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VOLLEYBALL:

Netters lose 3-2 to the Volleydons in a close matchup; PAGE 5

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New laundromat brings changes

By Michael Ksenyak
REPORTER

It is no longer necessary to be burdened with heavy piles of quarters when doing laundry.

LMaries has its washers, dryers and other services based on a card system.

"People don't have to drag coins around," said Duane King, the owner. "The cards also make it easier to give specials."

From there are two card machines on the back wall inside where the customer can deposit money. The amount deposited is then the balance and is used like a debit card.

A benefit to using LMaries card system is if a person deposits \$10 into the machine, the person gets

a bonus of \$1. If \$20 is deposited, then it is an additional \$2.

Another benefit is if a card is lost or stolen it can be deactivated so the person's money is not used by someone else.

Many services provided in the air-conditioned facility include vending machines, a pool table and an air hockey table, which are all on the card system as well.

King also hopes to get an ATM in the building.

King charges \$1.50 for the Maytag Neptune washers, except on Mondays through Fridays from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. when they cost \$1.25.

"Once we get all of the 'bugs' out we might have 75 cent wash or 5 cent dry on certain nights,"

King said.

"I think Maytag is the best in the market," King said. "Plus, it's name brand and very efficient."

The washers in LMaries are front-loaders as opposed to top-loaders, which are cheaper for customers, according to King.

"The front-loaders spin like a dryer and take the water right out of the clothes," King said.

"The detergent and bleach mix with the water so the soap doesn't land on the clothes and they take half as much detergent," King said.

King has 30-pound Maytag dryers that all vent individually right outside of the building and are ready to take students' large loads.

"The dryers are set up in the most efficient way," King said.

The laundromat is bigger than most in Bowling Green, giving 10 feet between the rows of dryers. There are also tables with seats lining one of the walls.

The competition is aware of the new business in town.

"I never like to see competition come in," said Brian Fite, owner of South Side Laundromat and the Wash House. "It almost has to somewhat (take away customers) the way the university is set up."

There are 3 televisions in the building and King is going to be bringing in a 5 disc DVD player.



Amanda Keegan BG News

LAUNDRY, PAGE 2

SQUEAKY CLEAN: LMaries is located at 111 Railroad St. next to Kinko's, and across the tracks from Dairy Queen

Karaoke brings big crowds to local business

By Andrew Scharf
REPORTER

Bowling Green students now have the opportunity to become local American Idols.

Buffalo Wild Wings is holding a weekly karaoke contest for students. The contest is every Wednesday night from 10 p.m. till midnight.

Last week, the first time the contest was held, had a strong student turnout.

After each contest 1 winner will be chosen from all of the night's singers.

The winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate from Buffalo Wild Wings. The week's winner also has the opportunity to perform in the karaoke finals that will be held the week before spring break.

During the finals the top student singers will compete for the grand prize. First place in the finals receives \$350. Second and third place receives \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Buffalo Wild Wings is also making sure that the local music scene is well represented at the contest.

The performances of students will be judged by a rotating

group of judges. The judges will include music majors as well as local bands and singers.

The idea for the karaoke contest was thought up by Buffalo Wild Wings assistant general manager C.C. Snyder.

Snyder thought up the idea from being a fan of karaoke singing himself.

"I have been singing karaoke for a few years," said Snyder. "I thought why not try one to get more people in here and reward some for coming out and doing a good job."

Budding stars will have a good mix of songs that they will be able to sing.

According to Snyder the catalogue of songs should satisfy all the singer's needs. Overall the students have close to a thousand different songs to chose from.

The success of this summer's American Idol could produce bigger turnouts for the contest. Snyder believes that some students may come to the contest because they were fans of the T.V. show.

"This may give people a chance to do American Idol on a small scale," said Snyder.

PICNIC



Erin Carver BG News

TASTY: Grillmaster Steve Roberts cooks dogs at the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates' fall picnic behind Overman Hall yesterday afternoon.

Graduate stresses studying abroad

By Jennifer Palicka
REPORTER

The first woman president of Arcadia University in Pennsylvania, and University graduate Bette Landman, gave a speech yesterday on the benefits of studying abroad.

Landman believes in the importance of studying abroad.

She has been featured in the book "Against the Tide" written about 20 woman presidents serving as role models.

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Council on Education for the Identification of Women in Higher Education Administration named an annual leadership award for women's education in her honor.

After becoming president of Arcadia University, Landman got together with her senior group members to see where they could go.

"The school needed a distinctive identity," Landman said.

According to Landman, an international perspective is needed.

Arcadia's Center for Education Abroad (CEA) was created in 1965.

CEA has sent many students, faculty and staff members to different countries to study abroad. At first, Landman was afraid that she wouldn't have enough students for the program.

"I don't believe you will get enough students to study abroad until you get the faculty to sit down and talk to them about it," Landman said.

Landman started looking towards the faculty. She remembered an experience she had while teaching fifth grade students in Bowling Green. She was teaching a Social Studies class and wanted the students to decide what part of the world she was going to teach them.

Landman already had an idea to teach about Africa, so she planted African objects and books around the classroom and library.

ABROAD, PAGE 2

Suspect arrested in Chinese mass poisoning

By Joe McDonald
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Police have arrested a man suspected of putting rat poison in food that state media say killed 38 people in the eastern Chinese city of Nanjing, the government television station said Tuesday.

The man was caught early Sunday aboard a train in Zhengzhou, a city about 370 miles northwest of Nanjing, China Central Television reported in its main evening broadcast.

The poisonings on Saturday, traced to a snack shop, sickened as many as 300 people, according to state media.

Authorities have tightly controlled information about the poisonings, including the death toll. Six victims remain in intensive care, CCTV said.

The suspect, Chen Zhengping, deliberately spread the poison

"out of resentment over a business dispute," CCTV said, without giving details. It said Chen was arrested on Sunday and returned to Nanjing for investigation.

The Hong Kong newspaper Wen Wei Po, which has close ties to Chinese authorities, said Chen was the cousin of the snack shop owner and ran a competing shop. He poisoned the food out of jealousy at his relative's success, the report said. The paper didn't identify the source of the information.

An earlier report on the Web site of the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said 49 people were killed. Citing unidentified sources, it said most were schoolchildren and two were soldiers from a nearby military installation.

The report said some 300 people were hospitalized.

China has suffered poisoning

attacks in the past blamed on business rivalries or people with grudges.

In July, a noodle shop owner was arrested on charges that he poisoned customers at a rival business by putting rat poison in its soup.

That incident in the southern region of Guangxi sickened 57 people, but no deaths were reported.

Tests on the Nanjing poison have identified it as a brand of rat poison called Dushuqiang, which has been banned for sale in China since the mid-1990s, according to an official of the Nanjing Agriculture and Forestry Bureau.

The poison, whose name translates as "Super-Strong Rat Poisoner," still is widely available in rural areas from illegal producers, said the official, who refused to give her name.



Xinhua AP Photo

POISONED: Rescue workers carry a poisoned man to a hospital in Tangshan county, a rural district of Nanjing city, China's eastern Jiangsu province, Saturday, Sept. 14.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

FRIDAY



Scattered T-Storms High: 82° Low: 53°

SATURDAY



Showers High: 78° Low: 52°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 76° Low: 46°

MONDAY



Mostly Sunny High: 75° Low: 51°

Robot enters Great Pyramid chamber

By Nadia Abou El-Magd
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — A tiny robot broadcast live television pictures to the world Tuesday as it crept through an ancient pyramid, solving one puzzle but uncovering a new one.

Researchers said they planned more explorations after their toy train-sized robot — named the Pyramid Rover — took two hours to crawl through a narrow shaft in the Great Pyramid outside Cairo and push its camera through a hole drilled in the wall. The picture revealed still another door.

Zahi Hawass, the director of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said discovery of the new barrier was a success.

"This is very important," said an excited Hawass as the robot broadcast its first images.

The tiny camera showed a small, uncluttered space backed

by a vertical, sheer stone surface. Hawass said he believed was another door. Hawass said the next job for researchers was to study the pictures and plan for further inspections, which could take up to 12 months.

