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"Hopefully if [class] is interesting enough, students will keep coming," Kidd said.

Editor's Note: For more information about Simon's research and suggestions for keeping students interested in class through the use of digital media, visit <http://www.ericjsimon.com/papers/papers.html> online.

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 The village, represented by hundreds of rusty barrels, monster truck tires and three-level guard towers had ONU freshman Casey Meyer wearing a blue bathrobe to clearly distinguish himself as bin Laden.
 For some of the missions, squad leaders were told they had one smoke grenade and one explosive grenade. During the exercises, the squad leader would yell which grenade he wished to use and a trained senior cadet or cadre would throw a colored smoke grenade in the best place to disguise the squad or a simulated claymore that caused a loud boom and filled the air with the smell of gunpowder.
 Exercises like these not only educate the cadets on combat sit-

uations, the students also have fun and have a sense of camaraderie within the group.
 Cadets also value the sense of achievement they gain through the program and the satisfaction they have from pushing themselves to their mental and physical limits.
 "It just feels right," said Robert Hosteter, freshman architecture major, about why he is in the ROTC program. "It puts you ahead by leaps and bounds. You're so busy it forces you to use time management to get all your schoolwork done."
 Cadets even try to put a positive spin on the things they don't like, such as the prepackaged Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) they are forced to ingest during combat exercises.
 But when you've got a good MRE, you have power, Cadet Barcus said. When Barcus realized a friend received mashed potatoes in his MRE, he knew a trade was in the future.
 "You've got good trading potential with that," Barcus said. "If you have something good in your MRE, you can trade it for anything."

Police unprepared for random events

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 residence repeatedly and questioned him about guns owned by his wife. Gearheart, who served time in prison for burglary, is not allowed to own guns.
 Gearheart, 56, acknowledged his background made him a likely suspect but says police refused to give him a lie detector test to clear him.
 "They wasted a lot of time and money investigating me," he said. "This could have been cleared up

in one day."
 Criminologist Jack Levin of Northeastern University questioned whether authorities acted properly but acknowledged the extraordinary nature of the sniper attacks.
 "It was a random event that touched the lives of countless people who commuted on that highway," Levin said. "There are many roles in life for which you can be prepared. This isn't one of them."

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DR. MAE JEMISON, CHEMICAL ENGINEER AND SCIENTIST

Speaker encourages technology; choice

Brian Pauline
 REPORTER

"Each person has the responsibility to make choices and we do that with both our actions and our inactions," Mae Jemison said.
 Responsibility, science, experience and the impact of these choices were just a few of the highlights from a discussion at the Africana studies luncheon Friday afternoon in the Lenhart Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The colloquium luncheon, hosted by the Africana Studies Student Research Organization in conjunction with the University of Toledo Africana Studies department presented a speech by Dr. Mae Jemison. The speech was part of the Udun Ormo Enlyan youth mini-festival that included authentic African music, dance and story telling.
 Dr. Jemison a successful chemical engineer, scientist, physician and teacher holds a B.A. in Afro-American Studies and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Stanford along with an M.D. from Cornell. She is recognized for her contributions to people all over the world and is the first female African-American astronaut to enter outer space.
 Dr. Jemison led her discussion off with the value of time and her dreams of becoming an astronaut.
 According to Jemison, time is precious there is only 86,400 seconds in one day and we cannot get those seconds back so what we do with them should be important. A career should influence where we want to see the world go, what we want it to become.
 "I remember laying on my back as a little girl in Chicago looking up at the stars and

wondered what it would be like to go to space," Jemison said. Jemison made her dream come true by becoming the first African-American female aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor in 1992.
 "I had the right and responsibility to live up to my expectations, my life, my journey," Jemison added.
 Dr. Jemison then explained how choices we make affect the world around us. Jemison feels to create change we need 150 million people to care about Health Care and to vote responsibly.
 "People want to feel connected to this world and to feel safe," Jemison said.
 The discussion next moved to how science and technology solves problems.
 "Technology is putting understanding to use. Between 60 and 70 percent of the world's problems can be solved through science, the rest is luck," Jemison said.
 She next provided proof of a need for the government to contribute funds to science and technology.
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 Mark Mondville and George Rice III were in the audience and had mixed feelings about Jemison's speech.
 "She was very articulate and had a lot of good, positive things to say. Little quips were comical and it was an effective way to keep



Julie Diffranco BG News

AFRICANA STUDIES LUNCHEON: Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African-American female astronaut, speaks Friday at the Student Union. She discussed how choices we make effect the world around us.

people interested. I appreciate the relevance but she still diminished the impact of the soft sciences," Mondville said.
 "I enjoyed the whole thing, her words, I think there is more beyond her speech, she shared not only her political and social views she applied it to her expertise, about our purpose on this Earth," Rice said.

Ohio man volunteers for death; wants appeals dropped

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — A judge has found a death row inmate competent to drop his appeals and be executed.
 If successful, Stephen Vrabel of suburban Youngstown would be the second offender executed after giving up appeals since Ohio resumed capital punishment in 1999.
 "This is the real thing," David Bodiker, Ohio State Public Defender, said Thursday.
 Vrabel was convicted of fatally shooting his girlfriend, Susan

Clemente, and 3-year-old daughter, Lisa, in 1989, then stuffing their bodies in a refrigerator and freezer.
 Judge Scott Krichbaum of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court ruled Wednesday that Vrabel was competent.
 The ruling followed a decision last year by the Ohio Supreme Court to halt Vrabel's September execution and send the case back to a judge so Vrabel's competency could be examined.
 Experts hired by prosecutors

and the state public defender's office both said Vrabel was competent to drop his appeals. As a result, Vrabel's attorneys asked Krichbaum to waive a requirement that they also hire an expert to assess Vrabel. The judge agreed.
 Kim Norris, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Attorney General's office, said the Ohio Supreme Court would set Vrabel's execution date after the county court completed administrative requirements in the case. She

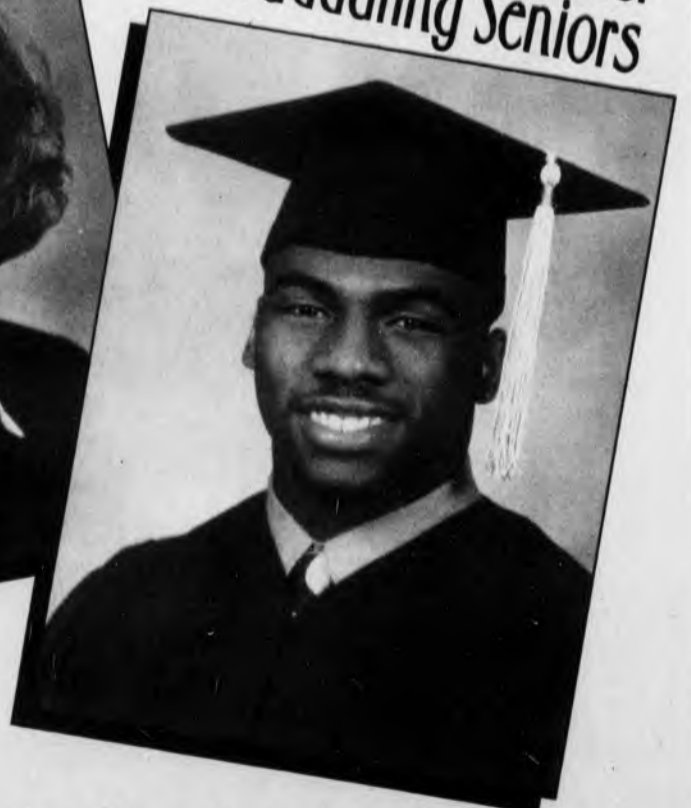
said she could not speculate when that would happen.
 Mahoning County prosecutor Paul Gains represented Vrabel as a defense attorney. Because of that, Gains said Thursday that he's letting the attorney general's office handle the case.
 "Since the trial court found him competent, the execution will go forward. If Mr. Vrabel is competent to inform his lawyers not to appeal, he becomes a volunteer," Gains said.

Senior Portraits/ Graduation Fair!

