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Fulfilling a dream in Athens

By Jason A. Dixon SENIOR REPORTER

There are some moments almost unworthy of mere words. those which must be fully experienced and felt to be properly appreciated.

Denise Van De Walle has been coaching volleyball for more than two years, 22 at Bowling Green State University, before her defining moment finally materialized when she helped lead the USA Women's National Sitting Volleyball Team to a bronze medal at last month's Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece.

The USA finished behind gold medalist China and silver medalist Netherlands in the six-team tournament.

"The trip was awesome," Van De Walle said. "It was one of the best experiences in my coaching career. It was just like being at the Olympics, except the athletes had some type of disability.

"But they still were the best in their event and they had to have qualified to have gotten there," she added. "So I was looking at world class athletes in every sport. It surpassed my expectations.

Participating in its first ever Paralympics, the sitting team traveled to Athens after being together for 18 months while some teams had "four to eight years of experience playing with one another," Van De Walle said.

"We also had the least experienced team in the tournament with six players under 23 years old and we were the most disabled," she added.

However, the symbolism in the sitting team's triumphant path was unmistakable, according to Van De Walle.

We were picked to finish last in the tournament, because we didn't win a set against the three teams we played back in May,"

she said. "I think the tournament went the way it should have with the three best teams winning a medal.

Van De Walle said she started crying during the ceremony while taking pictures, despite the coaches not being awarded a medal.

was crying because I felt had just seen a team go from being absolutely non-volleyball oriented to the third best team in the world in 18 months," she said. "You just see all the hard work, dedication and perseverance come together right when you need it to and I saw that right then as they were receiving their medals.

"I saw in my mind our first training camp back in February 2003 when we were horrible to what I saw ... when we just

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IN PURSUIT OF BRONZE: U.S.A. competes against the Netherlands in the Bronze medal game in Athens as the head coach Denise Van De Walle looks on from the side lines.

DORKY CONCERT



Permanent residents present zoning views

By Laren Weber and Miranda Bond Students returning to campus in August did not anticipate they

would be in search of a new place to live only weeks after moving in. Around Sept. 13, 2004, Student Undergraduate Government President Alex Wright began hearing reports from students of police and zoning officials inquiring about the number of people living in

their houses The students thought nothing of this and told the police the truth, Wright said at a City Council meeting on Monday night. In some cases, they admitted that 4, 5, or even 6 people lived in the house.

Students then began receiving citations accusing them of violating zoning laws they had no prior knowledge of.

"Imagine their surprise a few weeks later when they get a citation in the mail or a search warrant on their couch realizing they're in violation of a code they didn't even know existed," Wright said.

The zoning ordinance, which

mer to determine how to more efficiently and proactively enforce the over-occupancy laws

The plan, implemented this fall, was the combination of the police division with zoning officials to prove violations were occurring. Since then, 35 students have been cited with minor misdemeanors for violating the code.

Wright then raised the question of why. "Why start enforcing a 29 year

old ordinance now?" he said.

An increase enrollment in the University, increase in the cost of a college education everywhere, and an increase in rent in combination caused by a tighter economic situation has resulted in the rise of R1 and R2 violations, Ouinn said.

"Over the years the vast majority of public opinion has supported this law, and the city believes that the law is not only appropriate to community value, but is also constitutional and enforceable," he said.e violations are corrected on or before Dec. 31, 2004, the charges will be dismissed,

all charges until Dec. 31, 2004, but that is not enough time, Wright said.

Residents and landowners in violation of the zoning codes after Dec. 31, 2004 will be given a 30-day notice to make the residence compliant with zoning regulations. This tactic will be enforced until July 31, 2005, at which time the violations will be issued immediately without any notification

"This is the most pressing and serious issue that any student that lives off campus is facing today," Wright said. "If this is something that the city wants to do, give us time to fix it.

The over-occupancy problems will be dealt with in a fair manner, Quinn said.

This is a wonderful city in which to live, work and obtain an education," he said. "Only through cooperation and communication can we ensure that over occupancy problems will be dealt with firmly and fairly, and quality of life of all citizens will be protected."



DORKIFIED: Eric Penrod of the group "2 Skinny Dorks" performed in the Black Swamp Pub last night in the student union. UAO sponsored the concert.

was adopted almost 30 years ago, states that no more than 3 unrelated adults may occupy a dwelling in a R1 or R2 zone

Mayor John Quinn met with administrative officials this sumQuinn said.

"Because these issues directly impact the lives of so many, we seek resolution with the minimum of disruption," he said.

The city is willing to forgo

The issue was discussed once again last night. Around 40 members of the community, Mayor John Quinn and 10 students

ZONING, PAGE 2

Scientist search for proof of Biblical flood

By RICHARD C. LEWIS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Four years ago, scientists thought they had found the perfect place to settle the Noah flood debate: A farmer's house on a bluff overlooking the Black Sea built about 7,500 years ago - just before tidal waves inundated the homestead, submerged miles of coastline and turned the freshwater lake into a salty sea

Some believed the rectangular site of stones and wood could help solve the age-old question of whether the Black Sea's flooding was the event recounted in

the Biblical story of Noah. That story told of

beyond the a calamitous flood occurring over 40 days and nights. grab and look part of Scientists had largely dismissed it, believing the Black Sea filled up gradually with genarchaeology".

tly rising waters. That wisdom was **FREDRICK HIEBERT** ARCHAEOLOGIST rocked, however,

when two scholars claimed several years ago that

the Black Sea's flooding was more recent - and so rapid and widespread that it forced people

to move as far away as "We've moved mainland Europe.

Scientists who in the summer of 2003 visited the underwater site off the northern Turkish coastal town of Sinop couldn't arrive at conclusions. The any settlement, about 330 feet underwater, was "contaminated" by wood that had drifted in, foiling any attempt to accurately date the ruin - and thus date the flood.

"We were not able to get a

smoking gun," said Robert Ballard, the underwater explorer

and discoverer of the Titanic, who led the \$5 million Black Sea expedition.

But the trip was successful nonetheless, and the scientists are preparing to publish their findings early next year.

Ballard heralded the work of Hercules, an underwater excavator that was used for the first time. The 7-foot robot gingerly dug around the deep-water ruins and retrieved artifacts using pincers outfitted with sensors that regulated the pressure they exert-ed — much like a human hand.

Fredrik Hiebert, an archaeology fellow at National Geographic, said the mechanical excavator's

success ushers in a new era in ocean archaeology.

We now have the technical capabilities to excavate scientifically in underwater environ-ments," the former University of Pennsylvania professor said. We've moved beyond the grab and look part of (underwater) archaeology."

The team also used high-definition cameras, a new Internet bandwidth and satellite hookups to link scientists and schoolchildren live to the mission - the first time all such technologies had been employed simultaneously on an expedition.

On another leg of the jour-

ney, the explorers took a closer look at a 1,500-year-old trading vessel that they say is the best preserved ship of the Byzantine period ever located.

Scientists were especially interested in this site, dubbed Shipwreck D," because the Black Sea's unique, oxygen-less water leaves everything on the bottom mostly intact. Shipwreck D is so well-preserved that cord tied in a V-shape at the top of the trading vessel's wooden mast is still clearly visible.

Researchers noted the ship's

FLOOD, PAGE 2



State Firefighting school offered at the University

By Janell Kingsborough SENIOR REPORTER

Firefighter survival-saving themselves, each other and anyone else caught in the flames.

The State Fire School, coordinated by Continuing and Extended Education, will be held from Oct. 9-12 for firefighters and emergency service personnel to develop training gained at regional and departmental levels.

Most classes are for those who are already firefighters and who are working toward continuing their professional development.

"We offer a much broader range of topics than the average department can, and we offer the departments the opportunity to send members to all different classes and take that [what they learn] back to the departments, Ann Betts, Director of Program

Development and Continuing Education, said.

According to Betts, many fire departments want bachelor and master degrees for promotions and each class offered has its own pre-requisites required by the complexity and skill level of the class to achieve these levels.

Those who aspire to become volunteer firefighter can take a 36-hour certification course needed to respond to

emergency calls.

Rope rescue at the football stadium or the water tower, dive rescue at the Portage Quarry, old houses burning down for structural collapse rescue missions-or setting a house on fire to learn arson techniques are just some of skills the fire school instructors hope to achieve.

Bringing instructors in from all over to make sure that the most current tactics are taught,

Betts hopes that the huge range of experiences will help students.

