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## STUDENTS' VOICE

# CITY COUNCIL

### Former council person seeks term



By Laren Weber  
SENIOR REPORTER

After almost a decade away from the political scene, Gordy Heminger, coordinator of Student Organization Services in the Office of Campus Involvement, will be running in the primaries this May for Ward 1 city council person in Bowling Green.

Heminger began his political career at 18 as the youngest person ever elected to Maumee City Council where he served two full terms.

Although Heminger gained experience through working on city council in the past, the time away from politics has helped him gain perspective, he said.

"I'm not sure I had any good reasons for running when I ran back then," Heminger said. "If I'm going to run for office, I'm going to run for real reasons and to really make change."

The beginning steps to get Heminger elected started in mid-January by first getting his name on the primary ballot through a petition of 75 signatures.

The Ward 1 council seat, which is the position Heminger is seeking, allows the council person to be in touch with their

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### Bush-Cheney protégé runs

By Russ Zimmer  
REPORTER

Sophomore Ashley Hartlett has devoted a lot of her time to public service, and now she has her sights set on the Ward 1 city council seat.

Running as a Republican, Hartlett cites her people skills and past volunteer work as qualifications for her candidacy.

Hartlett was hired by the Bush-Cheney 2004 election campaign for door-to-door solicitation and to attract new members to the campaign team. She is currently slated to be the treasurer of "Campus Buddies," a mentoring organization.



ASHLEY  
HARLETT

"We take a child in a single parent family and we try to be there for them like a big brother or big sister," Hartlett said.

In St. Mary's, Ohio — her hometown — Hartlett works at a hospital preparing meals and supplements for patients. For spring break, Hartlett will be heading to Florida with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes destroyed by the hurricanes, but after she gets back she plans to devote her attention to the campaign.

"I plan to talk with students, and USG

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### Nickens looks for success, second run

By Bob Moser  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

University student Nathan Nickens reached for the sky on Nov. 2, 2004, securing almost 40 percent of the vote in the state Senate race for Ohio's 2nd District.

Building off his experiences from that loss, Nickens is eager to speak for on-campus residents of BGSU as the Ward 1 representative. He will be one of three local Democrats competing for party support in the May 2005 primary election.

For Nickens, issues between students and the community that are currently being debated — like zoning and the nuisance party law — are prime examples of the need to have a student on city council.

"Right now without a student rep. on council we're left with seven people that are trying to know what students feel, and are trying to pretend they are aware when creating laws," Nickens said.



NATHAN  
NICKENS

"Student groups could have the capability of speaking to council if they can't come to the meetings on Monday because they'll have a council person [himself] com-

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## Event will aid in grads' job hunts

Teaching weekend will focus on lesson planning and careers.

By Laura Hoesman  
REPORTER

Graduate students will have the opportunity to learn how to teach and search for jobs more effectively at the First Annual Teaching Weekend, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Education Building rooms 347 and 351.

The single day seminar, planned by the Graduate Student Senate will include 12 workshops including syllabus design, leadership in the classroom, job-searching, vitae writing, eliminating discrimination in the classroom, getting students involved in class, managing online classes and teaching in different educational institutions.

"In all cases, there is a great need for anybody to have professional development," said Nicky Damania, graduate assistant in the Center of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives for LGBTIA-Q Programs. Damania, who will be teaching the anti-discrimination workshop, added that Teaching Weekend will be a good opportunity for graduate students who teach to develop their instructional skills, through the very small commitment of a few hours.

Graduate students will be able

to attend a maximum of six workshops, as two are offered at the same time during each hour of the program.

At 2 p.m. there will be a question and answer session with a panel of four current teaching assistants.

The event will be free for University students and \$10 for any guests who attend. Lunch will be provided.

According to Damania, the GSS — which hosted Thesis and Dissertation Weekend last semester — hopes that Teaching Weekend will be successful in its first year of existence.

"I think that it is important for graduate students to have this kind of opportunity when their academic training may not provide them with some of the skills needed to teach in the classroom," said Carolyn Duven, GSS Programming Chair.