FREE
 Senior Portraits
 will be taken
**Wednesday &
 Thursday**
 at the
Grad Fair
March 24 & 25
 Multipurpose Room
 Bowen-Thompson Student Union



Last Chance!
 Spring and Summer
 Graduating Seniors



Get a free portrait session, which automatically gets your photo in the 2004 KEY Yearbook, while at the Grad Fair.

Purchase cap and gown; order class rings; purchase diploma frames, keepsakes, alumni apparel and more!

Wednesday
 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

UAO SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Applications are available for the executive board and are due tomorrow. Applications for the board of directors will be available tomorrow and are due Tuesday, March 30. Applications for committee members will be available on Tuesday April 6 and are due Monday, April 12. You can pick up applications in the UAO office in 408 BTSU.

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get a life

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

8:30a.m.
One-on-one Research Assignment Assistance from Librarians
Research Project Clinics provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to work one-on-one with a librarian on a specific research assignment. Students will develop search strategies, discover various print resources and services available on the first floor of Jerome Library and identify online resources for their topics. To schedule an appointment, undergraduate students may call 419-372-6943, or stop by the Information/Reference Desk on the first floor of Jerome Library.
Jerome Library

9p.m.
HSA presents a Psychology of Relationships Lecture
Sponsored by the Honors Student Association
Contact: Colleen Boff 2-7901
Olscamp Hall 224

10a.m. - 2p.m.
Kaplan Test Prep Center Information Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

10a.m. - 4p.m.
Students for Dean Table
Sponsored by Students for Dean/College Democrats
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

10a.m. - 4:00p.m.
BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition
Exhibition sponsored by the

Fine Arts Center Galleries. For more information on exhibitions, see web site at: <http://digitalarts.bgsu.edu/gallery/current.cfm>
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

11a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Gay Marriage Flower Fund Table
Vision will be collecting donations to send bouquets of flowers to gay and lesbian couples getting married in San Francisco.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

11:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
"Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Well-Being" presented by Valarie King
Valarie King is Associate Professor of Sociology, Demography and Human Development & Family Studies at The Pennsylvania State University. She is the author of more than 20 research articles and book chapters. Her research has examined nonresident fathers, rural family dynamics and grandparenting. Prof. King's work has been funded by the Brookdale Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation. She was recently awarded a \$1.4 million grant from NICHD for a five-year study on nonresident father involvement and child well-being. Sponsored by the Center for Family & Demographic Research.
Bowen-Thompson Student

Union 207-Mylander Room

Noon - 4 p.m.
College Democrats Info. Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

Noon- 1 p.m.
Bike Raffle for Earth Day Race
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JAIL-N-BAIL



Ben Swanger BG News

BUSTED: Caroline Kelly arrests Bill Kessler Saturday afternoon as part of Kappa Delta's annual jail and bail event. Kappa Delta raised over a thousand dollars that will go for the prevention of child abuse.

THE BLOTTER

Wednesday, March 17
An ill subject in Kreisler Quadrangle was transported to the Wood County Hospital. An 18-year-old high school student got off a school bus from Toledo at the Moore Musical Arts Center and did not show up to class. The teacher did not hear from the student. Complainant reported his bike was stolen at the Math Science Building. An ill student in McDonald East was transported to the Wood County Hospital. Students in Ashley Hall were referred to student discipline for a marijuana odor coming from the room.

An ill female in McDonald West was transported to the Wood County Hospital. Ephraim Smith, Erie, Pa., was cited for violation of a stop sign and no seatbelt at E. Merry Street. Smith was also cited for underage consumption. Complainant reported holes in a wall in the Union. Kevin Holley, Bowling Green, Ohio, was cited for impersonating an officer and failure to stop after an accident (non-injury) in Lot 5. A male subject fell in the Fine Arts Building and injured his knee. The subject did not want an ambulance, officers transported him to

the Wood County Hospital. Complainant reported a hit skip accident in the lot near Overman Hall. A male subject in Olscamp Hall was advised to leave campus and not to return or he will be arrested for criminal trespassing. Complainant reported she lost her wallet in Lot 6.

Thursday, March 18
Complainant in Bromfield spoke to the officer about an ongoing problem with her roommate. An injured subject in Hanna Hall was transported to the Wood County Hospital by the Bowling Green Fire

Department. Complainant reported his bike was stolen from Harshman Quadrangle. Complainant in Founders Hall advised he needed an ambulance. The Bowling Green Fire Department was called to transport the subject to the Wood County Hospital. Complainant on campus reported she was receiving harassing phone calls. Elizabeth Isaacs, Marion, Ohio, was cited for expired registration and a verbal warning for speed on Alumni Drive.

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(newsweek.com)

www.bgnews.com/opinion

OPINION

Wooster Street widening smoothly

Has anyone noticed the large pieces of yellow machinery littering the sidewalks on the campus-side of Wooster Street? Actually, has anyone noticed that most of the sidewalk and trees on the campus-side of Wooster Street are missing? If you haven't, then we would like to welcome you to the Wooster Street widening project.

The project began last week and seems to be making progress very quickly. This is not

one of those I-75 road construction projects that suddenly appears during rush-hour traffic only to delay you when you are already late.

The Ohio Department of Transportation, the construction company and the University have been doing an excellent job of keeping people informed of delays and possible inconveniences well in advance.

There is even a Web site — www.bgsu.edu/offices/pr/woost

er — which is dedicated to informing the public of what is going on with the project.

One of the best features found on this Web page is the "Daily Schedule" link.

This link directs you to a page that informs the public of what areas will be closed, on what days and at what times during that day. The contractor even explains that "this schedule is tentative and subject to change due to weather and other con-

struction conditions that may arise."

What a thoughtful person. Granted, most people may have already known that construction work has unexpected delays, but those same people need to hear it so that they may refrain from becoming angry when the unexpected happens.

If you don't have time to quickly surf the aforementioned Web page, then simply check your e-mail. The Office of

Marketing and Communications sends out e-mails informing the public of events happening on campus — including information about the Wooster Street widening project. So, if you are one of those people who always deletes those e-mails from mkt-comm@bgsu.edu, then perhaps you should stop that.

No one should find anything about the construction on Wooster Street to be surprising as long as they take the time to

educate themselves as to when the major delays will occur.

And please, reserve all complaints for an issue other than the construction. People have wanted this project to happen for years. Now it is happening.

The University, ODOT and the contractor of the construction company are putting forth a lot of effort to make this transition to a wider Wooster as painless as possible. For this, they deserve our thanks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dance Marathon has lost meaning and is overhyped

Here we are. It is the week before Dance Marathon — which seems to have become each year's defining moment. Dance Marathon, however, has lost its meaning and is adversely affecting many other charities.

Before I start, I would like to say that I believe the Children's Miracle Network is an important and worthwhile charity. Many people are helped because of its efforts. However, Dance Marathon is monopolizing the resources of this University.

Dance Marathon is like a high school prom — it seems like a great idea, and it's the popular thing to do, but what becomes of it? Four years from now the event is not likely to have had any impact on your life.

Students who participate in Dance Marathon help out a charity at one event. They raise money, hand it over to the charity and are done with it. When a student graduates, will he or she have developed a habit of charitable giving?

Most likely not. Not when the

hundreds of people counting down to the event for 200 days are gone, and no one is there to sidewalk chalk for you.

While the Children's Miracle Network is, as I said, a great organization, Dance Marathon drains time and money from the University.

Over 400 people commit themselves to the 32-hour event each year. If these 400 people would spend the same time volunteering at a local charity, that's 12,800 hours of community service that would directly benefit organizations in need of volunteers.

Each student would be greatly appreciated spending 32 hours at a soup kitchen, or helping educate the public on heart disease. Instead, Dance Marathon offers these generous people a chance to stand around and stay awake. What is the real benefit here?

Dance Marathon has over 100 student organizations participate each year. These are 100 organizations with limited time and money, all giving to one cause, leaving other very worthwhile charities behind.

Most notably, David's House in Toledo is closing its doors just days after this year's Dance Marathon due to lack of funding. If Dance Marathon had not been

monopolizing the giving power of this University, these organizations would have the opportunity to attract student volunteers.

