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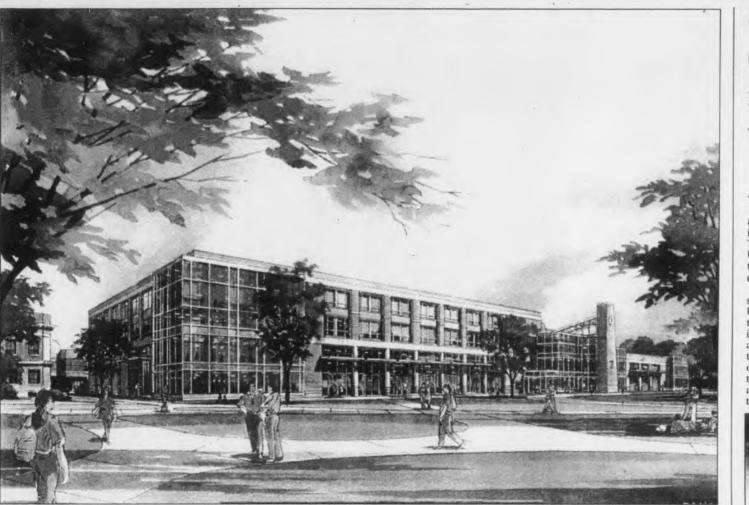
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CELEBRATING DREAMS

The University will dedicate the Bowen-Thompson Student Union this weekend and will introduce the building to alumni and the community

STORY BY JENNIFER BRACKEN

any worlds. Many dreams. One place. The Bowen-Thompson Student Union will have its official grand opening and dedication tomorrow. The festivities will run tomorrow and Sunday. Among tomorrow's festivities are the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and a comedic per-formance by Tim Conway. A community open house will be held Sunday.

Although the Union has been open for several months, the directors decided to wait until the building was com-pletely finished. When the building initially opened, the full food court and a few stores were not completed. For a more effective dedication, directors thought a completed Union would make for a better event.

"We wanted to make sure the building was completely finished and the food court was all open before we dedicated it," said Shannon Loar Tenney, coordinator of donor relations in the office of development.

Many of the donors will be present at this dedication.

"Part of the reason we waited was due to weather," said Gale Swanka, associate director of the Union. "We wanted to have decent weather for those who will

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be traveling to attend." The activities will take place over the whole weekend. Tickets must be purchased to attend Tomorrow's festivities; however, Sunday's activates are open to the public.

"The intention of this weekend is to do something each day for the community," Swanka said. "We will have some thing for student representation, the donors and everyone in the communi-

Tomorrow's activities will kick off with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 6 p.m. in the atrium on the first floor. The speakers consist of Master of Ceremonies Leon Bibb; Ed Whipple, vice president of student affairs; Mayor John Quinn; and President Sidney Ribeau. Also present will be David Bryan, chair of the board of trustees; Larry Miles, chair of BGSU Foundation Board; Jonathan Bragg, former Undergraduate Student Government president; Cheri Copeland-Shull, vice chair of alumni; and Joe Skariah, Graduate Student Senate president.

The remainder of the night will be filled with music, dancers and various

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Comedian Conway returns to campus

By Lisa Bettinger THE BG NEWS

With fond memories and a 'D' average.

Those words are on comedian/actor Tim Conway's wall tile in the Student Union. Tomorrow night, the 1956 University graduate will return to campus as part of the formal dedication of the Union.

According to Gale Swanka, senior associate director for the Union, this is not the first time that Conway has played a role in the Union's progress. He appeared in the closing video that aired when the Union closed in 1999. In that video, he talked about the Falcon's Nest and the memories that he had there. "He has been very supportive of



this proect wanka said. He's very excited, said Shannon Loar Tenney,

coordinator of Donor Relations for the Alumni Association. She also added that Conway incorporated this appearance into his travel schedule.

Conway, who has won sever al Emmy awards for his work, is best known for his role on "The Carol Burnett Show" and for the "Dorf" movie series. He has also appeared in "Speed 2," "Cannonball Run II," "The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again," and "Air Bud: Golden Receiver." Animation fans may know Conway from his work on 'Spongebob Squarepants" and the TV version of Disney's "Hercules."

"It means a great deal to the University to have an Emmywinning alumni come back, said Marcia Latta, associate vice president for development. Latta also added that Conway is appearing on campus for free.

As a student, Conway had a radio comedy show that was broadcast from the Falcon's Nest. "He's coming back to

Spring Fest features basketball, step show

By Karishma Anik THE BG NEWS

Today marks the first day of the sixth annual Spring Fest, which will showcase numerous events open to the entire campus community. Two parties, an African-American Greek Step Show, a barbecue and The Harlem Wizards are the events slated for this weekend.

"Our main goal is to give minority students an event to celebrate their heritage and also promote unity of the entire campus community," said Christine Walker, co-chair of Spring Fest.

The Spring Fest was initially organized to provide African American students with an event to promote unity and celebration of their cultural heritage. The event also works as a way to bring prospective high school minority students to campus.

