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Counselors offer a way of hope

By Nicole Delisio
NEWS EDITOR

For most college students, the thought of dying young may seem unrealistic. For some students, however, this thought is a harsh reality.

Some leading causes of college student death may be better known than others. Automobile and alcohol related accidents kill the first and third most college students. Suicide, something often associated more with teenagers, claims the second most college victims.

A 2001 Surgeon General executive summary projected 1,088 suicides on college campuses yearly. Statistics from the National Mental Health Association show the rate of completed suicide among college students is 7.5 of every 100,000.

According to Dr. Basanti Basu, psychiatrist at the University Counseling Center, the latter rate has grown over several years.

"I think if you look back over the last 50 years, it used to be 2.5 of every 100,000," Basu said. "They are predicting it could be up to 8 (of every 100,000) in the next decade."

The Surgeon General summary reported students with pre-existing mental illnesses and students who develop mental health problems in college are at a greater risk for suicide.

But for Amy Dugan, Nurse Practitioner at the University Health Center, these students are no more at risk than others.

"I believe that any personality type with enough stressors could potentially commit suicide," Dugan said. "I think the high pressure of this age group, as far as trying to succeed—it's just a tough time."

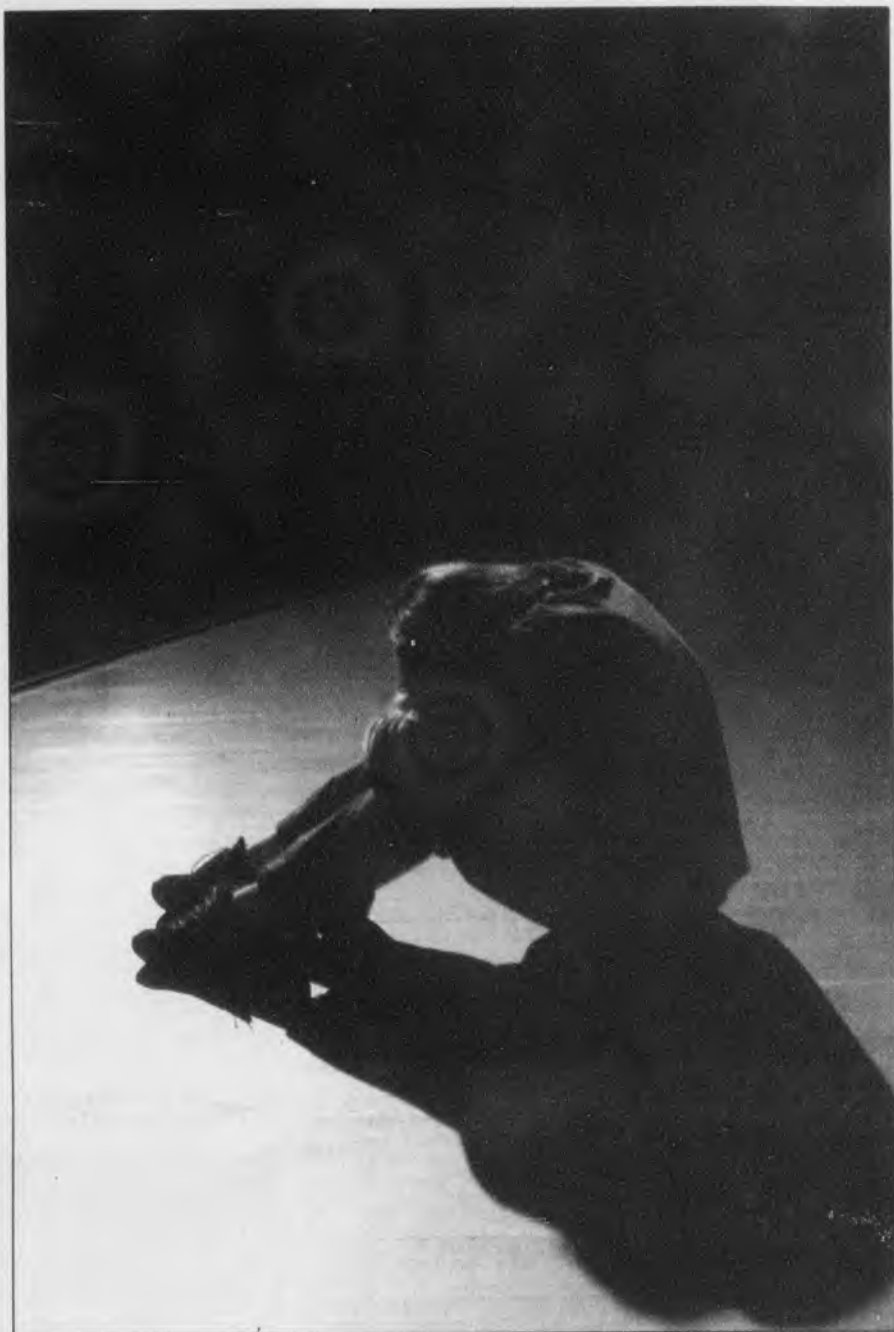
Several other factors contribute to suicide. The stress of classes and work could overwhelm students. Younger students may struggle with the transition from home life to campus living.

Alcohol consumption also caters to suicidal thoughts. This may spell doom for impulsive students, who Basu worries may have poor control of their decisions.

"If you combine alcohol with impulsivity, it causes trouble," she said.

Trouble arises because the student might become more

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Music faculty teach in Greece

By Mandy Lind
STAFF REPORTER

Three faculty members from the College of Musical Arts reached out to an international audience this month during the College's first faculty exchange with Ionian University in Corfu, Greece.

Maxim Mogilevsky, assistant professor of piano, John Sampen, professor of saxophone, and Marilyn Shrupe, professor of musicology/composition/theory, presented workshops, lectures and concerts to students at the University as part of the exchange.

Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts, and Svetlana Smolina, a second-year graduate student at the College and the wife of Mogilevsky, also joined the group.

"This was sort of a trial run for us," Sampen said. "We taught all the students from Greece and presented faculty recitals. Marilyn and I played the saxophone and the piano at the recitals, which consisted of all-American music."

Sampen also performed Shrupe's compositions "Renewing the Myth" and "The Postcards" including a new work entitled "Kantada."

"This one, 'Kantada,' was a world premiere and was specifically written for this trip," Sampen said.

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LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE WEEK



Mike Metzger BG News

PLEASED CUSTOMERS: Mathew Naragon helps Bonnie Lashaway at Sky headquarters. Representatives say their regional approach to business is a key element in retaining customers.

Sky is the limit for largest BG business

By Matt Hawkins
STAFF REPORTER

Falcons are known for being seen in the sky. But in Bowling Green, they do it in several senses. The city is not just a college town; it's also the home of a \$14.3 billion dollar company—Sky Financial Group.

Sky Bank was founded here in 1952, and while numerous name changes and merges

have occurred throughout the company's history, the headquarters remains in Bowling Green, currently at 221 South Church Street. There are also five financial centers and nine ATMs around the city.

Over the years Sky has also grown to become one of the top 50 financial services companies in the country, with 285 locations in Ohio,

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Bowling Green citizens to throw evening party against crime

By Shaun Hayes
STAFF REPORTER

On August 3rd, Bowling Green will join over 10,000 other cities in all 50 states, as well as Canadian provinces and U.S. territories, in celebrating a "National Night Out Against Crime."

The event will take place at the Stone Shelter House in the City Park from 6:30 to 9:30, and will include a DJ, door prizes, a vehicle display, free snacks and drinks. The purpose of the festivities is to increase crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts and

strengthen the police and citizen partnership.

The National Night Out is being sponsored by the Bowling Green Police Division, with the support of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. According to Sgt. Tony Hentrek, block watch coordinator for the city of Bowling Green, the National Association of Town Watch has been putting on the National Night Out for about twenty years. This is the first year Bowling Green has been involved.

"The theme is 'Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party,'" Hentrek said. "Basically it's a night where we can bring the com-

munity together and show a commitment to wiping out crime in the community."

Hentrek also wants to use the event to promote the community block watch program that was organized two years ago.

"We're really committed to organizing established block watch areas within the city, and hopefully this [the National Night Out] will be a cornerstone of a lot of that activity," Hentrek said.

Hentrek pointed out that not many University students were involved in the block watch program, which he found iron-

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BG NEWS BRIEFING



Kerry scheduled to visit Bowling Green

The Wood County Democratic Party reported Monday that soon-to-be Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and running mate John Edwards will be visiting Bowling Green this Sunday as part of their "Believe in America" bus-train tour of the country.

The place and time of the visit have yet to be determined, and will be released to the public closer to the event date.

The Kerry campaign cites Wood County as an important swing area, noting that Bill Clinton's victories hinged on Northwest Ohio votes.

In 2000, Vice President Gore narrowly lost Ohio and Wood County's votes, which proved to be costly.

For updates on exact time and location, log on to the BG News Web site at www.bgnews.com

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University considers same-sex health care

By Matt Clark
STAFF REPORTER

Some 70 percent of universities in the Association of American Universities (AAU) offer full benefits, including medical and dental coverage and tuition reimbursement, to same sex domestic partners of their full-time faculty and staff.

In late June and early July, three state universities chose to follow the practice of those in the AAU, including Miami University, Ohio University, and Ohio State University.

Cleveland State University

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National event will have leg in the city

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ic since University students are the most victimized population in Bowling Green. Despite the fact that many crimes in Bowling Green are alcohol related, alcohol abuse prevention will not be singled out at the National Night Out.

"Crime prevention of any type is what we're geared for," Hentrek said, adding that alcohol abuse prevention was something the Bowling Green Police Department regularly educated the public about already.

The City Park is located on Conneaut Street. For more information, contact the Bowling Green Police Division at (419) 352-1131.

Greek exchange is exploratory

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Moglivesky and his wife also performed a duo piano recital, which covered works of famous Russian composers.

The universities began the exchange last December when three Greek students visited Bowling Green for a week. In May, three University students participated in the exchange and went to Ionian University for a week.

The exchange was implemented in hopes to develop, strengthen and diver-

sify the college's academic linkages with institutions abroad says Kennell.

"We have started taking just the very preliminary steps in creating a growing relationship with, I think, a very special University," Kennell said. "This represents an opportunity to our faculty and students to experience a different culture, to contribute and grow from the people that are at a formative stage in their music program."

According to Kennell, the Ionian University is fairly young and quite unique. It was started 12 years ago and

fashions its music program after more of an American-based system rather than that of a European conservatory.

"They are in a very young stage of development, and what I think they are looking for from us is not only experience with our faculty but also looking at our ways of doing things, which will help them grow in their own professional realm," Kennell said.

This fall Ionian University faculty members will come to the University. Lambis Vassiliadis, professor of piano; Andreas Georgotas, applied viola; Sypros Gikontis

applied violin; Jannis Toulis, applied cello and viola da gamba, and Katerina Micholpoulou, applied harpsichord and early music performance, will participate in the return exchange.

"They will come in early October," Shrude said. "Five of their faculty will be doing two programs: one here and one at the Toledo Museum of Art. So, it really is an exchange of sorts, what we did over there they will be doing here."

Sky anchors local business family

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Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. A total of 4200 employees work for Sky, with more than 400 employed in Bowling Green alone.

Tim Dirrum, Vice President of Corporate Communications, said that despite being a large company, Sky has different regions which set it apart from some of the other large financial institutions.

"We've structured ourselves to be regionally based so that the people that deal with our clients live and work in the community," Dirrum said. "It makes us much smaller in the customer's eyes."