The weekend's workshops will be taught by a variety of different people on campus including representatives from Career Services, the Office of Residence Life and the College Student Personnel Program.

"We were not limited to people in the education realm or people who have been directly related to Graduate Student Senate," Duven said. "We went all over to look for people to present."

According to Duven, the workshops are not only for graduate students who teach.

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## Hefner recounts personal experiences in 'last lecture'

By Audrey Weber  
REPORTER

Keep on going.

These three little words were the basis of Dennis Hefner's presentation last night in the Union Theater for the first "Last Lecture Series."

This new series of speeches sponsored by the BGSU Mortar Board looks at what people would talk about if it were their last presentation.

In his presentation, Hefner, associate director and recruiting manager for the Career Center, described what it is like to live his own career dream and gave the audience guidelines to looking at their own life and career goals.

"You have somebody here who loves what he does," Hefner said. "I love my career. I'm not sure I could be doing anything more important in the world than what I do right now," he said.

From a young age, Hefner said he felt he had to do something big with his life. After trying football and ending up in the hospital, he knew the athletic path was not for him.

He then tried flying, but not in the conventional way. While attempting bike tricks, Hefner said he flew into the air, only to land in a hospital once again.

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## Cigarette ads target women

By Laura Collins  
REPORTER

University graduate student Michelle Grindstaff presented "Women, Smoking and Advertising: Have We Come a Long Way, Baby?" yesterday to students and faculty members in Hanna Hall.

The presentation, a part of the Women's Center's Brown Bag Lunch series, discussed strategies tobacco companies use in their advertisements to entice female consumers.

The pressure to be thin and women want for gender equality are two of the issues that cigarette advertisements focus on when selling their product to women, Grindstaff said.

The media also plays a large role in creating so-called beauty and gender norms that unrealistically portray women's bodies in society,

*"You can get throat cancer from smoking. You're not going to find your voice, you're going to lose it."*

MICHELLE GRINDSTAFF, GRADUATE STUDENT

she said. For example, the average model is 5-foot-11-inch and 117 pounds, while the average woman is 5-foot-4-inch and 140 pounds. Tobacco companies use the fact that many women are looking for ways to lose weight, by healthy and unhealthy means, as a marketing tool, she said.

"Smoking is one example of the destructive behaviors encouraged in the media to achieve unrealistic

standards of beauty for women," she said.

The other common theme that appears in cigarette ads is that smoking promotes gender equality. It sends that message that if you smoke, you'll be one of the guys, Grindstaff said.

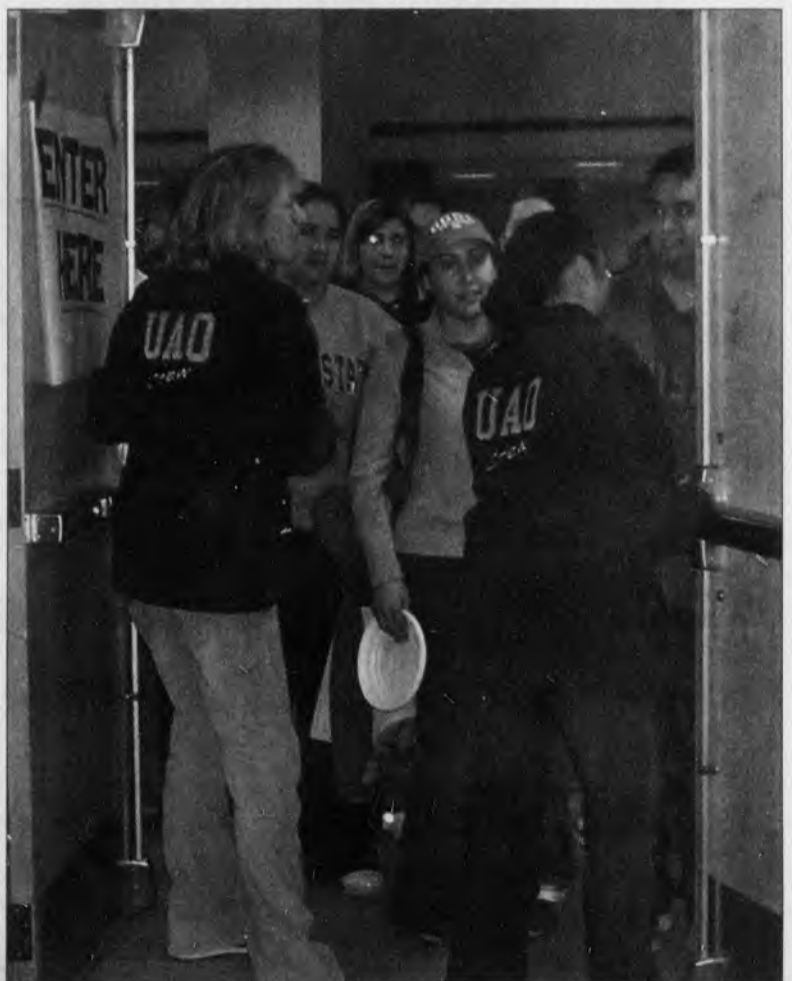
She also discussed ads that target women by using the phrase "find your voice." Since it has often been a metaphor for speaking out, it looks like it promotes gender equality, she said.