The African American Greek Step Show is a perfect example

of the way Spring Fest celebrates African American students' history

"The Step Show showcases historical black fraternities and sororities, focusing on the Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Phi and Zeta Phi Beta Houses," Walker said.

The Step Show also encourages all Greek houses to come together to experience African American Greek life.

In addition, there will be a party on Friday and Saturday, as well as a barbecue to which all students are encouraged to attend

"On Friday, we will have a party in the Eppler Gym, and on Saturday, we will have a party in Olscamp 101. We will also have a barbecue on Saturday between the Delta Sigma Theta House and the Zeta Phi Beta House, Walker said.

One of the biggest events of

SPRING FEST EVENTS

PARTY: Tickets cost \$5 before 11 p.m. The event will be in the Eppler Gym tonight.

BARBECUE: Tickets cost \$2. It will be held between the Zeta Phi Beta House and the Delta Sigma Theta House tomorrow.

HARLEM WIZARDS: Tickets cost \$10. It will be held at 7 p.m. in Anderson Arena tomorrow.

STEP SHOW: Tickets cost \$10. It will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Olscamp.

the weekend will be the arrival of The Harlem Wizards tomorrow, a professional entertainment basketball team. The Harlem Wizards showcase talents such as amazing ball handling, slam

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CAR SHOW



Craig Gifford BG News

NO-PRESSURE VIEWING: University students look at cars from local dealerships at a car show outside the Education Building yesterday and Wednesday. The dealerships with cars on display were Ford-Nissan, Lincoln-Mercury Jeep, University Honda and Dick Wilson Pontiac.

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DELTA CHI RECEIVES HARTER

PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED: Delta Chi, which began on cam-pus in 1998, received its charter Saturday, April 20, from International President Bill Williams. The charter means that Delta Chi has a permanent chapter on the University campus. At right, Williams signs the charter.

Union hosts open house

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entertainment. Entertainment includes casino games and sports games. Authors David Fleitz and Dr. Jim Albert will be present at the University Bookstore to discuss their books. Other activities include a student organizations open house, psychic readings, commemorative photos, computer demonstrations and bowling pins painted by art students.

There will also be a feature comedic performance by Tim Conway. Conway is a 1956 University graduate. He is an accomplished star who started his career here as a radio personality on WWBG's "Sunny Side Up." His 40-year career includes five Emmy Awards for excellence in television. Tickets for his performance are sold out.

Bibb, master of ceremonies, is a University graduate and mem-ber of the University Board of Trustees. He is currently a news anchor for WEWS-TV5 in Cleveland. He will be a part of the large presentation held in Lenhart Grand Ballroom. During this presentation, there will be project leaders recognition, donor recognition, student thank yous, collegiate chorale, the unveiling of a portrait of the Thompsons, remarks by Bob and Ellen Thompson, and the alma mater.

On Sunday, the Union will be hosting a community open house. Students, staff, faculty and community members are encouraged to come.

Harlem Wizards to play at Arena

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dunks and other choreographed moves

Students and faculty from the campus community will be playing against The Harlem Wizards. Jon Bragg, last year's USG president, and former Falcon basketball player Keith Mcleod are among those who may be playing against the Wizards.

The tickets for many of the events can be bought at the door. The parties today and Saturday will be \$5 before 11 p.m. The barbecue tomorrow will cost between \$1-2. The Harlem Wizards show tomorrow will take place at Anderson Arena at 7 p.m., and tickets will cost \$10. The Step Show ,which will occur tomorrow in Olscamp at 7 p.m., will cost \$10.

Conway showcase for Union CONWAY, FROM PAGE 1

where it all started," Latta said. Conway's stand-up performance will not be the only highlight on Saturday night. According to Tenney, the blacktie event will also feature recitals showcasing student talent.

Many attending tomorrow's event will be alumni. "I also think it's a really exciting event for alumni to rally around," Latta said. She also said alumni were coming from all over the country, including states like New York, California and Texas.

The event is also another showcase for the new Union, which has been a success, Swanka said. When it came to the number of students using the facility, Swanka said, "We've seen that just go up and up as the semester goes on." Latta said that she would like

to see visiting alumni walk away with a sense of pride in the University. She also hoped that alumni would see that "what was a strong University in their time is even better today."



NEW PITCH: Cleveland Indians Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller,

second from left, points to drawings of a proposed renovation of League Park in Cleveland with Mayor Jane Campbell, left, and architect Paul Volpe.

Feller makes pitch to restore old park

By Thomas J. Sheeran ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CLEVELAND - Hall of Famer Bob Feller was in his zone, looking out over the League Park outfield grass, pitching yarns about Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Hank Greenberg

"It was 415 (feet) to these wooden bleachers here," Feller said yesterday as he compared the remnants of the former home of the Cleveland Indians to historic photos.

He rattled off dimensions around the outfield fence and showed where he walked up the dugout runway to pitch his first major-league game in 1936. Feller, 83, who won 266 games

in an 18-season career interrupt-ed by World War II service, returned to the scene of his earliest successes to endorse the renovation of League Park into a living sports museum.

"I think this is a great idea," he told Mayor Jane Campbell, who was born in 1953, four years before Feller retired.