I feel that Dance Marathon has lost its sense of charity. People no longer donate to the Children's Miracle Network, they donate to "Dance Marathon." They have lost touch with where their money is going.

Dance Marathon is known for being the largest philanthropic student-run event in Ohio, but with mandatory totals, restrictions and other compulsory giving placed on the dancers and moralers. The philanthropic attitude many start with is snuffed. They are giving not because they want to, but because it is popular and the \$375 is "required."

I support the efforts of Dance Marathon, and you will in fact see me there on Saturday. However, I wish the event would be toned down, in order to spend the rest of the year starting charitable habits that will last far beyond BGSU. There are other worthy causes out there. I challenge everyone to search for themselves instead of tying up a school year's efforts into one event.

MATT RICHARD
STUDENT

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you had the power of teleportation, where would you go right now?



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SOPHOMORE, ECT

"Europe."



DAN PIERSTORFO
SOPHOMORE, BUSINESS

"The Virgin Islands."



ELIZABETH COLITRE
SOPHOMORE, THEATRE

"Bedtime."



ASHLEY ZUGERGERMAN
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"To next semester without crappy classes."

Society tells people some weird things



MATT SUSSMAN
Humor Columnist

We are told by society that we are not to look at our cousins and become sexually aroused. We are told to wear a condom while having casual sex. I'm sorry, the Wellness Connection tells us that last one. We are even told by society that pink is a girl's color.

Huh? Stop and think about this for a few minutes. Why in the world is pink a girl's color? It is nothing but light red.

Well, maybe it's just the light colors.

Is light blue feminine? If so, then why are so many sports fans gung-ho about the San Diego Chargers' powder blue throwback jerseys?

Light green isn't girly. Just ask the good folks who manufacture Mountain Dew.

Light red is the only color a man can put on, walk outside, and get beaten up by men wearing dark red. At some point in history, guys lost the color pink, and I wasn't around to see it happen.

Pink is at the heart and soul of many sorority girls, Mary Kay saleswomen and Barbie aficionados. Yet men don't have their own color.

Sure, guys may claim to have blue in comparison to girls' pink, but women wear just as much blue — blue dresses, blue jeans and even blue eye shadow.

The truth is, every color is unisex except pink.

In order for women to add insult to injury, women are able to wear men's clothes without anyone else causing a commotion. Girls can and do sport their boyfriends' boxers, t-shirts, shoes and coats. A woman can even wear a tie, provided she is a waitress at an Italian restaurant.

Guys can't wear bras, panties or halter-tops — even though they sometimes feel more comfortable than mens' apparel. (Don't ask — for the record, it's just an educated guess.)

Where are the Four Horsemen when you need them?

What do guys have — besides a dollar for every 75 cents a woman makes for the same job? Nothing. That's right, men have

nothing, and women steal everything from us.

Progress is being made, however.

Owens Corning, whose corporate mascot is the Pink Panther, does manufacture fiberglass insulation that is pink in color. However, insulation is not meant to be seen by the public, so it is shamefully covered up by siding that is traditionally a neutral color.

Pepto Bismol is pink. Guys don't seem too reluctant to pull it out and take a swig of the pink stuff if your stomach is throwing a tantrum.

Regardless, are antacids all that men can possess in terms of lavender luxuries?

Guys, it's time to take a stand. Girls have been pushing us around long enough. They secretly cast us on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." They guilt us into watching less sports so that we may spend more quality time with them — only to discover that "quality time" is not synonymous with "intercourse."

But stealing our clothes and claiming a color in the name of womanhood verges on war. That's why we males of the world must act immediately — take back the color pink.

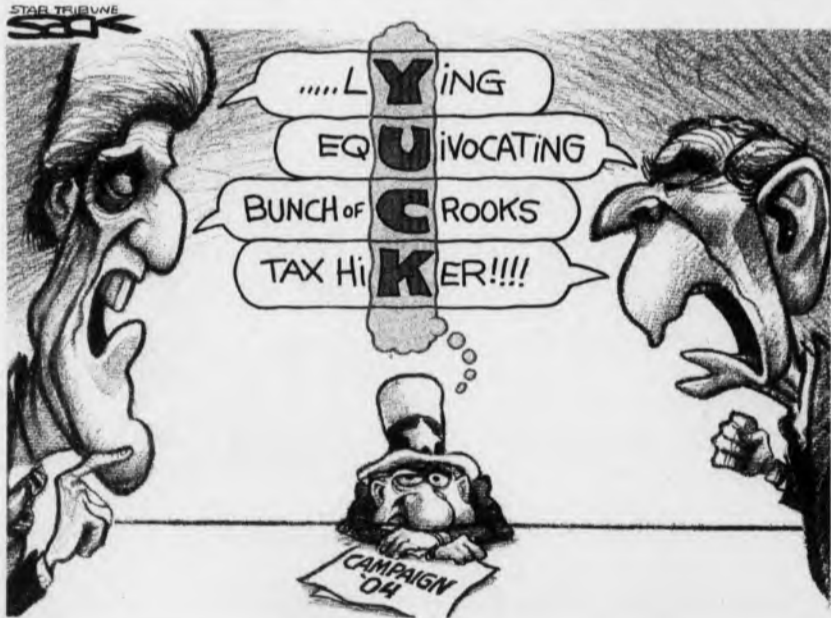
Put a red sock in with a load of whites, cover your bed in pink sheets and get a pink mousepad. Stockpile as many Lucky Charms marshmallow hearts as you can find. Root for Juventus, a soccer team in Italy that boasts pink away jerseys. Drink strawberry milk — if for no other reason, because it tastes great.

If men don't take swift action to embody the color pink, women may take something else that once belonged to everyone. Perhaps the National Organization for Women will declare Friday is officially changing its name to Femday. Mechanical pencils will become the preferred female writing implement. Water will be the new "chick drink."

There will be no rhyme or reason to the madness. Guys will simply lose their right to use anything for fear of becoming girly.

Society tells us to hold the door for a lady, and then it condones pink being solely for women. Gender equality? Yeah right.

Send all comments to: sussman@collegeclub.com



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In the 40's, the Bich pen was changed to Bic for fear that Americans would pronounce it 'Bitch.'

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Women want to find a man who fits into the P.A.C.K.A.G.E.

RASHIDA RESTAINO

U-wire Columnist

I refuse to believe that all the eligible black men are taken. Even though I did not go to a historically black college and meet my soul mate on campus like my godmother promised, I still think there is a chance for me to find romantic happiness with a black man.

According to an article published on MSN.com, there is a shortage of eligible black men.

I have been told by older women: "If he wears undershirts, you know he's a gentleman," "The way he treats his mother is how he will treat you" and

"Never trust a man who doesn't have all of his teeth."

With those concepts in mind, finding an eligible man should be easy. Unfortunately, advice like that is not as reliable as being true to yourself.

The use of the word "eligible" in the article suggested that the man has a good job, is compatible with your personality type and is educated.

Research indicates that for every two black women who graduate with a bachelor's degree, only one black man earns his degree.

As a result, a black woman has a difficult time finding a mate who is as educated as she is and also makes a competitive wage in his field compared to her.

Don't worry: The only time a person's finances become an

issue is when discussing marriage.

According to a survey conducted by National Survey of Family Growth, "only 75 percent of African-American women are likely to marry at some point ... compared to 91 percent of white women."

The fact that there are fewer educated black men would lead one to believe there are fewer black male professionals. This may be discouraging for women who have a strong propensity and affinity for black men and wish to marry one someday. But I know how to find the man whom I want.

Here's some advice to consider: Women must ask themselves, "What is my idea of a 'total package'?"

For some women, the

"P.A.C.K.A.G.E." may be a man who is prestigious, ambitious, consistent, kind, attractive, generous and energetic.

For others, "P.A.C.K.A.G.E." could mean playful, aggressive, cocky, kinky, athletic, gorgeous and eclectic.

Whatever attracts a woman to a man should not be based solely on appearance or finances; that is how women miss out on good eligible men. Superficial women will never be satisfied.

Second, women who are in search of a total package have to be a total package. Good, eligible men are tired of women using them for their own personal gain. Women need to invest more time in getting ahead on their own and not relying on a man to provide.