"It is very beneficial for the students to work with people from other departments and gain experience from each other," she said. As the initial certification

for a volunteer firefighter is the 36-hour course, to become a professional the course is 240 hours and is usually done at the

Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. To be hired as a firefighter, a person must take the civil service exam when it is offered through a city and go through

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an interview process. "I think it is so important that we continue to do this kind of work, and I am very proud of the school," Betts said. "The instructors teach here because they believe in disseminating this information to each other.

Dream fulfilled

ATHENS, FROM PAGE 1

beat Slovenia for the bronze medal," Van De Walle said, "I saw a championship team on the floor. We had improved that much in such a short period of time and it was a moment I will cherish forever.

Van De Walle's trail toward becoming the first woman to coach a volleyball team at the Paralympics began back in South Bend, Ind. where she started playing the game in sixth grade.

She eventually went on to Ball State University, walking-on to the volleyball team as a freshman.

Upon graduating from BSU, Van De Walle served as high school head coach before returning to her alma mater as an assistant coach in 1982.

"I went back to Ball State thinking I would

get the job in '82, because the coached I played for was going to retire," she said. "So I applied for the job and I didn't get it, because they said they weren't prepared to hire me full-time. So I was with nothing and that's when Bowling Green called me up and recruited me to BG."

In 1989, six years into her stint as head coach at BGSU, Ball State came calling. "I was offered the job and I

chose to stay here at BG, because I had six seniors returning to the team in 1989," Van De Walle said. "I was so sure in the fall of '89 that we were going to snap Western Michigan's 98-consecutive MAC (Mid-American Conference) win streak and I turned it down for the opportunity to win the MAC Championship for the first

time here and it happened." She went on to the guide the Falcons to four more titles, while capturing 389 victories - more than any coach in conference history.

Though Van De Walle said she hasn't been motivated by the success

"I am a Christian,

"It's awesome when an individual has a job doing what they love and that's how i feel about my iob at BG."

DENISE VAN DE WALLE HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH BGSU

who happens to coach volleyball here at Bowling Green that loves my job, my players and the people that I work with," she said. "My Christian faith is the most important thing me, because that's what gets me through 22 years of the ups and downs of coaching volleyball.

Van De Walle said she wants to remain the head coach at BGSU until she plans to retire.

"The chance to come in and work with the players everyday is the most fulfilling part about coaching volleyball and the fact that I get to build relationships with the players," Van De Walle added. "I really do enjoy working with people and that's part of the reason why the Athens experience was so rewarding to me, because it was my first time working with disabled athletes . It was a dream fulfilled."

Senior Melissa Mohr said Van Walle's accomplishments De show how dedicated she is.

"She has a lot of knowledge about the game and a lot of respect from the coaches and players," she said. "She's had a huge impact on all of us and she has a winning tradition here at

FLOOD, FROM PAGE 1 BG. planks are coated with a substance believed to be wax, an indication the merchants were transporting honey, said Cheryl Ward, a maritime archaeologist at Florida State University who led the study of Shipwreck D and three other ship ruins nearby. Hercules brought up six amphoras — slender, carrotshaped shipping jars - from which the sediment will be ana-lyzed for traces of pollen that

Ward thinks the ship could have been part of a transport fleet for a family-owned grocery store. "These were like the 18-wheel-

would solidify the honey theory.

RESIDENTS, FROM PAGE 1

attended.

attended an open forum to pres-

ent their views on the matter. This was a difference from the

City Council meeting on Monday,

which mainly USG members

Many permanent residents argued that violation of the zon-

ing laws leads to crowded houses.

They argue that this leads to out

of control parties where studens

litter, are noisy and often urinate in public. Many of them were in

"On a weekly basis we are clean-

ing up the streets, beer cans and

favor of the zoning laws.

taxes to be collected from its eastern province. The edict spawned a boom in local production and trading among communities across the Mediterranean and north to the Crimea.

ZONING LAWS DEBATED: Alex Wright took the floor at last nights open forum defending students effected by zoning law.

beer bottles," said preminent resi-

dent Connie Strange. "A neighbor of one house down is constantly

trashed with just what ever from

parties from the weekend, two

weeks later I ask them to clean it

up and they get angry. We get no

respect from the seven houses

students can be a nuisence, but

that some students are upstand-

community, our students are

teaching your students in your

schools, we raise \$275,000 every

for Children's Maricle

Alex Wright agreed that some

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Zoning problems discussed last night

"It was a very, very dynamic time," Ward said. "It's like the early '90s Silicon Valley takeoff (when) everyone had a lot of great ideas.

"It proves we're part of a long-time continuum of humanity," she added. Ballard, 62, hoped he'd draw a

more definitive line to the Noah flood theory that the trip's main sponsor, National Geographic, had highlighted to spur public interest in the expedition.

Black Sea explored by geologists

state of Georgia. But scholars are divided on when the flood occurred and how rapidly. Most believed it took place about 9,000 years ago and was gradual. But Columbia University marine geologists Walter Pitman and William Ryan wrote in 1997 that the flood was " It proves sudden and took place about 7,150 we're part of

Network in your corner of

Northwest Ohio, and to say we

are a nuisence, to say that we are

a bother I think disrespects us,'

A few brave perminent resi-dents also stood up for the behalf

of students. They shared their positive experiences with their

While both groups agreed that a problem exists with student

housing both on and off cam-

pus they had different ideas of a

solution. They both agreed that landlords should be held more

responsible and should not allow

or encourage students to break

said Alex Wright.

student neighbors.

years ago. scientists' The conclusions reinvigorated the Noah flood debate.

humanity" Hiebert had hoped wood pieces from the suspected

CHERYL WARD.

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the site, especially considering there's no other similar pile of underwater matter for miles around. pon-Ballard ders this in his office

the debris floated in

and settled around

at the Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Conn., a 4-foot-long

zoning laws.

"Everyone of these houses I

went to (on my street), students

openly told me how many stu-

dents live there, none of them

were in compliance, four to eight people living there," said Strange,

They gave me their landlords

names, which tells me that they

aren't thinking that this is a prob-

lem, but yet I asked do you know

what the law is on this and do you

know they all told me that their

While no decisions were made

of how the problem will be han-

deled, both sides had a chance to

"We didn't find a farmer or his

Still, scientists are puzzled

why a ruin, then located on a

40-foot rise and at the mouth of

a river, would be anything but an ancient, well-situated home.

They don't understand how

landlords knew.'

hear the others view

tools," Ballard said.



Bill Hamiter Photo Provided **CELEBRATION:** Van De Walle and the sitting team reacts after winning the bronze medal over Netherlands.

ers that hauled our food from production to market," Ward, 43, explained by telephone from an archaeological dig in Turkey. She thinks the boat was one

of hundreds plying the Black Sea in the 5th and 6th centuries in a frenetic outburst of commercial activity, as Rome ordered more

Scholars agree the Black Sea flooded when rising world sea levels caused the Mediterranean to burst over land and fill the then-freshwater lake. The flood was so monstrous it raised water levels by 509 feet and submerged up to 58,000 square miles of land, an area roughly the size of the

homestead would prove it was built before the flood, which would help date the event once and for all.

But some of the retrieved pieces dated to after the flood, meaning no one can say exactly when the settlement had been built.

ARCHEOLOGIST

amphora from the 1st century B.C. encased under the glass table where he sits.

"We found the (ancient) shore. And we did find a hill. And we found a thing on top of the hill. Did we just not pick up the right thing?"



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SCHOOL DUMPS POLITICAL GUEST SPEAKER

Florida Gulf Coast University has canceled a scheduled guest appearance by environmental author Terry Tempest Williams, citing the possibility of an anti-George-Bush rant by the author, reported the Chronicle of Higher Education. Williams has returned her speakers' fee and requests it be used to fund a free-speech forum.



8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Homecoming Event Ticket Sales Sponsored by UAO Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stepshow Information Table Sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **College Republicans** Information Table Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Latter-Day Saints Information Table Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dance Marathon T-Shirt Sales Sponsored by Dance Marathon Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Voting for Homecoming Royalty Sponsored by the Homecoming Committee Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. The Obsidian Information Table Sponsored by The Obsidian Union Lobby

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sociology Information Table Sponsored by Sociology Department Union Lobby

12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Sangria Y Pan Sponsored by Latino Student Union Union Lobby

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Three Weeks on Malta Works From Large Format **Digital Imaging** Union Galleries

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. LSU Electoral Candidate Sponsored by Latino Student Union Union Multipurpose Room

8 p.m.

