the last line change and we could do things like that."

Saturday, in an attempt to create more scoring chances Western Michigan coach Jim Culhane switched up the lines and replaced Gove with freshman phenom Jeff Campbell.

Campbell has 21 goals on the season himself, so Powers' strategy didn't change. He sent the same five players out there and they shutdown the top line just the same, save for a power play goal by Rymsha.

"Buddy told us Wednesday that we would have to play against this line," Valentine said. "We accepted the challenge. They're the top line in the league and we did a good job of shutting them down."

The only problem is that the Falcons missed a golden opportunity to solidify the last CCHA playoff spot with Saturday's loss. Ironically, while the Falcons were shutting down the Broncos' offensive attack, Western Michigan was doing the same against the Falcons' top line of Greg Day, Scott Hewson and Ryan Murphy.

An unlikely 2-1 score was a tribute to the defensive effort on both sides. But still a source of frustration for the Falcons, who played well enough to get the sweep.

"Everyone made a commitment to team defense," said Louis Mass. "This was a hard loss to swallow, we really needed these points."

That's been the story of the Falcon hockey team all year, it seems that when the defense shows up, the offense goes home, and vice versa.

Saturday, while BG was working to hold one of the nation's top offenses to a mere two goals, they only put up one on the worst defense in the CCHA.

That's disheartening.

Hunter's 33 helps Ohio win

By Rusty Miller
AP SPORTS WRITER

Kent State was playing at home, for a division title and a record third consecutive 20-win season.

Standing in the Golden Flashes' way was Ohio. Actually, make that Brandon Hunter.

Hunter had 33 points and 12 rebounds and scored the first nine points of the second half as the Bobcats beat the Golden Flashes 69-63 Saturday.

"Hunter is hard to handle," Kent State coach Gary Waters said. "He is one tough customer. We had trouble with him because he was overpowering us."

Kent State (19-8, 12-4 Mid-American Conference), could have locked up the MAC East Division championship with a victory and reached 20 victories three years in a row for the first time.

Ohio (16-9, 11-5) trailed 35-34 at the break but took the lead for good when Hunter accounted for all the points in a 9-0 run at the outset of the second half. He hit a layup, two jumpers and a 3-pointer to put the Bobcats ahead 43-35 by the 16:50 mark.

"Brandon Hunter really asserted himself," said Ohio coach Larry Hunter, who is not related

"Hunter is hard to handle. He is one tough customer."

GARY WATERS, KENT STATE COACH

to his star.

The Golden Flashes, who trailed by as many as 13 points, pulled to 66-63 on Trevor Huffman's 3-pointer with 1:05 left.

But Kent State didn't score again. Anthony Jones made a foul shot with 36 seconds left and Hunter hit two with 24 seconds remaining.

Steve Esterkamp added 20 points for Ohio, which shot 57 percent from the field in the second half.

"It's just a basketball game," Waters said. "I told our players that this is the last time we are going to talk about this game."

In other games around the MAC on Saturday, Len Matela scored 20 points — and hit two free throws to touch off a 9-3 run down the stretch — as Bowling Green beat Akron 86-78; Patrick Jackson scored 16 points as Ball State overcame a 10-point half-time deficit to beat Western

Michigan 65-52; Robert Brown scored 22 points to lead Buffalo to a 66-61 overtime victory over Miami (Ohio); and Northern Illinois beat Eastern Michigan 62-58 to guarantee the Eagles will finish last in the West.

Akron (11-14, 8-8) lost to Bowling Green despite shooting 50 percent from the field and behind the 3-point line (12-of-24) and hitting all 12 of its free throws.

The Falcons (13-11, 9-6), however, hit 27-of-32 free throws. They scored seven of their last nine points at the line over the final 1:46.

Matela started the spurt, hitting two foul shots to expand the lead to four. Keith McLeod, who scored 19 points, and Cory Ryan, who finished with 11, each added two free throws before McLeod added a dunk with 20 seconds left to make it 85-75.