Think of it this way: If you

want a man to give you anything, you have to have something to offer, too.

Don't be so concerned with what he can buy you; rather look at what he is giving you, such as stimulating conversation — parts of him that he doesn't give everyone else.

A good eligible man may shower you with presents but do so without substance. Those gift boxes may as well be empty.

To find the right guy, stop dating the wrong one just to take up your time. Know what you will and will not tolerate in a relationship.

When a young man approaches you, does he look you in the eyes or everywhere else on your body? Does he ask for your name before he asks for your phone number?

Even if it means appearing bourgeois in the presence of someone who simply doesn't know better, you have to set a standard for yourself.

An eligible man will respect you and be on your level. When you do meet "the one," don't run him off. There are two things ladies must avoid.

One thing women do is scare men away by looking for a commitment early in the relationship.

The other is treating him like everything he does is inadequate. Nice guys always get a bad reputation for being pushovers, but a real man will not tolerate it.

There would not be a limited number of eligible black men if women would look for realistic companions.

Words that make me vomit, never should have been coined

DAVID STAGG

U-wire Columnist

I don't usually hate things. Every so often, I run across something that bothers me. It maybe a person who gets under my skin or a late-night Wendy's worker who almost always mixes your order with someone else's and you don't know you got the wrong thing until you get home because you used the drive-thru. But just like getting grilled

chicken instead of the savory spicy chicken, there are some things I just can't stand. So, it's time we tackle the words no one should use.

Hated Word No. 1: "metrosexual." This is the most ridiculous term I've ever heard. Not only does it stereotype both gays and alpha males (e.g. if a straight man is clean he must be somewhat gay), but, and this is more important when it comes to selecting a word to describe something, the word doesn't even make any sense. Are these people that have sex with buses?

Do they have sex on buses? Can a woman be a metrosexual? Who the heck knows? Stop using the buzzword. And if a boy looks clean, dresses nicely and stands on two feet, he's either hetero or homo — not both.

Even my trusty Microsoft Word program doesn't like the word metrosexual. I click on the cute little computer help box that waves to me and I type in my question: "Did I spell metrosexual wrong?" He replies, "No, I don't know what that word is, you jackass, and I don't like it or you," before he proceeds to

insult my mother and give me the middle arrow key.

Hated Word No. 2: "guesstimate." Another term that doesn't make any sense. If we estimate something, we are, by default, not hypothesizing. Hypothesizing (definition: writing a thesis on hippos) requires the scientific method, lots of scientists, half a cup of sugar and three blind mice.

Estimating, on the other hand, is understood to be somewhat of a guess. That's why we have separate words for the Hierarchy of Guessing on Mid-Term Exams

(in order of greatest to least knowledge on a subject): hypothesizing, estimating, guessing and I was drunk last night.

Heck, estimating is like the Upper East Side of guessing. So we'd either guess (having no real idea whatsoever), or estimate (have somewhat of an idea, but not enough of an idea to write a thesis on hippos). Therefore, if we guesstimate, we merely confuse the listener and might as well use the word metrosexual right after it.

Hated Word No. 3: "ginor-

mous." Yes, we understand that the object is big. But is it so big you can't think straight and have to combine words and inadvertently invent a new word that defies language? Gigantic. Enormous. Why don't we just invent "hugantuan" and "colosive?"

I am not attacking people who use these words. I personally choose to weed these words out of my vocabulary, but occasionally I make the ginormous mistake of guesstimating a woman's age wrong, and then horrible words slip out of my mouth, too.

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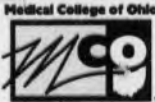
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NATION**Anti-war protesters mark anniversary**

John Bazemore AP Photo

VOICING A CONCERN: Anti-war protester Dan Bozwell, left, of Carrollton, Ga., picks up a sign before marching on Saturday in Atlanta.

The one year anniversary of the US led war against Iraq brings protesters of the war out all over the world.

By VERENA DOBNIK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Hundreds of thousands of people around the world rallied against the U.S. presence in Iraq on the first anniversary of the war Saturday, in protests that retained the anger, if not the size, of demonstrations held before the invasion began.

Protesters filled more than a dozen police-lined blocks in Manhattan, calling on President Bush to bring home U.S. troops serving in Iraq. Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the crowd at about 30,000, but organizers said later that number had grown to more than 100,000.

"It is time to bring our children home and declare this war was unnecessary," said the Rev. Herbert Daughtry, a New York activist addressing a rally in Manhattan.

The roughly 250 anti-war protests scheduled around the country by United for Peace and Justice ranged from solemn to brash.

In Montpelier, Vt., hundreds of silent protesters placed a pair of shoes on the Statehouse steps for each of the more than 560 U.S. soldiers killed in the war. In Los Angeles, one of thousands of protesters held photographs of Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney with the words, "forget Janet Jackson's — expose the real boobs."

More than 300 people rallied in Stevens Point, Wis., including the 5-year-old son of Sgt. Mark McClure, a Wisconsin National Guard soldier who has been stationed in the Middle East for 11

months.

Michael McClure made his own, slightly misspelled protest sign: "Let Dady Come Home."

Around the world, hundreds of thousands raised their voices in rallies from Spain to Egypt to the Philippines.

Organizers estimated up to 2 million people demonstrated in Rome, and 100,000 in London, but police in those cities gave estimates of 250,000 and 25,000, respectively.

Anti-war activists jammed the streets of central Rome, many of them decked out in rainbow-colored peace flags and chanting "assassins." Protesters demanded that the Italian government, a strong supporter of the war, withdraw its 2,600 troops from Iraq.

About 150,000 demonstrated in Barcelona, Spain. No crowd estimate was immediately available.

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BRIEFING

Falcons football recruit plays key role in regional final basketball win

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Derrick Brown scored 12 points and Anthony Turner, who will be a Bowling Green football player in the fall, added eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter as Dayton Chaminade-Julienne held off Columbus Watterson 46-44 Saturday in a Division II regional final.

Turner's jumper with 50 seconds left gave Chaminade-Julienne (18-7) a 46-41 lead. But moments later, Ryan Patrick got both his fifth personal foul and a technical foul.

Watterson's Michael Obyc made one of two free throws on the personal foul and Tim Horstman hit both technical foul shots to make the final margin. Horstman finished with 15 points to lead Watterson (19-6), which went 17-of-22 at the line.

Watterson had three misses in the closing seconds to seal it.

Eastern Michigan almost comeback in NCAA tournament opening round

THE BG NEWS
Throughout the Mid-American Conference women's basketball tournament, Eastern Michigan showed its ability to win a game any way it needed to.

In the semifinals, the Eagles beat a physical Marshall team.

EMU beat Bowling Green by overcoming the Falcons' runs in the second half.

And despite getting a No. 13 seed in the NCAA tournament, the Eagles nearly showed another way: By overcoming a 20-point deficit.

Down 20 points to the third-seeded Boston College Eagles, EMU came back to tie the game at 56 with under 20 seconds left. But after giving up a lay-up to BC, the Eagles' Ryan Coleman's 3-point attempt at the buzzer fell short.

"We got the shot we wanted," Coleman said following the game. "It just fell short."

Coleman had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead the Eagles.

"[Ryan] said she thought she had a good look, and that's all you can do," EMU coach Suzy Merchant said.

Cancellations run wild as baseball tries to play home opener

THE BG NEWS
In what seems like a yearly occasion, the BG baseball team has seen its last five scheduled games canceled due to poor weather conditions.

Three scheduled games against Eastern Michigan were nixed over the weekend, and no make-up date has been announced.

The 8-3 Falcons' next attempt at their home opener is tomorrow at 2 p.m. against visiting Xavier at Warren Steller Field.

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Sjovall has come a long way



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ON THE MAT: Pia Sjovall has puts in a lot of effort as seen here in a floor exercise.

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

Her back may have been aching something awful all season because of a bulging disk, but Pia Sjovall showed real spine when the Bowling Green State gymnastics team needed her most at the Mid-American Conference Championship last Friday.