Campbell, who took office Jan. and impressed Indians fans with a solid ceremonial first pitch at Cleveland's home opener, said was anxious to get Feller

involved in the project. "He makes it real," Campbell said. "He's really excited. That gives people a sense of who we're really talking about."

Campbell said the 18-month, \$25 million project heavy on baseball nostalgia and Hough inner-city neighborhood pride would be financed with private funds, including corporate grants. As envisioned, the League Park

field would be rebuilt to its original configuration, up to 4,000 seats would be installed and the corner building would be renovated into a mini-museum. Youth leagues would use the park.

All that remains of League Park are several youth baseball diamonds, a corner building that housed the ticket office and part of the 90-foot brick "Great Wall" that ran along the first base side of the stadium and has since been shortened to 40 feet.

Cy Young threw the first pitch - a strike - at League Park on May 1, 1891, and Ruth hit his 500th home run over the right field wall in 1929. The boy who returned the home run ball got \$20, an autographed ball and an invitation to Yankee Stadium.





Annan to meet with Iraqi foreign minister UNITED NATIONS (AP) - U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan will meet Iraq's foreign minister in early May for talks expected to focus on the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to the oil-rich Middle East nation, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday. The talks had been set for mid-April but Iraq sought a delay, saying it didn't want to distract attention from the crisis in the Middle East.

Russian rocket lifts second space tourist

By Mara D. Bellaby ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan - The world's second space tourist soared into orbit yesterday on a Russian rocket, overcoming lastminute jitters as he embarked on \$20 million ride to the International Space Station. Mark Shuttleworth's native

South Africa watched the blastoff live and cheered the first African to reach the cosmos. His family collapsed in an embrace of exuberant tears on the Central Asian launchpad where the Soviet Union inaugurated the space race.

In a blast of heat and orange fire, the Soyuz TM-34 rocket took off from Kazakhstan's Baikonur launchpad, carrying 28-year-old Shuttleworth, a Internet magnate, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gidzenko and Italian Air Force pilot Roberto Vittori on a 10-day mission.

Rousing applause rose from the launchpad and mission control outside Moscow when officials announced the rocket had reached orbit about eight minutes later. The 161-foot Soyuz is expected to dock with the international station on Saturday morning

"Everything was fine. The crew is feeling fine," Vladimir Solovyov, chief of flights to the Russian segment of the international station. told reporters at mission control.



UP UP AND AWAY: South African internet tycoon Mark Shuttleworth, the world's second space tourist, waves before he blasts off in a Russian Soyuz rocket from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan yesterday. Shuttleworth is paying the Russian

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TRAIL BLAZER: Antonia Perez poses in front of the San Felipe Ecatepec Church in Chiapas, Mexico last Thursday. Perez is a rarity, one of the first-ever woman "municipal agents" in Chiapas. The 27year-old Tzotzil Indian heads San Felipe's unofficial local council.

Community defies tradition

Mexican Indian community picks a woman to head its government

By Will Weissert THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FELIPE ECATEPEC, Mexico — They start gathering at dawn. Men in sweat-stained cowboy hats and mud-caked boots stand next to women in Indian skirts and smocks hand-woven in subtle mixes of blue, red, green and yellow

Most arrive with sharp if rustdotted machetes hooked to their belts. But Antonia Perez faces the daily crowd armed only with a

spiral notebook and a navy-blue backpack crammed with folders and complaint forms.

Perez is a rarity — one of the first-ever female "municipal agents" in Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state. The 27year-old Tzotzil Indian heads San Felipe's unofficial local council, which is sympathetic to the Zapatista rebels and operates independently of the legal authorities in this country's governmental system.

Her job description includes the duties of a justice of the peace, marriage counselor, notary public and sheriff.

"I watch over the community. I am vigilant in a way that those from the outside cannot understand," she said

A single mother who makes no salary, she relies on donations from neighbors to feed and clothe herself and her 9-year-old son. "In our traditions, that is not a position where one usually finds a woman," she said.

Her office is a former servant's bathroom inside a tumbledown mansion that once belonged to a state governor but now serves as the headquarters of the pro-Zapatista council in San Felipe.

Elected in February by the council, Perez arrives for work at 6 a.m. every day. She holds a second round of office hours in the afternoon, setting up shop in a sagging gazebo in a trash-strewn park across the street.



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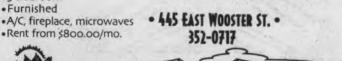
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"I don't think we should change public policy every time someone is upset."

> Enoch, Utah Mayor Patrick Franks, on the city's use of a Dodge pickup's exhaust fumes to euthanize stray animals

Jury should choose in death case

A sof August 2000, the Arkansas Department of Corrections reported 40 men on Death Row who are awaiting their fate at the Maximum Security Unit at Tucker. They all were sentenced to death by a jury of their peers — not a judge.