"You can get throat cancer from smoking. You're not going to find your voice, you're going to lose it," Grindstaff said.

She closed her presentation by presenting different ads from magazines that show the themes discussed. Understanding what the ads are doing is one way to

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## OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Ashley Kuntz BG News

**ROCKERS:** At 9 p.m. last night, the University Activities Organization opened the doors to allow a line of students that wrapped around two floors of the Union, to buy tickets for their spring concert featuring Jason Mraz. One fan, Alex Garcia, said that he had been in line since 9 a.m. At last count, UAO had sold at last count 1,381 tickets with roughly 1,400 left.

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

FRIDAY



Snow Showers High: 34° Low: 17°

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 30° Low: 21°

SUNDAY



Mostly Cloudy High: 40° Low: 31°

MONDAY



Showers High: 39° Low: 25°

# Nickens organizes policy strategy for city council run

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ing to their meetings." The passage of Bowling Green's nuisance party law this past fall resulted in student complaints of vague wording, which did not specify what kind of parties were off-limits.

Nickens said that the ambiguity of this law could have been avoided by having a student on city council.

"A student on council would have looked at it [proposed law], read it, and shown it to students," Nickens said. "They'd say 'it's too broad' and look at specific parameters you're going to address."

For 30 years, the number of unrelated students renting an off-campus house has been limited by the city's zoning ordinance. Now that the issue has come to a head within the

community, Nickens hopes that all facets of the landlord/tenant relationship can be looked into.

"There are some landlords that are taking advantage of the students," Nickens said. "Putting them in housing that is sub-par, not taking care of the upkeep of the place. In that case we need to shut those people down and put them on a train out of the city. What we really need to do is ... stand up and speak for a student bill of rights, a renter's bill of rights in the community."

A plan of action for the city's zoning ordinance is something Nickens hopes to put in the hands of Bowling Green voters.

"It [ordinance change] needs to be written up as an initiative, which I'm willing to help with," Nickens said. "It's something that needs to be done so that the entire community can speak

on it."

With that being said, he can see why the current city council has come down so hard on landlords who have not enforced the zoning law, which has been on the books in Bowling Green since 1975.

"I know that we can't reward landlords that break the law," Nickens said. "On the other hand, students have the right if they see, which I can agree with, that the law may need to be changed."

Like many freshmen, Nickens came to the University four years ago as a music major with an inherent ignorance about who he was, and where his life was headed.

"Go figure that a 17-year-old would assume that he's lived everything in his life," Nickens said.

During his first year of college Nickens began going to political meetings and watching television channels like CNN, "which I used to think was dorky," he said.

Almost instantly something clicked inside.

"I realized the power that individual people can have on their government," Nickens said.

After working on Ward 2 representative Mike Zickar's 2003 campaign, Nickens found that his true passion was politics, and has dedicated himself to the drive for public office ever since.