Hawass's council, with engineers from the Boston firm iRobot and researchers from National Geographic, spent a year planning for Tuesday's mission.

"I enjoyed the moment of discovery. We were not disappointed ... we were successful in our mission," Tim Kelly, president of National Geographic's television and film division, told The Associated Press after the program.

Fox TV and the National Geographic Channel broadcast the exploration live as the robot inched along the rough, 200-foot shaft toward a limestone door

adorned with two brass handles. TV viewers and scientists got a simultaneous look at what was billed as the "Secret Chamber."

From a room inside the pyramid, engineers controlled the robot's movement by cables. The tons of stone all around made the use of radio controls impossible.

Engineers from iRobot, benefiting from the experience of a German team that sent a robot as far as the door in 1993, spent the last six months designing their \$250,000 Pyramid Rover.

During the broadcast, Hawass made another find by lifting the lid on a stone sarcophagus found in a tomb built near the Great Pyramid, revealing the intact skeleton apparently of a man dating to the period of the pyramid's construction 4,500 years ago.

The Great Pyramid, built by Khufu, a ruler also known as Cheops, has four narrow shafts. It

is the most magnificent of all Egypt's pyramids, made of 2.3 million stone blocks, and has lost little of its original height of 481 feet and width of 756 feet.

For more than a century, archaeologists have been wondering why the shafts were built and what secrets they might hold.

Hawass said the shafts may have played symbolic roles in Khufu's religious philosophy. Khufu proclaimed himself Sun God during his life — pharaohs before him believed they became sun gods only after death — and he may have tried to reflect his ideas in the design of his pyramid.

The shafts — the one the robot ascended Tuesday was just eight inches square — were not designed for human passage.



Mohammad Al Seheity AP Photo

EXPLORING: Gregg Landry, an engineer from the Boston firm iRobot, places a robot inside the shaft of the Great Pyramid in Cairo on Friday Sept. 13. The robot is approximately the size and shape of a child's toy train.

Study abroad benefits faculty

ABROAD, FROM PAGE 1

When Landman eventually asked her students what country they wanted to learn, all of her students said Africa.

"If it worked for fifth graders, it could work for my faculty," Landman said.

Landman started to pair up faculty and staff members. Once in pairs, each pair got 18 students that would eventually accompany them abroad.

According to Landman, the benefit of getting faculty and staff members to work together was that they could get to know each other better.

"Staff people, for the first time, got to experience a culture not of their own, making them more sensitive towards different students on campus," Landman said.

The goal was to make sure all students who came to the insti-

tution would have the opportunity to study abroad, no matter what their financial situation.

The university wanted to give the students the attention they needed so they would want to go. For a week trip to Great Britain, including all expenses but spending money, a student could go, at that time, for \$150 and now costs \$245.

The university put out a message to students letting them know what studying abroad could do for them.

"It worked too well. The message was too positive in the market," Landman said.

The university had to build a new residence hall and had to start letting out apartments. The worst student flow was in the fall.

"Typically students wanted to study in the spring, not the fall. So we gave a discount on tuition for students that studied in the fall," Landman said. "This way we could keep the halls filled and

keep the students coming in." Arcadia offers different types of programs. The Sandwich course is one of the most popular.

It starts midsemester in fall and goes through the first 5 weeks of spring semester. During the 3 week break between semesters, students and faculty travel abroad.

The Honors Student Program at Arcadia has the same concept as the Sandwich course but the students go every other year and the trip is free.

Students are not the only ones that benefit from the programs. Faculty are encouraged to develop their own programs abroad and bring them back to share with the students.

Arcadia tries to send students to countries that specialize in the student's major. Even students that aren't studying a language can go abroad.

"Students leave with much understanding of the United

States and the world, even those who don't go abroad," Landman said.

Spanish instructor and alumna here at the University, Janice Pauken, attended the speech.

She studied abroad in Spain twice while attending the University.

"I was highly encouraged to go, especially for fluency in the language," Pauken said.

Pauken teaches Spanish 212 and said that she will take back the knowledge about studying abroad to her students.

"Many students don't continue on (after 212). I tell them even if they don't go abroad, I won't be hurt but now is a good time to go," Pauken said.

Pauken said the University offers summer clusters. It is a program where students can study abroad while fulfilling course requirements and having fun.

Entertainment top priority at LMaries

LAUNDRY, FROM PAGE 1

According to King, the laundromat may soon have specific movie nights, like a ladies night or Star Wars night.

Besides keeping customers entertained, King also is concerned with safety.

The laundromat has video cameras to address this issue.

According to King, there are 5 cameras that people can see, but there are also some that people cannot see.

"I am recording on site and off so I can watch the cameras from my home," King said.

A hidden benefit from the

cameras for customers is that if a machine gives somebody problems, it will be easy for King to see who the person is.

With help from the laundromat's website, www.LMaries.com, customers can view the traffic flow before they go.

"People can log on to the website and see how busy it is before they decide to go," King said.

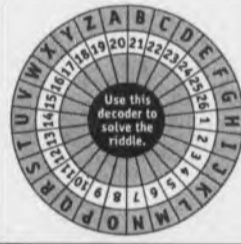
According to King, improvements will continue even within the first days of business. A survey will be taken to see what kind of soap and bleach people like to use and also what kind of food and drinks they prefer.

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U. STUDENT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT

A University student reported she was sexually assaulted by a male acquaintance in her room. The incident took place Sept. 5 in McDonald East. Sexual Battery charges were filed against the subject. In response to the incident, Campus Police warn students to be assertive in the amount of intimacy they are comfortable with.

CAMPUS

get a life

The calander of events is taken from <http://events.bgsu.edu>

8:30 am - 4:30 pm
A Commemoration of Losses/A Celebration of Hopes and Freedoms
Student Artists Respond to September 11.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

9 am - 6 pm
College Democrats Voter Registration Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

9 am - 5 pm
UAD Poster Sale
Student Union Multi Purpose Room

10 am - 4 pm
Inviting Contemporary Ornament: A National Invitational Exhibition
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Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery

10 am - 4 pm
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10 am - 2 pm
Teeter-Totter-A-Thon

Community service fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association.
Corridor between Education, Eppler, BA, and Olscamp

11 am - 3 pm
LDSSA Information Table
Latter-day Saint Student Association is informing students about their organization.
Union Lobby

11 am - 4 pm
Phi Sigma Kappa Recruitment Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

11:30 am - 4 pm
Sigma Nu Fraternity Recruitment/Info. Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

Noon - 1 pm
Where Does Your Anger Go When You're Angry?: Teens Acting for Community Awareness Theatre Project
2002 Partnership Support Grant Presentation Series - Bring your lunch and join us!
The Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

Noon
Falcon Coach's Corner with Coach Meyer
Sponsored by the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.
Union Falcon's Nest

3:30 pm - 5 pm
High Tea
Socialize with friends and co-workers over tea, sandwiches, sweets and pastries. Cost is \$7.95 per person. Please R.S.V.P. by September 16, 2002 to flick@bgnnet.bgsu.edu. Sponsored by the Bowen-Thompson Student Union and University Dining Services.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Bowling Greenery

4 pm - 5 pm
Career Center Erecruiting
Attend one of these sessions to learn about the BGSU WorkNet, Career Center's new online registration system. For more information, contact the Career Center at 372-2356.
Union 201A - Sky Bank Meeting Room

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
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Union 201A - Sky Bank Meeting Room

6 pm
Women's Dissertation Writing Group
An interdisciplinary group open to any woman in the writing process of her program, whether at the preliminary/comprehensive exam stage or the dissertation/thesis stage. Please feel free to join us any Thursday to see if this group works for you. Contact Jane Rosser for further details: jrosser@bgnnet.bgsu.edu. Meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
The Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

7 pm
"From the Black Swamp to the Big Time: Making a Living by Following Your Passion!"
The Honors Program and Honors Student Association presents Roger Sayre, world renowned artist. Come hear how BGSU alumni, Roger Sayre turned his dreams of becoming an artist into a reality!
Bowen-Thompson Union Room 308

8:15 pm
Educated Black Women Are Reading
Sigma Gamma Rho Book Club.
Union 315 - Andersen Meeting Room

TBA
Mock Interviews for Computer Science & MIS
For more information, contact the Career Center at 372-2356.
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THE CAMPUS BLOTTER

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

Complainant reported his decal stolen. Faulty smoke detector. Bowling Green Fire Department was dispatched and the building was evacuated in Bromfield. Advised the Alarm Technician. Subjects were soliciting credit cards in the education building. Ryan Oloughlin, Lyndhurst, Ohio, was cited for speeding on East Merry Ave. Court date is Sept. 23. Verbal warnings were also issued for failure to wear seatbelt and for

willful wanton disregard for safety. Complainant reported that a turn signal lens was broken on her vehicle while it was parked in lot 11. Complainant reported that she lost her student ID card in Mac West. She was advised to cancel it at any dining hall ASAP. Devon Creech, Bellefontaine, Ohio, was transported to Wood County Hospital by Bowling Green Fire Department for very low blood sugar.