Space Dreams - Our Quest to Explore the Universe Multi-media show in the Planetarium, \$1 donation suggested, lasts approximately 1 hour. Planetarium Show is followed by stargizing in the Observatory if weather permits. 112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

'Walk' hopes to shed light on mental health

By Joshua Comer REPORTER

The Connection Center will be hosting a "Walk for Awareness" today to raise community knowledge of mental health issues that impact Bowling Green and the surrounding area

Shelley Loesser, coordinator of the Connection Center, a psy-chosocial rehabilitation clubhouse program of Behavioral Connections of Wood County, says she is looking forward to a successful event.

"Another city last year sponsored a similar event and had 30 people," Loesser said. "We're shooting for 50."

Participants can gather at the center tomorrow morning. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. walkers will be given a badge

the downtown area. When they complete the course, attendees can exchange their badges for complimentary pizza.

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The center has been in operation since 1999. This month marks both the

first Walk for Awareness and the fifth anniversary of the clubhouse's service to the area.

"Our members operate at the clubhouse with some staff facilitation as a way of increasing their integration in the community," Loesser said. The program helps 27 people

per day on average

"I prefer being able to work alongside members rather than seeing clients in an office," Loesser said.

"It's so much more enriching for everyone, members as well as staff.



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OUTDOOR DISCUSSION: Cory "Morey" Noyer, a VCT sophomore chats with Abby McCrate, an SLA Senior

Authors aim to 'Get Stupid White Men Out of Office'

By Bob Moser

Students who remain on campus for fall break can kick off their extended weekend tonight at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union by going to hear two of the 12 co-authors for "How to Get Stupid White Men Out of Office."

As part of an 80-plus city swingstate tour, Andrienne Maree Brown and Billy Wirnsatt have spoken in an array of different venues across the country.

"We've done a lot of college campuses," Brown said, "but two-thirds of the young folks we're trying to reach aren't in school, so we've also done church basements, coffee shops, brunches and dinners and hip-hop concerts.

"How to Get ... " documents 20 tales of success over the past five years from young people who have either swung or won an election. Stories range from victories in city council to the U.S. Senate, in South Korea and through the Internet.

24-year-old African-American Alisha Thomas won a state legislative seat in suburban Cobb County Georgia, the heart of a conservative southern state.

University of Michigan students leveraged a student gov ernment election, catapulting

themselves into the media spotlight and shifting the national debate about Affirmative Action. Young Native Americans

in South Dakota swung a U.S. Senate seat by 528 votes in 2002.

As program director of the League of Young Voters, 25-year-old Andrienne Maree Brown runs a national training program focusing on electoral basics, electoral reform, issue-based organizing and campus organizing. She studied political science, African-American studies and vocal performance at Columbia University

Billy Winnsatt, 31, is currently serving as director of the League

of Young Voters, a national nonprofit organization that teaches oung people to organize voters. He is also a director of the League of Independent Voters, an advocacy group that has organized progressive voter guides and voter blocs nationwide.

Brown and Wimsatt are touring as part of the League of Pissed-Off Voters, to both promote "How to Get..." and generate voter enthusiasm as the Nov. 2 election draws near.

The event is being spon-sored by Latino Student Union and ReachOut, and will be held tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Union multipurpose room.



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"It was good police work."

Sgt. CHERYL HUNT; when she sarcastically remarked about apprehending a man who robbed a bank in East Toledo and caught him when the robber left his driver's license in the bank. (Toledo Blade)

www.bgnews.com/opinion OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL School must exploit opportunity

With good press from the Toledo-area media, alternative energy programs in Bowling Green are flying high. Now the University needs to keep the the energy flowing - figuratively and literally. The new programs need to be integrated into the University's teaching program on all levels.

Solar panels on the Ice Arena and at city schools and two more newly constructed windmills are a great initial push for the community.

These new installations are the results of great city and university policies encouraging sustainable electricity generation methods. However, the community can go far beyond policies in the area of sustainability; this is, after all, a school before it is a bureaucracy. BGSU needs to use this new

infrastructure as what it is; a great teaching opportunity in many disciplines, including technology. The University of Toledo has received over \$6 million in grants for solar research over the last three years, according to the Sept. 30 edition of the Toledo City Paper. The Paper article also notes that one of the largest solar technology producers in the world — First Solar LLC — has its biggest facility in Perrysburg Township, just a few minutes north of Bowling Green. What is BGSU doing to follow

UT's example?

The answer is hardly impres-sive. While BGSU has popular majors in environmental science and environmental policy, its curriculum shows little techno-logical interest in the impressive local energy scene

The windmills in town are the largest east of the Mississippi river. The solar facility north of town is one of the largest in the world. The University shows little sign of caring about this, much less exploiting it; PR materials for the environmental science major the closest thing to an alternative energy specialization at BGSU make virtually no mention of the area's exclusive technology. This

is mostly because the University has not aggressively funded environmentally technology edu-cation. This means that BGSU loses potential students, reputation and research money to UT and Owens College, which are agressively pursuing scientific research in the area. While BGSU students in pro-

grams like GeoJourney and Vision & Values study at site-specific "hub" institutions around the country, BGSU could be gain-ing reputation as a similar hub of

focused and exclusive research.

There is a hiring freeze partially active right now. Once it is lifted, the University should make it a high priority to create, fund and advertise an Energy Technology major or concentration. This is one area in which BGSU has the potential to leapfrog dozens of other large research institutions. Just as importantly, it will bring the student body one step closer to the opportunity for a fullyrounded education --one which includes technology.

Towing cars can be a power trip



ow companies are a useful necessity when cleaning up the aftermath of automobile accidents or when giving broken down vehicles a lift. However, many instances that call for their intervention show that they are nothing more than

HERRINGTON

Incoherent Ranting

legalized car thieves One of my classmates entered East Hall yesterday afternoon, frazzled by a previous event of the day. She began to relay a story of being towed by one of the local wrecking companies from a spot that she used for a very short amount of time.

The location that she left her car at was marked with a warning sign from the tow company; a clear indication that she was committing an infraction in a designated lot. The towing itself wasn't the source of frustration. The problem occurred when she attempted to retrieve her car with the \$60 maximum fee expressed by the sign above where she parked.

The worker for the towing company told her the advertised maximum figure was only imposed when drivers "caught employees of the company in the removal process of the vehicle. He told her she needed to supply \$97 cash to leave with her car. Storage had not vet occurred.

I had a similar experience two years ago in Chicago, when I parked across the street from my cousin's apartment complex. You need a pass to park in their garage, and even though I parked my car in a loading zone across the street from the main entrance (it was the only space for at least five blocks), it was commonplace at that particular complex for someone to flip

on the hazard lights, run in the building, acquire a pass and take the car in. As soon as I completed that process (which took about six minutes), I returned to the location to find my car gone. Obviously, the city had trucks swarming the streets with orders to snatch up cars before drivers

would notice. My car was imprisoned by the city in an underground hell off of Wacker Drive. Tow trucks were flying in an out of the place, bringing new automobiles every minute. Hundreds of vehicles were lined in rows across a large lot. A Japanese couple was try-ing to retrieve their sedan, but was "Who produces treated rudely for

their broken English. I had to pay \$167 for that many the two hours my people cannot Subaru was held. Who produces afford?" these rates that

many people cannot afford? Does it really matter in the grand scheme of society if you run in a building and leave your car in a vacant spot for a couple of minutes? As long as nobody is being blocked from urgent business, why do cars get whisked away so quickly without common courtesy of waiting at least fifteen minutes?

What about bank or government parking lots at night? The spots are empty, but when residents and visitors flock to downtown Bowling Green on an extremely busy night, they have to spend a good chunk of their night driving around and/or walking five blocks to the downtown area from a side street. Many parking lots west of Main Street are vacant and no one needs to use them at midnight, but you will still get towed for parking there.

Citizens who report these parking infractions out of anger stemming from not being able

home or business need to remember that they might be towed sometime in the future Employees of the towing companies who take their jobs too seriously need to step back and ask themselves why they continue to inhale oxygen to sustain their lives, if it is to be spent spiting others with resent for their own stagnation. The same sentiment applies

to access a space close to their

to overzealous traffic workers. Does the parking ticket guy highfive the towing guy at the end of the day while talking about their jobs? "Man, I'm sure glad the

today. There were these tow rates about five separate times where I sat by gonna get away with on my watch!"

