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LET'S PLAY BALL:
The BG softball team will play a doubleheader against Miami today at the BG Softball Field;
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Turbo jet goes down

By John Seewer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio — A twin-engine jet crashed in flames yesterday as it approached the Toledo airport, killing all three people on board, the sheriff said. The Falcon 20 turbo jet, on its way from Traverse City, Mich., went down about 2 p.m. in a nature preserve a mile southwest of Toledo Express Airport. "It just dropped right down into the woods," Lucas County Sheriff James Telb said. The victims were employees of

Grand Aire, a charter company based in suburban Toledo that owned the plane, Telb said. Officials did not release their identities. Grand Aire representatives declined to comment. Firefighters extinguished the flames after about two hours, Telb said. The plane went down in a remote area of the Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, Toledo Metroparks spokesman Scott Carpenter said. There are no shelter houses or parking lots in that area of the 3,500-acre nature pre-

serve. Air traffic controllers alerted authorities when the plane dropped off the radar, Telb said. Sheriff's deputies and park rangers discovered the wreckage when they followed a horse trail toward smoke. Officials had not found any witnesses. The plane went down in a spot thick with brush and leaves. "It was really difficult to reach it and even find it," said Mike George, fire chief for the Ohio National Guard unit based at the airport.

The wreckage lay in a heap surrounded by yellow police tape, still smoldering hours after the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board said it had sent an investigator to the crash site. The plane apparently arrived in Traverse City sometime yesterday morning, either picked up or dropped off freight, and returned to Toledo, said Stephen Cassens, Cherry Capital Airport director. Cassens said it did not appear



CRASH SITE: Lt. George Jutze, of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, speaks to the media yesterday near Toledo about a plane that went down while approaching Toledo Express Airport.

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USG VOTING CONTINUES

Candidates talk about platforms

By Carrie Whitaker
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

An estimated 500 students voted in the Undergraduate Student Government elections on Monday, showing an increase from last year, and students on campus have two more days to vote. The voting results will be

announced Friday at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Union, weather permitting.

Students can vote on the Education steps, in the Student Union and in various dining centers around campus. Here, in no specific order, are some specifics about the candidate's stances.

"I have the necessary knowledge of how organizations and governments should run. I can make USG run more efficiently than it has been."

Jamie



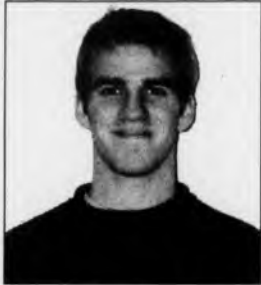
Borowski

Jamie Borowski/Law Schuelke

- Get more students' participation on University Standing Committees and Task Forces to increase the student voice
- Re-evaluate the master plan so that the University can further comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, because it is still ten years away from full compliance with that federal mandate
- Step-up and improve the facilities maintenance schedule to ensure that sidewalks, walkways, roads and parking lots are maintained to a better condition
- Fight to give the fraternities and sororities on campus the privacy rights necessary for them to function properly to enhance the Undergraduate Experience for the many students involved in Greek Life
- Work closely with Dining Services to make sure that the Ricca Consultants' recommendations are carried out and the better interests of the students play an integral role in the future plans of Dining Services

"I believe I am qualified for this position because I try to approach all corners of my life with modesty and excellence."

Josh



Kontak

Josh Kontak/Sara Kaminski

- Cut Dining Services' costs by implementing more efficient standards
- Improve campus safety through increased awareness in the Citizens on Patrol program and by improving lighting and snow removal
- Fight state budget cuts to higher education by getting as many students registered to vote as possible and sending our legislators the message that Ohio can't withstand any more budget cuts to higher education
- Create liaisons between USG and major student organizations to get a feel for the concerns of various student groups
- Improve advising by having basic standards by which all academic departments operate

"Caroline Kelly and I feel that we have the knowledge, experience and professionalism to best represent the undergraduate students."

Chris



Pearcy

Chris Pearcy/Caroline Kelly

- Create direct liaisons from other student organizations to serve within USG
- Invite more guest students to speak to USG in an open forum format to express issues and concerns
- Make USG a reputable student organization by creating a sounding board for students who feel under-represented. This would be a place where leaders from all student organizations are invited, and encouraged to voice the opinions of their members
- Encourage our fellow students to foster their critical thinking skills, development of character and their civic responsibilities through involvement on campus and interest in issues presented before the body of USG
- Take a strong stance on not letting USG make official stances on controversial issues facing students. We believe that although these issues are important, it is not the role of USG to be taking official stances.

"I try every day to make this campus a better place...I urge you to vote. Last year's turnout was horrible, so just get out and vote."

Quiana



Odom

Quiana Odom/Jonathan Harrell

- Increasing campus involvement by getting students to vote in USG elections so students can be better represented on campus.
- Make USG the premier organization on campus as is stated in the groups creed

•Editor's Note: Odom and her running mate Harrell could not be contacted. The information above was taken from BG News articles last week.

Health Fair exhibits today

By Miranda Bond
REPORTER

Students will have the opportunity to participate in various health screenings and receive samples of health care products at the annual Bowling Green Health Fair.

The event will take place today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Admission is free to all students and the public.

In past years the Wellness Connection has seen good attendance. Usually anywhere from 600 to 900 people from the community and campus visit the health fair.

"Students will learn about health related resources in the area and on campus, as well as learning about their own personal health and what behaviors they can change to make themselves healthier," said Barbra Hoffman, health promotion coordinator of the Wellness Connection.

The Student Health Service and Wellness Connection have worked with Bowling Green communities to organize the fair. They will be bringing in around 42 exhibitors that include; the American Lung Association, local health departments and community groups such as Behavioral Connections.

There will also be various interactive displays that will feature quizzes, games and demonstrations in which participants can win prizes.

Visitors to the fair will be able

to take advantage of several health screenings such as cholesterol screening for a fee of \$3, glucose testing, body composition analysis, pH testing, lifestyle analysis of health risk factors and dermascan. Dermascan uses UV light to display areas of sensitive facial skin and potential problem areas for skin cancer.

Also, there will be information about tattoo and body piercing safety, over-the-counter samples such as lip balm and sunscreen, and a raffle with door prizes.

Students are receptive to the event. "It is a good thing because it keeps us aware of our own body so we can stay in shape and healthy throughout the school year," said freshman Melinda Gurgul.

This year the theme of the fair is Reel Health and the exhibitors will be decorating their booths with past or present movie memorabilia. This is a fun way for exhibitors to display their message in a creative way. It also provides entertainment for students while they are being tested.

"Students who have attended the fair in the past usually come back. If students have never come, they should take the time to stop in at the Ballroom and look at the booths and learn about their health."

For more information, students can call the Student Health Service and Wellness Connection at 372-9355.

AIDS research funds misappropriated

By Anita Snow
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Latin American and Caribbean countries must double the \$1.2 billion they spend yearly in fighting AIDS to treat the disease effectively and keep it from spreading, an official said at a U.N. conference yesterday.

The money spent now "just isn't enough" said Nina Ferencic, a program development adviser for the U.N. AIDS agency UNAIDS.

The funds — mostly from individual governments — should also be better allocated, she said. "Often, the distribution

of the funds are discriminatory and the groups most at need don't get the money: men having sex with men, intravenous drug users," Ferencic added.

There are nearly 2 million people with AIDS or HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean, regional AIDS specialists said.

With an adult HIV incidence of 2.3 percent, the Caribbean is second only to sub-Saharan Africa in the scope and impact of the epidemic, according to UNAIDS. HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death in several Caribbean countries, including

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

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Partly Cloudy

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FRIDAY



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Low: 33°

SATURDAY



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Low: 34°

SUNDAY



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Low: 41°

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Rev. supports same-sex unity

BG NEWS BRIEFING

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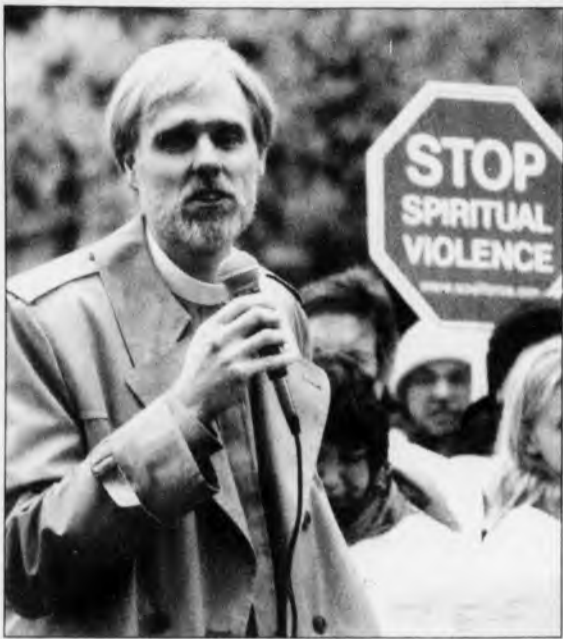
In yesterday's staff editorial, The BG News mistakenly stated that the USG campaigning began March 31. It actually began March 24.

The USG student welfare committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 5 p.m. for those wanting to voice their opinions on the proposed peace resolution, not at 9 p.m. as reported.

The author of yesterday's guest column, "Maintain the environment," was mistakenly identified as Matt Case. Gary Silverman, Director of the Environmental Health Program, is the actual author.

We apologize for any confusion created from the mistakes.

Pamela Anderson is Canada's Centennial Baby, being the first baby born on the centennial anniversary of Canada's independence.



Albert Fleckenstein AP Photo

SUPPORTERS: The Rev. Stephen Van Kuiken from the Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, speaks during a rally and news conference along with other clergy and supporters yesterday.