The advantages Nickens has as a student may serve him well in Ward 1, according to Zickar.

"His advantage is being close to the students in age," Zickar said. "It just adds a different perspective to city council."

Ward 1 competitors have

recognized what Nickens could contribute as well.

"Nathan's very driven," said Sarah Tomaszewski, who will be one of Nickens' opponents in the May Democratic primary. "I saw that during his campaign for congress. He really makes educated decisions when he does get involved in things."

The importance of having a student representing other students can not be stressed enough by Nickens. Ultimately if he is elected in November 2005, two years from then he will make way for another student.

"I would hope that in two years there will be a strong student that'll tap me on the shoulder and say 'Nathan get out,'" Nickens said. "Because if we don't have a student on council we're losing that effective voice for people in the city."

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NATHAN NICKENS, STUDENT CANDIDATE

## Weekend teaches teachers

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"It's not just for TAs," she said. "It is also for all graduate students on campus. For example, I do not have a teaching assistantship, but I'm going to the conference, not only because I'm running it, but because I'm interested in learning about these things."

Duven hopes the outcome of Teaching Weekend will be a new

annual program for the GSS.

"I think that this will be a very beneficial program on campus, and that if it is successful once, hopefully it will just build in years to come," Duven said.

"Especially after reading some of the topics that people are presenting, stuff that I never would have thought about, I think it will be really important and really good for the graduate students on

this campus.

"It will be a good opportunity for them to have a connection and something to do every year around this time."

*Editor's Note: To pre-register for Teaching Weekend, graduate students can go to the Graduate Student Senate office, in Union room 401 or wait until the event to register on-site. The GSS office can be contacted at 419-372-2426.*

## Candidate looks to Greeks

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constituents and to provide them with a voice in local government.

"It's the most local of local forms of government," he said.

The recent zoning issues that affected many University students last semester is just one example of the lack of communication between the current ward council person and the students, Heminger said.

"One of the reasons students were so upset about it is because they felt all of the sudden this ordinance, which has been on the books for about 30 years, has just now been strictly enforced," he said. "That's where whoever is elected is going to need to be able to bridge the gap, work to protect neighborhoods and at the same time work to make students feel as if this really is a University community and they play an important part of that University community."

Heminger feels he has the ability to eliminate the separation that exists between permanent residents and students due to his accessibility.

"I'm the one with the most roots in Bowling Green," he said. "I graduated with two degrees from the University, I own a home in the ward, I work at the University so I'm able to relate to the folks who own homes and I'm also able to relate to students on campus."

Heminger recruited a group

*"Not a lot of Greek students are registered to vote in Bowling Green. Their voice usually isn't heard when it comes to local issues and they represent a pretty big portion of the city."*

GORDY HEMINGER, STUDENT CANDIDATE

Humberger said. "Without the University, Bowling Green would be just a dot on the map. I think he realizes that and realizes that the students don't have a voice and he wants to give them more of a voice."

The daily interaction Heminger incurs every day at the University gives him an advantage over other candidates, said Aaron Shumaker, treasurer for Heminger's campaign.

"He's willing to come to organizations and speak and he is passionate about anything he invests his time into," Shumaker said. "I definitely think he would be able to more accurately represent the student's opinion."

Tony Wagener, the coordinator for Democratic Outreach for Heminger's campaign, is originally from Maumee where Heminger first served on city council and has witnessed his determination.

Once students become aware of Heminger and his stance on issues, more will be inclined to vote, Wagener said.

"Because of Gordy's life at BG, which is what he dedicates his life to, I think that will bring students out to support him," he said. "He's not just a student, he's not just a permanent resident, he's everything. He has an intimate knowledge of the issues."

Heminger strives to make a difference in the lives of students through his job at the University, Wagener said.

"He's not just a suit that works at the University," he said. "He works for the students and he's there for us. He has a vested interest in making the community better."