The death penalty can seem to be a simple decision, but any conclusion that ends with the death of a human is complicated. The death penalty is justified, a necessary facet of the judicial system. But the method of concluding capital punishment is in question. Who decides it is justifiable to flip the switch, inject the venom, snuff out a life was addressed Monday by the Supreme Court. The court will make a decision by summer in the case of Timothy Stuart Ring, convicted eight years ago of killing an armored car driver during a robbery, that could affect the death sentence in nine states. The case hinges on Ring's constitutional right to a jury trial. In Arizona and in eight other states, the jury only decides guilt and innocence. The death sentence is left to only one person — the judge. A jury trial should mean the jury makes the decision concerning the death penalty.

"The basic constitutional prin-

ciple ... that before you're handed over to the state, for the state to impose whatever punishment it can, that a jury of your peers is afforded to you," Ring's lawyer said.

OPINION

Capital punishment is practiced in 38 states. Nine states allow a judge to determine the death penalty, two states use panel of judges for sentencing and juries make a recommendation in four states. In Arkansas, convicts are fortunate enough to be sentenced to their fate by a jury of peers and not a single judge or panel of judges.

According to an article by The Associated Press, "The issue in Ring's case is whether a judge alone can determine the aggravating factor, such as the heinous nature of a murder or whether it was committed for monetary gain necessary in some states for a death sentence." Clearly, a judge is capable of making such determinations but should not. The right to a jury trial should not be terminated with conviction.

A defendant's constitutional right to a trial by a jury should and must include capital punishment. While judges are given tremendous responsibility, there is no justification for denying defendants judgment by their peers.

War on drugs wastes money

JONATHAN JONES

Texas A&M University U-Wire Column

The United States has conducted an expensive and largely futile war against illegal drugs for decades. Yet, these substances, despite a massive effort to combat them on the streets and along the borders, still are readily available. There is simply too much demand in this lucrative market. Some drugs, such as cocaine and heroin, are probably too dangerous for the government to indirectly endorse through legalization. However, a smoke of hypocrisy surrounds the continued criminalization of marijuana. It should be legalized and regulated just like another harmful substance to society and the individual: alcohol.

The U.S. government again would have to prohibit alcohol to maintain any shred of consistency. This realization finally is getting to the mainstream of America's politicians. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg now prominently is featured in an ad by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws because of a quote he said last summer as a candidate. Asked if he had ever smoked pot, Bloomberg replied, "You bet I did. And I liked it." In his city alone, more than 52,000 people were arrested for possession last year, up from 720 people 10 years ago. Nationwide, 735,000 people were arrested for breaking marijuana laws in 2000. That is a lot of arrests for nonviolent offenders who pose little or no harm to others.

Prison overcrowding is a problem in America. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics, 40 states were under court order to end overcrowding in 1994. Two years later, the federal prison system was operating at 25 percent over capacity, while state prisons were running at 16 to 24 percent over capacity. Overcrowding strains budgets, which negatively impacts job training, education and drug treatment. The result, unfortu-nately, is high recidivism. The Bureau of Justice calculated that 37,500 federal, state and local inmates were imprisoned for cannabis violations in 1998, a majority for possession alone. At an average cost of \$20,000 a year, the government spent \$750 million to incarcerate these offenders. The effort to stop individuals from using a product hardly any more harmful than alcohol costs taxpayers billions annually.

An individual inclined to escape reality through substance abuse will find a way to do so. Alcohol addiction, all too common in the United States and elsewhere, is particularly dangerous because it often leads to aggressive behavior where individuals ignore their altered states and attempt to perform tasks as if sober. Generally, this is simply not the case with marijuana. It is a shame that ignorance or fear of political consequences hinder a national debate about the merits of regulating marijuana. A 1999 Gallup Poll found that 73 percent of Americans favored legalization for medicinal purposes. The Marijuana Policy Project estimates that the war on marijuana costs taxpayers \$9.2 billion annually. Even the government can find better ways to spend that money.

that money. The policy of policing adults at leisure if they who are not driving or operating heavy machinery is as barren of results as it is rich in irony. The same government that permits Americans to soften the edges of modern life through alcohol, cigarettes and a variety of prescription drugs, most of which are more harmful and addictive than marijuana, should end this double standard. At the same time, legality should not imply approval. The use of drugs usually leads to serious negative consequences. But as long as humans continue to be imperfect creatures, there will be drugs. A little time and money saving consistency, however, is a good start to honestly addressing the massive failure of America's war on drugs.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET How stupid are People on the Street questions?



MIKE HUNSUCKER JUNIOR

"I only look at it to see if the girls are hot."



SHANNON LEE JUNIOR "Quit looking at me, Mike."



HEATHER LANG SOPHOMORE "I think this is the stupidest question

The real world is pure fantasy

JOSEPH KANE

Guest Column

Now, Chris Kelbley wrote what I considered to be a substandard column in Wednesday's edition of The BG News. It was just poorly written, lacking any evidence of well-structured thought. While he sufficiently brought across his views on pro-activism in an column titled, "Going back to the real world," he couldn't give a good example of what the 'real world" is. So I felt it my duty to explain to all of you readers, left scratching your heads by Kelbley's article, exactly what he is talking about

Well for one, the real world is a really nice place: Every house comes with green grass and a basketball hoop in the front yard. There's no such thing as a single parent household in the real world either because divorce and sex without a condom aren't things that happen there. Neither does rape — forget about it. The real world is a place with three car garages, hands-free cell phones and "sweet sixteen" birthday parties. Nobody does drugs in the real world and nobody drinks (except for the occasional bubbly on New Year's), and nobody even smokes cigarettes. Most importantly, in the real

Most importantly, in the real world, no one gets underhanded, because minorities, homosexuals, papists and liberal wormen don't exist in the real world. They're just figments of our imagination created by television, I guess.