By John Nolan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CINCINNATI — A Presbyterian minister who has publicly stated his commitment to marrying same-sex couples awaited the denomination's first trial yesterday before church colleagues.

The Rev. Stephen Van Kuiken planned to represent himself before the Cincinnati Presbytery's court. The trial was open only to ministers and elders.

Van Kuiken, 44, pastor of Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, also was to be tried on a charge that he ordains as church deacons and elders gay people who won't adhere to a Presbyterian constitutional requirement of chastity.

"This is an issue that I can't compromise on. I believe it is a matter of conscience," he said yesterday. "For me, it is a matter of doing what is right and treating gay and lesbian people the way I think Jesus would want me to."

It is the first trial to result from similar complaints filed by Presbyterian Church (USA)

activists in about 20 locations around the country. They demand that the 2.5 million denomination require its ministers and congregations to obey the Presbyterian constitution.

Some of the complaints were investigated and dismissed for lack of evidence. Others are pending before various presbyteries, which are regional clusters of churches.

The Presbyterian Church follows the biblical interpretation generally held by major Christian denominations that marriage can be a covenant only between a man and a woman. The highest Presbyterian court ruled in 2000 that ministers may bless same-sex unions, but cannot marry such couples.

A two-thirds vote — five of the court's seven members — would be required in order to convict Van Kuiken. A decision could come within days.

Possible punishments include a public rebuke, temporary suspension and removal from the ministry. Van Kuiken could appeal a conviction.

The court is to hear evidence from Van Kuiken and members

of the Cincinnati Presbytery's investigating committee, who will serve as prosecutors.

Church officials did not disclose who will testify. The evidence could include written statements by Van Kuiken and Mount Auburn's ruling board of elders affirming the same-sex marriages and ordination of gays as lay ministers.

Church officials say Mount Auburn Presbyterian has been ordaining gay deacons and elders since 1991 in apparent violation of the church's ordination standards. The Cincinnati congregation has acknowledged that in writing, as well as the "marriage" of same-sex couples, which Ohio law does not recognize as marriage.

Members of Mount Auburn's congregation, a Cincinnati interfaith group of ministers, and Soulforce, a gay-rights organization that lobbies religious organizations, say they are supporting Van Kuiken.

Van Kuiken, a married heterosexual originally from Grand Rapids, Mich., has been a Presbyterian minister for 19 years.

Castro supports conference

AIDS, FROM PAGE 1

Haiti and the Bahamas, the agency said.

President Fidel Castro has expressed interest in the conference, which will discuss regional efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, but it was unknown whether he would attend. He met Monday night and yesterday afternoon with Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS, who is lead-

ing the conference.

A UNAIDS news release quoted Piot as saying that progress has been made to ensure care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean, but gaps remain and the money to fight the epidemic is unevenly distributed.

Piot said recent international funding includes \$155 million through the World Bank's Multi-

Country HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project for the Caribbean and \$325 million through the Global Fund Against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, covering 11 countries over five years.

"The challenge now is to continue this momentum and for governments to spend the money effectively and efficiently," Piot said.

Minimal debris at plane crash site

CRASH, FROM PAGE 1

the aircraft took on passengers in Traverse City. He did not know what type of freight was involved in the transfer.

Ron Height, of Swanton, said he stopped when he saw a large cloud of smoke coming from the woods while driving. He got to the crash site as the first rescuers arrived.

"It was pretty clear right away there wasn't going to be a lot we could do," he said.

There was a lot of smoke and

some flames, but not a huge fireball, Height said.

"There wasn't debris all over the place like you would think," he said. "It was all in one spot."

The plane, which can seat up to nine people, was built in 1968.

On July 18, 2002, a twin-engine plane owned by Grand Aire crashed as it attempted to land in dense fog at an airport in Columbus, Ind. The pilot was killed.

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

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
BFA Senior Thesis Exhibitions
The culminating exhibitions for graduating BGSU Fine Arts students at the baccalaureate level.
Union Gallery

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
"Reel" Health Fair
Lights, Camera, Action! The theme for this year's health fair is "Reel" Health and exhibitors will be decorating to the theme of their favorite movie from past or present. There will be a wide variety of exhibitors offering health information including: cholesterol screening (\$3), glucose testing, dermascan (skin cancer screening), tattoo and body piercing safety, over-the-counter samples, and raffle and door prizes. The Health Fair is sponsored by the Student Health Service and Wellness Connection. Call 372-9355 for more information.
Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Earth Day 5K Race Promotion
Sponsored by Environmental Health Student Group.
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
History Society Fundraiser
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Ms. Black & Gold Ticket Sales
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Organ Donation Info. Table
Sponsored by PRSSA. Also, information about PRSSA's egg hunt will be given.
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
USG Elections
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Digital Caricature Artist
Sponsored by the Union.
Union

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
BSU Spring Fest Ticket Sales
Education Bldg. Steps

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Ticket Sales
Tickets will be sold for their Box City event on April 11-12.
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Phi Mu Cookie-Bake
Phi Mu will be taking orders for their philanthropy cookie-bake project.
Education Bldg. Steps

Noon
Brown Bag Lunch: "The Juggling Act: Women, Work & Family"
The American family has undergone many changes in recent years. As the majority of women struggle with the demands of paid employment and home responsibilities, the potential for stress and conflict increases. Industrial/organizational psychologists who study the psychological consequences of work/family conflict, consider this crucial issue to be particularly relevant to women. This interactive presentation by Olga Clark, Psychology, will summarize some of the current findings and invite your comments and questions.
T107 Hanna Hall

Noon - 3 p.m.
"Give BG" Informational Table
Sponsored by the Development Office.
Union Lobby

Noon
Managing Stress and Depression
This 2-part workshop will help participants gain a better understanding of the sources of stress in their life and help them identify and practice methods to reduce stress and depression. Workshop includes experiential components including relaxation techniques.
Counseling Center, 320 Saddlemire Student Services

2 p.m.
The Last Great Cause: The Spanish Civil War and Music of the Americas
Lecture sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Culture & Society. For further information, contact their office at 419.372.0585.
Business Administration Room 116

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Asia Informational Session
This is an informational session about the many overseas study opportunities in Asia.
1103 Offenauer West

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
"Research Revolution: Science and the Shaping of Modern Life"
How and when should DNA fingerprinting be used, when should it be considered valid evidence and how powerful is this evidence? A free six-part viewing, reading, and discussion series hosted by Ogg Science Library and University Libraries. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean at

419-372-2856.
Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library, 150A

7 p.m.
Toledo Chapter Organizational Meeting
Come join other Falcon fans as they talk about upcoming events, leadership roles and activities! Questions? Contact Kam Walter in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 419.372.7772.
Beauner's on Dixie Highway, Perrysburg

7:30 p.m.
Quien Soy Workshop
Sponsored by the Latino Student Union. For further information, contact their office at 419.372.8325.
Union 314-Buckeye Telesystem/CPS Meeting Room

8 p.m.
Faculty Artist Series: Laura Melton, piano
Music series featuring College of Musical Arts Faculty. Free and open to the public.
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8:15 p.m.
Speaker: Brian Pearson
Brian Pearson, president of BPNC Inc, and inventor of Zippers, the first gelatin shot available on the market, is giving a presentation on Entrepreneurship. First event sponsored by the Society of Entrepreneurs that is open to the public.
Business Administration room 114

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Old School Meets New School Music
Come enjoy oldies and new music! Sponsored by the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.
Union Black Swamp Pub

9:30 p.m.
UAO Movie- Silence of the Lambs
Union Theatre

RIPPLES IN TIME | A HISTORY SERIES

Beer company founded: 1860

By Debra Beal
REPORTER

When August Anheuser-Busch, Jr. went to work for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. in 1924, the company was manufacturing ice cream to survive prohibition. While the company has diversified their product line over the years, it has always been run by a male member of the Anheuser and Busch families.

The company was founded by Eberhard Anheuser in 1860 when he purchased a struggling St. Louis brewery. He soon became friends with Adolphus Busch, a German immigrant and owner of a brewery supply company.

After Eberhard introduced Adolphus to his daughter Lily, they married a year later. Adolphus then went to work for his father-in-law at Anheuser and Co. as a salesman.

Young Adolphus Busch brought a fresh energy to the company, and discovered a way to pasteurize beer, which allowed for national distribution. He dreamed of developing a beer that would appeal to every taste to make mass production feasible.

"Busch developed a beer lighter than those commonly sold at the time. This beer, named Budweiser, ultimately became the world's best seller," according to a Library of Congress Web site. Budweiser, now known as the king of beers, hit the market in 1869, followed by Michelob in 1896.

Around the turn of the century, August Busch, Sr., was made vice president and general manager of the company. He presented his father, Adolphus, with a birthday gift of the Clydesdale horses,

which later became the company trademark.

When Adolphus died in 1913, August Busch, Sr., became president and saw the company through the prohibition years. In addition to manufacturing ice cream, the company marketed near-beer, malt syrup and a chocolate beverage.

The company celebrated the end of prohibition by taking the Clydesdales on a national tour. The noble breed of horses, characterized by their eight-foot height and distinctive white haired hooves, made an impressive sight pulling a red beer wagon.

"Their first stop was the governor of New York who was responsible for getting the Prohibition repealed. He received a case of Budweiser beer," according to a TV Acres Web site.

When August Busch, Jr., assumed leadership in the post-war era, the company experienced tremendous growth. "During his tenure, annual sales rose from 3 million barrels to 34 million barrels," according to an Anheuser Web site.

August Jr. later diversified the company with the acquisition of the St. Louis Cardinals, Eagle Snacks and the Busch Gardens theme parks.

The Columbus brewery opened in 1968 after the original St. Louis brewery was declared a national historic landmark.