Yeah, somebody's got to do it and there are plenty of goodhearted workers bringing in the fines, but their willingness to partake in such annoying employment straddles com-parison to telemarketers, but exceeds their consequences by further supplying validity to an industry that causes more harm than good.

nies to transport wrecked and damaged vehicles so that roads and highways are clear and accessible. What we don't need is ridiculous charges that don't match the amount of work done and a the fear that, whenever the City, University or towing company itself is in need of funds, they are driving around scoping the streets for a potential transportation device to hold for ransom.

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Joking about dead babies lacks taste

"What's funnier than 10 dead babies nailed to a tree? A: "One dead baby

nailed to 10 trees. For some of you, this brings a smile to your face, and to others you must be just disgusted that I put that joke into print. Ah, the controversy of dead baby jokes.

Personally, I had never heard of "dead baby" jokes until recently, and my first thought was "take notes, dear, this is an

opinion article if ever I saw one!" I was, and still am in some ways, downright confused about how these jokes are funny. After all, there is nothing more sacred and wonderful than a beautiful little baby, and hopefully no one would laugh if they found a

mutilated baby nailed to a tree. (My God, hopefully!) Yet, when a dead baby joke is told, many people laugh, chuckle lightly or at least half-smile.

But, why? Why do people find it funny when it's so obviously perverted?

In a search for the answer, I went to Yahoo, and "dead baby jokes" had 812,000 Web pages in the results. Oh great! One of them must have a reason why people laugh at dead baby jokes, which in itself is a horrific, horrific image

The first 20 sites I entered were full of jokes, but not one with an explanation except, "I never claimed to have a healthy sense of humor, and this is as obscene as you get.

Finally, after much searching and scrapping through sickening joke after sickening joke, I found an explanation. An article by Dr. Ben Jarvis, "Toward an Advanced Theory of Cornedy," explained it in this way: "There are three iron laws of

comedy: 1. Nothing is sacred. 2. Repetition, repetition, repetition.

3. You can never take a joke too

far ... Everything can be made

into a joke, the more upsetting

Therefore, according to this

theory, true comedy holds noth-

This would include war injuries,

the Holocaust, racial issues, slav-

So, people find these jokes

funny because they're obscene.

When people leave the room

in tears, this means comedic

ery, death, pain, abortion and

anything else.

ing sacred, even dead babies.

and disturbing, the funnier.



squeal with laughter and seen one toddle towards them with arms open wide.

I can't see any parents, child care workers, aunts, uncles, or older brothers and sisters finding these jokes funny, because they have faces to unconsciously put onto the subject of the jokes. I know, because my own reac-

tion had been to picture my nephews nailed to a tree, which left me outraged and curled into a fetal position with tears falling down my face.

If my reaction makes me seem like an uptight finger-pointer whose only joy in life is sucking the fun out of other people's, I'm fine with that. I know how much I love to have fun, how much I laugh every day, and I don't need anyone's confirmation or negation of my sense of humor.

However, I can't help but find these jokes dangerous.

A baby is a pure, wonderful thing, and anything that contaminates it and turns it into an object of mockery is a form of disrespect.

Regardless of any man-made comedic rules, there are many things on this earth that are sacred, and I choose to hold them as such.

I'm afraid that vulgar, crude comedy will desensitize us to the right and wrong of the world we live in.

What do we see when the news shows pictures of dead bodies, dead children, yes, even dead babies in Iraq?

I see a shocking, horrific situation, and a multitude of souls lost. A comedian sees material.

University got all of their parking money, the meter waiting for it to expire. Nobody's

sitting in a spot for 10 freeloadin' minutes

We need the towing compa-

E-mail Jed with comments

Much to learn from 7-year-old

JESSICA Honigford

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Guest Columnist

n Tuesday I had the opportunity to go to Case Western University in Cleveland where the vice presidential debate was held. Since I couldn't actually get into the debate, I stood outside behind the MSNBC Hardball set instead for 3 hours in the freezing cold. I held my Bush/Cheney sign proudly in the front row as others around me proudly held their Kerry/Edwards signs and other signs of that nature.

I had the opportunity talk to and get autographs from some of the commentators from MSNBC, but it isn't that experience that stands out in my mind as one of the most memorable moments of the trip. The person that I met that excited me the most was Candace.

She was a 7-year-old girl that came up to a little past my waist. Her mother had decided to let

Candace see politics in action and brought her down to the University to see all the action surrounding the debate. I was standing in the front

row against the fence and the mother and daughter were a couple of rows behind me. I, and the others around me, allowed this bluish green-eyed little girl to stand with us along the fence so that she could see. We didn't know whether or not her mother

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victory Needless to say, the person crying doesn't find it funny. This person must have held a baby before. They must have kissed his/her nose, made he/she

Q: "What's red, brown and bubbly?'

A: "A dead baby in the microwave

What do you feel when you read this? If your feelings include anything outside of revulsion and disgust, then you've just proved my point.

Am I just a bleeding heart? Yes, because that's the decent thing to be.

We are in danger of losing our ability to bleed, to feel, to experience.

Punch-lines should not have that kind of power over us.

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The world needs a lot of laughter

SARAH

Guest Columnist

W ould you do stand up comedy at my funeral if 1 laughed to death? I sure hope someone is up for the challenge. I am holding auditions tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Being funny is not an art or a science but something within each of us. Whether a scratch on the surface or deep inside itching to escape, funny wants to come out.

Funny comes in many forms, and can reach people on many levels, so I ask this question: since when does everyone have to be so serious?

With the presidential election less than a month away, I have noticed an increase in tension among many University students. All I see are people bashing each other in the papers, arguments on street corners, and just a ridiculous amount of hatred swarming the Bowling Green campus.

Green campus. What the world needs now, is not love sweet love, but laughter, an occasional joke here and there, and above all else ... a sense of a humor.

Yes, this upcoming election is important, possibly the most important election to date, but must everyone put on their Ebenezer Scrooge face? Come on now, we were born with personalities and a sense of hurnor, I hope. People need to stop hating and start laughing.

I mean what happened to the comedy, or the positive outlook on things? Conan, Jay, help me out, is there any hope out there for these BG kids?

Well, if you can't be funny because some alignment in the Earth is off, here are some useful suggestions.

Check out politicalhumor. about.com for a good political laugh. Comedy Central usually has quality silly stuff on, (24 hours a day maybe). My advice is to go and support your local stand-up comedians at Easy Street Café on Tuesday nights.

Three bucks with a college I.D. can get you in at 9 p.m. for a few hours of quality laughs and a bust-a-gut good time. Just try not to take things so serious. Be funny in situations that make you feel uncomfortable, it puts you and everyone else

at ease. Tell corny jokes — people love corny jokes. Well maybe I am the only one, but jokes are always a good way to make people laugh and break the ice.

Life is too short to be negative and serious all the time so, "Enjoy the humor of the situation," sings 90's alternative band The Barenaked Ladies, because humor is the only thing that will get you through the hard times.

I suggest starting now; it keeps you young and could take fifty years off your life. (Results not typical.) Laughter can be a cure for

depression, cancer and I was even told, bad breath. Well maybe not cancer, but laughter is contagious and needs to be spread. I would rather catch laughter than this dang cold that's going around.

So go tap your funny bone or someone else's and start laughing. Laugh till your gut hurts, milk is spraying out of your nose and you can't breathe because you're on the floor in the shape of a tater tot.

Take a good look at the somber situations in life; are they really that serious and must we fret over such trivial things?

I dare you to laugh yourself all the way to the polls this November, and vote for which candidate you think has the funniest face. I am just kidding obviously, but try to make light of situations if you can — it is much more fun that way.

Enjoy life, live it up, and laugh it up. If you can look on the lighter side of things, laugh and joke around about stuff, than you have a 99 percent chance of living an inspiringly sweet substantial life. The 1 percent is for all you Toledo fans. Go Falcons!

Who wants to send us some letters?



Did he always know we'd fall in



Man's best friend

With cameras from the "Cops" TV show rolling, an Evansville, Ind., police dog chasing a gumman in a retirement home suddenly leaped on innocent bystander John Terry and bit his right arm before he was pulled off (August). And a 10-year-old Komodo dragon in heat accidentally plunged to her death off a wall in the London Zoo trying to get to her mate (August). [Indianapolis Star-AP. 9-2-04] [Reuters, 8-23-04]

Crime-Fighting Falcon in Iraq

Searching for ways to convey law enforcement professionalism to the Iraqi police, Marine MP Company C in Camp Al Asad, Iraq, developed a costurned mascot, "Farid the Crime-Fighting Falcon" (patterned after the famous "take a bite out of crime" dog, McGruff, but using an animal they believe the

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was Republican or Democrat, it really didn't matter even though we were mostly Republicans standing there. As the filming of "Hardball" continued little Candace began to ask questions

Candace began to ask questions She looked at me and asked, "Why are people chanting four more years?" I told her it was because some of the people in the crowd thought that the president should be in office for four more years.