THE CITY BLOTTER

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

Jennifer Ketcham of Bowling Green, was observed driving a 1997 Pontiac with plates that came back to be a 1989 Dodge. She explained she had purchased the Pontiac on 9/7/02 and was waiting for new plates to arrive. She was advised to get the plates on the vehicle as soon as possible. All okay. Woman was threatened at Bowling Green High School. She stated she was threatened by a student's mother. She advised she was going to follow up with the principal in reference to an ongoing problem with her son being harassed at the school bus stop. A bicycle has been parked at the Bowling Green High School for several days; City Police believes it may be stolen. Elizabeth Setzler of Findlay, Ohio, was cited for driving under suspension. The court date is on Sept. 23. Ambulance request for a female shaking. Female was transported by Bowling Green Ambulance. Manhole cover off on North Maple and West Wooster. Animal complaint on 655 Sandridge. The squirrel would not let campus police into the home. Eventually it was captured and will be released into the country. Animal complaint on Thurstin Avenue. Animals were under the apartment building. Homeowner was advised to set a trap for a cat. The front window of the City

Police's apartment was broken. Replacement cost estimated at 50 dollars. The victim had no insurance. There was a complaint that teachers were parking on the sidewalks of South Grove. A Police Officer spoke with the office secretary who advises that John Fawcett gave permission for substitute teachers to park on the sidewalks because they are in and out so often. The Police Officer then spoke with John Fawcett who advised he gave no such permission. The Police Officer then issued parking tickets. Sometime yesterday morning a City Police's patio window was shattered by an unknown person. The glass is still in place and will be replaced by the Landlord's insurance. Shoplifter in custody. Theft was under 50 dollars. Huntington Bank on Main Street requests for extra patrol until alarm is functioning again.

Wednesday, Sept. 18
Sara Sevinsky of Strongsville, Ohio, was cited in Uptown/Downtown Bar for underage possession of alcohol. She was consuming a bottle of Natural Light Beer, while being under the age of 21 years. A purse was reported sitting on a cement stop in Lot 4. It was actually a bowling ball bag blue/white in color. The ball had the name "Fran" engraved on it.

College newspapers dealing in sex

By Ken Dahl
THE DAILY UNIVERSE
(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah - Sex columns may be cropping up in college newspapers across the country, but Brigham Young University won't be getting one. Considered a topic of great interest to colleges and universities throughout the country, schools from Berkeley to Yale are adding sex columns to their school newspapers. NewsNet General Manager Jim Kelly said The Daily Universe will not include a sex article. "It is a topic we hold sacred," Kelly said. "Our view of sex and its role as it relates to procreation is sacred." According to the Associated Press, Natalie Krinsky, a 19-year-old junior and Yale's resident "sexpert" says such articles are

interesting and relevant because college students are beginning to seriously discuss sexuality. "Nudity is inherently humorous. The body is beautiful, of course, but the things we do with our bodies ... are plain weird," Krinsky said. Yvonne K. Fulbright, 26-year-old, sexpert of New York University's Washington Square News says she is, "different from the other college sexpert columnists in that [she has] been professionally trained" and that she doesn't write articles based on personal experience. Fulbright says she takes a clinical approach to her column. "Sex education is my passion," Fulbright said. "Since many of my aspirations lie in the media, the student newspaper has been

one more way to get my name out there." Meghan Bainum, 21-year-old sex columnist for the University of Kansas, expected her column to attract some attention but not create as much trouble as it has. "I knew I was going to raise some eyebrows, but I didn't know people were going to flip out," said Bainum in the AP article. Bainum's column has caused the Kansas editors to stop circulating their paper among local high schools on the day the sexpert column is run. "While it would be nice to think that kids don't have hormones and aren't ready to be sexual until they're married and in their 20s, that's not reality," said Bainum. Kelly does not agree with the

"reality" of the above arguments and says The Daily Universe audience would be easily offended by dealing with such a sacred topic in a prurient way. "Our standards at BYU are a lot higher than the general public -- it is that way by design," said Kelly. Another religious school, Baylor University, supports BYU's stand on the sexpert columns. Baylor is a Baptist school located in Waco, Texas. "Our school doesn't stand for it, and we really don't see a need for it," said Flora Lee, editor-in-chief of the Baylor Lariat. Lee said there really isn't a need to publish such material, as there are so many other sources for a student seeking information on that topic.



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"Were they under the bed?"

State-representative candidate JAQUI COLYER, on more than 1,800 votes in Miami-Dade County that were found two days after Florida's primary election.

www.bgnews.com/opinion

OPINION

U.S. didn't protect us on Sept. 11

Many things have been blamed for the attacks on Sept. 11. People blamed God, Satan and even our own culture for provoking the extreme Muslims. But if we're going to point a finger at anyone, we should look at the U.S. government.

CNN.com just reported that they have been getting warnings about a significant terrorist attack as far back as 1994. According to CNN, "U.S. intelligence officials had several warnings that terrorists might attack

YOU DECIDE

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the United States on its home soil — even using airplanes as weapons — well before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks."

In 1998, intelligence groups received reports that bin Laden

was planning an attack, using aircraft in New York and Washington.

CNN goes on to say, "The director of central intelligence, George Tenet, told his deputies, 'We must now enter a new phase in our effort against bin Laden. ... We are at war.' Relatively few of the FBI agents interviewed by the joint inquiry staff seem to have been aware of Tenet's declaration."

The Federal Aviation Administration thought the ter-

rorists would use foreign planes and that they would be detected before they reached their target.

Groups within our government were getting warnings from 1994 to just a month before the attacks that bin Laden was going to attack us, he was going to use planes and he was targeting New York and Washington.

Knowing all this information, how could they let the attacks happen?

As Americans, and true patriots, we should be outraged that

all these innocent lives were lost and it could have been avoided.

Did the government just not take the warnings seriously? Did they think they could handle it? They were supposed to protect us and they didn't.

Ultimately, if we are going to blame anyone for that horrible day, we blame the terrorists. They are the ones who did it. They are the murders. But they hate us. Our government supposedly loves us. They expect us to have strong patriotism, but

they could not even protect our fellow Americans. They had so much information. Airport security should have been heightened when they got the warnings, not after the attacks. Intelligence should have done all they could to track down bin Laden and his men.

The government wants you to believe that they had little information and it was too vague to do anything. This recent report proves that they knew more than they were telling.

All people need our caring

KHARY JACKSON

Opinion columnist

A young girl runs outside in a joyous frenzy, hardly able to contain the excitement of playing outside by herself for the first time. She'd been too young before, her parents said, but now she was free to play all by herself — and with all her friends, of course. She could imagine their faces as they saw her run outside without her mom holding her hand. They would not believe it!

As she runs toward the front door, however, a strange feeling stopped her in her tracks. A subtle dread boils in her belly. Something isn't right. Then boom! She hears it, sounding just like what she'd dreamed so many nights, the brick crashing through a distant window. A choir of voices rose and fell in a wave of screams pierced by the staccato rhythms of bullets flying to unknown destinations as she dives to the ground, rumbling with the breath of tanks rolling over anything in their path. Her day of joy has become her nightmare as the howls outside her door are drowned by those raging in her own heart. This, she thought, is not a way to live.