Sources:
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<http://www.anheuser-busch.com>
<http://www.tvacres.com>
<http://www.raxhaven.com>

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QUOTE UNQUOTE

"You loser, you are too small to talk to the leader of Iraq and those who will be swept away from the land of the Arab world are people like you."

Iraqi Vice President TAHA YASSIN RAMADAN, telling Saudi Arabia's foreign minister to "go to hell" after he reiterated a call for President Saddam Hussein to step down to spare Iraq. (newsweek.com)

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OPINION

U-WIRE EDITORIAL | COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Speaking out is sign of leadership

Students of all ages around the country have been voicing their opinions about the issues surrounding the war with Iraq. We can walk out, protest and chant because it is our right. But now a university has decided that they have the power to censor it.

Elizabeth Monnin, a senior at Tufts University in Boston, had her Senior Award for academic achievement and leadership revoked after participating in a protest during President Bush's

speech at the campus on Feb. 26. The protest drew a crowd of more than 4,800 students, faculty and administrators.

Monnin's rights may not have been taken away, but she was punished for exercising them. It was the first time the award has been withdrawn in the 48 years that the honor has been given out. Lawrence Bacow, president of Tufts, was not involved in the decision concerning Monnin. The action was taken by the Tufts

University Alumni Association.

The association gives out 12 Senior Awards every year to students "who have excelled academically and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in campus and/or community activities," according to the alumni association's Web page.

Monnin, who is a double major in women's studies and peace and justice, had fulfilled those requirements during her years at Tufts. Monnin was cho-

sen for the award in part because of her reputation around campus as a political activist. What did the association expect from a student majoring in peace and justice? But apparently opposing the president was too much.

When Bush began talking about the 1991 Gulf War, Monnin allegedly made an obscene hand gesture toward him. However, she denies the accusation and there is no proof that it occurred. It should be noted that Tufts'

endowment, which currently stands at \$677 million, goes toward such things as new labs, facilities and faculty-relies on alumni.

After Alan M. MacDougall, president of the alumni association, received several complaints from alumni regarding Monnin's actions, he asked the committee to reconsider Monnin's award. MacDougall said that his reason for doing so was because Monnin's involvement wasn't the

behavior appropriate for a leader. He said that quality leaders are supposed to listen to other opinions and hear what people have to say.

Well, if those are the reasons MacDougall chose to take back her award, then the leadership of the association itself is questionable. They didn't support Monnin's opinion, and they didn't want to listen to her. What kind of leadership example is that?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This conflict has turned into holy war

In spite of the name that has been given to the war, "Operation Iraqi Freedom," most of us know that the purpose of it is not to save the Iraqi people but to get rid of a threat, Saddam Hussein, and meanwhile to do away with terrorism.

However, the probability of terrorism to increase is so high that we can even talk of its certainty. President Bush and his administration are doing the exact opposite of what they initially intended to do. We were personally shocked by the extent to which Bush refers to God in his political speeches and the divine power that he entrusted himself with.

This war to free the Iraqi people and to get rid of Saddam Hussein, is turning into a religious war: Christians versus Muslims. "Up to now, we had a secular dictator, Saddam Hussein. Bush now forces him to refer to the Jihad (Holy war)," says the Jewish novelist Marek Halter.

One good illustration would be the suicide attack in Netanya, Israel, on March 30. The Islamic Jihad declared: "This operation is dedicated to the Iraqi people who surprised the world by their heroism and resistance."

If Iraqi people who fight are seen as heroes and martyrs, what do you think the outcome of the war is going to be? And what if Israel is bombed? What if Middle Eastern countries would benefit from that situation to unite against Israel?

Middle East already was a tragically unstable region; it is going to be even more dangerously destabilized. A big threat in this conflict is to get the Arabic countries unified toward a single cause and ideal, anti-Americanism, the radicalization of Muslim people and the terrorism that would be related to it.

Many people have demonstrated in Muslim countries to protest against the war in Iraq that is perceived as a real aggression. Thousands of students protested in Egypt and 200,000 people in Djakarta, Indonesia. In Pakistan, a privileged U.S. ally, 500 students demonstrated shouting: "We stand with Iraq!". Five hundred students is not a lot, you would say, but how many people do you need to

bomb a metro station? The problem with terrorism is that it exceeds the notion of State.

Even if the United States wins this war and succeeds in setting up a democratic regime in Iraq, there will always remain some people who will denounce this interference that is claimed in the name of another god.

War always arouses anger.

NICOLAS DIGARD & THOMAS PATUREL
STUDENTS

The United States is not after Iraq's oil

I am writing this because I am sick and tired of reading uneducated opinions from people who do not bother to do their research. For example, I have read a number of "No blood for oil" signs. People who believe that the motive for going to war is oil, need to take a step back and do a little critical thinking. In the past, when has the United States ever conquered a country and taken something from that country for our own use and benefit? If we want to accuse our country of something, it should be for being too nice. Just look at WWII and what we did with Japan. Not only did we kick their posteriors, but then we spent U.S. dollars to rebuild them (in fact we did such a good job of rebuilding them that they began to produce technology superior to our own). Name one other country that has ever fought a country, beaten the country and then helped the country get back on its feet. That's what I thought. Therefore, it is ridiculous for people to believe that we will even touch a drop of oil.

I am also sick and tired of people making the United States out to be a bully and bad guy. Have the U.S. people forgotten the devastation of 9/11? Are we naïve enough to believe that if we just close our eyes and hope, everything will work out and there will be world peace? We became the great country we are through fighting and if we want to continue to be a great country, we will have to fight for it.

Saddam is truly an evil man. He always has and always will be if he is allowed to stay in power. It is inevitable that Saddam must be removed from power, and why not do it before he causes more devastation not only to his

own people, but to ours as well? I am also disappointed in the responses to Brian Strait's letter. If anyone deserves an opinion and the right to free speech, it is those who are willing to fight and die for those rights. Perhaps we should all take a moment and thank people like Brian Strait.

BRIDGET TOTH
STUDENT

Directors for Ice Horizons did great job

I was excited to read your article about Ice Horizons in Friday's BG News but was disappointed in the fact that you forgot some very pertinent information.

The amount of work that Shelly Bressler, director of the show, does is unbelievable. This year's show is going to be over the top, but Bressler has been helped from the very beginning from the two assistant directors, Kate Sockrider and Lana Mastroianni, both University students. In addition to putting in countless hours designing, choreographing and directing the show, these two students both carry a full load of course work, work part time at the Ice Arena and teach about six to ten hours of private lessons a week.

This is a feat few University students could pull off, and both of these ladies do it quite well. Kate is a native of Bowling Green and has been skating at the Ice Arena her whole life. She has participated in five Ice Horizons productions and is also in charge of the Wednesday Ice Arena Group Skating Lessons. Lana is a native of Parma, Ohio and was the captain and president of the BGSU Synchronized Skating team, which placed fifth at Nationals for two years.

Both of these girls, as well as Shelly Bressler, have done a wonderful job with the Ice Show thus far and as a participant in the show, I can tell that everyone involved is having a great time.

All three of these ladies have done such an amazing job and I just wanted to make sure credit was given where it was due.

Other BGSU students participating in the show are: Rebecca Clemons, Kelly Moran, Jessica Rancour, Christy Bryant, Rebecca Wolfe and Melissa Ellard.

BETH ULLERY
STUDENT

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is the most physical pain that you have ever been in?



BETHANY CLOSE
SENIOR, IPC

"When I shoved an ice-pick under my toenail."



ABBY VERGOTE
SENIOR

APPAREL MERCHANDISING
"When I ran into a rusty pole in my backyard."



JARROD KREITZER
JUNIOR, FINANCE

"When I went in the gas chamber during basic training."



ANTON HOVEVAR
JUNIOR

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"When I cut off my finger with an x-acto knife."

USG resolution is indeed democratic

NICK WEBER

Guest Columnist

With all the fuming letters being written to The BG News lately regarding the current, proposed (it hasn't even been voted on yet) Undergraduate Student Government peace resolution, I think we need to slow our ride down, step back and look at a few of the underlying issues.

First: How will the peace resolution affect anyone? Bowling Green State University is just a university. How will one university affect the national government's policy? I didn't know USG's power extended into the upper echelons of the national government! Somebody get Woodward and Bernstein to investigate this one!

Second: should the resolution pass, how would it affect you, the war supporter? Are you going to wake up every morning and say, "Wow, I sure wish I could support war!" but then realize, "Dang! USG passed that resolution, and now I'm forbidden from supporting conflict. Curses, foiled again!" As much as the First Amendment to the Constitution has occasionally been "forgotten" in this "changing America" (as one of the national news programs states it), last time I checked, we still had the right to object to government policy, be it national or even, (gasp!) Undergraduate Student Government policy.

Third: People seem to think that USG's proposed resolution is "undemocratic," because the USG officers didn't come up and personally ask them what they thought about war. This is outlandish, especially considering the abysmal voter turnout every USG election

gets. How many people voted in the last election again? Like 300 or some number around there?

Often times, when I explain to anyone any disagreement I have with government policy, I'm confronted with the same question: "Did you vote?" For the record, yes I did. I didn't have Governor Taft calling me up and asking me if I thought drastically cutting the state education budget was an "awesome idea." Not one single person affiliated with the federal government asked for my opinion about going to war in Iraq.

They shouldn't have to. They were elected, they have the power to ignore me. If USG wants to pass a peace resolution, they have every right to.

Democracy supposedly operates by the will of the people. We elect our officials, and it is supposedly the duty of those officials, while in office to respect the will of the people who elected them. However, I fail to see anything stopping our elected officials from completely turning their backs on the populace and voting in favor of something the voters are against. If the people don't like the decisions the candidates they elected are making, then just vote for someone else in the next election. It's just that simple.