Hearing this she decided to hold up four fingers as the crowd chanted. After a couple minutes she asked, "Why are some people holding up three fingers?" I told her that it was a "W" and it stood for the "W" in George W. Bush. She then decided to alternate holding up three and then four fingers.

After doing this for a few minutes she looked at me and said, "I wish the president could be in office for 5 more years." When I asked her why she thought that she answered, "Because it's a lot easier to hold up five fingers than three or four." This is the smartest and most logical stateIraqis better respect). Cpl. Justin Weber has the easy job, putting on the falcon suit; his comrades have the more difficult task of explaining to their classes just how Farid fits into effective law enforcement. [Marine Corps News, 8-28-04]

Lazy man puts portajohn in living room

Police in Niles, Ohio, were called to the house of a 50-yearold man in July, having received complaints that the home might be one of those increasingly common ones that the resident loses control of, littered with garbage and vermin and reeking of urine and feces. The Zoning inspector did declare the home unfit for human habitation, but gave the resident credit for trying to improve things: The man had gone to the trouble of installing a portajohn in the middle of his living room. [Tribune Chronicle (Warren, Ohio), 7-30-02]

ment I had heard in the three hours that I had stood along that fence.

Where I was most of the people were respectful of others and their different opinions. When we were asked by the director to cheer or to be quiet we followed the directions to the best of our ability.

Members of the crowd to my right, which consisted of both Democrats and Republicans, were shouting during the filming, were pushing each other to make it to the front row, were ripping and tearing each others' signs, even throwing a sign over the fence, all the while hitting the people in front of them with their own signs.

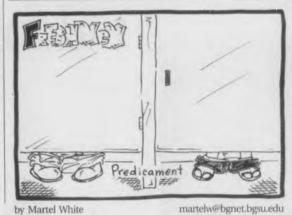
their own signs. Candace looked at me and asked, "It's not a good place for kids over there is it? Are they the people against the wpresident?"

Unfortunately, I had to tell her that the people that were being disrespectful consisted of members from both ideologies. Candace told me that she thought it would be easier for people to get along if they would stop shouting and push-

Boat passengers are not Matthews fans

In August, a sightseeing boat taking some society-type guests of the Chicago Architecture Foundation down the Chicago River crossed under the Kinzie Street bridge just as a bus passed over and apparently released its sewage container through the bridge's grating, directly onto the boat's passengers. Police subsequently charged a driver for a bus belonging to the Dave Matthews Band. [Chicago Sun-Times, 8-9-04]

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ing each other. Fill tell you what, she's smarter than most of the people that were in the crowd on Tuesday.

As volunteers from the MSNBC organization passed out t-shirts, everyone standing near me was trying to get a shirt for this little girl. When our attempts failed, a man who had been a loudmouth with a little bit of an edge throughout the evening handed Candace his shirt.

Being the typical 7-year-old, she said "cool" and handed the shirt to her mother. When the volunteers came back around with more baseball hats and more t-shirts Candace tried frantically to get one

We held her down so she wouldn't topple over the fence and told her that she already had a shirt. "No," she said, "it's for him. He gave me his and now I'm going to get him one so he has one too."

She screarned for the volunteers' attention, but did not succeed in getting the man a souvenir. He told her it's ok, that he didn't need one. As the debate started and the crowd dispersed

tell you what, n most of the n the crowd om the ion passed to watch it on big screen 1 vs in heated rooms, Candace's mother asked Candace if she had made new friends and learned on the ion passed loudmouth Clevelander inter-

a lot. As Candace nodded this loudmouth Clevelander interrupted and said, "We probably learned a lot more from her than she did from us."

Candace, who didn't know who was debating or what the party platforms that were being discussed, knew more about politics than most of the adult crowd. She realized that it takes respect to get your message across effectively.

If we would all take the advice of that sweet 7-year-old girl and stop shouting and pushing, there wouldn't be so much animosity between parties. If we stand and hold our signs that display what we believe without having to rip other people down, our message is a lot clearer. If we are tolerant of others they will, or should, be tolerant of us.

I hope we can all get along and respect the opinions of others even when we don't agree with them, and I'm addressing both Republicans and Democrats.







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BG SPORTS BRIEFING Falcons' basketball players named preseason All-MAC

Bowling Green women's bas-ketball player Ali Mann was named to the preseason All-MAC team a year after winning MAC freshman of the year.

On the other side of the court, men's basketball player John Reimold was named to the MAC West preseason first team.

Last season, Reimold averaged 15.1 points per game while leading the team with 4.8 rebound per contest.



Ben Swanger BG New PERFECT FORM: Andrea Meister gets ready to deliver a serve.

Tennis sweeps Wayne St.

Matt Hawkins SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's tennis team continued their fiery play against Wayne State yesterday with a 7-0 blowout in the first dual-match of the season.

After consecutive weekends of nonstop tournament action, the Falcons failed to show any signs of fatigue, dominating the Warriors in every way imagin-able. Falcon head coach Penny Dean said since it was the team's first dual-match, there was some pressure but everybody was able to stay relaxed.

"We had to be mentally tough, and everybody did that," Dean said. "It's more exciting because they're playing for the team now and not just themselves. We saw a good camaraderie and they rallied around each other."

Last season, the Falcons also defeated Wayne State without much of a problem, but the Warriors have improved—to some degree.

Dean said even though it was a lopsided performance on the score sheet, Wayne State was a lot tougher than before.

We beat them easily last year, but they gave us more of a chal-lenge this time," Dean said. "They gave us some tough matches and a lot of good, long points.'

The toughest match of the day for the Falcons came at the number one singles flight where Susie Schoenberger defeated Wayne

State's Natalya Natyshak, 7-5, 6-4. "This girl (Natyshak) was

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Falcons look for MAC

By Elliott Schreiner SPORTS EDITOR

With a game against Bowling Green (2-2, 0-1) appearing on the horizon for the Central Michigan (2-2, 1-0) football team, the Chippewas appear to ba ready. Sort of be ready. Sort of.

"We're excited about playing Bowling Green," CMU head coach Brian Kelly said. "If Bowling Green doesn't play well, we'll have a chance to win."

And even with the Chippewas looking at the game as an auto-matic loss, the Falcons know they cannot look past them.

Their defense has been stellar in their last two games, crusing past Southeast Missouri State and holding Kent State quarter-back to just 223 total yards and a touchdown.

Their defense in the Kent game was good enough to make them the number one team statistically on defense in the Mid-American Conference.

"They've got two guys, Daniel Bazuin and James King, who are good special teams and defensive players," BG head coach Gregg Brandon said. "They knocked Cribbs around last week. They've been playing hard and playing fast.

Playing hard and fast is just the beginning for these two, Basuin leads the team with two sacks while King is fifth all-time at CMU with 353 career tackles while blocking 11 kicks in his career.

"James King is really good," BG wideout Cole Magner said. "They moved him from safety to linebacker in the offseason." The move has left the CMU

secondary wide open for BG.

"They have a youns secondary and we're going to try to expose it." Magner said

And BG has the kind of receivers to exploit the secondary.

Magner leads the team in receptions with 24 while gain-ing 198 yards and two touch-downs. Fellow wideouts Chuck Sharon (18 catches, 243 yards, four touchdowns) and Steve Sanders (14, 238, 1) give the Falcons the deep threats they need.

The trio really came togeth-er last weekend, combining to grab 15 catches, 287 yards and three touchdowns in a 70-16 win.

The game was BG's best showing of the season.

That was a huge step in the right direction," BG quarter-back Omar Jacobs said. "We just had to get back to the basics, complete balls, be sound."

Jacobs was as sound as ever, completing 21 of 26 passes for 376 yards and four touchdowns. Fellow backfield mate P.J. Pope also had a big game, rushing for 103 yards and a touchdown while pulling in another 60 yards and a touchdown through the air.

To say the least, the Falcons couldn't have asked for more to follow up a loss to Northern Illinois.