This is the kind of story that holds a regular spot on our evening news. Dan Rather tells of yet another mosque being bombed, another suicide martyr destroying a coffee shop, and we reflect briefly on the state of the world before moving on to something more entertaining.

We watch, shake our heads, and change channels, more content to laugh at Joey and Phoebe on "Friends." This is generally known as desensitization, or a sense of detachment from what we see. We hear of an Afghan child being murdered, but do we hear more about the murder, or the child's nationality? "It is terrible what happened to that Afghan child," we may say in honest empathy, but what does that do for us? For some, it just reinforces the notion that America is the "greatest country in the world." I have even found myself shaking my head and being glad that I live here instead of there. And then I have to look at myself and wonder where my heart truly is.

When we were attacked, we as a nation got a true taste of what it is like to live in an environment of warfare. We went through intense pain, experienced deep loss, and we ended up coming together in a way that we had not prior to that attack. Those of us that were not immediately affected opened our hearts to those that were, and true love arose out of a hateful act. That was wonderful, and it truly warmed my heart. But at the same time, it stung. Deeply. What is it about those victims in New York that made them more deserving of our tears and love than those children in Afghanistan living daily nightmares? What made it different?

Last year, I had the unforgettable pleasure of being in the Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus when we went to Ground Zero during Spring Break. We sang two songs there, one of which was called "Prayer

of the Children." I would like to share a few of the lyrics:

"Can you hear the prayer of the children?

On bended knee, in the silence of an unknown room? Empty eyes, with no more tears to cry, turning heavenward, toward the light

Crying "Lord help me to feel the see the sun again, in my own land

But if I should die before I wake, I pray my soul to take..."

I, as well as many of the men in that chorus, cried every time we sang that song. It did not matter if the children were from America, India or Germany. They were children. They were our children.

We have a tendency to remain bottled up in our own portion of reality, indifferent to the plight of those that we do not know, or perhaps don't even like. We are people caught up in a vicious web of fear, responding to hate not with love, but retribution.

When I hear an orchestra, I don't think about where it is from, or who its conductor is. I hear an orchestra, playing beautiful music from its heart, and touching me in ways that only God knows. Why would we view people any other way, simply because their cries are too far away to reach our ears? Don't we all have a song to share?

So the next time we hear of another tragedy on the news, instead of dismissing it, maybe we can stop for a moment and listen to the song that their lives sing. Then we can move on, knowing that in a way, it is our song as well.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Which BGSU Core Value would win in a fight?



A.J. JETLEY
SOPHOMORE, BIOLOGY
"Pride in a job well done because it would be proud to pound the poop out of all the other ones."



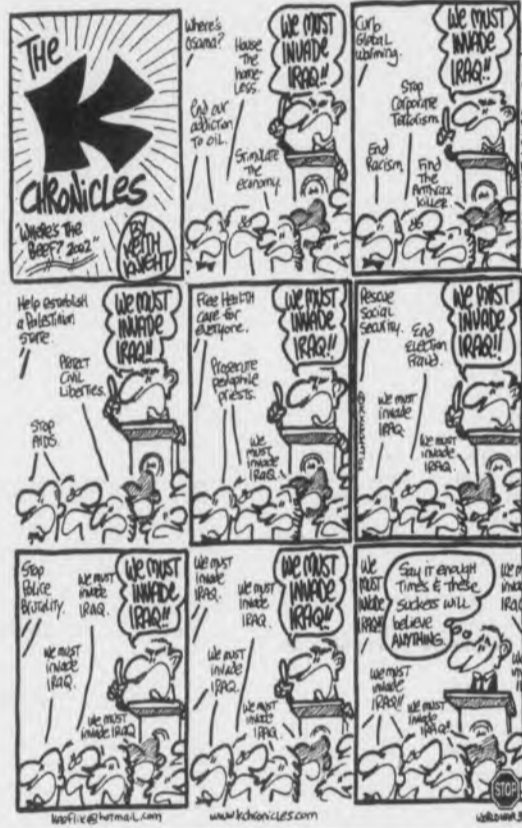
JASON JONES
SOPHOMORE, EDUCATION
"Respect, because when it comes down to it, if you respect other people & their beliefs, ideas, etc. ... everything pretty much goes smooth."



ALISA LITTLE
JUNIOR, EDUCATION
"Respect, because you have to respect other people and their territory."



BRIAN BUSIC
SOPHOMORE, MARKETING
"Respect, because it will get you the furthest with everyone you meet."



THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN

THUMBS UP

... to being a quarter of the way through the semester!

... to the wide selection at the campus poster sale.

... to the squirrels on campus for being so friendly to us.

... to teachers and professors who are passionate about what they teach and make an effort to make class interesting.

THUMBS DOWN

... to the city and campus police being extra strict this year.

... to the U. turning on the sprinklers during the day while we are walking to class.

... to washer and dryer prices going up in the dorms.

... to bicycle riders running over people on the sidewalk.

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Pennant races go down to the wire

WILL CURITORE

Sports Reporter

If you read my first column, you know how I feel about what almost was the ninth Major League Baseball players' strike since 1972.

However, I am and have always been an avid fan of America's pastime. And, there is no greater time to be a fan of the game than when the summer is just about ready to end. I'm talking, of course, about mid to late September, as the season winds down and the pennant races heat up.

Speaking of races, 2002 has given us its share. They obviously did not come from the NL East or AL Central, as the Atlanta Braves and Minnesota Twins were the first teams to clinch spots in the postseason. The Twins ran away with their first division championship since the days when our current president's father was the Commander in Chief. That same time period marked the last time that the Braves did not win their division.

Despite the no-contest division races, no other division title has been locked up, with a little less than two weeks to go. The AL East, NL Central, and NL West races are not finished, but the fat lady is warming up as the New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals, and the defending World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks are close to clinching. Thank goodness for the wild card.

The wild card races in both leagues are nearly deadlocked at the moment, as division rivals duke it out for the fourth playoff spot. In the National League, the San Francisco Giants lead their rival, the Los Angeles Dodgers, by one game for the NL wild card (as of Wednesday). The two teams conclude a four game series at Dodger Stadium tonight. The Houston Astros are in third in the NL wild card standings, standing five games behind the Dodgers.

Almost the same situation is occurring in the American League, but there is one big difference. See, with the Anaheim Angels and Oakland Athletics, one will get the AL wild card while the other will win the AL West. The two teams were tied for both the division and wild card leads going into Tuesday night's game in Oakland. In an atmosphere that could be compared to that of game seven of the World Series, a great pitcher's duel occurred between Anaheim's Jarrod Washburn and Oakland's Mark Mulder. The game was scoreless in the top of the tenth inning when Angels right fielder Tim Salmon hit a solo home run off A's closer Billy Koch. The Angels prevailed 1-0, and lead the division by one game (as of yesterday). Oakland has a seven game lead over the Seattle Mariners, who are dropping from the radar fast.

As for my prediction, Oakland will take the AL West from the Angels. Anaheim just won't be able to keep the lead, again (1995). The Angels will end up with the AL wild card, while San Francisco will take

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Netters fall to IPFW

Junior Susie Noris had 13 kills and 18 digs for the Falcons who fell to 3-6.

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

When the BG volleyball team embarked on an unlikely 13-game road trip at the beginning of the month, many presumed the worst-scenario to be that fatigue would eventually succumb the team, leading to uncharacteristic play by the Falcons.

Tuesday night, the worst-case scenario took precedence and was evident as Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat BG in five games (30-26, 30-22, 24-30, 26-30, 11-15).

"I don't think it really had anything to do with fatigue, it was more of a letdown on our part," head coach Denise Van De Walle said. "We played exceptionally well in the first two games, and in game three IPFW came out and were much more aggressive. That game gave their team a lot of hope, and we were just distracted by our ineffectiveness to play as well as we did in the first two matches."

BG was led by senior Kristin Gamby, who, at last weekend's PowerBar Invitational joined junior Susie Norris on the Falcons 700-kill club, and tied her career-high with 26 kills and a .396 hitting percentage.