That's the way the system works. As is often told to me, "it's the only system we have, so live with it." Perhaps the concept of democracy did lose something on its way from Athens to Washington. (Get your sarcasm detectors ready for this next sentence). But, in this age of xenophobia and outright hatred of any countries opposed to our foreign policy, why should we let the Greeks decide how to run our American government?

NEW SUBMISSION POLICY

Recently The BG News has received an overwhelming number of letters/columns due to the war and other current events. If we have not printed your article, we apologize but we have limited space on the Opinion page.

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STATE OFFICIALS BUILD LIST OF UNSAFE SCHOOLS

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Starting next year, the state will identify schools with relatively high levels of violence and allow parents to send their children elsewhere. The Ohio Department of Education is preparing a list of schools labeled "persistently dangerous," based on their history of violence.

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Verdict violates civil rights

By Liz Sidoti
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A judge abused her power in a constitutionally problematic case of a man imprisoned for writing fictitious stories of child torture and molestation, lawyers argued yesterday before a state appeals court.

"The state says it's a crime to write in a journal, but there can't be such a crime in the United States of America," said lawyer Benson Wolman, who represented Brian Dalton on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"You can't go to prison for writing thoughts in your private journal."

Wolman asked the 10th Ohio District Court of Appeals to order the case dismissed on grounds that prosecuting someone for their private thoughts and writings violates free speech protections.

Lawyers specializing in the First Amendment believe Dalton was the first person in the United States successfully prosecuted for child pornography that involved writings, not images.

Dalton, 24, of Columbus, pleaded guilty in July 2001 to pandering obscenity involving a minor, which falls under Ohio's pornography law. He later asked to withdraw the plea so he could fight the constitutionality of the law, but Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Nodine Miller refused. ACLU attorneys then appealed.

Miller sentenced Dalton to seven years, plus 1 1/2 years from a 1998 child pornography conviction because he violated probation by possessing the journal.

Wolman told the three appellate judges that Miller abused her power and discretion by accepting the guilty plea even though the case clearly raised free speech



Tom Dodge AP Photo

JOURNAL WRITINGS: Brian Dalton sits in a Columbus, Ohio, courtroom in the Oct. 3, 2001, photo. Attorneys for Dalton, sentenced to seven years in prison for writing fictitious tales of sexually assaulting children, asked a state appeals court yesterday to order the case dismissed

questions, and by not allowing Dalton to withdraw the plea.

Wolman also said Dalton's former lawyer, Isabella Dixon, was ineffective because she didn't inform Dalton of the legal implications of a guilty plea or ask for an immediate dismissal on First Amendment grounds. Wolman pointed to her request for the plea change — which was only 1 1/2 pages and lacked in-depth arguments — as proof of her ineffectiveness.

A phone message seeking comment was left yesterday for Dixon.

Prosecutors told Judges Charles Petree, Craig Wright and William Klatt that Dixon could have filed a more compelling request, but that her conduct did not meet the standard for ineffectiveness.

Steven Taylor, an assistant county prosecutor, said Dixon discussed the constitutional questions with her client.

But Dalton told her he wanted the case to end quickly to spare his family the embarrassment of the contents of the 14-page journal being discussed in a public forum, Taylor said.

The stories, which prosecutors say were made-up and never acted on, were about three children — ages 10 and 11 — being caged in a basement, molested and tortured. The journal was so disturbing that grand jurors asked a detective to stop reading after about two pages.

Dalton was charged after his mother found the journal in his home and gave it to authorities.

"The defendant did not want the issue raised," Taylor said. "It's not sufficient evidence that counsel is ineffective if she's following the wishes of the client."

"You don't have to understand too much to know a lot of money goes out of the state already."

CHARLES RUMA, BEULAH PARK OWNER

Slots may take place of sales tax

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — House Republicans cannot balance the state's two-year budget without a proposed one penny sales tax increase, House Speaker Larry Householder said yesterday.

GOP lawmakers earlier eliminated \$2.3 billion in taxes proposed by Gov. Bob Taft and promised to find deep cuts in his \$49 billion spending plan.

Instead, they have been able to trim only about \$1.2 billion and are increasingly relying on a temporary sales tax to balance the budget. Taft's proposals would have been permanent tax increases.

The House Finance Committee on yesterday added the sales tax increase, along with dozens of other changes, into the budget bill.

The bill also includes a proposal to let Ohioans replace the tax increase in November by allowing video slot machines at Ohio racetracks. If the gambling is approved, the sales tax would end on June 30, 2004, Householder said. If it isn't, the tax would end a year later.

Senate President Doug White wouldn't say yesterday if he supports swapping the sales tax for the machines. He said he's concerned that revenue from the machines wouldn't provide enough money.

The sales tax increase would generate about \$1.2 billion

more each year. Revenue from the slot machines is estimated at \$400 million to \$900 million a year.

The state's take of more than 50 percent of the proceeds from the machines would be the highest percentage nationally, said Charles Ruma, owner of Beulah Park, a thoroughbred racetrack southwest of Columbus.

Ohio racetrack owners are willing to accept that high percentage because the machines would help the state's racing industry by increasing attendance, Ruma said. They would also keep gambling money in Ohio.

"We believe it's the best revenue source for the state, especially in light of the fact so many people are going every single day to Indiana, West Virginia and Michigan," Ruma said. "You don't have to understand too much to know a lot of money goes out of the state already."

The state would impose a one-time, \$8,000 licensing fee per machine, which would raise about \$112 million, Householder said. That figure is based on 14,000 machines distributed to the state's seven racetracks.

Minority Democrats are pushing Householder to protect the poor and elderly, said Rep. Chris Redfern of Port Clinton, the highest-ranking House Democrat.

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FIRE BREAKS OUT IN NEW AOL HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK (AP) — A fire broke out early yesterday inside the new AOL Time Warner building under construction, fire officials said. About 170 firefighters battled the blaze, which broke out at 12:37 a.m. and spread in the fourth through seventh floors of the building in the city's Columbus Circle, said Amanda Schmidt, a fire department spokeswoman.

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Final spacewalk wraps up

By Mike Schneider
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts aboard the international space station ventured outside for more than six hours yesterday to wrap up maintenance tasks on what was probably the last spacewalk for months.

Commander Ken Bowersox and science officer Don Pettit finished their work early and spent another 80 minutes collecting tools and tethers that had been left outside during previous spacewalks.

Russian flight engineer Nikolai Budarin assisted from inside the station, orbiting 240 miles above Earth.

"I want you all to know how happy everybody is, what a great job you guys did," Carlos Noriega, the spacewalk communicator in Houston, told the astronauts when they returned to the sta-

tion. "You guys basically set the standard."

After re-entering the station, Pettit marveled at the space suit that allowed him to spend more than six hours floating in space.

"It's incredible," he said. "We're living and working in a place where human beings weren't meant to be."

Bowersox said that he was happy with the work but wished he and Pettit could have performed more tasks. No spacewalks are planned with the two men crews that will occupy the space station beginning next month.

"We're a little tired here, but it's good," Bowersox said. "It's a good tired."

The three men are supposed to return home in early May after they are replaced by astronaut Ed Lu and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko.

Space station program manager Bill Gerstenmaier said the space agency considered doing the maintenance work with just two people, but that was "not as desirable."

"We looked at tasks that we thought we could go ahead and do now while we had three crew on board," he said. "We determined exactly which tasks would give us the most benefit for the station for long-term."

The current crew has been on the station since late November. They had been scheduled to return to Earth in March, but their stay was extended after space shuttle Columbia's accident Feb. 1 grounded the shuttle fleet indefinitely.

The space station's next crew must be smaller because they must travel aboard the more compact Russian Soyuz, which can't carry as many people and

much equipment as a shuttle.

The Soyuz is scheduled to launch later this month from Kazakhstan.

The astronauts successfully replaced a power box on a rail car that moves along tracks on a truss framework, reconfigured a power connector and placed clamps on coolant system lines to prevent leaks. They also installed backup power lines to devices that maintain the station's orientation.

During a lull, Pettit took photos of Bowersox against the golden hues of the station's solar panels. The astronauts also took time to admire the view of Earth from outside the space station.

"Better turn around and look at this. It's Santiago, Chile," Bowersox told Pettit. "It's almost worth the price of admission." Pettit took a look and agreed: "Oh, man. Wow."



AP Photo
SPACE STATION: In this image from television, international space station commander Ken Bowersox works on the space station during a spacewalk yesterday for upcoming assembly missions.

Birth of cloned cattle give conservationists boost

By Paul Elias
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Astounding even veterans of the fight against animal extinction, cloning technology has reproduced two endangered wild cattle, birthed by a cow last week on an Iowa farm. One of the bulls weighed twice as much as expected and it was euthanized yesterday.

The procedure that created the bantengs has given conservationists hope that cross-species breeding can help reverse the daily disappearance of 100 species and add genetic diversity

to dwindling animal populations.

If it survives, the remaining banteng will be transferred to the San Diego Wild Animal Park and encouraged to breed.

The technology is still filled with problems and a long way from paying significant dividends. The cloned banteng, for instance, won't begin breeding until it reaches maturity in about six years.

Nonetheless, animal conservationists are excited about the results.

"The fact that it can happen at all just astounds me," said Oliver

"At the time we did not know how this resource might be used, but we knew it was important to save as much information about endangered species as we could."

OLIVER RYDER, GENETICIST AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO

Ryder, a geneticist at the San Diego Zoo's Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species.

In 1977, the zoo began preserving cells and genetic material from hundreds of animals in a

program it dubbed the Frozen Zoo. Tissue samples from each animal are stored in small plastic vials, which are submerged and frozen in liquid nitrogen.

"At the time we did not know how this resource might be used,

but we knew it was important to save as much information about endangered species as we could," Ryder said.