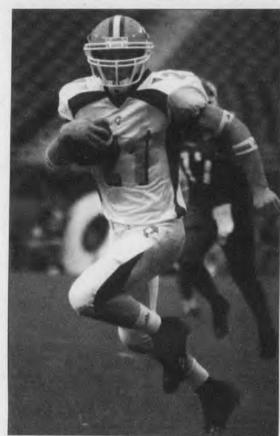
We played well," Jacobs said. 'From blocking to catching, we had no dropped balls and the line opened up holes for P.J." The game was the last non-

conference contest for BG and puts them where they want to be to accomplish their goals this season, which would ultimately put them in the MAC title game.

"We're close to where we want to be," Magner said. "We're tak-ing the steps to be close and

we're definitely getting close.' The Falcons will get a chance

to restart their conference sea son off on the right foot when they travel to Mt. Pleasant this Saturday. The game is slated to start at 1 p.m. at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.



BREAKWAY: BG's Cole Magner runs with the football against Temple

hopes to continue winning

By Danielle Tanner SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's soccer team returns home this weekend with hopes of establishing a legitimate winning streak after a pair of road wins last weekend. The squad is 3-8-1 overall and 1-3-1 in the Mid-American Conference. They will face MAC opponents Miami (OH) on Friday and Ball State on Sunday. Head coach Andy Richards

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said that last weekend's wins were just what the squad needed to boost their confidence after a long nine game winless series. Richards expects the team to face quality conference competition this weekend from Miami and Ball State.

"They're both excellent programs who have performed well in the conference, espe-cially Miami. We respect them tremendously as programs. They will both be very tough

games," he said. Miami sits at third place in the MAC with a 6-4-1 overall record. The Redhawks lost to Ohio 1-0 and beat Marshall 3-2 last weekend, giving them a 4-1-1 conference record. They will be sure to give the Falcons a good fight, as they try to move up in the conference rankings. Ball State is 2-2-4 in the MAC

and 6-2-4 overall. Ball State

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Falcons look forward to winning season on ice

Kevin Shields SENIOR REPORTER

The Bowling Green hockey team and third year head coach Scott Paluch are coming off a year that saw hope for the future. After finishing the second half of the season with the fourth best league record and having a winning home record (7-6-5), the team is excited about starting the guys we have coming back," senior tri-captain Alex back," senior tri-captain Alex Rogosheske said. "Especially with Siggy in goal and all the senior leadership that we have, Ryan Minnabarriet and Steve Brudzewski coming back...very excited about everybody. I think we're a really tight team which is different from a year ago or two years ago and so it'll be fun to

Last season, the Falcons finished 11-18-9 overall and had a Central Collegiate Hockey Association record of 9-13-6. The team finished ninth in the final CCHA standings after finishing 11 the year before.

Their season was then ended in two straight games at Ohio State in the first round of the CCHA tournament (3-2, 5-2).

Men's soccer looks for first win

Going 0-12 on the season so far, the Falcons look to get a victory this weekend.

Chris Wilig SPORTS REPORTER

With two conference games under their belt, the me cer team finds themselves at the bottom of their conference. The team lost to both Marshall and Akron in the past two weeks and face of against their third MAC opponent, Northern

netting 16. The Falcons, on the other hand, have had trouble keeping their opponent out of the net. So far this season the Falcons have allowed a conference worst 44 goals. The 44 goals given up by the Falcons is nearly double that of Marshall, who is second to last in the same category. Other than the large amoun of goals given up, the Falcons have also struggled scoring goals and have only found the back of the net 9 times The Huskies are currently coming off an away loss to Marshall by a score of 3-1. Prior to Sunday's loss, however, the Huskies were on a long winning streak. During 6 game streak they the defeated several strong teams including the University of Wisconsin, Purdue and Western Michigan. This weekend the Falcons are also hoping to end one streak while keeping another one alive. A win this week-end would stop their losing streak at 12 while continuing their winning streak against Northern Illinois. The Falcons have defeated the Huskies three times in the past two rears, including a 2-1 win over the Huskies in the quarter finals of last seasons conference tournament. Following Sunday's afternoon game in Illinois the Falcons continue with more conference play. The next few games have the Falcons at homeagainstBuffalo, followed by two away games against conference teams Kentucky and Western Michigan.

Ben Swanger BG News Saturday. The Falcons travel to Central Michigan this weekend.

good." Dean said. "There's never a breather match at number one.

But Wayne State was not able to overcome the explosive depth that the Falcons posses.

In doubles, the Falcon team of Laura Kokinda and Erica Wolfe powered past Olga Petrovic and Stephanie Vantuyl, 8-2, while the duo of Andrea Volle and Ashley Jakupcin rolled past Dee Mays and Jaclyn Johnston, 8-4. The Falcon team of Andrea Meister and Jenna Nussbaum snuck by Natyshak and Amanda Pressotto with a 9-7 score.

Singles competition went even better for the Falcons, as Jakupcin continued her dominant play with another impressive performance against Holeema Syed, winning 6-0, 6-1.

With their next match over a month away, the Falcons have plenty of time to get even better. Dean said she will focus on more individual work and conditioning in preparation for their next tournament.

"I'm looking forward to the change," Dean said. "We have some time to work individually, but the difficult task will be keeping up the motivation.'

Next up for the Falcons is the Penn State Tournament, November 12-13 in State College, Pa.

the upcoming season. "I'm very excited with all playing real games."

get out there and actually start



Ben Swanger BG News BODY CHECK: Jon Sitko slams an opponent against the boards at a hockey game last season at the BG Ice Arena

This season, the Falcons will return 20 lettermen and welcome in nine newcomers from a team that only lost five players.

Official team practices began this past weekend.

The team opened their practice this season with a "Falcon Challenge" where the team was split into two teams and played a series of four games.

During those four games, coach Paluch has seen improvement in the overall speed and offensive skill of his team. "The first thing that jumps out is the quickness to loose pucks," Paluch said. "We really have a deeper group in terms of overall team quickness, up front and on defense.

"We've seen a real good pace to our early practices and we have seen scoring chances and we have seen goals," Paluch said. "We've had a little more offensive flare early on.'

Returning for the Falcons up front are forwards Brudzewski, Minnabarriet. tri-captain Rogosheske, Bryan Dobek, James Unger, Mark Voakes, Ryan Barnett, Rich Meloche, Mike Falk, Brett Pilkington, Dana Hanson and Brandon Piersol. On defense they return Don

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Illinois, this Sunday. The fact the Falcons are last in the division, however, is not the only thing that may have the Falcons' heads down half way through the season. Sunday's game will not only be a chance for the Falcons to get their first conference win, it is also a chance to get their first overall victory of the season.

Under first year head coach Fred Thompson the Falcons are 0-12 heading into Sunday's game and currently have the worst overall record in the MAC. Akron is leading the MAC in the early stage of conference play with a 2-0 conference record and are 7-2-1 overall. The Zips are followed closely behind by Kentucky, Marshall and Sunday's opponent Northern Illinois

The Huskies are in the middle of the conference with a 1-1 record and have had a successful first half of the season with a 7-4 record overall. The Huskies are ranked second in the conference for goals allowed, 11, while