The senior co-captain completed her final meet by scoring a 9.3 in the vault, an 8.8 on the balance beam and a 9.900 on the floor exercise (which tied a career-high) — three events where her tantalizing talent has been showcased throughout her four-

year career as a Falcon.

Sjovall's humble beginnings materialized in Skare, Norway, where she was introduced to the sport at the age of three.

"I actually quit for a year because I didn't think it was any fun," Sjovall said. "I liked skilling more, so I did that for a year. Then I decided to go back when I was five and I did both downhill skiing and gymnastics. I won my first [gymnastics] meet when I was six and after that I was just ready to win some more."

Winning was something Sjovall would experience a lot, and by age 11 she had competed in the Junior National Championship.

"After that experience I was looking around at everyone and I knew that I was good enough for this," she said. "I was the youngest one on the team and everyone else was like three, four, five years older than me, but they pushed me to work a lot harder."

Sjovall competed in her first international competition at 12.

The experience was only a platform for success, because Sjovall earned spots on the European Championship team in 1994, 1996 and 1998, when she won the North European Championship in the vault and all-around performance and placed second in the

Scandinavian Championships that same year.

During her final year at Wang High School in 2001, Sjovall captured the Norwegian Championship in the vault and all-around. In addition, she had eight years as a member of the Norwegian National team and five years as Norwegian Champion in the vault from 1995-2000 on her resume.

But it still took the help of a fellow Norwegian and an old rival for head coach Dan Connelly to notice Sjovall.

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Gymnasts place fourth in MAC championship

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

Head Coach Dan Connelly envisioned directing a group of energized gymnasts into Central Michigan's Rose Arena for the Mid-American Conference Championship on Friday with the mindset of winning.

Unfortunately for Connelly and the Bowling Green State gymnastics team, energy and expectation wasn't enough as the Falcons finished in fourth-place with a 194.650 overall score.

"We came into the meet really pumped up and, I think everyone thought we'd do a lot better," Kristen DiPietro said. "I think we were all focused, the other teams just scored higher than us."

The Falcons were led by senior co-captain Melissa Popovich (39.450) and DiPietro (36.750), who finished third and 10th in the all-around performance, respectively.

BG accounted for its highest score in the floor exercise where they recorded a 49.325, which was third overall.

Popovich and senior co-captain Pia Sjovall were two of 12 gymnasts to score a 9.900 on the floor.

Breanne Metzger, who finished in a tie for sixth on the vault with a 9.825 said it was good to see how the team rallied around one another.

"The meet was pretty exciting, but it was also stressful and we went in knowing it was going to be the most difficult



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ON THE MOVE: Bowling Green's Breanne Metzger shows her stuff at the All Ohio Championships last month. She played a key role in the Falcons' fourth place finish this past weekend

meet of the season," Metzger said. "I thought we all went out there and competed hard and that was a good way to end the season."

BG scored a 48.125 on the uneven bars and was paced by Popovich (9.900), followed by

Kari Elste's 9.825.

The Falcons also scored a 48.125 on the balance beam, led by Breanne Metzger (9.800) and Popovich (9.775) and a

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Xavier scores big second round upset

Point guard Lionel Chalmers fuels the Musketeers attack with a career-high 31 points.

By Fred Goodell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Dedrick Finn's shot from well beyond midcourt went through the basket, Mississippi State knew it was in trouble.

"He did that," Bulldogs guard Timmy Bowers lamented, "and I said it's going to be a long night."

Finn's buzzer beater gave Xavier a one-point halftime lead, and the seventh-seeded Musketeers went on to win 89-74 yesterday in an upset that sends them to the Atlanta Regional semifinals.

Lionel Chalmers scored a career-high 31 points and Finn added 22, helping Xavier (25-10) advance beyond the second round of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1990. The Musketeers won opening-round games the past two years, only to go on to lose to Oklahoma and Maryland.

"If this is not my time, I'm not going to have a time," said Chalmers, one of Xavier's three starting seniors.

"I've been feeling good and just knocking it down. There's really not too many things you can do to me out there when I feel like I can make shots."

Xavier, which has won 15 of 16 after a 10-9 start, overcame a double-digit deficit for the second straight game and will face



Chris O'Meara AP Photo

TO THE RACK: Xavier's Lionel Chalmers was not going to be denied as he scored 31 points in a win over Mississippi State.

No. 3 seed Texas in the regional semifinals.

Chalmers made 11 of 13 shots, including all four of his 3-point attempts. Finn was 5-of-7 from beyond the arc, while Romain Sato — the Musketeers' leading scorer during the regular season — finished with 12.

"There wasn't much we could do against Chalmers," Mississippi State's Shane Power said.

"He made contested shots, NBA 3's, whatever," Bowers added. "He's one of the best guards in the country. He may not get credit, but today he put his team on his back and carried them."

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Ohio State wins CCHA, 4-2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State almost found out how their previous two opponents felt.

Paul Caponigri had two goals and an assist and the Buckeyes held on to beat Michigan 4-2 and win the Central Collegiate Hockey Association Super Six Championship on Saturday night at Joe Louis Arena.

The Buckeyes (26-15-0) captured the tournament's Mason Cup and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. It is their second CCHA playoff title and first since 1972.

Ohio State won its first two games of the tournament in overtime, 6-5 over Notre Dame on Thursday night and 4-3 over Miami of Ohio on Friday night. Saturday, the Buckeyes led 3-0 after two periods and had to

weather Michigan's comeback attempt.

"We did well for two periods, then we just hung on," said Ohio State goaltender Dave Caruso, who replaced senior starter Mike Betz against Notre Dame and played the rest of the way. Caruso made 26 saves on Saturday.

The regular-season champion Wolverines (26-13-2) also will get an NCAA bid. They had won the previous two CCHA playoff championships and were appearing in their fourth consecutive title game.

Michigan coach Red Berenson wasn't pleased with his team's effort, however. "It's embarrassing for our team to come out in a championship game and lay an egg like that," he said.

Doug Andress had a goal and an assist for Ohio State. Dan

Knapp scored the Buckeyes' other goal.

Down 3-0 in the third period, Michigan got goals from Milan Gajic with 9:20 left and from Brandon Rogers with 6:54 remaining. But Caponigri clinched it with his second goal of the game, short-handed and into an empty net, with 30.3 seconds left.

"When it was 3-0 in the third, we knew Michigan wouldn't quit," Caponigri said.

Caponigri opened the scoring 2:50 into the second period and Andress' goal came just 1:14 later. Knapp added a power-play goal with 32.8 seconds left in the second period.

Al Montoya stopped 28 shots for the Wolverines.



John F. Martin AP Photo

UP THE ICE: Ohio State's Paul Caponigri (27) skates down the ice at the CCHA Championship against Michigan Saturday.

Nevada's win heads list of upsets

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SEATTLE — Kevin Pinkney scored 20 points, and Todd Okeson had 19 to help Nevada upset second-seeded Gonzaga.

The Wolf Pack (25-8) advanced to a Friday game against the Georgia Tech winner.

Cory Violette led Gonzaga (28-3) with 16 points and 11 rebounds. The loss snapped a school-record 21-game winning streak for Gonzaga, which had lost only to No. 1 seeds Stanford and Saint Joseph's this season.

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Wood shows power at plate, too



Will Powers AP Photo

DUAL THREAT: Chicago's Kerry Wood homered and threw six shutout innings against Milwaukee over the weekend.

Chicago ace hurler shows batting prowess

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kerry Wood is more than just a power pitcher. He can swing the bat, too.

The Chicago ace threw six dominant innings and homered Saturday, leading a Cubs split squad to a 10-0 rout of the Milwaukee Brewers in Phoenix.

In addition to his 95 mph fastball, Wood had excellent control of an overhand curve that buckled the knees of a few Brewers batters.

"I feel really good. I wish it was July," Wood said. "The curveball has been good. I probably threw about 15 or 18 today. Usually, that's the last pitch I go to in spring training. I wanted to work on it this year, so I made it the first."

Wood improved to 3-0 in four spring starts. He gave up three

hits, struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Sammy Sosa also homered for the Cubs, sending a mammoth drive over the 40-foot batter's eye in center field. He hit five home runs in 43 at-bats against the Brewers last season.