Now, that foresight is beginning to pay off with the banteng, a white-stocking animal hunted for its slender, curved horns. Fewer than 8,000 bantengs exist in the wild, mostly on the island of Java.

Ryder and his colleagues sent frozen skin cells from a long-dead banteng to researchers at the cloning company Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Mass. Scientists there fused the banteng

skin cells with 30 cow eggs that had their genetic material removed.

Another biotechnology company, Trans Ova Genetics of Hull, Iowa, then implanted the cloned eggs into cows in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Of the 16 resulting pregnancies, only two came to term last week — and one of the bantengs weighed 80 pounds, about twice as heavy as expected. The researchers euthanized the fatter banteng yesterday, concluding it had little chance to survive.

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Jury to choose WTC memorial design



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CONTEST: Kevin Rampe, Interim President of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, announces the international competition for the Sept. 11 memorial design for the site of the WTC.

"We felt it was critical to empanel a distinguished jury and entrust them with that responsibility to ensure the integrity of the design"

KEVIN RAMPE, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORP.

By Karen Matthews
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The public will be asked what it wants in a World Trade Center memorial, but their comments won't be sought on the actual candidates in an upcoming contest to design the site, officials said Tuesday.

The contest will be open to anyone over 18 and the winning design will be selected by a jury sometime this fall, said Kevin Rampe, interim president of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. He said the jury will be assembled soon.

"We felt it was critical to empanel a distinguished jury and entrust them with that responsibility to ensure the integrity of the design," Rampe told a downtown business group.

A redevelopment plan by architect Daniel Libeskind has been chosen for the 16-acre site where nearly 2,800 people were killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Public comment will be taken at forums, probably held in early summer. No specific dates were given. The contest begins April 28.

The design guidelines, based partly on input from victims' families, and the registration form will be available online, Rampe said. Participants will be charged a \$25 submission fee.

Rampe said approximately five finalists will be given a stipend to develop their ideas.

Libeskind's plan designates a setting for the memorial, including the footprints of the twin towers. Rampe said the design "leaves an empty canvas upon which we will ask the best and the brightest in the world to create a memorial."

Cancer pills should be on hand

By Lindsey Tanner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that homes, schools and child-care centers near nuclear power plants keep pills on hand that would prevent thyroid cancer in the event of radiation release.

Bioterrorism concerns and the war in Iraq helped prompt the new policy of recommending the potassium iodide pills, Dr. Sophie Balk, a New York pediatrician who heads the academy committee that wrote the policy, said Monday.

The academy posted the policy late last week on its Web site

and plans to publish it in the June edition of its medical journal, Pediatrics.

The policy is aimed at those within 10 miles of nuclear plants. Schools and child-care facilities within that distance should stockpile the pills and develop plans for how to distribute them in the event of a disaster, the academy said.

"It may be prudent to consider stockpiling potassium iodide within a larger radius because of more distant wind-borne fallout, as occurred after Chernobyl," the 1986 Ukrainian nuclear plant catastrophe, the academy said.

The pills don't have any significant side effects and a top feder-

al official said he supports the recommendation.

"It's better to have them in people's homes, have them available," than to try to distribute them in the middle of a disaster, said Jerry Hauer, assistant secretary for public health preparedness at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, federal nuclear regulators have made potassium iodide available to states with nuclear plants.

Potassium iodide can block the body's absorption of harmful radiation and help prevent thyroid cancer, which can result from excessive radiation. The nonprescription pills are avail-

able at some pharmacies, over the Internet and by phone from some distributors.

Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of radiation, in part because they're closer to the ground, where fallout settles, and because their bodies absorb and metabolize substances differently, the policy said.

There are different forms of radiation that pose various health dangers, including increasing the risk of several types of cancer. Potassium iodide protects against one type of radiation — radioactive iodine — and one type of cancer — thyroid.

Police corruption verdict reached

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A jury sent word to a judge yesterday that it has reached verdicts in the cases of seven of 11 Miami police officers accused of corruption. The judge said the verdicts would remain sealed and sent jurors back to work.

In a note, jurors also told U.S. District Judge Alan Gold that they had reached a verdict on some charges against an eighth officer but deadlocked on the other three. They are in their 11th day of deliberations.

After consulting with the lawyers involved in the case, Gold didn't open the sealed envelope

holding the verdicts. Instead, he called jurors into open court for the first time since deliberations began March 20 to ask them to try to reach unanimous verdicts on everyone.

The 11 officers are accused of planting guns on unarmed suspects after police shootings or covering it up. The four shootings, from 1995 to 1997, left three men dead and one wounded.

The jury is considering 33 counts of conspiracy, perjury and obstruction of justice. Different sets of officers are charged in the four shootings covered by the indictment. If convicted, most could face up to 10 years.

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Baseball game vs. ND rescheduled

South Bend, Ind. — Bowling Green's baseball game with nationally-ranked Notre Dame has been postponed due to inclement weather. Yesterday's contest was to be played at 6:05 p.m. (EST) against the Fighting Irish in South Bend, Ind. The two teams will instead meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in South Bend, following Notre Dame's contest vs. Chicago State.

The next league contest for the Falcons is a two-game series at Central Michigan this Saturday-Sunday. Saturday's game is scheduled for a 3 p.m. start while Sunday's game is slated for 1 p.m.

Hornets move West; Charlettes go East

NEW YORK (AP) — The New Orleans Hornets will move to the NBA's Western Conference by the 2004-05 season at the latest.

The league's owners approved the shift yesterday, which will allow an expansion team in Charlotte to be in the Eastern Conference when it begins play in 2004. The Hornets left Charlotte after last season and moved to New Orleans.

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the Hornets have the option to switch to the West next season. The team will have to let the league know before the schedule is drawn up.

The Hornets' conference change will mean that all Western Conference teams other than the Memphis Grizzlies will be west of the Mississippi River. The Hornets play in an arena about a mile from the river.

Gettin' the heck out of Dodge



ERIK CASSANO
Sports Reporter

It all started early Saturday afternoon when my roommate put down a map he was looking at.

"Hey, want to go to Chicago?" I was watching a tape-delayed high school slam dunk competition. My eyes, still bleary from rising at 11:30 in the morning, were gravitating toward LeBron James and friends much like a plant does toward the sun.

That's where the most light was emanating from. My brain finally processed what he had said, and I turned to him.

"Uhhhh... what?" "C'mon," he said. "We'll get back by five tomorrow at the absolute, absolute latest."

His friend from high school was living out in the suburbs and had been asking him to come out there for weeks. Even sent him an application for a free plane ticket. But that would have necessitated driving to Detroit and paying for overnight parking. The better option, from a simplicity and college road-trip standpoint, was to drive.

I never have been a big road-tripper. Too much remembering to bring stuff and forgetting not to leave stuff and not totally knowing your showering or sleeping accommodations for the next night. But I took a look around at our apartment, in need of cleaning, the slate-gray sky outside and my countdown to graduation (read: find a job deadline), now inside five weeks.

Yeah, I could stand to get the heck out of Dodge for a day or two.

Pack overnight bags, get some money out of the ATM and leave.

We cut a straight line through Indiana, living off Funyuns, pretzels and pop for the afternoon.

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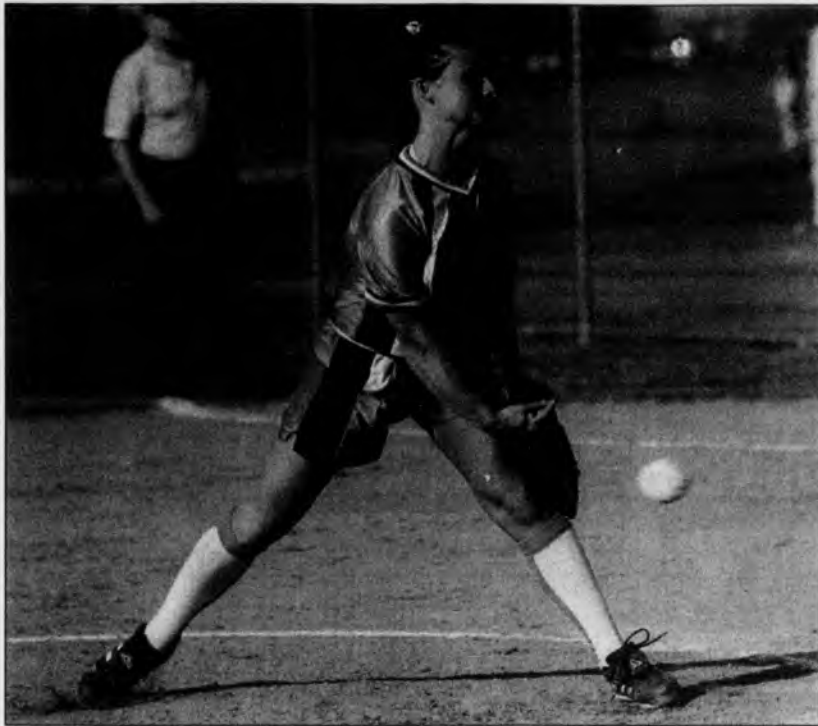
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Vrabel looks to lead Falcons



Ben Swanger BG News

TOUGH PITCH: Freshman Liz Vrabel releases the ball. Vrabel pitched a two-hitter Sunday and was named Mid-American Conference pitcher of the week. BG will take on Miami tomorrow at 2 p.m.

By Zach Baker
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

While the softball team was focusing on Miami, the Mid-American Conference was focused on starting pitcher Liz Vrabel for the second week in a row.

Vrabel, who pitched a two-hitter Sunday against the Rockets, was named MAC pitcher of the week once again.

Head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said she was pleased that Vrabel, a freshman is getting the recognition she deserves.

"I think she is showing teams that they are going to have to deal with her for four years, and I know they're not happy about it," Ross-Shaw said. "She's a hard worker, and she's very humble."