Dirrum said that the ability to make decisions close to the client is important.

"When [clients] are dealing with someone close to where they live, it makes a big difference, as opposed to waiting for a decision for a long period of time from someone out of town," he said.

There are eight total regions affiliated with Sky Bank, including the Mid Am region which covers Northwest Ohio, Southern Michigan, and Fort

Wayne, Indiana. Sharon Speyer, president of the Mid Am region said that maintaining a regional concept has created a nice blend with the company.

"You have a large company that's sophisticated, with the resources to provide enhanced services," Speyer said. "But on the flip side, the clients are dealing with people that they know and are familiar with."

Speyer said that in 2003, Sky held the number-one position in market share in Wood County, which she believes is largely due to the regional concept.

"I believe that [concept] is the backbone of our success," Speyer said.

This regional concept has created several other avenues for success in the communities as well. Speyer said there are many ways that Sky gives back to the community.

"Not only do we give back in funds, but we give back in time that we all serve on local boards and in non profit organizations" Speyer said.

Durrin said that Sky has always provided support for Bowling Green and its community and will continue to help their clients in every way possible.

"Here in Bowling Green, we've



Mike Metzger BG News

WORLD HEADQUARTERS: Sky Financial Services made its headquarters visible on Main Street. The company is the largest to base itself in the Bowling Green community.

been a really big community server and that in itself helps breath success," Durrin said. "We've got similar products and services to other financial institutions, but we serve the clients well and fit their needs as opposed to just giving all the products under the sun that we

can." While Sky is considered one of the larger financial institutions based on total asset size, the company prides itself on providing a smaller, more personal atmosphere for the customer. Durrin said their goal is to look specifically at what the needs

are in the customer's life and make recommendations, which is often difficult for a larger institution.

"[Other institutions] say they do that, but a lot of times they can't really accomplish it," Durrin said. "Our whole company lives and breathes it."

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Legislation to fund counseling centers

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depressed. Serious depression can isolate students, drawing them away from family and friends. This isolation, according to Dr. Betty Yarris of the University Counseling Center, improves the possibility of suicide.

"The person who's isolated has more opportunity to commit suicide," Yarris, a staff psychologist, said. "Most individuals who are successful are experiencing some type of depression or mood disorder."

Isolation and lack of communication can significantly affect a suicide. The University last dealt with suicide in January 2001 when two students, a 24-year-old female and a 21-year-old male, ended their lives within a two week period.

Reports from the Bowling Green Police Division say the female overdosed on several drugs and went into cardiac arrest. Police found her diary, which contained suicidal thoughts. The male student went to Carter Park, where he shot himself in the throat. His friends and family were unaware that he was struggling.

Confiding in others is something many suicidal students fail to do. Local physicians say this is largely because of opinions attached to mental illnesses.

"I think for some people there's the label that gets placed on them," Dr. Cathy Kocarek, counselor at the University Counseling Center said. "Traditionally there's this stigma about receiving help."

Basu shared this sentiment, and reassured depressed students that a mental illness is not their fault.

"It's not that you did something to yourself, or you did something wrong," Basu said. "It's a chemical imbalance."

Universities can reach out to students with counseling centers, testing programs and seminars among other things to guide troubled students.

The United States Senate passed "The Gordon Lee Smith Memorial Act" earlier this month in honor of Sen. Gordon Smith Sr.'s (R-Ore.) son. The younger Smith, 21, committed suicide in his college apartment last August after struggling with bipolar disease, dyslexia and a learning dis-

ability.

The act will allocate \$82 million to fund counseling and resource centers on college campuses.

According to Kocarek, this act might help students realize the support they have.

"I would hope that the students who aren't reaching for help would be more aware of the resources available to them," Kocarek said.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) recently launched the College Film and Screening Project, to identify and refer at-risk students to suicide treatment. Students at participating universities respond to an online questionnaire, and a counselor reviews each assessment. If a student's responses suggest psychological problems, the counselor suggests a face-to-face meeting.

The University offers several resources for depressed students. The Link, a crisis intervention center, has a 24-hour hotline. The counseling center offers crisis intervention and emergency services for immediate assessment. The executive staff of the Counseling Center and the Women's Center wrote to the University encouraging them not to teach concealed carry classes because restricting access to guns is one method of preventing suicide, Yarris said. "We do a lot of consultation with faculty, hall staff, and friends of students," Yarris said. "Through that mechanism we can give advice to others about how to help people who are suicidal."

In some situations, a counseling center client may need medication, in which case they are referred to Basu. If she is unavailable, the patient is referred to Behavioral Connections, the Student Health Service or a private physician.

Although services are available to depressed students, University officials emphasize how important it is for students to seek help.

"Talk to people. Talk to your friends," Dugan said. "Get to the counseling center or student health service. We have M.D.'s who will counsel people and we treat a lot of depression and anxiety in students. We treat these patients with high priority."

The counseling center is at 320 Saddlemere, or call 372-2081.

Committee studies care

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has announced plans to offer the benefits, and Bowling Green is examining the possibility.

"The Faculty Senate has had an ad hoc committee looking at domestic partner benefits...the administration has been awaiting their report, which will give us some indication of the number of individuals involved, the type of benefits desired, and potential costs," University President Sidney Ribeau said.

Christina Guenther chairs the Faculty Senate's Domestic Partner Benefits Ad Hoc Committee, which is conducting "activities necessary to determine the steps needed to achieve equity at BGSU in relation to domestic partner benefits," and recommend to the Faculty Senate how those steps should be implemented, according to the document which formed the committee.

According to Guenther, both soft benefits such as library privileges and hard benefits such as medical coverage will be looked at by the committee.