Norris followed up with 13 kills and 18 digs, while freshmen Emily Manser continued her coming out party as of late, contributing 15 digs. The Falcons were also supported by Samantha Rennau's nine kills, Amber Mareski's career-best 49 assists, and Taylor Twite and Laura Twyman, each of whom had four and five blocks at the net, respectively.

Gamby was not hesitant to acknowledge the fact that the team hasn't been playing well and may be experiencing some

homesickness. However, she felt that the toughness and character BG has been developing throughout this experience is going to help them continue to improve.

"The entire team knows that we should have beaten IPFW, but we all got into a coast mode after the first two matches and they took advantage of our mistakes," Gamby said. "We have missed Anderson Arena a lot, but we have been on the verge of beating some good teams, and everyone knows we need to get some wins this weekend."

Playing eight games in a span of eleven days is not an easy feat for any team to face, and now the Falcons final out-of-conference competition comes at this weekend's Badger Invitational in Wisconsin.

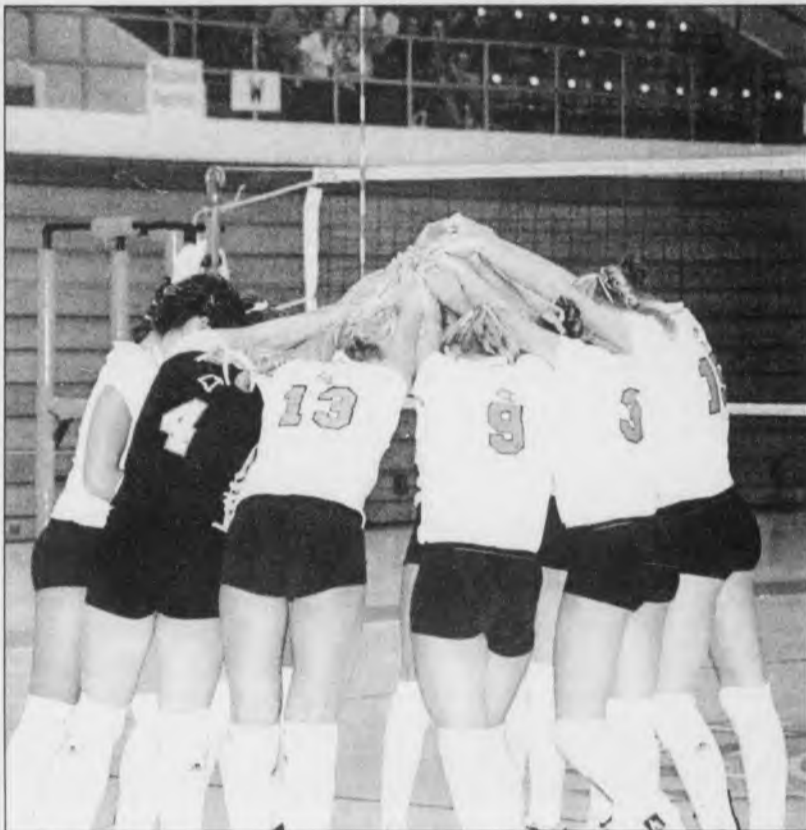
"Our goal is to play well," Van De Walle said. "We are going to be playing against some good teams, one of them is nationally ranked and the other teams have gotten off to some great starts. This is going to be a fun atmosphere, and we need to be competitive and start changing some of the things that are going wrong."

Wisconsin, Tulane, and the University of Illinois-Chicago make up the three opponents for the Falcons, and teams combined 24-9 record as all of them enter the tournament is enough reason to believe BG will have their hands full.

Although, Van De Walle's team doesn't perform based on sight alone, and she felt that no matter what the records may indicate, the Falcon's need to make a good showing.

"We need to be competitive. UW is two years removed from the Final Four Championship Game, and historically, have done exceptionally well," Van De Walle said. "Against Tulane and UIC, our goal is to go in there and win, and we just want to begin establishing some consistency."

The Badgers, who are ranked 16th in the nation with head



Ben Swanger BG News

PREPARATIONS: The volleyball team came together in preparation for a previous match. The Falcons lost to IPFW on Tuesday 3-2. They will travel to Wisconsin this weekend.

coach Pete Waite are returning from a sweep over Duke at the DU Classic, and bring with them a 7-2 record, led by seniors Erin Byrd, Amy Hultgren, Lori Rittenhouse, and Morgan Shields.

The Green Wave of TU enters the tournament with a 7-5 record and a victory over Texas-San Antonio in their previous contest. Head Coach Betsy Becker has a youthful roster that is headed by juniors Nitia Small and Kim Swafford.

On paper, UIC will be the Falcon's toughest opposition,

as they come into the tournament riding a four game winning streak and a 10-2 record. The Flames and head coach Don August head into competition with seniors Gina Caneva and Lara Clarkson at the helms of a squad that includes four freshmen and four sophomores.

"We definitely have to work extremely hard this weekend, and over the next couple of weeks," Manser said. "We just need to begin getting some of our confidence back, and this tournament will tell us a lot about ourselves as we go into

conference play."

The Falcons will be leaving for the invitational today and will begin their preparation for UW, which is scheduled to be played at 8 p.m. on Friday. Then, BG will conclude the tournament with a Saturday double-header against UIC and TU beginning at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., respectively.

"We have not been playing as well as we should be, but we are going to try to bring everything together this weekend," Gamby. "We just need to prove to ourselves that we can compete against top competition."

"We should play good this weekend. It is a course which allows you to score good on. Now that the freshmen have their first tournament under their belt, we should do very well."

AUSTIN CHASE, SOPHOMORE

Pickerel, team finish fifth at John Piper

By Chris Willig
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's golf team got their season underway this week in the John Piper Intercollegiate Tournament. The tournament was held at Stone Ridge Golf Course in Bowling Green, and is the only tournament the Falcons will host this season. The Falcons finished fifth in the twelve team, fifty-four hole tournament.

Sophomore Craig Pickerel had no problem getting right back into the swing of things and showed no sign of rust from the off season. Pickerel led the Falcons' charge, shooting a combined 215, which was good enough to place him fifth for the tournament. The Piper Tournament was filled with several major achievements for Pickerel. His fifth place finish and final round of 69 were career bests, and his combined three round score was also his top showing to date.

Following not too far behind Pickerel were sophomore Austin Chase, senior Eric Lauterbach, and freshmen Chris Leake and Bud Ziglar. Although the Falcons finished fifth for the tournament, they were able to provide some much needed experience to the young freshmen.

"The fifth place finish is not as good as we hoped, but it was good for the freshmen to get used to college tournaments and get some much needed experience," said sophomore Austin Chase.

Chase finished in a tie for 11th place with a combined score of 220. Being only a sophomore, Chase knows the importance of experience for the freshmen. In his freshman year, Chase competed in all of the team's nine tournaments, and now he hopes to help lead the Falcons this season.

"I think we are going to do all right. Everybody is playing good and we are going to have

a good season," Chase said. "Once the inexperienced players get used to playing golf at the college level, our season should turn out to be a good one."

The Falcons will have plenty of chances to provide experience to the young and inexperienced freshmen. The next tournament for the Falcons begins this weekend. Bowling Green will travel to Ball State for the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational. The team is very optimistic for this tournament and others throughout the rest of the season.

"We should play good this weekend. It is a course which allows you to score good on. Now that the freshmen have their first tournament under their belt, we should do very well," said Chase.

The three day tournament, in which the Falcons finished eleventh last year, will begin Friday and run through the weekend.

FBI joins search for NBA's Dele

By Pierre-Yves Lange
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAPEETE, Tahiti — FBI agents have joined Tahiti police in investigating the disappearance of Bison Dele, the former NBA player who vanished with two others during a sailboat cruise.

Police said yesterday that investigators were scouring Dele's 55-foot catamaran, taking photographs and gathering fingerprints and other evidence for analysis.

The 33-year-old Dele, formerly known as Brian Williams, his girlfriend, Serena Karlan, and Bertrand Saldo, a French skipper sailing with the group, were last seen July 8 during a layover in the French Pacific territory, investigators said.