In Ross-Shaw's five years as coach, the Falcons have never had a pitcher achieve the award in back-to-back weeks.

In light of the success Vrabel is having this season, Ross-Shaw is continuing to give her the ball. She will start the first game of tomorrow's doubleheader, and could go longer depending on how she is feeling.

"That is her role, and she loves it and thrives on it," Ross-Shaw said. "We tell her to knock herself out and keep throwing and

throwing."

Jody Johnson and McKenna Houle are also expected to pitch in the second game.

Ross-Shaw said that the pitcher that follows Vrabel today could also depend on what type of strike zone the umpire is calling during the game, to see whose style it favors more.

But Ross-Shaw said she has been impressed with the combination of Houle and Johnson as a tandem.

Ross-Shaw said it's possible all three Falcon pitchers could get in work in game two.

"We may stick with the same combination," Ross-Shaw said. "If Liz is feeling strong we may carry her over to the second game, then go to Jody for a couple of innings ... and then go to McKenna."

The Falcons finally had an offensive outburst on Sunday, scoring 13 runs in the game two win over the Rockets. Ross-Shaw said she is feeling better about the offense going into the doubleheader.

"These guys keep gaining a little more confidence," Ross-Shaw said. "To really come out and explode against Toledo, I feel like

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Jordan: No plans to replace Krause

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Michael Jordan helped build the Chicago Bulls into NBA champions once before. He doesn't seem to be in any hurry to try to do it again.

Jordan said yesterday that he has no interest now in replacing Jerry Krause, who unexpectedly resigned as Chicago's general manager because of health problems.

"Washington is where I started and where I want to finish" as an executive, Jordan said at a morning shootaround before

the Wizards' game at the Cavaliers. "It's unfortunate about Jerry. Obviously, his health is the most important thing."

Jordan plans to retire at the end of this season, and has indicated he will return to the Wizards' front office.

However, he is not contractually bound to Washington, and the GM opening in Chicago has led to more speculation Jordan will return to the Bulls. His family still lives in Chicago.

Jordan, though, says his mind is squarely on the Wizards, who entered Tuesday

two games behind Milwaukee for the last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"Personally, I haven't thought about Chicago," he said. "I know people have asked in the past, 'What if?' I told them at the time that my focus has been here and will be here."

"I haven't talked to anyone on that staff. You guys are more or less getting things rolling. My focus is right now trying to get this team in the playoffs, and secondly, making sure this franchise is moving in the right direction."

With Jordan leading the way

on the floor, and Krause making the off-court moves, the Bulls won six titles in the 1990s.

But while the pair shared a desire to be the best, Jordan and Krause didn't always see eye-to-eye while they were together in Chicago from 1985-99.

Krause's personality clashed with many players, and he and Jordan ended on bad terms when the superstar retired before the lockout-shortened season of 1999.

After Jordan left, Krause dismantled the Bulls, who haven't been back to the playoffs since.

"We had good things there," Jordan said. "We had bad conversations, too. Before I got there, it was a wait-'til-next-year attitude. Unfortunately, things went back to just trying to rebuild and get back on track, and they haven't been able to do that thus far."

Jordan always seemed to resent Krause's taking so much credit for building the Bulls into a winner. But he respected the GM's eye for talent and work ethic.

As he has tried to resurrect

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BG ruggers take invitational

By Wes Holsinger
GUEST REPORTER

Like a trophy animal head, an Ohio State t-shirt is tacked on the wall of the shed next to BGSU's College Park Rugby Field. Scrawled across it in magic marker is BG's Latin motto, "Nulli Secundus" — Second To None.

Never in the 35 year history of the team has that motto shined more brightly as it did this weekend as the Falcon ruggers won the inaugural Pepsi Falcon Rugby Invitational. Seventh ranked BG defeated the number three ranked United States Military Academy 20-18 and fifth ranked Ohio State University 32-8.

Conceived and organized by BG assistant coach Chris Hopps, the tournament brought together the highest ranked gathering of college rugby teams until the National Collegiate Final Four on May 3. Its results have rocked the college rugby world since the final whistle late Sunday.

"These are huge victories for us," stated an elated BG coach Roger Mazzarella. "Nothing in our past history compares to this. In a ranking of all-time top ten matches for BG, these wins have shot right up to rank as numbers one and two." Mazzarella should know,

having been on the field as a player or on the sideline as coach since the club's inception in 1968. In addition, the Army victory was BG's 1500th and the club, who has never posted a losing season, now has an all-time record of 1503-332-78.

"None of the weekend's matches were easy," Hopps said. "Every single one was a nail biter. No sports fan could ask for more."

Ohio State broke a 3-3 tie with a last second score against 12th ranked Indiana Saturday to get into Sunday's final. In Sunday's consolation match, Army edged Indiana 16-15 on the strength of a botched last second Hoosier conversion kick.

"I like the chess match aspect of the close match," Mazzarella said. "But I'm a big fan of the blowout, it's easier on my blood pressure."

Part of the chess match calculations had to take into account the ever-present Bowling Green wind. Army coach Major Andrew Field probably captured the essence of the problem best when he said, "Could've run all day with the wind, but going against it was like running up a very steep hill."



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GONE: BG wing Zac Molnar churns his way up the sideline on his way to the tournament winning score against Ohio State.

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Tigers hope to see some changes

DETROIT (AP) — The Tigers can only hope yesterday's postponement stops their momentum.

"When you are playing well, you want to get back on the field. When you are 0-6, you are a little less inclined to be out there," Detroit bench coach Kirk Gibson said.

The Tigers' game against Kansas City was called off because of 6 inches of snow and freezing rain a day earlier. The teams are scheduled to play today and tomorrow.

Kansas City, which is 5-0, was rained out Sunday and off Monday.

"This takes away from our momentum — you know you will have days like this, but they are really starting to build up," Royals third baseman Joe Randa said. "Our pitching has been great, which gives us a chance to win every game, and we've gotten enough big hits to win them. We've known all along that we

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Anthony ponders next move

By John Kekis
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Decisions, decisions.

Seconds after Syracuse defeated Kansas for the national championship, coach Jim Boeheim was pondering his team's future — and he probably wasn't alone.

"I was thinking about what we're going to do next year," Boeheim said after freshman Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara led the Orangemen to an 81-78 victory over the Jayhawks on Monday night at the Superdome.

Not only did Syracuse win its first title, the Orangemen produced their third 30-win season (30-5) in Boeheim's 27 years as coach of his alma mater.

But what's next? An encore? With Anthony or without him?

The fabulous freshman, who had 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and was named the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player, could declare himself eligible for the NBA draft. If so, he's certain to be a top pick, if not No. 1. He has until May to decide.

"That's his decision," Boeheim said. "I'm not going to make it for him. I'll talk to him."

Anthony said he's having too much fun and won't announce his decision until the semester winds down. "We're the national champs," he said after the game. "I had a fun year, a great year on the court and off the court in school."

Kansas coach Roy Williams is expected to make an even more eagerly anticipated decision. The North Carolina job is open, and Williams must make the hard choice between staying with the Jayhawks or taking over at his alma mater.

"Obviously, you want to avenge what happened this year," a teary-eyed Williams said after the game. "But right now, you just have to live in the

moment. Now we'll just go back to Lawrence and move on."

When the team returned home yesterday, Williams and the players were greeted by fans at the Topeka airport.

Some held up a sign that made a reference to Williams' disparaging remark about the North Carolina job, when he uttered an expletive during a live postgame interview.

Kansas also must replace its best two players — Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich — among others.

Syracuse should be loaded with talent next season, even if Anthony leaves. Winning a national title won't hurt recruiting, either.

The Orangemen lose senior guard Kueth Duany, but they have three solid freshmen waiting to begin their careers: Louis McCroskey from New York, Terrence Roberts from Jersey City, N.J., and Boston-born Demetris Nichols.

McNamara, forced to play more at point guard because of Billy Edelin's 12-game suspension at the start of the season, will see more time as a shooting guard. Against the Jayhawks, he hit most of his six three-pointers from well beyond the arc.

"You know, he's pretty good," Boeheim said. "I think that he will come out of his shell a little bit more next year."

Returning as a junior will be 6-foot-8 forward Hakim Warrick, who blocked Michael Lee's three-point attempt in the final two seconds. He was voted the Big East's most improved player after averaging 15 points and nearly nine rebounds.

Josh Pace, who had eight points, eight rebounds, three steals and two assists in only 21 minutes against Kansas, also will be a junior. And Syracuse's centers — 7-foot center Craig Forth and shot-blocking specialist Jeremy McNeil — will return.



Kevin Rivoli AP Photo

SAVORING VICTORY: Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim leads his players while clutching the NCAA Championship trophy and net upon arriving in Syracuse, N.Y. yesterday.

Saying goodbye easy for Cavs fans

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the Wizards, Jordan seems to have gained an appreciation for what Krause has struggled to do in Chicago. The Bulls have lost at least 60 games the past three seasons and are 27-50 this year.

"Knowing Jerry like I know Jerry, I think physically he's been trying to do everything he can to get this team back to winning," Jordan said. "The most important thing for him was to show that he could put together a winning franchise without Michael Jordan, without Scottie Pippen, without Phil Jackson or all these other guys."

"I know physically it's taken a toll. It's about time he started thinking about himself physically and I think everybody understands that."

Jordan has provided Cleveland fans with many memories — mostly sour ones — during his illustrious career. In 1989, he made "The Shot," a jumper over Craig Ehlo to win Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals. One year later, he scored a career-high 69 points against Cleveland.

Saying goodbye to Jordan will be easy for Cavs fans.

"I have some great memories here, and I'd like to leave here on a good note — with a win," he said. "Obviously, no one likes to be beaten by one person so many times. Unfortunately, Cleveland has been that."