"We met throughout the last academic year, have prepared a questionnaire to ascertain the dollar amount that is involved, and will send faculty and staff this questionnaire in the fall. We have begun preparing a proposal which we plan to present to the administration and Faculty Senate by late fall," Guenther said of the committee.

The state universities that have begun to offer the benefits claim the costs are minimal.

At Ohio State University, other benefits to dependents of their

faculty, staff, and students were also expanded. They expect their healthcare benefits budget to go up by one-half to three-quarters of 1 percent, according to a recent release. The benefits will not be funded with state money.

Miami University expects less than 1 percent of their faculty and staff to qualify, causing their healthcare benefits budget to increase by about one-half of 1 percent.

Daniel Meyers, Director of the Interactive Language Resource Center at Miami University, is more concerned with the rewards than the costs. His partner, who has been unemployed due to several medical conditions, will be covered under the new benefits package.

"When I realized that my partner's monthly medical and hospital bills would now be taken care of, I felt an enormous weight lifted off my shoulders," Meyers said. "For the first time, I won't have to scrape to make ends meet in paying off medical debts and hospital visit costs. Also, since he is now eligible to attend Miami under the tuition remission benefit, he can go back to school and finish his degree."

In order for Meyers to get coverage for his partner, he had to submit an affidavit claiming him. Meyers had to be in an indefinite relationship with his partner that had existed for at least 6 months, have joint ownership of a residence and certain financial accounts, and have his partner listed as a primary beneficiary in his will or life insurance plan.

According to Guenther, same-

sex domestic partners won't be the only ones benefiting from the new coverage.

"As the premier learning community here in northwest Ohio, we must keep step with the best universities of our region. If we do not stay in step, we will lose our competitive edge with regard to faculty, administrators and students," Guenther said, concluding that some high quality faculty may consider the benefits a deal breaker when deciding where to teach.

Undergraduate Student Government President Alex Wright agrees with that possibility, but does not feel that the University should be pressured by the decisions of other Universities.

"Each university has its own specific culture and climate; what works at one university may not work at another university, but what works at say, Miami, may very well work here," Wright said. "You'd have to look at the cost benefits, we're already in financial trouble, and all state universities are."

The decisions to offer the benefits followed state legislation passed by the governor in February, which made same-sex marriage "against the strong public policy of the state." However, House Bill 272, otherwise known as the "Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)," only restricted same-sex couples' statutory benefits, such as those related to taxes.

"The governor believes that offering benefits to same-sex domestic partners is a business decision that should be left up to employers; be that a university, private business or local govern-

ment," Orest H. Holubec, governor's press secretary, said.

The Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage is currently gathering more than 300,000 signatures to propose an amendment to the state constitution that would place restrictions similar to DOMA in the document. The proposed amendment would also have no effect on the new benefits.

"Absolutely not, the constitutional change has no bearing whatsoever on universities or the private sector," Phil Burress, chairman of the campaign, said.

Five students were asked if they would like to see such benefits available to faculty and staff at the University. Four students would like to see the benefits extended and one would not.

Nick Martin, a senior majoring in international business, does not want to see the benefits at the University.

"I don't think same sex partners should be recognized," Martin said.

Kristen Cygen, a junior majoring in criminal justice, said that same sex partners should get the benefits, just like everyone else.

"Why not? They're human beings," Cygen said.

Guenther, who is a member of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community, holds much hope that the benefits will come to campus.

"I'm heartened by the positive response in Ohio to this very important civil rights issue and feel certain that our own academic community here at BGSU is in support of domestic partner benefits," Guenther said.

BG NEWS BRIEFING

Debate over stop-sign continues

Clough Street residents will be active tonight in a 7:00 meeting of the city traffic commission. The meeting will be held in council chambers. Items debated will include the reinstatement of a four-way stop at Campbell Hill Road and Clough Street.

Other issues to be considered include a restudy of pedestrian traffic in relation to stop signs on South College Drive and South Prospect Street, possible crosswalks at several intersections, and re-assessment of the Troup St. stop signs.


Speed enforcement will also be discussed.

The changes are an implementation of a study by the Mannik & Smith group, which was commissioned by the City. The group has offices in Maumee.

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QUOTEUNQUOTE

"I guess they thought if they came back they wouldn't be charged with escape, but they were wrong."

Sheriff Warren Rimer on three inmates who escaped from unlocked cells at the Hawkins County, Tenn., jail—only to return the same night with beer.
(Associated Press)

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OPINION

USA Today decision displays bias

Recently, USA Today had the bright idea to hire a right-wing conservative to cover the Democratic National Convention and an extreme left liberal to cover the Republican National Convention. It sounded like a creative idea, but the deal fell through.

Ann Coulter was the extreme conservative hired to cover the DNC. Coulter has authored three best-selling books, including "Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on

Terrorism." She is best known for her syndicated column for the Universal Press Syndicate.

Michael Moore was the extreme liberal chosen to cover the RNC. He is best known for his controversial documentaries "Fahrenheit 9/11" and the Oscar-winning "Bowling for Columbine."

Everything sounded fair enough, but when Coulter sent in her first piece to USA Today, the editors nixed it, finding it "unusable" and "not funny."

After we did a quick read-through, we actually found it quite amusing and pretty darn funny.

But what we find most amusing is that even though USA Today chose not to run Coulter's piece, they are still planning on running Michael Moore's thoughts on the Republican Convention, according to the Drudge Report. What is disturbing about this is that the original plan was to have two extremes cover the opposing conven-

tions. Coulter's replacement, National Review columnist Jonah Goldberg, is not nearly as extreme a conservative as Moore is liberal.

Coulter and fellow conservatives are understandably upset over the quick change, most likely assuming USA Today has an agenda in mind.

"Apparently no one at USA Today has ever read Ann Coulter before!" Coulter said in response to USA Today's negative comments about her column.

USA Today's executive editor Brian Gallagher said that the decision was not an attempt to "censor" Coulter, but rather a result of a "difference of opinion over editing—words, voice, that sort of thing."