An infield single by Wood set up an RBI single by Sosa in the second inning.

In the third, Wood led off and jumped on a first-pitch fastball from Adrian Hernandez, depositing the ball on the berm in left-center field.

Hernandez, trying to make the Brewers' bullpen, then gave up a leadoff homer on a 3-0 pitch to Sosa in the fourth.

"I just didn't want to walk him," said Hernandez, who struck out six and allowed six hits and three runs in four innings. "I learned a

lot today."

It was a dreary day for the Brewers, who had five hits and four errors in losing their fifth in a row.

The only bright spot was a scoreless debut by closer Dan Kolb, who made his first appearance of the spring after being slowed by shoulder soreness.

"I felt pretty good out there," said Kolb, who retired two batters and then walked two before striking out Luis Montanez to end the inning. "I had a lot of adrenaline pumping and I was rushing a bit, but my arm felt great."

In other spring training games: **Expos 9, Marlins 3**

At Viera, Fla., Zach Day struck out seven in five innings and Montreal got home runs from Jose Vidro, Valentino Pascucci and Luis Lopez.

Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 4

At Fort Myers, Fla., David Ortiz hit his spring training-leading sixth homer for Boston, which has scored 29 runs in its last three games. Tim Wakefield pitched four shutout innings.

Indians 6, Astros 3

At Kissimmee, Fla., Houston's Tim Lincecum and Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia each pitched impressively. Redding threw four shutout innings, extending his scoreless streak this spring to 10. Sabathia gave up a run and five hits in five innings.

Braves (ss) 5, Tigers 4

At Lakeland, Fla., Atlanta rookie Adam LaRoche hit two home runs. Jason Johnson, scheduled to be Detroit's opening day starter, gave up four hits and three runs in five innings.

"[My crew] got me the lead early in the race and they got me out front again when it counted."

JIMMIE JOHNSON, WINNER OF YESTERDAY'S DODGE DEALERS 400

Johnson gets lead late, holds on for win

By Mike Harris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Jimmie Johnson got the lead with a fast pit stop and held off a challenge from hard-luck Bobby Labonte to win the NASCAR Nextel Cup race yesterday at Darlington Raceway.

Labonte was leading the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 by half a straightaway over Kurt Busch on the 1.366-mile oval when Kyle Petty's engine went up in a plume of white smoke, bringing out a caution flag 19 laps from the end of the 293-lap event.

All the leaders pitted for much-needed fresh tires and Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet crew got him out inches in front of Labonte's No. 18 Chevy.

"These guys got me the lead early in the race and they got me out front again when it really counted," Johnson said, high-fiving and pointing at crew chief Chad Knaus and the rest of his crew.

The green flag came out on lap 283, but another caution flag waved moments later when Tony Stewart bumped rookie Kasey Kahne from behind and sent him sliding through turns three and four.

The ensuing caution was longer than expected and when the green was displayed again, with only four laps remaining, it looked like this race might turn out like last year's when Ricky Craven nipped Busch by inches in a bumping, fender-banging finish.

Labonte, who won the Southern 500 here in 2000, gave it a good try, but he couldn't quite catch the leader, finishing 0.132 seconds — about two car-lengths — behind.

UC cut down by Illini

By Joe Kay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — No flying elbows, no return taunts. Illinois just shut up and made shots — over and over again.

Then, as they fashioned a tournament trashing, the Fighting Illini had the final words — trashy, of course.

Deron Williams hit his first seven attempts, setting the tone for a can't-miss attack, and fifth-seeded Illinois rolled to a 92-68 victory yesterday in the second round of the Atlanta Regional.

The Big Ten's regular season champion will play Duke on Friday at the Georgia Dome, emboldened by its domination of a team that ran its mouths right up to tip-off.

"I think it played to our advantage," coach Bruce Weber said. "Our guys came in so fired up. The Cincinnati guys hit a hot button with our guys in warmups."

The blustery Bearcats had a few words as the teams left the court after warmups, leaving the Illini livid. One Bearcat warned, "Get ready for your bus ride home."

That wasn't all. "They were saying they were ready to play Duke," Williams said.

If it was a ploy to get them rattled, it didn't work. The Fighting Illini kept their tongues and their poise as they took control in the first half.

Then, they did a little trashing of their own.

"It was fun," guard Dee Brown said. "I had a lot to say. I know you're all adults in here, but it was coming out pretty strong."

Williams matched his career high with 31 points, going 10-of-13 from the field, and Illinois (26-6) shot a season-high 64 percent as its two slick guards dominated from outside.

Brown, nicknamed the "One-man Fastbreak," had 14 points, eight assists and two sleight-of-hand plays that helped Illinois take control. The Fighting Illini starters went 32-of-47 from the field.

Coach Bob Huggins sat glumly in a folding chair, chin resting in his palm, as his fourth-seeded Bearcats (26-7) finished off their worst NCAA tournament loss in his 15 seasons.



Jay LaPrete AP Photo

SCORE: Illinois' Deron Williams scores over Cincinnati's Tony Bobbitt in the second half of Illinois' blowout win over the Bearcats yesterday.

The defensive-minded coach exhausted his brain and never found anything that worked.

"We tried virtually everything we had — matchup, zone. Usually we're a fairly decent man-to-man team," Huggins said. "They just made a lot of shots."

It came down to shooting and attitude, and Illinois had more of both.

The Fighting Illini weren't about to be abused by the mouthy Bearcats, who couldn't

back up their talk and instead wound up backing up the bus for a two-hour trip back to campus.

"We didn't guard them," said gabby guard Tony Bobbitt, who talked to defenders throughout the game. "Let's be honest with ourselves. We gave up easy baskets."

Illinois beat a lower seed for the first time in its history and moved into the round of 16 for the third time in the last four years.

Cincinnati has dominated Conference USA, winning eight of its nine regular season championships, but can't seem to get the hang of the NCAA tournament.

The Bearcats have failed to make it past the first weekend of the tournament in seven of the last eight years. Their in-your-face style comes up short against teams that have the grit to give it back and the quickness to exploit them.

Illinois was just such a team.



Jeff Roberson AP Photo

WRESTLING FOR THE BALL: Syracuse's Craig Forth grabs a rebound in the Orangemen's win over Maryland.

Defending champs still alive

By John Mossman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Syracuse is still defending its national title — barely.

Hakim Warrick and the Orangemen nearly blew a 16-point lead before hanging on to beat Maryland 72-70 Saturday in a matchup between the last two NCAA champions.

Warrick had 26 points and nine rebounds for fifth-seeded Syracuse, which advanced to play Alabama in the Phoenix Regional's round of 16. The Crimson Tide stunned top-seeded Stanford 70-67 Saturday.

The game was just the third between the two previous national champions in NCAA tournament history, and the first since 1994 champ Arkansas beat 1993 title winner North Carolina in the 1995 semifinals.

This one looked like it might be a blowout when the Orangemen (23-7) took a 54-38 lead with 13:01 left. But the Terrapins (20-12), who had won six in a row and made a surprising run to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament title, didn't give up.

D.J. Strawberry's 3-pointer cut the deficit to 59-49 with 7:32 left, and layups by Chris McCray and Jamar Smith made it 61-54.

Josh Pace's jumper pushed the lead to 69-60 with 1:58 left, but Maryland whittled the margin to one.

Travis Garrison and John Gilchrist hit layups to make it 69-64. After Syracuse's Craig Forth missed two free throws, Orangemen guard Gerry McNamara hit a pair with 29 seconds left.

Smith followed with a layup and, after Forth missed two more foul shots, Maryland's Mike Jones was fouled while shooting a 3-pointer. He hit the first two free throws and missed the third, but the Terrapins' Nik Caner-Medley grabbed the rebound and Strawberry made a driving layup with 9 seconds left, cutting the lead to 71-70.

McNamara was fouled, but the normally automatic free throw shooter made just one of two with 7.5 seconds to go.



Gene J. Puskar AP Photo

SAFE! Cincinnati's Ryan Freel slides safely into third base against Pittsburgh yesterday.