Every morning a family in the real world eats breakfast together. As they eat the meal

that Mom slaved over while

about school, work and the

Dad was in the office, they talk

tious. I've been terribly satirical in the above paragraphs, but in reading "Going back to the real world," I don't doubt that Mr. Kelbley lives in a similar world . Now, this place, this lifestyle that Kelbley is indigenous to, is without a doubt very real to him. Kelbley's real world is very much a place where you don't have to listen to people complain about "... why they think life is unfair." But to be honest with Chris, I think that he has a very shallow understanding about why the majority of this world is pissed off for one reason or another.

Just to prove my point, Chris, people don't have to think life's unfair; life is unfair, it's a general truism that maybe life in the "real world" excludes. I totally concede to his main argument, though; I, too, get very fed up with all the bleeding-heart liberals crying around this campus, but the difference between Kelbley and me is that I respect them. While they bother me, I tolerate them and feel that this would be a tragic world if one was not allowed to; assemble and march for aspirations which he/she perceives to be noble. I like to think that the environment that I was raised in instilled some sense of empathy in me that allows me to recognize the general plight of man. I know that these people with chants and signs are not upset over trivial matters and should never be dismissed on the basis that they annoy me. That would just be inhuman.

If Chris wants to shrug them off, chants and signs and all, and tell himself that they're diluted or that "nobody cares." I'm going to be the first person to tell him that he's a liar. The history of man can be accumu lated to one foot stepping on another and so on, all the while inventing new chants and new reasons for demonstration. It is to be just plain blind to think that they have no reason to be taken seriously. Lastly, Chris Kelbley, as I said, I'm sure that your "real world" is very much a reality to you, but I have to tell you that a place where you don't have to listen to people complain, where there is no strife, no desperation is a fantasy world to me. I find it infinitely sad that one who writes a column for a daily newspaper has such little respect for public expression.

Freedom just another word

AYANNA HUMPHREY

Guest Column

First of all, let me say that this opinion column does not mean that I am in any way sympathetic

bit of a crock of bull it is. The preamble to the Constitution guarantees us "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This is the same country that, before this constitution was even written, was enslaving people left and right and, after it was written, wrote up an amendment stating black people were only 3/5 of a person (these two things must be the "liberty" part). This is also the same country that would not even allow women to vote until less than 100 years ago. Further, this is the same country whose government is trying to pass laws that tell women whether and when they can have babies (the abortion thing - this must also be the "liberty" part). Lastly, this is the same country that tells gays, lesbians and transsexuals, etc., that they cannot be legally married (this must be the "liberty and pursuit of happiness" part). It seems to me, considering all of this, that the only way

everyone - particularly nonwhite-Christian-straight people - are allowed the "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" bit is if it does not upset the masses. In other words, these people are only free if the majority agrees with it. This freedom ideology we ng a crock of bulls---. Freedom isn't supposed to depend on a vote of who gets it and who doesn't. If our government is going to sit there and preach and shout to the world on CNN and MSNBC about "Operation Enduring Freedom" and "protecting our freedom" and the whole kit-'nkaboodle, maybe they should start dispensing that so-called freedom to everyone in this country who, by law, is supposed to get it. If the government can't do that, maybe they need to destroy our current constitution and write up one they can actually adhere to without looking like hypocrites.

the terrorists or anything they do. Personally, I think Bin Laden and all his people and sympa-thizers need to be drug out into the street and shot. Having said that, I am about to become militant: I need to make some comments on some observations I have had since that horrible day seven months ago. Since the WTC came down and the Pentagon was partially destroyed, I have constantly heard the term "freedom" being pressed. The entire war on terrorism and Bin Laden and his followers/harborers has been for the purpose of protecting our beautiful American freedom. In thinking about this so-called



SOPHOMORE "I couldn't care less." American way. Dad has some upper management level position at the local prestigious place of employment; Mom packs "I love you" notes in his lunches. Every night, before bed, Mom and Dad pray together; they thank God for their children, for their wonderful sex life and for allowing them to live in the real world. But, you know, the real world has another name: upper-middle class, white suburbia. Now, I know that I have been face-

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COLLAPSE: Injured men sit on a curb as they get medical attention after an explosion in New York yesterday. More than three dozen people were injured when part of a building collapsed following a possible explosion in the Chelsea section of Manhattan.

New York building explodes

Dozens injured after a possible explosion caused a New York building to collapse.

By Larry McShane ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK — An explosion rocked a 10-story commercial building yesterday, spraying glass and rubble across a quiet block and injuring up to 50 people, authorities said.