It is obviously USA Today's prerogative if they didn't want to run Coulter's column, and that doesn't necessarily mean they have a liberal agenda in mind.

However, we believe that since they censored the extreme conservative coverage, then they

should reconsider their choice of coverage for the Republican National Convention.

It is only fair to replace extreme liberal coverage with a more moderate viewpoint, if the same has been done with the extreme conservative coverage.

If USA Today does not want to be accused of being biased, they should search for less extreme liberals. We suggest former host of the TV show "Politically Incorrect" Bill Maher, who is known for his liberal views.

Misconceptions about writing

KAYLA STOLLER

Guest Columnist

After two years as a high school English teacher, two summers as a writing consultant in the BGSU Writers Lab and another year as a writing center consultant at Defiance College, I have been exposed to a plethora of opinions about writing. What amazes and frustrates me most are the misconceptions all age groups, from high school students to veteran educators and administrators, have about writing and writing centers. Some of these views are absurd and only hinder the writer that exists within each individual.

Misconception 1: Writing is a skill that you either have or you don't have.

Though some people are blessed with a natural ability to write, you are by no means doomed if you struggle with writing. Writing takes time, practice, diligence, dedication, and patience. It is a skill that must be honed and developed, just like driving, dancing, singing, or cooking. At some point, even some of the most accomplished and talented writers feel inadequate and apprehensive when it comes to writing.

When asked to identify the most frightening thing he had ever encountered, Ernest Hemingway replied, "A blank sheet of paper." Just like Hemingway, many writers may feel unable or overwhelmed when writing, but imagine if all writers succumbed to those emotions. Everyone has the ability to write; it is only a matter of allowing that ability to blossom through practice and consultation with other writers.

Misconception 2: Once you become a good writer or succeed in tackling a significant writing challenge (such as passing English 112 or completing your dissertation), you no longer need to consult with other writ-

ers.

With writing, as with every other skill, there is always room for improvement. You write for others to read, and regardless of whether you agree with your readers' suggestions and opinions, that feedback serves a purpose. Feedback makes you think, revise, improve and recognize your blindspots and weaknesses, and that is imperative, despite your degree of writing competence.

Professional and famous writers have editors, critics and confidants, all of whom provide writing feedback. Getting a second opinion may be the best advice a writer can follow.

Misconception 3: Writing is an isolated discipline that is used mainly in academic environments, such as high schools, colleges, and universities, and rarely in the "real world."

Writing is an essential life skill. How many professions require absolutely no writing ability? Very few. In addition, writing is one of the most advanced modes of human expression, and, as if that is not enough, writing is crucial in the technologically advanced world we live in today. Writing is not solely for English classes—everyone uses it. Only the ignorant and the lazy think writing is a luxury or a useless and inapplicable skill.

Misconception 4: Writing centers are merely complimentary services at a university and are secondary in importance to other programs when considering locations, funds, and staff.

On the contrary, writing centers should be placed administratively and physically in central locations on campus so writing feedback is as accessible as possible to all writers. Not doing so reveals the attitude that writing centers—and writing—are not central to life-long learning, are marginal to the university's larger vision and are only for a select few. Quite simply, without writing, universities would fail to exist; therefore, writing centers should be one of a university's main priorities.

Misconception 5: Writing centers are perfunctory places where students hand over their papers to be written by the consultant or to be annihilated by the consultant's red pen, therefore providing an easy way for an average or poor writer to get a grade he or she normally would not receive on a paper.

Anyone who has visited the BG Writers Lab knows this is not the case! Consultants do not mark on the student's paper, and they do not demand that the writer makes any corrections. Rather, the consultants identify writer strengths, ask questions and suggest areas for improvement, whether that involves brainstorming, organizing, rewording or identifying consistent mechanical errors. Instead of making superficial corrections to the papers, consultants strive to encourage overall growth in the writers.

Again, writing takes time, and it cannot be taught in one, ten, or even twenty writing sessions, and writing center visitors are never guaranteed an "A" paper. Rather, they are guaranteed helpful feedback from other writers.

Though there are many other misconceptions surrounding the field of writing, these five misconceptions seem to resurface again and again as I interact with students, peers, and administrators. In order to battle these beliefs, as writers, we need to remember that although writing can be a labor-intensive, sometimes frustrating process, it can also provide insight, clarity, understanding, and hope. Writing provides satisfaction like no other, for the writer and the reader.

As Samuel Johnson once insightfully shared, "What is written without effort is generally read without pleasure." While effort must begin with each individual writer, universities must cultivate this effort by providing writing centers that offer the ultimate academic service—writers helping writers.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is one thing you wish you would have done this summer?



ASHA GRAYSON
FRESHMAN, AMPD

"Take a trip to Hawaii."



KYLE KELLEY
FRESHMAN, MARKETING

"Worked less and hung out more with my friends."



KELLY BAKER
SENIOR, SPECIAL ED.

"Made more money."



NICOLE FALK
SENIOR, ACCOUNTING/

"Gone streaking through the quad into the gymnasium."

NBA players should first play in college

MATT HAWKINS

Opinion Columnist

Not since Michael Jordan has there been a more explosive, talented athlete in the NBA than LeBron James.

At the age of 18 he's already proven himself in a league full of players twice his age—yet he may be the worst thing that has happened to the sport since Kevin Garnett came into the league in 1995.

It was then that the NBA's phenomenon of drafting high schoolers began. Garnett started a trend that has become more and more prevalent in recent years. No longer did the top high school athletes choose to play for the Dukes and Kentuckys of college basketball, and for good reason. Why waste time playing in college when millions of dollars are at stake?