Reds' Haynes shuts out Pirates

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SARASOTA, Fla. — Cincinnati opened the game with five straight hits and Jimmy Haynes shut out the Pittsburgh Pirates for four innings to lead the Reds to a 5-0 victory yesterday.

Leadoff hitter D'Angelo Jimenez singled, then Ryan Freel singled to right move Jimenez to third. Sean Casey followed with his fourth hit in four at-bats with an RBI single. Austin Kearns and Jason LaRue hit back-to-back doubles and reserve infielder Felipe Lopez singled home LaRue to cap the scoring.

Haynes, who gave up three runs in two innings in his last outing, allowed just two hits and

a walk.

Haynes did not throw at all until March 6 after failing his pre-season physical. Haynes won 15 games in 2002 but was limited to 18 starts with lower back pain last season.

"When he failed his core strength test at the beginning of camp, we decided to take care of it right away," manager Dave Miley said. "Things are falling into place. You don't win 15 games in the big leagues by accident."

Reds reliever Aaron Myette turned in three scoreless innings and the team's first pick in the draft last season, Ryan Wagner,

and John Reidling added a hitless inning each.

Wells took his second loss of the spring. He has allowed 14 runs in his last 10 1/3 innings. Wells settled after the first, allowing two hits and two walks in his final 2 1/3 innings.

Willis Roberts, Salomon Torres, Jose Mesa, Mark Corey and Jason Boyd held the Reds hitless over the 4 2/3 innings. Craig Wilson doubled for the Pirates in the seventh inning and has a hit in 11 of his last 12 games. Cincinnati snapped a six-game losing streak. Pittsburgh has lost three of its last four games.

Mississippi State's effort was not enough to beat Xavier

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Mississippi State (26-4), the No. 2 seed, shot 36 percent and lost control after building a 23-13 lead in the first 11 minutes. Xavier finished the half with a 21-10 run, with Chalmers scoring 12 in that stretch.

Power led the Southeastern Conference regular-season champions with 16 points. Bowers had 15 and SEC player of the year Lawrence Roberts was limited to 11 on 4-for-11 shooting.

"Whenever three players go 11-for-14 on 3-pointers and the team goes 13-for-19, it's difficult to come back," Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury said, fending off a question about why Roberts wasn't a factor.

"They made huge shots all day long," the coach added.

Xavier's late-season surge included a 20-point blowout of then top-ranked Saint Joseph's, while Mississippi State earned its No. 2 seeding based on winning its first outright SEC regular season title in 41 years.

Sato was held to a season-low seven points in Xavier's 82-70 regular-season loss to Mississippi State three months ago, and the 6-foot-5 guard scored only six in a December 2002 loss to the Bulldogs at Madison Square Garden.

A key element of Mississippi State's game plan again was containing Sato. But in doing that, the Bulldogs were unable to keep up with the lightning-quick Chalmers, who repeatedly knifed his way through the defense to score or set up opportunities for teammates.

The 6-foot point guard was equally effective from the perimeter, finishing 6-of-7 from the field and making a pair of 3-pointers over taller defenders during the first-half run that got the Musketeers back into the game.

Finn's buzzer beater put Xavier ahead 34-33 at the half and set the tone for the rest of the game.

The Musketeers returned from the locker room to build the lead with 10 on Justin Doellman's 3-pointer with just under nine minutes to go. Six minutes later, Finn's long 3 — his fifth of the game — made it 75-63 and took the last bit of fight out of the Bulldogs.

"No other team deserves this like we do," Chalmers said. "We've been through a lot. I've been through a lot in four years. It just feels real good."

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Gymnast gets help from all coming from all directions

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junior at BSGU at the time) told me about Pia, because she was lonely and wanted someone here from Norway," Connelly said. "I saw the tape, and I just thought that Pia had a lot of experience as a gymnast and a lot of energy when she performed and that caught my attention."

Sjovall acknowledged that Oestreg helped her with the transition when she came to Bowling Green.

"Marny and I grew up competing against one another and we were all always very competitive," she said. "It was a big change for me during my first year but she pushed me to work

harder in the gym and learn how to adjust to everything."

Sjovall stepped in as a freshman and competed in all of the team's 13 meets on the vault and floor.

The following season, Sjovall competed in all 12 meets and recorded season-highs of 9.900 on the floor and a 9.825 on the vault, as BG went 17-1 and 6-0 in the MAC to capture the school's 11th regular-season championship.

As a junior last year, Sjovall finished eighth at the MAC Championship on the floor with a 9.875 and scored a 9.875 to earn first place on the balance beam against Western Michigan earlier in the season.

Connelly said he saw Sjovall grow a lot through her junior season.

"Coming into this year I wanted two captains that were very different from another and Melissa [Popovich] was the more serious one, while Pia was more relaxed," Connelly said. "Those different personalities were important for our team to have, and I think Pia really showed that she could be a leader during her junior year."

Sjovall averaged 9.6575 on the vault, a 9.69 on the balance beam and a 9.815 on the floor this season.

Still, Sjovall is sometimes regarded as the other talented senior co-captain on the gym-

nastics team because of the attention that goes to Popovich, who became the second BG gymnast to be named MAC Gymnast of the Year — the last was Oestreg in 1999.

But even Popovich knows how important Sjovall has been to the success of the BG gymnastics team.

"Pia has improved each year since coming to Bowling Green and to look at her now from her first year, she is totally different," Popovich said. "She has really pushed me to work harder and I think she has motivated everyone on the team, but she also helps everyone relax and that's why she is a great leader for this team."

Freshmen seasoning important for future of BG gymnastics

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48,350 on the vault, where they were led by Metzger (9.775) and Popovich (9.875) as well.

BG finished the regular-season with a 5-8 overall record and a 3-3 mark in the MAC.

DiPietro said this experience will be a big stepping-stone for a young team coming into next season.

"We were a very young team this and I think all of our freshmen had a chance to compete at a high level and encourage one another," she said. "I think we're going to come back next season a lot better and ready to compete."

Dan Connelly was unavailable for comment.

MAC Championship Team Scores:

- 1st — Central Michigan, 197.525
- 2nd — Kent State, 196.850
- 3rd — Eastern Michigan, 195.550
- 4th — Bowling Green, 194.650
- 5th — Northern Illinois, 194.600
- 6th — Western Michigan, 194.025
- 7th — Ball State, 193.525

Duke rolls on to the Sweet 16

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Duke 90, Seton Hall 62
RALEIGH, N.C. — J.J. Redick snapped out of a shooting slump, scoring 21 points to lead top-seeded Duke (29-5).

Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils, seeking their fourth national title, will face Illinois on Friday at the Georgia Dome.

Kelly Whitney and John Allen led Seton Hall (21-10) with 14 points each.

Wake Forest 84, Manhattan 80

RALEIGH, N.C. — Chris Paul had 29 points, eight rebounds and six assists to help Wake Forest advance to the second weekend for the first time in eight years.

Paul was 10-for-14 from the floor and 8-for-9 from the line for the Demon Deacons (21-9). Luis Flores had 20 points for the 12th-seeded Jaspers (25-6).

UAB 76, Kentucky 75

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The NCAA tournament's top seed got sent back to its ol' Kentucky home.

Mo Finley made a 17-foot jumper with 12.2 seconds left and ninth-seeded Alabama-Birmingham hung on to stun the heavily favored Wildcats 76-75 yesterday in the second round of the St. Louis Regional.

Kentucky's Gerald Fitch missed a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the final horn.

The Blazers (22-9) advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1982 with their second big upset of Kentucky in the NCAA tournament.

Cavs fall to Pistons, 96-76

By Joe Milicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Chauncey Billups had 18 points and the Detroit Pistons smothered Cleveland in the first half, beating the Cavaliers 96-76 yesterday to extend their winning streak to eight.

Detroit held the Cavaliers to a season-low 31 points in the first half. The Pistons led by as many as 28 in the third quarter and let their backups finish the game.

By letting up in the second half, it was the most points the Pistons have allowed an opponent to score during their streak.

LeBron James shot poorly for his second straight game — 5-

for-17 for 15 points. Carlos Boozer led the Cavaliers with 21 points and 17 rebounds.