"But they've had their good times, too. They had some great teams and some great rivalries between the two of us. Both of us are at a point where we're trying to re-establish ourselves back to those winnings days."

Islanders try to knock off Senators in Game 1

By Ira Podell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYOSSET, N.Y. — Peter Laviolette spoke softly, his voice taxed by an intermittent cough. The message he sent to the NHL's top team was loud and clear.

The New York Islanders' coach was quite confident yesterday about his eighth-seeded team's chances against the Ottawa Senators in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"I think we have a better team," Laviolette said, ignoring for the moment that the Islanders had 30 fewer points than Ottawa.

And that the Senators have won 21 of their last 30 games against the Islanders.

New York did win the last matchup, 5-2 at Ottawa on March 15.

"I like our team," Laviolette said, a day before his team opens its best-of-seven first-round series at Ottawa. "I like what we can bring on any given night. I like it when our backs are up

against the wall. I like it when nobody thinks we can win. Our team seems to take pride in situations like that."

Three other series play Game 1 today, too. New Jersey, which won the Atlantic Division and the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference, hosts Boston; Philadelphia hosts Toronto; and Edmonton is at Dallas in the only Western Conference matchup.

The four other series start tomorrow: Detroit opens defense of its championship against visiting Anaheim; Washington is at Tampa Bay; Minnesota makes its postseason debut at Colorado; and Vancouver hosts St. Louis.

Ottawa won the Presidents' Trophy with 113 points. The Senators, though, have a history of postseason disappointments.

"We're going to go up there, and we're going to play as hard as we possibly can play, and we're expecting to be successful," Laviolette said. "But the pressure lays squarely on their shoulders."

Despite seven straight playoff appearances and three 100-point seasons in five, Ottawa has just two series wins.

"There is that pressure there, and maybe it's more than what's deserved," Senators forward Rob Ray said.

The eighth-seeded Islanders crawled to the end of the regular season, going 0-4-1 before winning their last game.

Now they face the Senators, whose 52 victories made them the only team to reach 50.

"I don't think there's a whole lot of people picking us to come out of this series, which is fine," Laviolette said. "They're the best team in the league — the points say it."

The Red Wings would argue that they are the league's best, having won their third Stanley Cup in six seasons last year. Detroit surged to the Central Division title after captain Steve

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STOPPED: New York Islanders goalie Garth Snow blocks a shot during the second period April 1 against the New York Rangers. The Islanders will face the Senators tomorrow as the playoffs begin.

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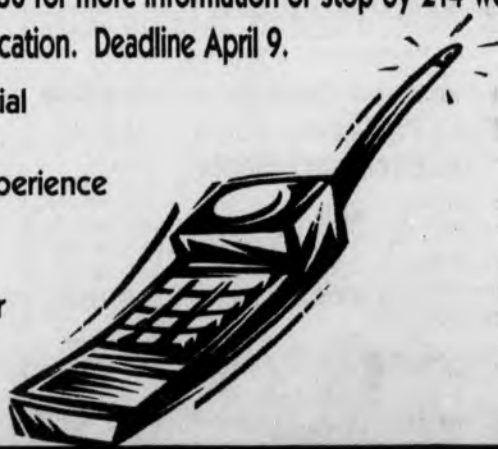


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Chicago has much to offer

DODGE, FROM PAGE 9

Sturgis, Elkhart, South Bend, Gary. Across the state line into Calumet City, Illinois. A wrong turn here and there. I tried to find street names on a map that could have been fully printed on the head of a pin.

I quickly found out the biggest drawback to being a Chicagoan besides traffic jams: toll roads. Every other stretch of road in the city has a toll gate at its origin or end. The official symbol of the Chicago transit authority must be a change basket with 50 cents going into it. Pack a roll of quarters if you go.

We got to our destination in Naperville, Ill. in about three and a half hours. We got a whirlwind tour of the surrounding area in an evening and a morning. Naperville is practically its own metropolitan area at 133,000 people and a bustling downtown area filled with shops and restaurants. Naperville, like Chicago, is so populated there can be a fast-food restaurant on a main street and the exact same restaurant a mile and a half down the road. Both get good business because there are so many customers to go around.

And what's a trip to Chicago without deep-dish pizza at 11 p.m.? Never let any Pizza Hut chain joint tell you they have Chicago deep dish. The real stuff costs \$19 for a 10-inch and an Olympic shot-putter would have a hard time lifting it. The bottom crust itself isn't much thicker than a heavy piece of poster board. It's the layers of cheese, peppers, sausage and pepperoni on top that give it its depth, usually over two inches.

Sunday morning, we had to leave after breakfast. Way too soon, but skipping classes in the final weeks of the semester to spend an extra day in Chicago probably isn't a good idea.

We decided to go downtown on the way out. I hadn't been into downtown Chicago before, but luckily my roommate had driven in the city. I was familiar with skyscrapers before living in Cleveland, but not these super-giants. The Sears Tower, still the tallest building in the western

hemisphere, is visible from at least 20 miles away. We pulled off the highway, eastward up a street for just over a mile, and made a left onto Michigan Avenue.

Want to feel like the crust on the bottom of a deep-dish pizza? Go down Michigan Avenue in a car. There are few buildings under 100 feet in height, and most exceed that by plenty. We stayed on Michigan long enough for me to have the highlight of my trip. A red light.

Stuck behind a bus on Michigan, I looked up. We were right next to the Hancock Building. Damn near 100 stories if not over. I was right there, looking out of the sun roof up to this giant. I mean, straight up. This huge, famous building I had seen in photographs and on TV for years was right next to me. I don't know if I blinked for the whole light. I had to take in every second.

Some people are humbled when they look up at the night-time sky. Some are humbled when they exchange glances with a jet black steel-and-glass celebrity that has an observation deck capable of seeing three states.

We shot up Lakeshore Drive past the Field Museum and the renovated Soldier Field, back onto the interstate and past Comiskey Park, where the White Sox were in the process of routing the Tigers. (It is actually called U.S. Cellular Field now, but if that name appears in anything besides a White Sox program on a newspaper story, heads need to roll.)

We blasted back through Indiana, back home to Ohio, and almost ran out of gas when we decided to take a route home that included Wauseon and Napoleon. But we made it.

I don't have any pictures of the weekend. Right now, I doubt that I'd need them. All I have to do is sit back and close my eyes to get a good picture. Riding through downtown Chicago with the sun roof open on a cool April afternoon, Bowling Green and daily business hundreds of miles away. And I think I'm still digesting that deep-dish pizza.

Wings quest for Cup again; Avalanche look for a piece

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Yzerman returned late in the season after August knee surgery.

Detroit faces a Mighty Ducks team in the playoffs for the third time after a four-year absence. Anaheim won't have an easy time against Detroit, which had an experienced lineup and added defenseman Mathieu Schneider at the trading deadline.

"I think we're a pretty good hockey club," Anaheim coach Mike Babcock said. "Do we have enough experience? Are we mentally and physically tough enough to survive the ordeal here at this time of the year? That's what we're going to find out. But this is where we want to be."

Vancouver isn't quite where it hoped to be. The Canucks led the Northwest Division until the regular season's final day, when Colorado passed them to win a record ninth

straight division title.

So the Canucks drew the Blues, who are in the playoffs for the 24th straight season. A win Sunday by Vancouver against also-ran Los Angeles would have set up a more-favorable meeting with the young Wild.

Instead, the Wild will play the Avalanche, seeking their second Cup in three years and third in eight seasons.

Edmonton, one of six playoff teams that didn't make the postseason in 2002, wrapped up the eighth seed in the West despite trading top defenseman Janne Niinimaa (to the Islanders) and top forward Anson Carter (to the Rangers) at the deadline.

The Oilers and Stars are anything but strangers. They meet in the playoffs for the sixth time in seven years (both missed the playoffs a year ago).

In the East, the Devils hope to rebound from last year's

stunning first-round loss to eventual conference champion Carolina. They won't have to worry about the Hurricanes this time, because Carolina had the NHL's worst record.

New Jersey won the 2000 Stanley Cup, then fell to Colorado in Game 7 of the 2001 finals. The Devils' opponent will be Boston, the No. 7 seed, which rebounded from a late slide after general manager Mike O'Connell fired coach Robbie Ftorek and took over.

The Flyers and Maple Leafs could tell way back in March they were headed for a playoff showdown. That's why Philadelphia added Tony Amonte, and injury-laden Toronto acquired Owen Nolan.

The Lightning are third in the East after topping Washington by one point for their first division title. The Capitals will be counting on Jaromir Jagr, in his first postseason with the club.

Chisox spoil Indians opener

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Jose Valentin took one look at Bartolo Colon wearing short sleeves and shook his head. The rest of his body already was shaking.

"He's nuts," Valentin said. "I was freezing. I put on everything I could find to stay warm, and believe me, I was not warm."

Valentin heated up with a tiebreaking RBI single in Chicago's two-run 10th inning as the White Sox won the Cleveland Indians' chilly home opener 5-3 yesterday.

The 10th home opener in Jacobs Field history was rescheduled from Monday because of rain and cold weather, and yesterday's conditions were better suited for a Bears-Browns matchup than baseball.

Fog shrouded the ballpark and the chill made it feel like it was 22 degrees when Indians starter Ricardo Rodriguez threw out the first pitch. Only about 10,000 fans braved the frigid weather until the final out.

"It wasn't Kissimmee, Florida," Indians catcher Josh Bard said. "But the White Sox had to deal with it, too."

Billy Koch (1-0) pitched two innings as the White Sox won their fourth straight.

With the score tied 3-3, Sandy Alomar Jr. singled — his third hit — to open the 10th off Chad Paronto (0-1) and was replaced by pinch-runner Miguel Olivo.