Last season James became a multimillionaire before ever being drafted, inking a \$90 million shoe contract with Nike. With all the hype surrounding his NBA takeover, many thought he would fold under the pressure, but he proved his critics wrong, winning the rookie of the year award and averaging over 20 points per game. His emergence into superstardom at such a young age is a reason to worry about the future of the NBA since it has given other top high school players hope that they can do the same thing.

This misconception will ruin more lives of high school hopefuls than ever before. In last month's NBA Draft, a record seven players were selected straight out of high school. While there is bound to be at least one future superstar among that mix (possibly Dwight Howard or Shaun Livingston), it may take a while before any of them are ready for major minutes.

Sure there are those who succeed, but of the 37 players drafted straight out of high school, only seven players (Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, Jermaine O'Neal, Tracy McGrady, Rashard Lewis, Amare Stoudamire, and LeBron James) have turned themselves into all-star caliber talents. Even for most of these players it took at least a year or two until they significantly made a difference for their respective teams. Jermaine O'Neal, for example, didn't average more than five points per game in a season until his fifth year in the league.

Yet most rookie contracts last up to three years if drafted in the first round, so basically these high schoolers get paid to ride the bench for their first contract. No one deserves to be a multi-million dollar bench warmer, especially at such a young age.

Unfortunately there are many high school prospects that don't

get as lucky. While it's so easy to remember the successes of the players above, no one seems to remember the high school busts over the last few years.

Of the 37 high school prospects who have declared for the NBA Draft since 1995, nine went undrafted, while another five turned out to be major failures. Both Korleone Young and Leon Smith were considered to have loads of potential and be ready to dominate in "a few years." Yeah right!

Young, who was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in the second round back in '98, played a whopping three games (all during blowouts) before he was cut at the end of the season. He never resurfaced in the NBA again.

Another guy, Leon Smith is an even sadder case. After the Dallas Mavericks drafted him in the first round of the 1999 Draft, Mavs coach Don Nelson thought Smith should spend a little time in the CBA until he was ready. Smith wanted no part of that and had continuous arguments with Nelson as well as off-the-court distractions. He later ended up in a psychiatric hospital after he overdosed on 250 aspirin, while strangely looking like an old-fashioned Indian. When he was finally revived at the hospital he thought he was a real Indian who was supposed to fight Christopher Columbus.

It's about time for NBA Commissioner David Stern to make some changes. Either raising the age limit from 18 to 20, or creating a minor league affiliation would work wonders for the NBA right about now.

Both the NHL and major league baseball have minor league affiliations where young athletes can polish their skills until their mentally and physically ready for big time competition. However, the NBA player only has two options: either make the team, or get cut. The NFL is the only other major sport without a minor league system, but no high school players are allowed in to begin with, and the average team is nearly four times the size of an NBA team anyway.

Although there is the NBDL, which is a developmental league, there is no affiliation involved with any of the pro teams where a player can simply be sent down when they're not ready.

But to have a more effective league it would only make sense for Stern to force every high schooler thinking about the NBA to at least try college for a couple years first. Without a college education these players miss out on a chance to help themselves get a job and support themselves when their career is over. After all the average NBA lifespan is only 3 years. If they are truly good enough to play in the NBA then what's there to rush?



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TODAY'S BAD JOKE

Q: Why do elephants have trunks?
A: Because they would look silly with glove compartments.

Silly string fights for its L.A. rights

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I always knew I hated L.A. For the longest time I suffered to put words to my emotions, to translate that taste of regurgitated fried eggs and apples I would experience every time someone mentioned the city's name. Yet by my sword, Tom LaBonge has changed all of that for me. The fog has been lifted and there is now truth, light and

direction. I hate L.A. because L.A. hates silly string. The Associated Press reported Sunday that Los Angeles Councilman LaBonge is working to ban the use of silly string on Halloween. Initially desiring to create an all encompassing ban of the substance, he must have realized that the extent of his hate would be too readily noticed. His demon advisers thusly cajoled him into tempering his decision as he lies in wait to rid Hollywood of cotton candy and baby bunny rabbits for his next phase in destroying all things "happy."

To be fair, the man does have his reasons. According to Heir Councilman, silly string has been known to—gasp—clog storm drains and endanger marine life even before repelling us down into the abyss. As a coup de gras, the substance under fire has been known to "endanger police, particularly those on horseback." No wonder all the cop dramas take place in New York. Perhaps he was the victim of one too many T.P. raids on his estate, perhaps he is sensitive to neon, or maybe, just maybe he's never been kissed. Whatever the cause, this man suffers from

the Los Angeles infirmity, the deadly virus that convinces you and your loved ones that you are indeed important. You desire to create your own utopia of delusion and force those around you to bend to your will because you are the enlightened child-Buddha. Hollywood has long held a reputation for being frivolously cause-driven. Each starlet hoping to absolve their sins of excess by campaigning to save the malnourished chinchillas of northern Uzbekistan, each would-be model refusing to eat non-biodegradable tofu and now this politician's personal war against

party favors contribute to the overall moral confusion that is the West Coast. The sad reality is that there was a time when such actions would be laughed at by we, the normies—those of us who live a life separated from fame and dreams of becoming best friends with Ron Howard. However, suddenly we've participated in our own Californication of sorts, buying into their confused ideals and actually seeing the logic behind oxygen bars, low-carb coca-cola and botox. We have bought the image with our souls. Where America was once apple pie, it's now an

apple martini made with french vodka. All the while we're whistling dixie, trying to turn country into pop and sell T-shirts picturing Che Guevara for \$50. And LaBonge's ban will probably go through. And there will be one more reason for kids to stay indoors and play Xbox rather than trick-or-treat. And all because in L.A., nothing comes before the sanctity of their storm drains and one's councilman's attempt to make a name for himself in the city of image. They may have money and looks, but dammit, no body's gonna' take away my silly string.