"It was a giant boom — a real giant boom," said neighborhood resident Bill Beek, who lives a half-block away. "It sounded like an airplane crashing." Several victims, at least three in serious condition, were taken to four Manhattan hospitals for treatment. One hospital, St. Vincent's, said it was treating eight patients, six of whom were critically injured. Other victims, bloody and bandaged, sat on curbs waiting for transportation.

A preliminary injury total stood at 50, said police spokesman Michael O'Looney. A tally of hospitals showed at least 20 people were taken to four of them; other people were treated at the scene.

Plumbers were working on the boiler in the commercial building at 121 W. 19th St. at the time of the 11:30 a.m. blast, but it was unclear if that was the cause of the explosion.

Windows along the block were blown out by the force of the blast, and several of the injured were hit by flying glass. The facade of the building was blown off; it was unclear how much of the building's interior had collapsed.

Scott Bonilla, a student at the nearby Apex Technical School, said he was inside the building when it began shaking.

"They told us to rush out of the building," he said. "There was like an explosion ... and I ran outof there."

Law enforcement officials said did not appear to be an act of terrorism.

"It was just a really loud noise,"

said Stuart Markowitz, who runs the technical school's education department. "Some of our windows did get blown out."

All students were safely evacuated, he said. Initial reports that the explosion took place inside the school itself were not true, he said.

Sid Dinsay, a spokesman for the city Office of Emergency Management, said the building housed commercial tenants including a sign company.

Power was cut off to two buildings on the block at the request of the Fire Department, and officials asked for voluntary evacua-

tion of the rest of the street. More than 100 firefighters

were called to the scene

City dwellers turn to car sharing

By Karen Gaudette THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Kyle Minor doesn't usually need a car in his bustling neighborhood, where it's a cinch to find a bus, cab or train. But mass transit doesn't always cut it for those grocery runs and weekend road trips to Napa Valley.

So Minor signed up for a carsharing service, joining thousands of Americans who need a set of wheels from time to time but are leery about shelling out money for car payments, fuel and insurance.

"I think it's fantastic," said Minor, who works in the city's opera box office and has gone carless for four years. "We've been extremely happy and we've used the cars to go all over

the place."

Car sharing services operate in several cities, including New York, San Francisco, Washington, Boston, Seattle, Chicago and Boulder, Colo. The concept has grown in popularity, prompting car sharing groups to add more vehicles and expand into new cities. They've gotten help from federal transportation grants, seed money from eager communities and city-subsidized parking spots.

Members of City Carshare in San Francisco pay \$30 to join and put down a \$300 deposit in case of damage to the car. When they need to take a drive, they spend \$3.50 per hour—no more than \$35 per day—plus 37 cents per mile. The cost of gas is included.



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SHARE A RIDE: Barbara King loads a saddle in the back of her shared car Thursday, April 11, in San Francisco. King a registered nurse visiting from London decided sharing a car would be a practical solution to her transportation problems.





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EMERGING FRO THE PACK

Meyer looks for new leaders to step forward



By Nick Hurm

the Urban Meyer premier is over. The 8-3 turnaround is old news. Even four senior members of Bowling Green starting defense are far away at NFL camps. Where does this leave the Falcons just a day before their annual spring game?

The first concern for the Falcons is staying at a champi-onship-caliber level. While the Falcons did go 8-3, there were no trophies or bowl bids to show for it

We had a good season last

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Meyer said. "We don't /ear," have anything to show for it, though, which separated us from having a great season."

What could separate another good from a great season will depend on who is willing to step up and lead the team. At this point, Meyer said he does not have enough players on the team doing this. The Falcons are filled with talent, and Meyer said that many of the vacant positions left by the seniors are being filled with players like Mitch Hewitt and lineback in place of Khary Campbell and Charles Sharon at wide receiver

in place of David Bautista, But the month and a half of practice outside this spring has yet to show the emergence of leaders that became prevalent last year in seniors like Brandon Hicks, Ryan Wingrove and Campbell.

This is not a senior team like it was last season," Meyer said. "We will have to lean on some younger guys. I've seen some very good teams that have been lead by juniors, sophomores and freshman."

Part of the senior experience is on the bench nursing injuries at the moment. Offensive linemen Jon Mazur and Dennis

Wendle are both nursing knee injuries at the moment. Meyer said that while he is seeing the effort needed from some seniors like wide receiver Robert Redd and running back Joe Alls, he would like to see his seniors step up more and lead the team.

"Do we have good kids? Yes," Meyer said. "But is the same hunger there as last year? No. Are they satisfied? No."

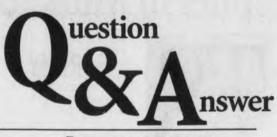
While Meyer shared a large portion of news about team improvement, he was satisfied with some individual performances, including the emer-gence of Hewitt and cornerback Janssen Patton.

"Janssen Patton is just an allaround great player," Meyer said. "He is one of the best players in the MAC. He shows up everyday and outworks others.

The Spring Game will give the opportunity for players like Redd and Alls to demonstrate this to their team and the fans in attendance. While most collegiate football spring games face the first team versus the second, Meyer is going to continue his format from last year, splitting his team apart to make the best players on the offensive and defensive side of the ball go against each other.