D'Angelo Jimenez walked on four pitches and Valentin failed to get down a sacrifice bunt, before hitting his RBI single.

"I got lucky we cashed in," Valentin said. "We can't afford to make mistakes. If I hit into a double play, not too many people in this room are going to be happy with me."

Thomas then lifted a fly ball.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Liz Vrabel
Freshman

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

Liz Vrabel was named Mid-American Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second week in a row after helping the Falcons to three victories last week.

Vrabel had a 2-0 record and an earned-run average of just 0.47 on the week.

Vrabel threw a complete-game one-hitter Wednesday in a 5-0 win over Ohio, allowing only a one-out single in the seventh inning. In that contest, she struck out eight Bobcats and did not walk a batter.

Then, in the second game of the doubleheader, she pitched a scoreless first inning before giving way to junior Jody Johnson, and the two combined on a four-hit shutout in a 1-0 BG win.

Vrabel threw hitless ball Sunday until giving up a single with one out in the sixth against arch-rival Toledo. She allowed one more hit, in the seventh, before getting the final out for a 2-1 win and her 10th complete game in 12 starts this year.

On the week, Vrabel allowed opponents to hit just .083 against her. On the season, she is now 8-6 with a 1.56 ERA.

She leads the Falcons in wins, ERA, appearances (18), starts, complete games, shutouts (5), innings (85.1) and strikeouts (84). Opponents are batting just .184 against her on the year.

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Colon faces righty

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scoring Jimenez to make it 5-3.

Valentin, maybe hoping to get in from the cold, committed a silly baserunning blunder that ended the inning. When Magglio Ordonez popped up for the second out, Valentin continued running and was tagged out by shortstop Omar Vizquel for a double play.

"I guarantee that won't happen again," Valentin said.

Vizquel went 4-for-5 with two RBIs for the Indians.

Colon, once the ace of Cleveland's starting staff, faced the Indians for the first time since being traded to Montreal last June. The right-hander allowed two runs and six hits in six innings.

"It felt kind of strange, but that's how baseball goes," Colon said. "After two innings, it was like any game."

Vizquel's RBI double gave the Indians a 2-1 lead in the sixth. After Milton Bradley doubled with one out, Vizquel slapped his hit inside the third-base bag.

Vizquel rallied the Indians again in the seventh.

Casey Blake opened with a double off the wall and, with

two outs, Vizquel pulled a pitch from Tom Gordon into the corner in right, tying it 3-3.

Alomar, who played 11 seasons with the Indians from 1990-2000, tied it 1-1 with an RBI double in the fifth and evened it at 2-2 with an almost identical double in the seventh.

"I have no idea how I hit in this weather," Alomar said. "I had a pretty good spring and I guess it's carrying over. Whenever you talk April or the postseason in Cleveland, it's cold. Expect it."

Jimenez followed with an RBI single, giving the White Sox a 3-2 lead.

Brandon Phillips, the Indians' flashy rookie who came over from Montreal in the trade for Colon, had been looking forward to facing the hard-throwing right-hander.

His first encounter came with the bases loaded in the second. And after battling Colon for nine pitches, Phillips hit a hard grounder to first but was able to beat the relay throw on a double play to put the Indians up 1-0.

"It was nice to finally face the dude I got traded for," Phillips said. "He does throw as hard as everyone said."

Elizabeth Sharp wins The BG News' bracket contest!

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Elizabeth Sharp

Elizabeth Sharp used a perfect final two rounds and the 64 points that came with that perfection to catapult her to first place in the first-ever BG News bracket contest. She wins five pizzas and three 2-liters of



Nate Toth

pop from Papa John's, our chief sponsor for the event.

Sharp had 26 points after round one, 20 in round two, and totaled 78 through four rounds.



Sara Schroeder

Nate Toth finished second with 130 points, and takes home a \$50 gift certificate to BG Sports. Sara Schroeder finished third with 127 points, and takes home a sweat-shirt from the University Bookstore.

Falcon rugby team to face Bobcats in final match at home

RUGBY, FROM PAGE 9

Bringing the subject up with any of the teams' fullbacks brought a barrage of profanity as they watched punts go backwards for negative yardage.

"The secret?" Mazzarella said. "Score gobbs of points with the wind and hang on for dear life against it."

For the most part, BG's victories followed that very script.

Starting against Army with the wind, center Pete Cromly opened the scoring with a 35-yard penalty field goal only to have the Cadets come back to take a brief 5-3 lead with a try. Wing Kevin Mongold put BG back on top with one of his patented 50-yard pinball routes over, around and through the

defense for a try that coupled with Cromly's conversion made it 10-5. Eight man Fred Ackermann picked up a loose ball near the BG goal line and turned it into an 80-yard jaunt that was finished off by wing Andrew Riddell for another try and a 15-5 lead.

With fans barely settled into their seats for the second half kickoff, scrum half Vince Statopoli slipped through a gap in Army's defense to touch down and increase BG's lead to 20-5. Now it was Army's turn to use the wind to fire off huge 70-yard punts in a kick and chase offense. Slowly the Cadets chipped away at the point differential. Fly half Grant MacDonald hit a 15 drop goal to make it 20-8 and a race of time and points was on. While the Falcon defense was generally up to the

challenge, small mistakes nearly cost BG the game. A dropped pass led to an Army try while what seemed a certain Falcon scoring opportunity was turned into a 90-yard kick and chase for yet another try. It wasn't enough, however as BG hung on to win 20-18.

The win put the Falcons into the final with Ohio State. The Buckeyes are the only team that has had BG's of late. BG last beat Ohio State in 1998 and has gone down to defeat four straight times since then. That includes a narrow 33-25 victory in last fall's Midwest region championship—a game that concluded with Buckeye coach Dan Porter saying the BG was "just a fairly good second tier division one team".

With that quote burned into every brain cell, BG took the field

and went on a scoring rampage that very nearly swept the Buckeyes out of the stadium. Eight Man Fred Ackermann opened the scoring by burrowing in from 10 yards out and wing Andrew Riddell made it 10-0 by scooping up a drooped pass and winning a 50 yard sprint to the end zone. Hammering away at the Buckeye end zone brought another try from center Travis Budd. Each try was greeted with a cacophony of car horns from the dozens of vehicles surrounding the field and filled with BG fans trying to stay warm. Pete Cromly's sole conversion made it 17-0.

Good teams just don't lie down and die, and such was the case with Ohio as they slowly started to chip away at BG's lead. The Falcons fumbled the kickoff after Budd's try

and Ohio State turned it into a try of the own. A try and conversion on a backfield overload by Cromly led to yet another fumbled kickoff and yet another Buckeye try. A Cromly penalty field goal put BG ahead and what, on a normal day, seemed like an insurmountable 27-10 lead.

A normal day doesn't account for the howling wind and it was BG's turn to face it in the second half. The Buckeyes quickly landed two huge penalty field goals and once again the Falcons faced a race of time and points. Things looked bleak indeed when prop BG Kris Black was sent to the penalty box for the last ten minutes of the match and the Buckeyes scored a converted try to trail just 27-23.

"Sometimes heroes just seem to step out of the darkness from the

most unlikely places," Mazzarella said.

That hero came in the form of wing Zac Molnar who was playing in place of injured scoring machine Kevin Mongold. Picking up a dropped ball on the 45 yard line, Molnar set off up the field on a run that was seemingly paced step for step by the 500 or so BG fans on the sideline. His leaping dive into the end zone sent the crowd wild and put the match out of reach for Ohio. A garbage time try by the Buckeyes made the final a respectable 32-28 but Molnar's try had essentially ended the match five minutes earlier.

The Falcons, now 16-4, will host Ohio University this Saturday in their final home match of the season. Game time is 1 p.m. at the College Park rugby field.

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Detroit down but not out of game yet

TIGERS, FROM PAGE 9

were going to have to win with pitching and defense."

Detroit has just six runs and 24 hits this season.

"The one thing in baseball is that you can never say you have seen it all," new Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "This is just an incredible, flat-out total team slump. It is testing us right out of the box, and I can see guys are pressing and trying to do too much. That will go away as soon as we win a game and win a series. That's the goal right now."

Trammell wasn't in Detroit for last season's 0-11 start, but many of his players were. The Tigers are only the third team in major league history with consecutive 0-6 starts, the first since the 1962-63 Mets began 0-9 and 0-8.

"It seems like every season, we get off to a horrible start," infielder Shane Halter said. "Not just last year, but every year since I've been here. The start of the season is a big key, and we keep putting ourselves in a hole."

Halter, though, disagreed with Gibson about wanting an extra day off.

"This does give guys a chance to get in the cage and work on some things, but you never want days off when you are struggling," he said. "You want to get right back out there and end it."

Some players were happy to be out of the subfreezing temperatures.

"I don't know how people live here in the winter," said Tigers center fielder Gene Kingsale, a native of Aruba. "You can get a little warm if you stand right next to the heater, but then you have to go away from it, and it is really, really cold."

Some of the Royals agreed with Kingsale, even if it meant losing a little momentum.

"You want to keep things going out there, but it is just too cold," Rontrez Johnson said. "I'm sure we can keep our intensity alive until tomorrow."

BG takes a swing at Miami

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they're back on the upswing. Hopefully now that our bats are on again, they will continue to stay hot."

In Miami, Ross-Shaw said that the Falcons will face an aggressive offense, and BG will look to exploit its defensive advantage over the RedHawks.

"Miami is a very scrappy team, and they are going to come out and swing it," Ross-Shaw said. "They're not as strong defensively, so we are going to try to pick them apart that way."

The doubleheader will begin today at 2 p.m. at the BGSU Softball Field, and the games will conclude the six game Falcon homestand, which has seen BG go 4-0 so far.

After tomorrow, the Falcons will travel to Muncie Ind., for a three-game set against Ball State beginning Saturday.

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