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# CAMPUS

## get a life

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

**All Day**  
Works by the Student Art Association, "Student Art Education Association 2nd Annual Art Exhibition"  
*Union Art Galleries*

**All Day**  
Annual Undergraduate Art & Design Exhibition  
A juried selection of art in all media by freshman, sophomore and junior students in the BGSU School of Art.  
*Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankleman Galleries, Fine Arts Center*

**10 a.m.**  
President's State of the University Address. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m.  
*Lehnart Grand Ballroom*

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
NAACP Scholarship Pageant Info Table, Sponsored by NAACP  
*Union Lobby*

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
Voter registration table, Sponsored by the College Democrats  
*Union Lobby*

**10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Outreach Information Table, Sponsored by the Career Center  
*Union Lobby*

**10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
USG Information Table  
*Union Lobby*

**11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Dance Across Europe Raffle, Sponsored by Dance Marathon  
*Union Lobby*

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Finer Womanhood Week Table  
Zeta Phi Beta will be doing a fundraiser for sickle cell anemia, taking donations for the Jump rope-a-thon, and signing up volunteers.  
*Union Lobby*

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Bake Sale, Fundraiser sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi  
*Education Building Steps*

**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Petition Drive, Sponsored by Amnesty International  
*Union Lobby*

**11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
GeoJourney Geology Field Program Info and Recruitment  
Sponsored by Geology Club  
*Union Lobby*

**1 - 5:30 p.m.**  
Kill Bill 24 Letter Writing Campaign  
Sponsored by Graduate Student Senate  
*Union Lobby*

**1:30 - 5 p.m.**  
WBGU-FM Community Involvement Campaign Table  
*Union Lobby*

**5 - 9 p.m.**  
Student Union's Pre Spring Break Party. The Union presents a Pre-Spring Break Party that offers half-off drink specials from 5 to 6 p.m., live DJ, temporary and jeweled tattoo's, free psychic readings and door prizes awarded throughout the night. This is one beach party you will not want to miss. For more information contact: Cheryl Smith 419.372.9009  
*Black Swamp Pub*

**7 p.m.**  
International Careers Network  
The International Careers Network was created to help BGSU students explore career options in the international arena, whether in government, business, educational, travel, or other sectors. For more information contact: Martina Hanulova 101 Shatzel

**7 - 10 p.m.**  
Auction an Angel & Rent-a-Gen  
Sponsored by Kappa Alpha Order  
*Union Multipurpose Room*

**7 - 9 p.m.**  
LGBTQA Resource Centre: Domestic Violence. Sponsored by LGBTQA Resource Center  
*Union 318*

**9:30 - 10:30 p.m.**  
Undergraduates Against Disability Discrimination General Meeting  
For More Information: 372-6032  
*Union 201*

## Community attendance sought at planetarium

By Britney Lee  
REPORTER

People have been stargazing for centuries, and tonight that connection between the stars past and present will be the topic of discussion in the University's planetarium.

The event, brought together by the collaborative efforts of Kappa Mu Epsilon and the Math and Science Departments, will involve two multimedia presentations by Dale Smith, planetarium director and professor of physics and astronomy. The show will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Tickets for the show can be bought at the planetarium doors for \$2.

Between the two presentations, a contest and raffle are going to be held with prizes from Grounds for Thought and Lmaries, local business sponsors for the event.

A grand prize consisting of a five-course dinner for two at Cohen and Cooke in downtown Bowling Green will be given to the winner.

Dominic Marchi, president of KME, says that this event is very important to the organization because they are trying to get more members involved and get their name out on campus.

"We are encouraging not only all KME members to attend but all students in the mathematics and science areas," Marchi said. "There are so many connections between math and science and we feel this is a great way to focus on one such connection and offer all students a chance to learn something new and interesting."

According to Juan Bes, assistant professor in the Math Department and KME advisor, the first presentation will describe coordinate

systems used to record the motions of the sun, moon, planets and stars.

The second presentation will tell the story of how early cultures based their calendars on certain celestial cycles and how that evolved into how we keep time today.

Presenter Dale Smith has been at the University since 1983, overseen the development of the planetarium and created many of the planetarium's public programs.