The three, along with Dele's older brother, Miles Dabord, sailed from Auckland, New Zealand, on May 2. Their eventual destination was Hawaii. Investigators said Dabord flew out of Tahiti on July 20.

Dele, a member of the Chicago Bulls' 1997 NBA championship team, changed his name in 1998 to honor his American Indian ancestry. Dele also played two seasons with the Detroit Pistons before retiring.

Dele's boat, the "Hakuna Matata," was discovered last Thursday at the east coast port of Taravao. The FBI later issued an arrest warrant for Dabord.

The catamaran was docked on July 18 by Dabord, French judicial officials have said. Its name had been removed and it was registered under a new name, "Aria Bella."

Since Monday, experts have been scouring the catamaran, taking photographs and gathering fingerprints and other evidence.

Investigators have found "nothing spectacular" on the boat, Investigating Judge Jean-Bernard Talierec was quoted as saying in Tuesday's edition of the daily La Depeche de Tahiti.

"No bodies, but some very interesting things," he said without elaborating. "This operation should take several days." A team of 13 FBI agents was assisting authorities.

Newspapers quoted witnesses who spotted the boat before it was docked. A fisherman quoted by Nouvelles de Tahiti but not identified by name said he saw the catamaran hit rocks around Hiti'a'a, on the eastern Tahitian coast, on July 13 and stayed in the area for three days.

Minnesota's win in Detroit costly

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Brad Radke wouldn't mind facing the Detroit Tigers every night.

Radke remained unbeaten in four decisions against Detroit this season, allowing three runs in six innings as the Minnesota Twins beat the Tigers 7-4 Tuesday night.

"I've just always had a lot of luck against the Tigers, and pitching at Comerica Park is always nice," he said. "They have aggressive hitters, and when I'm able to make pitches to guys like that, I'll be in good shape."

Radke (9-4) is 5-4 against the rest of the majors. For his career, he is 13-4 against Detroit.

"I'm not surprised that his record against us is that good," Brandon Inge said. "He's the type of guy where you leave the field and realize that he didn't throw one pitch that you could have hit hard. He just never leaves the ball where you can get it."

Playing their first game since clinching the AL Central title, Minnesota lost three players to injury — outfielders Torii Hunter and Jacque Jones and third baseman Corey Koskie.

"It was like having another Friday the 13th," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Jones had four hits, including a home run to lead off the game, before spraining his left ankle on an awkward slide into second base.

"I think Jacque hurt his pride more than anything," Gardenhire said. "That was a very creative slide. I'm not sure what he was trying to do."

Hunter had a bruised left tripeps after being hit by a pitch and Koskie bruised his right shin after fouling a ball off his leg.

X-rays showed no major injuries, but Gardenhire said Hunter and Jones will miss at least a couple days.

"Hopefully, I'll wake up in the morning and this will all be fine, but right now I can't even take a shower because I can't bend my arm," Hunter said. "They call this the funny bone, but there is nothing funny about this. This is the mean bone right now."

Hunter was more worried about Jones.

"I saw that slide on the replay and I thought Jacque broke his ankle," he said.

The Tigers also were concerned. "I told some of their guys to relax — they've already won the division," Hiram Bocachica said. "Torii and Jacque are great players and I hope they are able to finish out the season."

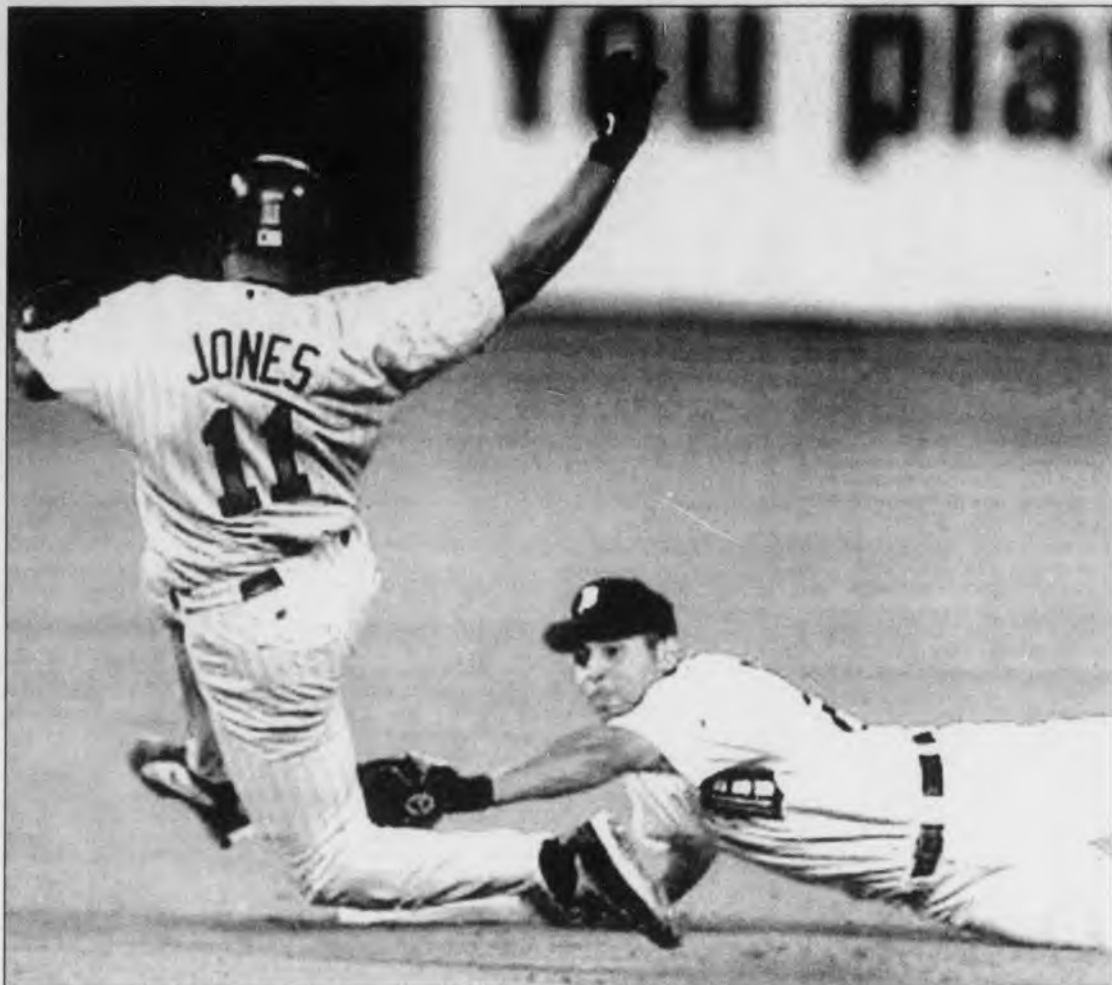
This was the Tigers' 97th defeat and they need to finish 9-2 to avoid 100 losses.

Detroit's sole bright spot was right fielder Robert Fick, who threw out two runners for his major league-leading 20th and 21st outfield assists. Fick needs two assists to match Al Kaline's team record from 1958.

"They keep trying to run on him and he keeps throwing guys out," Tigers manager Luis Pujols said.

Rookie Shane Loux (0-2) lost in his second career start, allowing four runs on eight hits in six innings. He has dropped both of his starts to the Twins, allowing 10 runs — nine earned — in 10 innings.

"He's a young guy and he showed some good things in a couple innings today," Pujols said. "But when he got the ball up, they were able to hit him."



Paul Warner AP Photo

SLIDING: Minnesota Twins left fielder Jacque Jones is tagged out at second base by Detroit Tigers shortstop Omar Infante after Jones tried to stretch a single into a double in the seventh inning in Detroit. Jones sprained his left ankle on the play and left the game.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Josh Harris
Junior

The athlete of the week is selected by The BG News sports staff due to their outstanding accomplishments on the field.

Josh Harris led the way for the Falcons last weekend as he passed for 311 yards, caught a touchdown pass and had two short scoring runs against Missouri.

Harris caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Cole Wagner on the game's first possession. He took the snap and threw a lateral to Wagner, who found his quarterback streaking down the field for a 7-0 lead.