Governator's 'girlie men' comment

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California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger drew criticism following a recent speech by referring to California Democrats as "girlie men" for opposing his budget plan. The comment sparked a range of accusations from misogyny to homophobia on the part of the Republican "Governator," to claims that his opponents should just lighten up. Whatever the case, the "girlie men" comment originates from a couple of old Saturday Night Live characters named Hans and Franz, who were scrawny yet aspiring bodybuilders who poked fun at the physiques of other people. Schwarzenegger knows this because their skit was a spoof of his former body-

builder days. The skit was supposed to be funny because Hans and Franz criticized others for a physical characteristic they themselves possessed. In light of that, Schwarzenegger could have simply been poking fun at himself. After all, California's finalized budget is nearly a month overdue now, and the buck stops squarely on the Terminator's shoulders. His actual comment, made in the food court at the Ontario Mills Mall, could have been plucked straight from Saturday Night Live. Regarding the California Democrats, he said, "If they don't have the guts to come up here in front of you and say, 'I don't want to represent you, I want to represent those special interests, the unions, the trial lawyers and I want them to make the millions of dollars'—if they don't have the guts, I call them girlie men." Although the reflexive parody isn't so blatant as in the skit, his

remark does more to attack his own credibility than anything. First, regarding the mention of "special interests," Schwarzenegger himself has taken money from lobbyists and special interests. Some "donations" have even ventured into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Perhaps Schwarzenegger confused his mall food court crowd with the top 1 percent of the tax bracket. Second, his comment on labor unions is bizarre, considering his audience. Labor unions are intended to represent working people -- those who are paid a typically fixed amount for their labor. Through the organization of labor unions, working people can gain a bargaining chip against their employers. By contrast, employers have, by default, nearly all the bargaining chips and thus, nearly all of the power. They don't primarily make a wage or salary -- they reap the company's profits. They are members of what is called

the capitalist class -- those on the other side whose personal profits are affected when their employees take a stand for worker benefits and workplace safety. The vast majority of people are not business owners and are not members of the capitalist class, nor will they ever be—no matter who they vote for. But perhaps Schwarzenegger's capitalist class, millionaire contributors were all in attendance—snarfing a chili cheese dog and shopping at Hot Topic. Yeah, I bet that's it. Lastly, the "trial lawyers" bit is a negative and subtle reference to vice presidential candidate John Edwards, who before joining the Senate was a trial lawyer devoted to serving members of the working class (ordinary people, like virtually all of us, no matter what our political affiliation) injured in or out of the workplace. Rather than attack nice guy John Edwards directly, many conservatives have begun to

use the term "trial lawyer" in a negative light, hoping to hurt Edwards by association. And who can blame them? Before politics, Edwards represented people like 5-year-old Valerie Lakey, who had most of her intestines ripped out by a defective wading pool drain. After getting caught in the drain, most of her small and large intestines were sucked out of her body through her anus. She survived, but must be fed nutrients through a tube running into her chest for 12 hours a day. Edwards was very good at representing ordinary people, and was once named one of the best eight lawyers in the whole country. By contrast, "Hans and Franz" Schwarzenegger has failed to

deliver a budget to the people of California, but that should come as no surprise. He parades around, dispensing famous movie lines and playing the role of Macho Tough Guy to the delight of his Hollywood fans. He engages in partisan attacks of other politicians unrelated to the subject at hand. He calls Democrats "girlie men" for not wanting to do it his way, yet lacks the wits to understand that name-calling won't help him sell a budget to an already resistant Legislature. In other words, he is still living in his macho Hollywood past, unable to handle his important responsibilities as governor.

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FROM BATTLEFIELD TO BALL FIELD



Title: Spider-Man 2: The Game
Review rating: ****
Platform/console: PS2, GameCube, Xbox
Genre: Action
Players allowed: 1
ESRB rating: T (violence)
Production company: Activision
 Let freedom swing! Spidey won't die when he falls to the ground as he did in the first game. He's down on the street fighting crime in environments that mirror actual layouts of New York City, including the

World Trade Center memorial lights. The excellent graphics, great navigation, fluid controls and great cut scenes elevate this emotionally charged game to a very high level. The only entertaining element missing from this highly-recommended game is a multiplayer mode.

You don't have to save everyone, but you just might want to. You can roam the city completing random objectives or follow the storyline. It's all up to you. The more objectives you complete, the more Hero points you can have for upgrades. The fights have a medium challenge level because the enemy AI isn't very strong, which is great for young players. The challenges come when you fight numerous enemies or main antagonists like Rhino, Shocker and Mysterio. Gamemakers minimize the musical score for voice talents including Tobey Maguire and Holly Fields, who plays the voice of Black Cat. Spider-Man 2: The Game, come highly recommended for players of all ages.



Title: Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell Pandora Tomorrow
Review rating: ***1/2
Platform/console: Playstation2, PC, Xbox, GameCube
Genre: Shooter/Military/Action
Players allowed: 1 to 4 (on-line capabilities)
ESRB rating: T (blood, drug reference, violence)
Production company: Ubi Soft
 Sam Fisher returns to battle antagonists as political relations among nations begin to break

off all over the world. The new moves and gadgets including targeting enemies with liquid that glows when viewed in thermo vision. The game has a high level of problem-solving challenges and battles with well-equipped mercenaries. You have to follow mission objectives closely, which may result in some trial-and-error frustration, but it's worth the effort.

The top notch graphics blend moving shadows and soft lighting extremely well to create excellent environment for all the stealth action. The Xbox version has better graphics, but the PS2 version features a new jungle mission and other options including a soldier that can disarm traps. You'll definitely need the appropriate console headset for this game.

This highly-recommended game has a lot of excitement and genuine thrills. It helps to have background in the previous Tom Clancy games, otherwise you'll have a large learning curve at the beginning.