Bes encourages community members and students who have an interest in math and science to attend and see the many things the planetarium has to offer.

"We have a great planetarium on campus and many people miss out on the chance to take advantage of it," Bes said. "This gives people a good opportunity to find out about it."

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QUOTE UNQUOTE

"Catholics are substantially underrepresented in investment banking ... and Jews are very substantially underrepresented in farming and in agriculture."

Harvard University president Lawrence Summers, in a recently released transcript of a talk on women in the sciences, discussing other underrepresented groups (Washington Post)

www.bgnews.com/opinion

# OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Smoking puts more women at risk

While more men smoke than women, the number of female smokers is on the rise while men are on the decline, according to a 2005 study released by Netherlands researchers.

Despite the increase of women beginning to smoke, cigarette smoking has proven to be more harmful to women than men. Moreover, lung cancer mortality in women has increased since 1985 and is anticipated to continue rising.

The health risks concerning

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women are heightened by the use of oral contraceptives, or the birth control pill. Smoking while on the Pill increases the risk of blood clots, which can result in a stroke.

Smokers over the age of 35 using the Pill are 22 times more likely to have a stroke than their nonsmoking counterparts not on the Pill, according to the Curry Health Center at the University of Montana.

Female smokers of all ages who are on the Pill are at an increased risk for blood clots as well, and subsequent stroke.

Other health effects of smoking in women include infertility, anxiety, blindness, chronic bronchitis and early meno-

pause, as well as cancers of the mouth, throat, pancreas, kidneys, bladder and cervix.

Health risks aside, as opposed to women today, women smokers in the early twentieth century were equated with having a poor character. After a 1928 advertisement in which women were told, "Instead of a sweet, reach for a smoke," smoking was portrayed as more socially acceptable, and began to rise, according to the National Research Center for Women & Families.

Smoking ad campaigns today continue to target women, capitalizing on female physical insecurities and want for gender equality. Cigarettes marketed as "slims" or "thins" are a subtle marketing strategy to remind women that smoking will help control their weight.

While all smokers should consider and weigh the risks of smoking, women should be especially cautious and aware of the risks involved. Those who already smoke should con-

sider quitting, and a number of available resources make this daunting task more attainable.

Information and help with quitting smoking can be obtained at the University Health Center. There, interactive presentations on quitting efforts can be requested. Also, quitting kits can be inquired about through the Center's clinic and pharmacy.

For further aid, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for a guide on kicking the habit.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Senate Bill 24 suffers from fatal flaws

Amanda Hooper's column "Senate Bill 24 has many flaws" was a wonderful example for showing the weakness in the justification for the bill in the first place and the fatal flaws in the actual bill that should kill it before it ever sees the light of day.

When Ms. Hooper asks "Who decides what subject matters do not pertain to the class or serve a purpose?" She senses the danger in setting up thought police and speech codes that must parallel a particular political administration. Shades of socialism seem to be cropping up in the strangest places these days. Even more telling was Hooper's realization that "the government has no right to legislate this marketplace that students choose to attend and pay for."

I couldn't agree more. Senator Mumper and the other legislators have NO right to meddle in a marketplace that has helped create the most robust and successful secondary education system in the world. The fact that tenure-track jobs are so rare, and that tenure is a long, difficult and drawn out process (one during which student evaluations are weighed carefully, along with expertise and service), ensures that the so-called liberal professors are subject to more difficult scrutiny than most people in the "real world" (I left the "real world" to come teach here — and teaching in a university is more difficult).

By the time a person is tenured; students, fellow professors, peers, administrators and even politically-appointed Regents and Trustees have had a chance to scrutinize and evaluate their classroom demeanor and evenhandedness. If Senator Mumper would like examine the arduous tenuring process instead of listening to out-of-state extremists, I'm sure academics would gladly oblige.

After all, professors are the brightest and best in their fields, and have stood up to the harshest of tests.