Harris added scoring runs of two and three yards in the second quarter to help the Falcons beat the Tigers 51-28.

The game on Saturday night marked Harris' second career contest with over 300 yards passing.

Harris was 16-of-31 through the air against the Tigers. He accounted for 377 yards of total offense, as he also had 66 yards rushing and 34 receiving.

Dating back to last season Harris has now rushed for two touchdowns in four consecutive games.

For his efforts he was named the MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week on Tuesday.

Since Harris was named the Falcons starting quarterback late last year BG has gone 5-0 and scored more than 40 points in four consecutive games.

Connecticut woman qualifies for tourney

By Rich Harris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn. — Suzy Whaley knows what's at stake as she decides whether to break a barrier in the tradition-filled game of golf.

The history. The responsibility. The possible backlash.

The first woman to qualify for a tournament on the all-male PGA Tour isn't so sure she's up to the task.

"Everybody today has said, 'How could you possibly not play? Of course you have to play, from a woman's standpoint,'" Whaley said Wednesday. "If I do play, it's hard to be competitive from 7,000-and-change yards. What would I shoot from there? Would that be OK for women's golf?"

Whaley, a 35-year-old head pro at a Connecticut golf course, earned an exemption to the 2003 Greater Hartford Open with a come-from-behind victory Tuesday in a PGA Section Championship.

Whaley played from tees that made the course about 10 percent shorter than the men played. If she competes in the Greater Hartford Open, she'll play from the championship tees.

Tournament organizers say she's welcome, and four players said they thought having Whaley compete would be "cool."

An LPGA Tour player in 1990 and 1993, Whaley said she has a lot of thinking to do before making her decision. Dates for the 2003 tournament are not yet set; it is usually played in late June.

Whaley has until a week before the tournament to decide, but she said she wouldn't wait that long so another player would have the chance to take her spot if she doesn't

play. Whaley's husband, Bill, is the general manager at the TPC at River Highlands in Cromwell, where the event is held. She said he hasn't put any pressure on her to decide either way.

The tournament's chairman, Dan Baker, said he would be "thrilled to have her."

"She's a great player. She earned it," Baker said.

Golf is steeped in history and custom, from its roots at the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in Scotland to its precise etiquette and the expectation that players will call penalties on themselves.

Whaley's case is just another

"I think it's pretty cool. She went out there and she earned her right. She beat everybody in the field and that's what you have to do."

TIGER WOODS

example of how golf's traditions are under pressure.

The National Council of Women's Organizations is feuding with the Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters, because the club has no female members. The PGA Tour lost a court fight over Casey Martin's use of a golf cart. Martin has a circulatory disorder in his right leg that makes it painful for him to walk.

PGA Tour spokesman Bob Combs said tour regulations stipulate that a winner of a sectional championship qualifies for the tour even within those geographical boundaries.

Whaley also was the only

woman to qualify for the PGA Club Professional Championship in June in Louisville, Ky., but she missed the cut.

A Syracuse, N.Y., native, Whaley said she wasn't thinking about history when she shot a 1-under 71 at the Ellington Ridge Country Club to win the Connecticut Section title.

"I was just playing to win the tournament," she said.

At the American Express Championship in Ireland, the world's best players offered encouragement.

"I think it's pretty cool," Tiger Woods said. "She went out there and she earned her right. She beat everybody in the field, and that's what you have to do."

"The PGA Tour has always tried to promote the game without discrimination," said Phil Mickelson, the two-time defending champion of the Greater Hartford Open. "It's all about the best players."

Brad Faxon said, "It would be cool publicity."

Faxon and Davis Love III questioned allowing Whaley to play the sectional tournament from shorter tees.

"She played a different course under different standards," Love said.

Still, if Whaley played in the Greater Hartford Open, Love said he'd "treat her like any other club pro or amateur I didn't know. I'd shake her hand, say hello and wish her luck."

Whaley chuckled when she heard that.

"I went to college with Dave. We played on the golf team together. He doesn't know it's me," said Whaley, whose maiden name was McGuire when she — and Love — played at North Carolina.

Browns' Couch could start Sunday against Titans

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Butch Davis watched closely as Tim Couch worked with the Cleveland Browns' starting offense yesterday.

Davis studied every tight spiral, lob and wobbler thrown by his fourth-year quarterback.

"He went out and threw as if he wasn't gone a minute," he said.

Davis, who closed practice to the media for the first time this week, was encouraged by what he saw. But he's still not ready to announce Couch as his starter for Sunday's game against the Tennessee Titans.

"I wish I could," Davis said.

Couch has sat out the Browns' first two games this season so he could rest his sore right elbow. He tore scar tissue in an Aug. 26 exhibition game against Green Bay.

This is the week doctors targeted for Couch to make his return to the lineup and replace Kelly Holcomb, his backup, who has done a superb job while Couch has been out.

Davis didn't reveal much information on how Couch looked in practice.

"I think he had a good practice," Davis said. "As I said 3 1/2 weeks ago, this is going to be a work in progress. There'll be a day when he'll walk in and there

won't be anything wrong. Maybe today was that day."

Before practice, Couch said he has been throwing without any pain for nearly a week. He had hoped to start last Sunday against Cincinnati, but doctors recommended that he rest his arm for another week.

He reluctantly took their advice and now thinks it was the right thing to do.

"I'm excited about hopefully getting back out onto the field," he said. "I think everyone is going to be fine with the arm. It's been a long two weeks."

Davis said one of the keys to whether Couch can play Sunday will be how his arm responds on Thursday after testing it.

"We'll just have to see if he continues to respond positively, as he has the last couple weeks," Davis said.

While Couch was out, Holcomb led the Browns (1-1) over Cincinnati. The career backup would be 2-0 if Browns line-backer Dwayne Rudd hadn't thrown his helmet in the closing seconds of the opener, costing Cleveland a victory over Kansas City.

Holcomb has completed 44 of 69 passes for 524 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions and has a 111.0 quarterback rating — the NFL's second highest — after two weeks.

But he knows that if Couch is healthy, Couch will start.

"If something happens this week and Tim can't play, I've got to be ready," Holcomb said. "It's been great getting out there and playing. There are some things I could have done better. But I gained confidence."

Davis said that if Couch starts and is not injured, he will finish.

"If he's playing well, absolutely," Davis said. "If we decide that Tim is going to be the starting quarterback, then we have made the determination in these three days of practice that he's 100 percent."

"Pride aside and ego aside, and all the other reasons, Tim is no different that any other player on the team. He's got to be able to do the things that we think he is going to have to do to win the game."

Davis refused to go into any details about injuries to some other players.

Defensive end Courtney Brown, who was inactive last week, is listed as questionable with a sore neck. So are starting tackle Ryan Tucker (knee), center Dave Wohlabaugh (broken hand) and tackle Roger Chanoino.

"I'm not going to get into who threw, who did what, who played or all that kind of stuff," Davis said. "They practiced."

Will the Diamondbacks and Yankees meet again in the World Series?

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the wild card in the NL. The Yankees will defeat the A's in the division series, while the

Twins will upset the Angels with the best home field advantage in baseball. As for the National League, the Giants will upset the Braves, while the D-Backs will beat the

Cardinals. For some reason, I see Arizona and New York meeting in the fall classic for the second straight year, but with a different result. Fall baseball, it's fantastic!

Frerotte keeps Bengals starting job

By Joe Kay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Gus Frerotte's job security is as shaky as one of his left-handed passes.

After two days of mulling it over, the Cincinnati Bengals decided yesterday that Frerotte will remain the starting quarterback for at least one more game.

Coach Dick LeBeau also made it clear that he won't hesitate to replace Frerotte if things don't go well Sunday night in Atlanta.

"We would take a very close look at production," LeBeau said.

Two losses into the season, the NFL's worst team since 1991 is having more second thoughts at the most important position. Frerotte's poor showing during a 20-7 loss in Cleveland clearly shook his coaches' confidence.

By waiting two days to declare a starter, LeBeau signaled he's not sure Frerotte can do the job.

Frerotte made the decisive gaffe in Cleveland. The right-hander tried to throw the ball away with his left hand to avoid a sack, but the pass floated to Kenard Lang, whose 71-yard interception return set up the clinching touchdown.