Andre Sims, who came off the bench to make 6-of-9 3-pointers and score 25 points for Akron, hit a 3-pointer before Matela closed the scoring with another foul shot.

"I'm happy as heck to win, but we can't too excited," Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich said. "We have an NBA-style schedule the rest of the way."



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BLOCK: Marshall's Latece Williams blocks Kent State's Bryan Bedford early in the month. Kent was beat by Ohio Saturday 69-63.

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Matela leads BG scorers with 24 points

9-6, FROM PAGE 9

from Brown.

The Zips went up by seven but the Falcons rallied to tie the game on two lay-ups from Kevin Netter and a three pointer from Cory Ryan, who hit for 11 points. Akron again regained the lead, went up by five, but BG again came from behind and retook the lead with 8:28 to play on another Ryan three pointer.

The teams continued to fight for the lead but the turning point of the game, according to Dakich, came at the 3:12 mark. Pardon was stuck to his man, Brown, like glue and stripped the ball from him when he attempted to take a shot.

Pardon took a couple of dribbles, then found Trent Jackson, who added 14 points, streaking down the court and hit him in stride. Jackson took the ball to the hole and was fouled by Sims and was able to complete the three-point play.

The Brown and Orange controlled the momentum for the rest of the game and with 20 seconds to play, McLeod had a break away, one-handed slam to put the Falcons up 85-75.

BG plays Toledo tonight, heads to Marshall Wednesday and hosts Miami Saturday.

This is a tough stretch ... its almost an NBA deal," Dakich said.



Jeff Hinderach BG News

FROSH: BG forward Josh Almanson slams home his only two points of the afternoon during the Falcons win over Akron.

Rockets make me ralph all night long

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guards ... we have your pick of Pardon, McLeod, Jackson or Ryan. Who do they want a piece of?

The rockets make me sick, I am ready to give it to them and make them remember why they hate BG so much.

Although the littering was bad I thought it sent a message to Kent that this will not happen again. We'll see you in the tournament!

Football teams:

UT 51 BG 17 ... Al Pacino said it best ... "Forget about it." UT's players are low ... they yelled at the cheerleaders before the game about how bad they would kick our ass ... if your going to talk smack, don't do it to the cheerleaders.

Our team is on the rise with a new sheriff in town laying down the law. I love it!

Well, it seems the Rockets were wrong. BG is on top, but then again we never claimed UT was known for its intelligence. So tonight is the Battle of I-75, so UT will be bringing as many fans as they can fit in their trailer. So you know those two things dangling from your hips? Use them, and get to Anderson Arena tonight!

Icers lose 2-1 Sat.

WMU, FROM PAGE 9

bounced off the boards behind the Falcon net. Rymsha immediately shot the puck with Masters out of position.

"When you score four goals and keep a team to two goals you win a lot of hockey games," said BG coach Buddy Powers. "We got good goaltending, good team defense and balanced scoring."

The offensive effort would not carry over to the next game though as the third highest offense in the league in WMU and the second best power play in BG would only score three goals between them as the Broncos won the defensive effort 2-1.

The Broncos stuck first again when Schueller was sent to the penalty box for an interference penalty. WMU senior Brett Mills found a rebound in front of Masters after a Dave Cousineau shot to score his fifth goal of the season 7:11 into the game.

The Broncos were given another power play soon after the Mills goal when Roger Lenoard was sent off for a cross check. During the power play, Jeff Campbell took a shot that Masters then deflected up into the air.

Not knowing where the puck was, Masters was not able to cover it before Steve Rymsha shot it into the net for a 2-0 Western Michigan lead. The Falcons were able to cut

the Bronco lead to one when Scott Hewson put a Greg Day pass behind Reynaert 3:12 into the second period.

The turning point of the game came in the second period when the Falcons turned to their power play.