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### Student voices in city council on the rise

If the price of fur coats and fine wine went up as fast as our college tuition, our representatives in government would be on a one way trip to the set of the VH1's "The Surreal Life" — the place you go when your career is over. I saw that college students were being taken advantage of, and the cost of going to college was breaking our backs and keeping some of us from attending. Last year I ran for the Ohio Senate and took on a 20-year member of the Ohio General Assembly to fight for young people who don't have a voice in government.

I spent the last year advocating for us on the doorsteps and

community centers of this state. Over 60,000 people voted for me and with us. We scored an important victory and an important voice in the debate over the future of Ohio's budget priorities during that campaign.

I am running for the City Council from Ward 1 because I want the opportunity to fight for us again. As a BGSU student, a long time resident of our community and the Vice Chair of the Bowling Green Democratic Party, I offer a unique perspective as a student and a proven ability to work with permanent residents to accomplish positive results for our city.

We need to nominate a real Democrat who can be counted on to fight for us and advocate for the long term residents of this community. I offer myself as the only student in the field of Democrats. Our history is long and our future is bright. Let's stand together again and put responsible student leadership back on the City Council.

We have an opportunity to make a statement together on May 3, the Democratic Primary for this City Council seat. We have to say with a clear voice that we will no longer tolerate being ignored in the affairs of this city. It is time once again to put a student on City Council.

This place has already given so much to us, and we have a responsibility to make it even better for future students. Let's get out there, spread the word, and make this happen, together!

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### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

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"What could be better than Bowling Green?"

## Ann Coulter not to be taken literally

D.J. JOHNSON

Guest Columnist

Ann Coulter hates liberals with an undying passion. Although that's common knowledge and usually the first thing most people know about this conservative diva, you're probably thinking that that's not the best way to start an article in which the goal is to, in a way, glorify and defend her from those men and women who covet the safety of political correctness.

Yet, it's the truth. First and foremost, "political correctness" are two words that are not in Coulter's vocabulary, nor should they be. Why are we, as a society, so concerned with what other people want to hear? We've gotten to an unparalleled time in American history where we cannot voice what we truly think and want to say. Instead of honesty, we're forced to exist in the ever-narrowing confines of American appropriateness.

For example, if we see a woman on campus who wants to express herself by parting her hair in a purple Mohawk, we are now forced to acknowledge this as acceptable. Our honest opinions have become secondary to the perceived opinions of the perceived majority. Liberals now find that deviation from this ideology is implausible. Now, thank God, we have a woman who is not going to tolerate being "politically correct," or in layman's terms, live life as a societal android.

Yet, liberals scream that her brusqueness is an excruciating media problem and feel threatened that a woman has voiced her opinion. So they do what they do best: start with the name-calling. Coulter has been labeled as the most fascist, sexist, racist bigot to have ever lived. Because of her hard-to-grasp belief that women shouldn't vote, liberals call her "dumb," not taking into consideration that she is both a legal correspondent and a world-renowned attorney.

She's Satan to some, only because it becomes too difficult for liberals at times to actually dissect her arguments. BG News opinion columnist George Valko's comments on Feb. 21 serve as an example. After stating one of Coulter's

"Now, thank God, we have a woman who is not going to tolerate being 'politically correct,' or in layman's terms, live life as a societal android."

quotes, he simply states that "no one needs to comment on that." With no offense to Mr. Valko, that's simply bad analytical literature. That "comment," like so many other liberal "arguments," is nothing more than trash-talking about someone he doesn't like.

My favorite Ann quote sums up her philosophy on life. She once said, "Democrats couldn't care less if people in Indiana hate them. But if Europeans curl their lips, liberals can't look at themselves in the mirror."

Whether you agree with the war on terror or not is one thing, but to actually base your opinion about the war on what France thinks of it is treasonous. Many people know that but are afraid to speak out about it. Coulter, contrary to popular speakers like Michael Moore and Al Franken, loves her country and is not going to allow liberals' fear of foreign ridicule get in the way of truth. Like Coulter once said, "usually the nonsense liberals spout is kind of cute, but in wartime their instinctive idiocy is life-threatening."