"I had one play that could have probably cost us the game," Frerotte said Wednesday. "That's hard for me to take. Nobody has to tell me that. You

guys don't have to write about it, because I think about it every second of the day."

The Bengals have been outscored 54-13 in their two losses behind Frerotte, who threw three interceptions and was sacked five times in Cleveland.

Cincinnati got its first touchdown of the season and nine of its 28 first downs Sunday after the Browns pulled ahead 20-0 and went soft on defense. The Bengals crossed midfield seven times but scored only once, when it no longer mattered.

After watching game films for two days, LeBeau concluded his offense didn't play so badly. He knows his opinion is in the minority in Cincinnati, where fans are prepared for a 12th straight season of futility.

"That's why I don't like to talk too much in these situations, because it sounds like you're making excuses," LeBeau said. "I also hear the house falling down around here, from the comments I'm getting. That's why I say the game was a close game."

The Bengals have opened each of the last five seasons with a different quarterback, benching the newcomer when he inevitably struggles. Frerotte got limited playing time in preseason and is still learning the offense.



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ON THE MOVE: Cleveland Browns players chase Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Gus Frerotte last Sunday. Frerotte will keep his position as the starting quarterback for the Bengals.

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OSU Names All-Tournament Team

THE BG NEWS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Three members of the Bowling Green women's soccer team have been named to the all-tournament team for the Ohio State Tournament. Senior Erika Flanders, sophomore Beth Rieman and freshman Leah Eggleton were named to the team, which was announced yesterday afternoon (Sept. 18).

The Falcons split a pair of 1-0 matches at the tournament, beating Pittsburgh on Friday (Sept. 13) and losing to Missouri two days later.

Flanders tied Missouri goalkeeper Megan Duncan (Tournament Defensive MVP) for the tournament lead with nine saves, while Rieman and Eggleton totaled two shots.

BGSU, now 3-2-1 overall and 1-0 in Mid-American Conference play, will return to MAC action with a pair of contests this weekend. The Falcons will host Miami Friday (Sept. 20) at 4:00 p.m. and Ball State Sunday (Sept. 22) in a 2:00 p.m. start, with both matches set to be played at BG's Cochrane Field.

OSU backups prepare to replace Clarett Saturday

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Back during spring practice, Ohio State tailback Lydell Ross vowed that this year he wanted to be "the man" for the Buckeyes.

Instead, he watched with some consternation as freshman Maurice Clarett took over the starting job and made it his own, piling up yards and adoring fans through the Buckeyes' first three games.

"It has been a little hard," Ross, a sophomore, said after Tuesday's practice. "I've pretty much been trying to work as hard as I could to come in and start like I said I wanted to. It's been hard to see Maurice come in and start over me. But I just keep working hard and whatever happens, happens."

What has happened is a knee injury that will likely cause Clarett to miss No. 6 Ohio State's game Saturday against Cincinnati at Paul Brown Stadium.

Clarett, who gained 471 yards and scored six touchdowns in the Buckeyes' 3-0 start, underwent arthroscopic surgery on Tuesday. He was on crutches Tuesday. Team orthopedic specialist Dr. Chris Kaeding termed it unlikely but not impossible that Clarett will play against the Bearcats (1-1).

Now Ross, fellow sophomore Maurice Hall and redshirt freshman Jaja Riley will get a moment in the sun. Ohio State's coaches are anything but worried.

"There's no way we're concerned about this weekend in terms of, are we going to have somebody that can run the football," running backs coach Tim Spencer said. "We've got some guys who CAN run the ball. I feel very good about that."

An injury is never good news, but the timing couldn't have been better for Spencer and the rest of the Ohio State coaches. In recent weeks, it appeared Ross was

beaten down by all the talk about Clarett. He was seeing mop-up duty and was even getting a lot of practice time at fullback, a position he made clear he wasn't his first choice.

While expressing regret that Clarett was injured, Ross said he relished the opportunity to get some carries in a game that was not already won.

"With him being out, they are definitely going to look down the line to other tailbacks. Me, Maurice, Jaja, we're all going to be there. We're all going to be waiting," Ross said. "Like everyone's been saying, this is a strong stable of running backs we've got here. We'll definitely be tested."

It became clear that Clarett had won the job after he went for 175 yards in the opener against Texas Tech. He solidified that with 230 yards against Washington State last week.

Clarett has 63 carries so far this season — 12 more than Ross, Hall and Riley combined.

Even though Clarett was clearly the No. 1 tailback — and has been mentioned on several early Heisman Trophy lists — his backups have supported him while hoping they wouldn't end up spending the rest of their careers on the sideline watching him.

"I still feel we're all the same, no matter who was in there we could do probably the same thing" as Clarett, Hall said. "It was just a matter of he was in there and he took advantage of it. That's what you have to do."

Linebacker Matt Wilhelm, who faces the Buckeyes' four tailbacks every day in practice, said he doesn't believe there will be any dropoff if Clarett doesn't play.

"We've got four tailbacks who can start at other schools," he said. "In no way am I worried that the offense is not going to be able to hold up their end of the bargain on Saturday. We've got more talent than we know what to do with now."



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TO THE ENDZONE: Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett runs to the endzone against Washington State last Saturday. Clarett's fast start has put many Ohio State rushing records and Archie Griffin's status as the fans' abiding favorite in jeopardy.

Pac-10 wants perfect weekend

By Richard Rosenblatt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Pac-10 is looking for perfection this weekend.

A week after its teams went 8-1 in nonconference games, the Pac-10 has a chance to go 8-0 on Saturday.

The toughest test appears to be No. 11 USC at No. 25 Kansas State, although the Trojans (2-0) are coming off a 40-3 road upset of defending Big 12 champion Colorado.

K-State (3-0), meanwhile, has won 37 straight non-league home games dating to 1989, including lopsided wins to open the season against two I-AA teams and winless Louisiana-Monroe. This will be the first real challenge to that streak.

"We really have to bring our 'A' game this week and put up a fight," K-State quarterback Marc Dunn said.

USC, led by quarterback Carson Palmer, is a 3-point underdog. K-State may lead the nation in scoring at 59.7 points per game, but USC is sixth in points allowed at 10 ppg.

"This is a game that is going to give us a good feel for what we are all about," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said. "If we are fortunate enough to win, we will feel pretty good about the start of this season."

Arizona won't have an easy time, either. The Wildcats visit No. 22 Wisconsin as 5 1/2-point underdogs. Last week, Jason Johnson threw for 416 yards in Arizona's 23-17 win against Utah. Brooks Bollinger was sacked 10 times before running 2 yards for the winning TD in a 24-21 victory against Northern Illinois.

However, the Pac-10 was a powerful road force a week ago. Besides USC's road win, California stunned Michigan State 46-22 in East Lansing, and Washington State stuck close at Ohio State before losing 25-7.

No. 9 Oregon (3-0) and No. 16 Washington State (2-1), meanwhile, should coast against Division I-AA teams — Portland State visits the Ducks, and Montana State travels to Pullman.

Pac-10 teams are double-digit favorites in three other games — No. 13 Washington by 30 1/2 points over Wyoming, No. 20 UCLA by 11 over Colorado, and Oregon State by 11 1/2 over Fresno State. And No. 23 California, off to its best start since 1996, is a 9 1/2-point pick over visiting Air Force.

The Pac-10 is the only major conference that doesn't have a team with a losing record. So far, the league is 22-4 against non-league foes.

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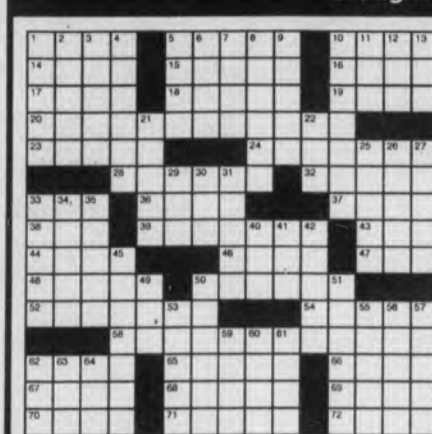
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