'Other schools put their first team against their second and the score ends up being some-thing like 76-12," Meyer said. "We want to see what our guys can do against our best.'

The Spring Game will begin at 1 p.m. at Doyt Perry Stadium. Fans who attend will can pick up posters, schedule cards and up posters, schedule carr can purchase or renew s ticket orders for next su Those who order or renew season tickets this week a gible to win a trip for t either Kansas or South k with the Falcons next year



IN THE HOT SEAT: ROBERT REDD JOE ALLS

How could I go wrong double teaming two roommates who are known for being very silly? These boys have confidence like Deion Sanders and are ready to take on anyone or anything to get to the top. Joe Alls and Robert Redd are two of the stars of next year's football team. They come from different backgrounds, but they have been connected at the hip ever since they met. They even have nicknames for each other, Swan and Swanson.

These boys are ready to rumble for the spring game tomorrow, so I got them on a good day. And since this was a racy interview, I had to have the attire to match, a short miniskirt that could get them distracted enough to tell me all

details of what's really going on! Norman: What has changed since Urban (Meyer) has come to BG?

Alls: A lot of things have changed. We have better facilities, we have better uniforms and we get more respect.

Redd: All and all, when he came we were a Division 1 team, but it didn't feel like it. When he came, he brought something to this program and ran it like it was the Division I program. He makes us feel like we are like any other major Division I team.

Norman: Redd, (BG News Sports Editor) Nick Hurm lived next door to you last year and told me you don't sleep at all. If you're not sleeping, what are you doing? Redd: I am always doing something constructive to contribute

to the cause. Norman: So you both have smooth moves - what's your

favorite Redd: I'd have to say the stick

and relea Alls: My favorite move is the

stick and burst, cause I got that burst for real! Norman: What are your nick-

names for each other? Alls: Swan and Swanson, it came off some funny stuff one

day. Redd: But it's spelled like \$wan.

Norman: Joe, what's your favorite pickup line?

Alls: What up though! Norman: Who is the messiest?

Alls: Redd is so sloppy, I wanna fight this kid sometime

Redd: I sometimes make a mess, I guess.

Norman: Redd, what made you come back to BG?

Redd: Diesha. (A curly, blondehaired, blue-eyed cheerleading bombshell who ironically happens to be Erin Norman's roommate.)

Norman: How do you boys keep your body so nice?

Alls: We do something footballwise every day. Other activities are a great workout as well.

Norman: Redd, you have better hair than most girls on campus; what's your secret?

Redd: I got in from my momma. I just take good care of my hair, like I take care of everything else.

Norman: What's one of your goals for the spring game? Alls and Redd: To get loose. To

go at it!

Norman: Who has the best overall package on the team? Redd: \$wan and I meet each

other half way. Norman: What tattoos do you

have? Alls: I have two, one with my name and tribal art, and the other

is tribal art around my arm. \$wan's; scared, he doesn't have any. Norman: Who knows you

THE MILLION DOLLAR POSE: Erin Norman does the Heisman strut for Falcon football players Joe Alls (left) and Robert Redd. Redd and Alls hope to turn Norman's "tutelage" into success on the field for the Falcons in 2002. Alls: Each other, for sure.

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Redd: That's my ace!

guys best?

Redd: All my uncles wore No. 1, and in high school I wore it. I think it's a lot more than a number; it signifies something. I like to be No. 1 in every endeavor on and off the field!

Alls: My number in high school was No. 28, and I asked for No. 28 and when I got here and got to my locker - there was a No. 22 in there. I was kind of upset at first, Khary got it. But

pimp on the football team?

Alls: I don't know, maybe (quarterback Andy) Sahm. Norman: What's a typical say-

ing of Urban? Alls: It's not OK. It is your fault.

Norman: What do you listen to before a game?

Alls: I listen to Cash Money!

Redd: I listen to Mystikal; he gets me hyped! Some of that R.

Alls: Funny stuff. It's comedy,

this weekend at the spring football game. They definitely talk the talk,

but these boys are going to be walking the walk for the Falcons very soon.

watch in person, I would per-suade all students to watch these Falcons next year. Urban has turned these boys into men, and they're going to try to better their 8-3 season. He wants more and so do I. And as for Alls and Redd, they say they will be getting loose next year. So I say prove it.

info than that). Well, that's all the information I could pump out of these boys, but

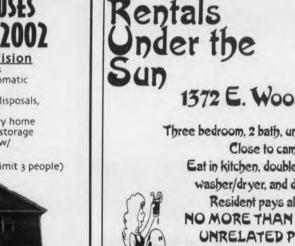
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Mother Nature, Irish beat Falcons

By Erik Cassano

"Chess match" has become a cliché for describing a low-scoring baseball game. But for Bowling Green's 3-2 rain-shortened loss at Notre Dame Wednesday, the term was a good analogy.

The game was slowly pieced together, move by move, around two rain delays before being called with one out in the top of the seventh.

"(The rainout) was disappointing," BG coach Danny Schmitz said. "It was a hell of a college baseball game. Both teams played excellently."