Title: ESPN Football 2K5
Review rating: ***1/2
Platform/console: Playstation2, Xbox
Genre: Sports
Players allowed: 1 to 4 (more with on-line capabilities)
ESRB rating: E
Production company: Visual Concepts
 The most amazing element of this game is the price: \$20! All the graphics, gameplay and entertainment elements work great too. This title features options for highlights from select games

(even ones you didn't play) and great roleplaying elements like CRIB and training in franchise mode that push the interaction level through the roof. The Celebrity Phone option in CRIB would've done well with more sports related celebrities. Even drafting players becomes simple and fun with simple interfaces.

Want more reasons to get this game? OK, how about a first person perspective option where you see the game from inside the helmet and a special ESPN 25th Anniversary mode that allows you to relive historic games.

You can use custom difficulty setting to include just about everything you'd find in a football game including great commentary from Chris Berman and ESPN broadcast team. Excellent game that's definitely worth the money (Special note: only Xbox version has soundtrack options).



Title: NCAA Football 2005
Review rating: ****
Platform/console: PS2, Xbox, PC, GameCube
Genre: Sports
Players allowed: 1 to 4 (more with on-line capabilities)
ESRB rating: E
Production company: Electronic Arts
 Another fantastic football experience that features several new options that enhance overall gameplay. You can increase

your new home field advantage element by making good plays and signaling to the crowd which then makes your controller and even the screen shake at the highest level. A related component, player composure, has a tremendous effect on gameplay. For example, visiting team players with low composure will get rattled when the home field advantage reaches a high level. You can always take a timeout and even have the quarterback talk to certain players to increase their composure, but it's usually best to start with a confident, experienced team roster.

Composure becomes important in match-ups as well. Players can exploit weaknesses by checking their opponents' composure level before the snap using the "matchup stick". Punishing hits can affect a player's composure level, but you risk missing the tackles all together. The defensive controls allow you to cycle through best players instead of their position of the field while

fake pitches and other new elements enhance the execution of running option plays. Other elements include hot routes for running plays and the option to view celebrations of players, fans or mascots.

The on-line modes can display real-time sports scores of actual games and player games for an even better experience. You can build your team with a 1A, IAA or historic roster and create schools, players, playbooks and even customized signs for fans. The dynasty mode even gives you the option to recruit non-football athletes and divides the budget among recruit, training and discipline activities. You always have the option to create extremely detailed teams while tracking their statistics, breaking records and acquiring trophies. This highly-recommended game features Larry Fitzgerald of the Pittsburgh Panthers on the cover and has on-line capabilities for all consoles except the GameCube.



Title: Athens 2004
Review rating: **
Platform/console: Playstation2
Genre: Sports
Players allowed: 1 to 4
ESRB rating: E
Production company: Sony Computer Entertainment America

Not much has changed in the button mashing genre of Olympic video games since their inception, but Athens 2004 incorporates some timed techniques to reduce your frustration. The biggest advance is the optional dance pad option (other peripheral game pads like The Fightmaster also work). The pad works best on the gymnastic events and reduces the hand stress of a standard controller.

The competition mode represents most of the formal games which include the medals and world records, while you have no rules and smaller crowds for the practice modes. Events include track, field, swim, gymnastics, jumping, weight lifting, archery and shooting. Players can choose to participate in existing event formats or customize their own.

The colorful environments include solid figure animation

and a mascot looks like an alteration of Ziggy. Great graphics replay options and sound, but the disappointing options don't even have a language choice or all the national anthems.

All reviews done by Michael Siebenaler

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ACROSS

- Outdoor marketplace
- Movie pooch
- Arena official
- Iditarod's state
- Beat it, Fluffy!
- Jackie's second spouse
- TV saga of the Robinson family
- Go a few rounds
- und Drang
- Late-night Jay
- Helper
- Preoccupied
- Chicago section
- Opp. of syn.
- CD-
- ERA or RBI
- Embers
- Type of setter
- Sort of
- Actress Dickinson
- Flat finish
- Negative votes

DOWN

- Dances at Versailles
- Oodles
- Actress Pitts
- Of the stars
- With hands on hips
- Sprinted
- Vail rival
- Meager
- City in Washington
- Noshed
- Fanatical
- Wear away
- Like some mortgage rates
- Ignored the alarm
- Playwright Chekhov
- Distress letters
- Early Peruvian
- Remove fat
- Folk dance
- Give out
- Simile center
- Someone to know?
- Lab medium
- Old Milanese money
- 18-wheeler
- Sully
- Coop residents
- Slueth Spade
- Actress Kidman
- House in Paris
- Like wild horses
- Public persona
- Also-ran in 2000
- Post-card scene
- Stupid mistake
- Hamlet, to Horatio
- Elite wheels
- One more time
- L. Durocher and Y. Berra
- Republican letters
- Dander

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HARD BALL: One of the cannons that still look over the fort.

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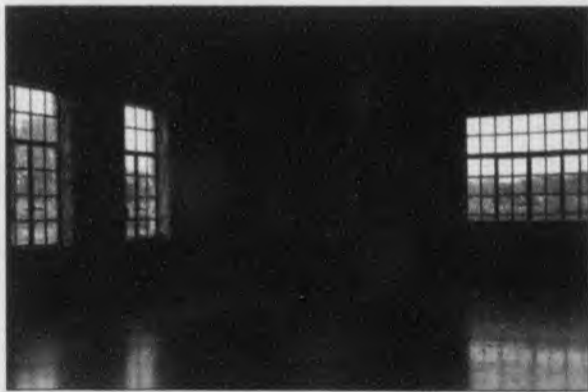
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LONG AND SHORT RANGE: Two of the different guns that adorn the fort.



ABOVE AND BELOW LEFT: The outside and inside of the only stone building on the grounds.



LEFT: Ammunition box sits under a tree. **BELOW:** A slightly modified water pump. **RIGHT:** One of the many entrances that provides a view of the monument.