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all break should be an enjoyable one for football fans, as all wer the country there are great games. On the pacific coast, we have some USC-Cal while down south Tennessee and Seorgia should make everyone happy. The Red River shootout should be the game of the year in Texas and around these parts with Bowling Green playing and Michigan and Ohio State playing ranked opponents, everyone should be ecstatic.		ELLIOTT SCHREINER	ADAM HRITZAK	MIKE METZGER	BEN SWANGER
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BOWLING GREEN 14.5 FAVORITE	Rant	It won't be as bad as the Temple game, but this one is going to be pretty ugly.	BG should be able to control this game and roll to an easy victory.	BG will shut down CMU's running game and win this one big time.	Omar and the Falcon offense will dominate the game.
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No. 5 Texas	Score	24-21 Texas	34-17 Oklahoma	31-27 Texas	49-21 Oklahoma
OKLAHOMA 6.5 FAVORITE	Rant	Cedric Benson is going to run wild on OU's defense and get some Heisman votes.	Every year it's sup- posed to be Texas, but the Sooners have way too much.	Benson vs. Peterson makes this game close but Texas pulls out the win.	One word, Adrian Peterson!
No. 13 Minnesota at	Line 1		P it		Real States
No. 14 Michigan	Score	28-24.5 Michigan	38-35 Michgan	27-24 Michigan	24-21 Minnesota
MICHIGAN 3.5 FAVORITE	Rant	For the first time in history, the .5 will not produce a clear win- ner in gambling.	I only give them the nod because they are home. This will be a shootout.	My Maize and Blue will pull off a win and prove the ND loss is in the past.	Gophers get big win in the big house. Anyone but Michagan.
No. 7 California at	- 14			And in case of the	State State
No. 1 USC	Score	31-13 USC	42-24 USC	42-10 USC	21-3 USC
SOUTHERN CAL 7.5 FAVORITE	Rant	I want someone to beat USC, but Cal is really, really over- rated.	USC wants redemp- tion bad after los- ing perfect record last year to Cal.	I would love to see an upset but it just will not happen. USC is too good.	USC and Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl USC wins big.
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No. 18 Ohio State	and the second second	13-10 Ohio State	17-16 OSU	24-17 Wisconsin	30-21 OSU
OHIO STATE 3.5 FAVORITE	Rant	Nugent gets Bucks back to winning ways with a dramatic 17- yard field goal.	Bucks should be fired up for this. Note to Tressel: Let Troy Smith play.	I really think OSU will lose two in- a-row and not because I like Mich.	Nugent avenges missing field goal last week. Kicks 10 field goals to win.
No. 17 Tennessee at	Parker .	1. Salar		12.1.21	5.15 %
No. 3 Georgia	Score	24-13 Georgia	28-17 Georgia	17-10 Tennessee	14-7 Tennessee
GEORGIA 12.5 FAVORITE	Rant	I don't like either of these teams, hope- fully a hurricane cancels the game.	Bulldogs are rid- ing high right now and should have no problem with Vols.	I like the Bulldogs but I have to go with Rocky Top once again.	Tennessee won't lose two in a row. The Vols will upset the Bulldogs.

Icers face Windsor for season opener

HOCKEY, FROM PAGE 6

Morrison, Chris Pedota, Jeremy Bronson, Taylor Christie, Jon Sitko and Jonathan Sigalet.

In the net, All-American candidate and tri-captain Jordan Sigalet, who enters his final collegiate season as the all-time leader at BG with a .914 career save percentage also returns.

Behind Sigalet, goaltenders Bob Frazee and Keith Van Gels return, while the team welcomes new goaltender Jon Horrell.

Horrell, a transfer from the University of Findlay, was known for his big play last season where his team won in an upset at Michigan State.

We actually have four goalies right now on our group and we've seen some pretty good saves out of all of them," Paluch said. "We've been really pleased with the play of all the goalies I think they've all been challenged throughout the games and really to a man, they've played pretty well."

The newcomers to this year's team are freshmen forwards Jonathan Matsumoto, Jon Erickson, Derek Whitmore, Ben Geelan, John Mazzei and Alex Foster. Then on defense they welcome in Mike Hodgson and Mike Nesdill

Matsumoto and Hodgson came into practice ranked on the Inside College Hockey website as two of the top freshman in the country. The overall rank of the class was 14 on the INCH list.

"All of them have shown they can play," Rogosheske said. "They're going to be top players.

BG will get an extended break this year as the team will practice for three weeks before starting their season at Union on October 22-23 in a two game non-conference series.

"It's great, especially with so many more players," Paluch said. "It gives us a real good chance to teach the game from a systems standpoint, and it gets our players together more from a team concept. It's a huge, huge edge for us to be real close as a team."

Fans will be able to get their first look at the team tomorrow night in the annual "Falcon Face-off" at 4 p.m. at the BG Ice Arena. Where the team will be broken down into two teams and will have a skills competition during the intermission.

The Falcons will then take on the University of Windsor in exhibition play next Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the BG Ice Arena to end their preseason schedule.

Soccer ready for Miami

W. SOCCER, FROM PAGE 6

also beat Marshall last weekend with a score of 1-0, then lost to Ohio 3-0. Ball State will try to improve their seventh place conference ranking this weekend.

Just over halfway through the season, Richards and the Falcon players are focusing on continuing to dominate their opposition and controlling play.

"At this stage of the season, we have to be a little proactive and make sure we

play the way we want to play,' Richards said.

The Falcons are healthy heading into the weekend aside from some expected bumps and bruises. Keeper Jenifer Kernahan has the team's lone injury. She is rehabbing a torn ACL and should be back in action

within the next few weeks. This weekend's action kicks off this after noon at 4 p.m. at BG's own Cochrane Field. Sunday's match will also be at home and will begin at Noon.

Volleyball looks to bounce back against UT and NIU

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hopefully things come together."





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10 p.m. Crayon Howard's Club H

10 p.m. Eric Nassau Easy Street Cafe'

10 p.m. La Revanche and Goiter Jelly Nate & Wally's

SATURDAY

3 p.m. Stuart Little 2 Union Theater

9 p.m. The Dom Trio Jazz Easy Street Cafe'

10 p.m. Crazy Eddie Howard's Club H

10 p.m. La Revanche and Goiter Jelly Nate & Wally's

SUNDAY

6 p.m. Benefit For MS Howard's Club H

MONDAY

10 p.m. DJ Kehoe Nate & Wally's

TUESDAY

9 p.m. Comedy Night Easy Street Cafe'

10 p.m. Voice In The Wire Howard's Club H

10 p.m. Karaoke Nate & Wally's

WEDNESDAY

10 p.m. Seventh Echo



Fall brings variety of promising films

By Sean Corp PULSE EDITOR

With the \$49 million opening of "Shark Tale" this past weekend it is officially the start of the fall movie season. Yes, it seems like the dull days of August and September couldn't get over fast enough and this year the coming months offer an intriguing slate of movies big and small that are definitely worth a look at a theater near you.

OCTOBER

Friday Night Lights – A film that opens today, it is based on the true story of the improbable run of a high school football team on their way to a Texas State Championship. The film boasts the acting chops of Billy Bob Thorton as the emotional coach and the skilled direction of Peter Berg ("The Rundown" and "Very Bad Things").

I Heart Huckabees – From David O. Russell, the writer/director of "Spanking the Monkey," "Flirting with Disaster" and "Three Kings," "Huckabees" has been coined an "existential comedy" about a man named Albert (Jason Shwartzman) looking for the meaning of life. Albert becomes so frustrated he hires a husband wife team of existential detectives (Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin) to observe him and tell him the meaning of his life. In the search the movie weaves among a group of eccentric characters including a firefighter (Mark Whalberg) a superstore executive (Jude Law) and his eccentric girlfriend (Naomi Watts).

Team America: World Police - This is definitely the most controversial movie of the summer. From the deranged minds who created "South Park," Trey Parker and Matt Stone, comes the story of an actor who is recruited to pose as an Arab and infiltrate a terrorist organization. Along the way they fight Kim Jong-il and those wacky liberal elites. Parker and Stone have definitely pulled no punches in this very adult cornedy.

Sideways – Alexander Payne has always been celebrated for his depiction of the downtrodden suffering through a midlife crisis. First it was a pregnant woman stuck in the middle of abortion politics ("Citizen Ruth"), then it was the downfall of an unhappy and bitter school teacher ("Election") and the midlife crisis of an aging man dealing with retirement ("About Schmidt"). Now he delivers a mature and smart comedy about two friends who have a wild weekend before one gets married. The groom to be (Thomas Hayden Church) and best man (Paul Giamatti) meet two women and deal with the decisions they have made throughout their lives.

Ray – Ray is the story of the recently departed musical legend Ray Charles (Jaime Foxx). The film centers around a 20 year period in the life of Ray Charles where he rose to fame, battled a crippling addiction to heroin and persevered again putting his life back together. The film has been well received at film festivals all over the world and Jaime Foxx apparently delivers a star making performance that he only hinted at in "Any Given Sunday," "Ali" and "Collateral."

The Grudge – Japanese horror guru Takashi Shimizu, creator of the Japanese original hit, "Ju-On," promises to terrify American audiences just as he terrified his home country. The film stars Sarah Michelle Gellar as a woman who is in charge of a haunted house, which sends its victims into a violent rage before they are killed.

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Howard's Club H

10 p.m. Francisco Rojas Easy Street Cafe'

10 p.m. Scott Ballard Nate & Wally's

THURSDAY

10 p.m. Battle Of The Bands Howard's Club H

10 p.m. Open Mic Night Easy Street Cafe'

10 p.m. DJ Diamond D Lee Nate & Wally's

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ISC offers hope for aspiring musicians

By Rachel Bobak ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

Anyone who wins the approval of Sean 'P Diddy' Combs, Macy Gray and Bo Diddley are sure to succeed in the music busines

These artists are three of the 25 judges at the 2004 International Songwriting Competition. The ISC provides an opportunity for aspiring artists and musicians to share their artwork with music industry elites.