The Falcons broke through initially with a run in the top of the first. After David Barkholz and Tim Newell got on base to start the game, Corey Loomis doubled, driving in Barkholz. BG, however, missed its best chance for a big inning when Kelly Hunt, Nick Elrod and Len Elias went down in order afterward, stranding two runners in scoring position.

"Our big chance was in the first," Schmitz said. "They got out of a big jam. It's unfortunate."

BG freshman pitcher Tom Oestrike went three strong innings in his second collegiate start, giving up one run on three hits. The run came on an RBI Coming Monday: Review of BG's weekend at Fifth Third, plus a feature on centerfielder David Barkholz.

groundout by Notre Dame's Brian Stavisky in the bottom of the third to tie the score 1-1.

"I got ahead of a few hitters," Oestrike said. "I just wanted to throw strikes and let the defense do the work, let the bats come alive."

The Irish used a groundout to manufacture another run in the fourth inning when Javy Sanchez drove in Steve Sollmann with a grounder to short to make it 2-1. Winning pitcher Ryan Kalita (2-0) held the lead for Notre Dame until the sixth inning when Hunt hit his 13th homer of the year over the center field wall to tie the game 2-2.

The lead didn't stand for long. In the bottom half of the inning, reliever Matt Hundley gave up the deciding run on a homer by the Irish's Kris Billmaier. Hundley (1-3) was tagged with the loss.

The start of the game was delayed an hour by a thundershower, pushing the start back to 7 p.m. Central Time. When another storm brought horizontal rain and a sharp drop in temperature at about 10 p.m., the game was called. With five innings in the books, the game was considered complete. BG fell to 17-17 overall, Notre Dame improved to 29-12.

"This was definitely a game we wanted to finish," Schmitz said. "Unfortunately, Mother Nature has the final say."

Toledo

The Falcons, currently in second place in the MAC East, face the rival Rockets in a home-andhome four-game series starting today. BG will host today's 3 p.m. and Sunday's 1 p.m. games at Steller Field. Toledo will host tomorrow's 1 p.m. doubleheader at Fifth Third Field.

Toledo enters the series in the cellar of the MAC West with a 4-8 conference record, but it might as well be a first-place team to the Falcons, who are making a second-half run at division-leading Kent. BG (8-5 MAC) is one and a half games back and can't afford to discriminate on the basis of standing place. That doesn't mean the players are losing any sleep, though.

"We feel really good (heading into this weekend)," Oestrike said. "We're confident and we're looking to make a move."

Tomorrow's appearance at Fifth Third Field is a treat for BG players, a chance to play in a professional park.

Softball splits in Muncie

THE BG NEWS

There are games that get away, and then there are those that are given away. The BG softball team learned firsthand in Wednesday's doubleheader, dropping the first game 6-2 and winning the second 9-1.

"I look up at the scoreboard, and both teams are tied heading into the sixth innirdg and each with nine hits. Then BSU started putting their hits together, and we just couldn't get our hits to come consistently," coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said. "Ball State is a good team, but I just felt like we let that first game slip away."

Never one to underestimate the Falcons' opposition, Ross-Shaw may have been correct in her analysis. BG gained the early momentum in the secondinning when sophomore Jenifer Kernahan crossed the plate, making the score 1-0.

Kernahan's run came on one of the Cardinals' nine errors in the game, but the Falcons were unable to capitalize on BSU's mistakes, taking the one run lead to the fourth. Ball State's Ali Orel led off the inning with a triple and was singled home by Carrie Lively to tie the game.

The Falcons regained the lead in the fifth inning when Marla Murphy, who was pinchrunning for Libby Voshell after she led off the inning with a triple, scored on the Cardinals misplay at the plate. BSU drew even once again in the bottom



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HIT AND RUN: A BG softball player readies herself for a pitch. BG split with Miami Wednesday.

of the fifth after Katie Shea hit an RBI double to score Janice Campbell.

The Cardinals broke the game open in the sixth, scoring four times and taking the 6-2 victory but not the Falcons' hopes of splitting the doubleheader.

"The team was really disappointed with the loss in the first contest," Ross-Shaw said. "We just went out in the second game and played like we were capable of playing."

So complete was the Falcons'

dominance over the Cardinals during the nightcap that it left no room for comparison with the opening game. Ignited by senior Natalie Phillips' 3 doubles and 4-9 performance, along with Crystal Wilson's 3-9 day, the Falcons recorded 11 hits en route to a convincing 9-1 victory.

tory. "We never let them get into a rhythm; we went out there and controlled the entire game," Ross-Shaw said. "I don't think they were overly confident with the game one victory. We just played the type of game were capable of."

BG's third win in four games gives the Falcons a 32-27 edge in the overall series and gave senior Andrea Genter her first conference win, improving her record to 3-2 on the season.

Wilson, who put together one of he: best games of the season, felt that the play of the team in both games was indicative of the team's improvement and shows everyone's confidence, as well as her own.

"We feel pretty confident with the way we have been playing lately, and our win in the final game really gives us some confidence heading into our weekend series," Phillips said. "I was seeing the ball pretty well and the hits began coming, but I also had three strikeouts. So I know I have to continue to improve."





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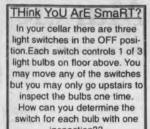
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