Despite the loss, Cleveland remained in the eighth playoff spot in the East with Boston and Toronto close behind.

Richard Hamilton had 14 points and Ben Wallace had two points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

The Pistons had lost two straight to Cleveland, but had not faced them since acquiring Rasheed Wallace, who had 10 points. The Cavaliers lost their second straight playing without point guard Jeff McInnis, who has a strained right shoulder.

Hamilton and Corliss Williamson led Detroit on a 14-

0 run late in the first period to take a 27-17 lead and the Pistons never looked back.

Detroit widened the lead to 53-31 at halftime. The Cavaliers shot just 31 percent for the half and 38 percent overall as the Pistons forced them to settle for outside shots.

The Pistons shot 54 percent in the first half, taking nearly everything to the hole on the Cavaliers, including a soaring Tayshaun Prince dunk over Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

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Protesters march in cities across the nation

PROTEST, FROM PAGE 6

able for Madrid, but the numbers paled in comparison to the millions that packed streets all over Spain after the Madrid train bombings that killed 202 people March 11.

The rallies coincided with the anniversary of the first bombings in Baghdad last year. Although President Bush ordered the attacks on March 19, the time difference made it March 20 in Iraq.

While turnout was high in some nations, most protests were far smaller than the enormous demonstrations held around the world shortly before the war began.

A New York protest a year ago drew more than 125,000 by official estimates. Although that's similar to organizers' estimate Saturday, organizers last year estimated that crowd at more than 250,000.

Last year's rally produced several clashes between demonstrators and police, but New York police reported just four arrests on disorderly conduct charges Saturday. There were scattered arrests in other U.S. cities as well.

New York police in riot gear walked calmly past barricades marking off the demonstration area on Madison Avenue as speakers mounted a stage to address

the crowd on a sunny afternoon. Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly stopped by the rally, but didn't speak to demonstrators or participate.

In President Bush's hometown of Crawford, about 800 peace activists from across Texas marched, chanting, "One, two, three, four, kick the liar out the door." Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader spoke to the crowd and called for Bush's impeachment.

The march kept John Taylor, an Air Force veteran who lives in Crawford, waiting at an intersection. He propped his cowboy hat above the steering wheel of his Ford pickup to block his view of the protesters, some holding up effigies of Bush.

"If they'd leave, it would be nice," said Taylor, 28.

Thousands of protesters marched through Chicago's downtown shopping district. The Rev. Jesse Jackson urged the crowd to express their opposition to the war by voting against Bush.

"It's time to fight back," Jackson said. "Remember in November."

In Cincinnati, Claire Mugavin wore a biohazard suit to a protest that drew several hundred people. She pretended to look for weapons of mass destruction beneath benches and garbage cans.

"We figure they're not in Iraq," said the

24-year-old Cincinnati resident. "So we figured we'd come look for them in Fountain Square."

In San Francisco, thousands of taiko drummers, cyclists, activists and other protesters chanted "End the occupation" and "Impeach Bush."

Thousands of people also turned out in Denver and Seattle, and demonstrations drew several hundred people in Atlanta, Albuquerque, N.M., and Augusta, Maine.

Many of the demonstrations were accompanied by smaller gatherings of Bush supporters. Iraqi-American Kaise Urfali, 46, was among 10 people gathered at the Atlanta rally to oppose the protesters.

"These people have no clue, they have no idea about the meaning of terrorism and the meaning of freedom," said Urfali, who said his family has lived in exile from Iraq since 1958. "These protesters talk in the name of Iraq and none of them are from Iraq, none of them lived in the terror."

Germany, Greece, the Netherlands and other European countries also saw protests, while demonstrations took place earlier in Japan, Australia and India.

Demonstrators in Cairo — vastly outnumbered by riot police — burned an American flag.



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TAKING TO THE STREETS: Hundreds of people march through downtown Cincinnati, Saturday, as part of a war protest rally held on Fountain Square. Protesters marked the first anniversary of the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

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By Ahsanullah Wazir
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WANA, Pakistan - Fighting between Pakistani troops and suspected al-Qaida militants ebbed yesterday as tribal elders said they would try to negotiate an end to the largest battle yet against suspected terrorists along the Afghan frontier.

A 25-member council is to begin talks with the militants today morning under the protection of a white flag, said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security for the tribal area in South Waziristan province.

Pakistani forces took advantage of yesterday's pause in fighting to search nearby homes. The military believes a "high-value" target is holed up in the besieged area, but it is uncertain if it is al-Qaida commander Ayman al-Zawahri, Uzbek militant Tahir Yuldash, or another terrorist.

Some 5,000-6,000 Pakistani forces are fighting 400-500 foreign militants and Yagul Khel tribesmen. Shah speculated the shooting had abated because the militants were conserving ammunition.

tion. "They may be facing a shortage of ammunition. Heavy firing has almost entirely stopped and they are only using light weapons," he said.

Shah said two Chechens were killed trying to break through a military cordon yesterday. The military has arrested more than 100 suspects but has refused to give updates of casualties.

In neighboring Afghanistan, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told The Associated Press the United States was "very encouraged" by the ongoing Pakistani offensive.

He said senior Taliban and al-Qaida leaders were plotting attacks on Afghan and U.S. targets from Pakistan.

"We know several key Taliban figures are there, and there is some sense that some of the remaining al-Qaida leaders are in the border area on the other side," Khalilzad said.

"They may be facing a shortage of ammunition. Heavy firing has almost entirely stopped and they are only using light weapons"

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PROTECTION: Pakistani troops jump from the back of a truck near Wana, Pakistan, Saturday, where forces have been battling al-Qaida and Taliban forces. Pakistani forces were searching homes amid a lull in fierce fighting against suspected al-Qaida holdouts near the Afghan border yesterday.

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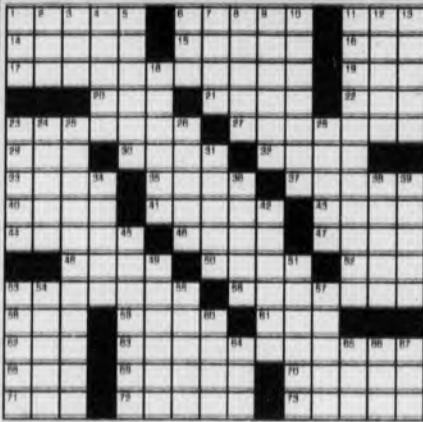
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- DOWN**
- Initial letters
 - Segment of history
 - Bro's counterpart
 - Desert spring
 - Writes letter by letter
 - Pas' mates
 - Ruler fraction
 - Bodybuilder Charles
 - L'chair and prosit
 - Whenever
 - Sobriquet of 17A
 - Ziegfeld Follies, e.g.
 - 17A since 1964
 - Overturf
 - Anxiety
 - In the work cited: Lat.
 - Capital of Tibet
 - 25 17A since 1964
 - Ties
 - Of the kidneys
 - Like prunes
 - Stock certificate type
 - Novelist Wilson
 - Shipping container
 - Come to a point
 - Unquestioned principle
 - False names
 - Strip in a shoe
 - Traveled to the runway
 - Weighty pieces
 - Struck a stance
 - "The Screens" dramatist
 - Puccini opera
 - AD part
 - Yang partner
 - Rocky crag
 - Bullring shout
 - Actor Beatty

ACROSS

- Noted fabulist
- Mazda model
- Play about Capote
- Pipe type
- Writer Ghekhov
- With it, once
- Subject of this puzzle
- Adam's mate
- Small hotel
- "Why...Thou forsaken me?"
- Firearm
- Central Park designer
- Mixed
- Dien Bien
- Orange-red chalcodony
- Hook's first mate
- "High Hopes" lyricist
- Poel Teasdale
- Make into law
- Aoki of golf
- J.R. or Jock
- Gillette blade
- Florida city
- Type of lily
- Vault
- Timbuktu land
- Fine, dry particles
- Saul's Marie
- Giving quarter
- Splash and spot
- City in Israel
- On the ocean
- Outer: pref.
- Botanist Gray
- 1984 opponent of 17A
- Like prunes
- Barbara Geddes
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- 70 School of Paris
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