The only catch is a fee required for the hopes of aspiration. The fee for a mail entry is \$30. Songwriters can send in additional songs for a price of \$30 a piece.

In order to enter online, a songwriter must sign-up for a compli-mentary 6 month membership to create their own press kit as well as a \$34.95 fee.

What if there was \$10,000 involved? What about \$30,000 in merchandise? Is that more of a persuasion? These prizes are for the ultimate Grand Prize winner of the competition. Although there will be 50 other winners who will be sharing \$100,000 in cash and prizes.

Jonathon Dye, senior, said if he had higher aspirations for his music other than a hobby, he would enter the competition. "I think it's a wonderful

opportunity. It can get your music out there," he said. "For any aspiring artists who wish to take their music above a hobby and have their music heard."

Former Grand Prize winner Moana Maniapoto remembers all the benefits that followed her ISC competition victory in 2003. "Winning the ISC is the high

light of my composing career, she said. "Radio stations celebrat ed my win in their news bulletins with one even describing me as a national treasure!"

The 2003 Blues category winner Rick Fines proclaims his excitement from winning.

"The media has been really good to me since winning!" he said. "I am thrilled with the prizes and the media attention!" Some of the winners who won

in 2003, like British singer-song writer, Jane Taylor, have received media attention and record contract offers.

"I've had requests from labels in America asking me to send them more music, and there just seems to be so much good will with this competition," she said.

ISC would like the compact discs and tapes to be packaged and sent before Oct. 15. MP3's do not apply. Go to www.songwrit ingcompetition.com for rules and all mailing information.

fall movie preview **MOVIES, FROM PAGE 8**

NOVEMBER

The Incredibles - Pixar has delivered nothing but record smashing hits ever since 1994's "Toy Story." Here they tell the tale of a dysfunctional family of superheroes who are past their prime and hiding in a witness protec-tion program. The father, Mr. Incredible, is tricked into donning the superhero suit again and is led into a trap by an old enemy and his family must rescue him.

The Polar Express - The film is brought to life from the creative mind of Robert Zemekis ("Back to the Future" and "Forrest Gump") and based on the brilliant children's book of the same In the film a boy who name. begins doubting if Santa Claus exists is awakened in the middle of the night to a train that promises to take him on an adventure to the North Pole.

Seed of Chucky – The demonic doll is back and this time he has a kid. Murder, mayhem, and some hilarity are bound to ensue.

Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason - The follow-up to the hugely successful "Bridget Jones' Diary," in the film Bridget (Renee Zellweger) returns and her insecurities get the better of her as she has trouble being with the "perfect man" (Colin Firth). Apparently in the world of Bridget there is no such thing as happily ever after.

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie - SpongeBob and his crew are brought to the big screen in the wild adaptation of the hit cartoon series. The film is an adventure in search of King Neptune's missing crown and of course SpongeBob's crew, Squidward, Patrick and Sandy are along for the ride.

Alexander - One of the most recognized and controversial figures in human history is portrayed on the big screen. Alexander tells the story of Alexander the Great (Colin Farrell) and his quest for power, conquering 90 percent of the known world.

The film deals with his relationships with his sister (Angelina lolie) and his best friend and right hand man (Jared Leto). The film was directed by Oliver Stone, but it is unclear how he deals with some of the more controversial elements of his life, including his alleged bisexuality.

DECEMBER

Ocean's 12 - This sequel to 2001's suave caper comedy revolves around three elaborate heists throughout Europe done by Danny Ocean's (George Clooney) band of thieves. To make things worse an angry Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia) is hot on their heels looking for his \$160 million back. The all-star cast also includes Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Catherine Zeta ones, Matt Damon, Bernie Mac, Vincent Cassell, Don Cheadle, Peter Fonda, Elliot Gould and Carl Reiner.

The Aviator - This high profile biopic stars Leonardo DiCaprio as enigmatic billionaire Howard Hughes. The film focuses more on the starry eyed early life of Hughes when he was an aviation visionary and not his more reclusive later years. The film is directed by Hollywood legend Martin Scorcese, who considers this film a labor of love.

Hotel Rwanda - "Hotel Rwanda" is one of those under the radar pictures that tend to explode with buzz around awards season. The film tells the story of a hotel owner (Don Cheadle) who houses Rwandan refuges, saving them from genocide.

Meet the Fockers - How do you improve on an ensemble comedy cast that includes Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Blythe Danner and Robert DeNiro? Apparently, you add Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand into the mix. This time around the tables are turned as Greg (Stiller) and his fiancé (Teri Polo) take her parents (DeNiro and Danner) to meet the Fockers (Hoffman and Sreisand). Personalities clash between the two very different families and hilarity, of course, ensues.

The Life Aquatic with Steven Zissou – Wes Anderson is back with a comedy about the relationship between a Jacque Cousteau oceanographer, Steven Zissou (Bill Murray), and his estranged son (Owen Wilson). Anderson has specialized in offbeat and fractured family comedies dealing with multiple relationships and he delivers more of his spe-cialty here. This time however, the backdrop is a wild revenge story where Zissou vows to get revenge on the shark that ate his friend.

Check out an extended look at the films at www.bgnews.com

Students get creative with in dorm dance club

By Dan Meyers

PULSE REPORTER

Students in their rooms on the second floor of Kreischer-Compton are probably used to hearing loud music thumping in the hallway.

However, they are probably not used to seeing that same hallway filled with 40 people dancing to that loud, thumping music.

This is the scene every Saturday night from 9 p.m. to midnight as Club 221, a dance club independently run by students, brings together residents of Kreischer. Its co-founders, Michael Bulgatz and Craig Link, named

the club after the room they call home

Bulgatz and Link were inspired to create Club 221 last year when they decided it is too much of a hassle to go downtown and pay to get into nightclubs. While Club 221 takes place in a

hallway and two rooms, the club's eight staff members try to mimic a club atmosphere as much as possible

The hallway's lights are turned off but the club area is illuminated by strings of lights, most notably a string shaped like a cursive "club 221

Michael "DJ Mike" Miller, the house DJ, sets up a table in the hallway with his Macintosh iBook on top. From there, he plays over 5,000 songs stored on its hard drive with a pair of amplifier speakers wired into the computer.

Miller plays a range of music including techno, hip-hop, rock, country and anything the audience requests

Club 221 is already gaining popularity. As many as 40 people could be found dancing on Compton's second floor at any one time, according to Ryan Turinsky, public relations

for the club

Daniel Vandersommers, residential advisor for second-floor Compton, approves of the dance club. "They were keeping kids in on Saturday night instead of getting drunk, building community in the hall; they were behaving,' he said.

Laura Nelson, president of Kreischer Compton-Darrow Hall Council, also supports Bulgatz and Link's efforts. "I think it's great that this group of boys is trying to increase community and involvement within the hall," she said.

Not everyone is as enthusiastic

about Club 221

An anonymous group of residents taped signs saying "Stop Compton's Boys from Making Noise" and "Your Karaoke Is Really Hokey," among other statements, in the hall outside the area where Club 221 takes place.

Two weeks ago a pair of walking Residential Advisors gave the club a warning for the table, amplifiers and several chairs that lined the hallway, calling them fire hazards. Link said all equipment, tables and chairs would be inside rooms

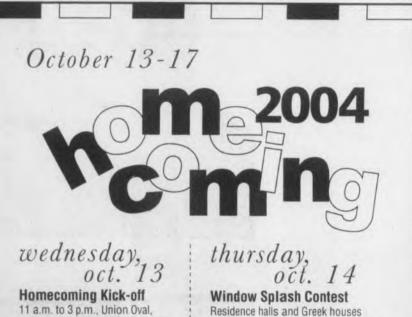
next Saturday. Club 221 plans on making

everal improvements in the near future. More speakers, another microphone, a live techno artist and a costume party for the October 30 Halloween night are in the works, according to club staff

Mariela Sanchez, a sophomore who lives on Compton's second floor, has not seen Club 221 for herself but leaves her door open Saturday nights to listen to the music

"It's entertaining," said Sanchez. "The karaoke is hilarious; [my roommate and I] tried singing along to it.





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