The Falcons were given a 5-on-3 for 1:11 when Paul Davies was sent to the box for roughing after his teammate Austin Miller was already there for high sticking.

The BG power play was able to work the puck around the zone and generate quality shots, but Reynaert was able to make every save.

"I think that you have to give Reynaert a lot of credit because the kid made a lot of great saves," Powers said. "That is the role goaltending can play in a game. Reynaert was in a zone and that makes a difference. Masters played a great game also, so don't take anything away from him."

Reynaert, who is ranked 12th in the conference in goaltending, was able to keep the Falcon power play to 0-for-9, while making 24 saves. Reynaert's counterpart, Masters, did not have a bad game himself, making 23 saves.

The Falcons now sit with 17 points in the CCHA standings with one week left to play.

Wickman won't change approach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Bob Wickman is proof that looks can be deceiving — and the Cleveland Indians' closer wouldn't want it any other way. The somewhat pudgy 32-year-old looks more like your next-door neighbor than the typical mound-stomping, wild-eyed, hard thrower found in many bullpens.

"Some people are always going to look at me and say this or that," Wickman said Sunday after a spring training workout. "I'm not here to change a thing. I don't come to camp to learn a new pitch. I come here to refine what I know works, a sinker, a slider, a little change of speeds."

Wickman has 92 saves over the past three years, 356 appearances over the past five and hasn't been on the disabled

list in nine big-league seasons.

Those are good numbers for someone often dismissed as heavy and a junk ball pitcher.

Wickman is listed at 234 pounds — on a 6-foot-1 frame — but said he came to camp, "eight or nine pounds lighter than a year ago."

His fastball usually tops out in the low 90s, atypical for big-league closers.

"None of that bothers me," Wickman said. "The thing I have learned is to be honest with yourself. I am what I am."

What he is, according to pitching coach Dick Pole, "is the kind of guy who can get you two outs with one pitch. Wick's got a lot of courage out there."

Wickman's sinker and slider get him ground balls for double plays. He gave up one homer in 72 2/3 innings last year.

Men still in good shape for playoff run in MAC

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three wins their final two games, BG is automatically eliminated from the bye.

•Ball State is the only school out of the three teams the Falcons don't play this week. The Cardinals will travel to Akron Wednesday, then play Toledo in Muncie. Ball State wins the tie-breaker after beating the Falcons 62-59 at home January 20th.

Marshall battles BG Wednesday, then travels to Buffalo Saturday.

•Miami is a half game behind the Falcons at 9-7 in the MAC. They have two games left with Ohio and BG this week.

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Ahead of schedule

Under the original plans, this was to be the time when infrastructure project personnel would be gearing up for the first building transitions from the old to the new data network.

The conversion was to begin next month and continue in segments (buildings grouped by geography) until September.

The end date for the process is unchanged, but as March approaches, three network "core" locations—Hayes Hall, the Technology Building and WBGU-TV—are already done. The corresponding number of computers that have been switched to the new network is just under 800, among roughly 6,000 in all campuswide.

The next three buildings to make the move have also been set. Williams Hall will be the first site in the southwest corner of campus to cut over to the new network, followed by Shatzel Hall and McFall Center. The work will begin next month, with more specific dates to be announced when they are finalized.

The remainder of the southwest buildings will be next in line for the conversion, which will provide reliable and high-speed access to on-campus resources.

After the southwest buildings are done, the transition will continue in the same order as cable has been installed, with northwest buildings, those surrounding Kreischer Quadrangle and buildings in the central campus area being the following three segments, in that order.

By September, the conversion will catch up with the cable installation, which is now virtually complete in about 35 buildings. Among those scheduled for completion of cabling next are Moore Musical Arts Center, Mileti Alumni Center, Saddleire Student Services Building, the Student Recreation Center and Memorial Hall.



ITS student employee Brad Rellinger (foreground) and Mike Good, a technology support specialist for ITS, switch a computer at WBGU to the new network.

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