In her 2002 best-selling book "Slander," she stated that the "gravest danger facing most black Americans today is the risk of being patronized to death." Her belief is that nowadays, many of the problems that members of the black community are internal and blacks are being perceived as helpless. Does this make her a racist? Did she ever say, or even insinuate, that she doesn't like black people?

But our society, who loves to oversimplify life, sees blacks being portrayed in something other than a victimized light and, without thought, portrays her as a racist. It's similar to the Cosby controversy, and as was the case with this newly-defined "race traitor," liberals feel that anyone who states a somewhat-conservative opinion should be a Constitutionally-denoted

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# Giving more support to American veterans

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The morality police demand that George Carlin's seven "filthy words" be unspeakable. They insist that Janet Jackson's right breast be unviewable. They soak the Federal Communications Commission with complaints about anything incidental to sex on broadcast TV, sanitizing it of everything creative that someone older than 12 might want to see.

The coup de grace? We couldn't watch "Saving Private Ryan" on Veterans Day — Veterans Day! — because our ABC affiliate was afraid that realistic violence and soldiers' profanity might offend (that's right) the morality police.

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What a joke. You want to know what's profane? What's really obscene? The phrase

"homeless veteran." Our stomachs should turn at the sight of 20-25 of them being honored with a hot meal and a salute.

Respect for their service was organized by the University's Air Force ROTC and Peace Village, an organization started by a University of Cincinnati social work professor, and I say bless them for it. But where is our government?

You know, the one that recruited and trained these folks, that used their skills to the fullest, maybe even ordering them into combat?

Yeah, that government.

Take another example: I recently met a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom who says he injured his back while on duty there as a truck driver. He says that the military promised him the surgery he needs to fix it, but that they've reneged and now he doesn't know what to do. Other soldiers' testimonies to Congress earlier this week echo such claims.

If the morality police mass-mailed and blast-faxed the White House, the Pentagon, the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Congressional

Armed Services committees, and told them to fully care for these men and women (and I mean now), we could only applaud its success in forcing Washington to treat our veterans decently. Too bad the morality police's idea of "decency" is about everything but.

There was a piece in The Washington Post last November by Frank Schaeffer, the father of an American Marine who had just finished serving in the Middle East.

Schaeffer wrote with the moral clarity of a man who didn't care a tinker's damn about politics, politicians or personalities. He criticized the degenerate discrepancy between our words and our deeds; our "support" for the troops with miles of yellow ribbon and our casual indifference to them with dismal survivor benefits.

Schaeffer noted how families of stockbrokers killed in the World Trade Center each received millions in benefits, even as soldiers' families now get a death benefit of \$12,000. The president's new budget

would increase that amount to \$100,000, but that seems impressive only by comparison. Massachusetts, for example, is matching that contribution by itself for its Guard members killed in action. What if the president repealed a fraction of his millionaire tax cuts and spent it on military families and homeless veterans instead? Shouldn't Washington do more than Boston?

Discussing how badly we treat America's veterans is easy politics. For columnists and politicians alike, you can never go wrong decrying the state of veterans' affairs, pounding the table in a sanctimonious rage. Just this side of sanctimony, however, is candor — a determined candor that warrants more than nodding recognition, a hot meal and a yellow ribbon. It demands vigorous action to care for every homeless and mentally ill veteran, as well as the injured vets who ask only for what they've earned.

It is time Americans serve their veterans as they served us. It is our responsibility and it is our honor.

# TV downplays homosexuality

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For the first time that I can remember, an episode of "The Simpsons" wasn't started with the familiar theme song. Instead, it was preceded by a parental advisory, stating that the episode would deal with same-sex marriage.

The episode involved Marge's sister, Patty, announcing she was gay, and then eventually getting married after the town of Springfield legalizes gay marriage.

Now I could easily go on a big tirade about "The Simpsons" — not necessarily about the show, where they seemed to represent both sides of the same-sex marriage argument pretty proportionally — but more about their decline as a sitcom and these political jabs they call episodes are like watching a loved one slowly die as you stand by helpless.

What I do think is important is the warning before the episode. Now for children, this may be understandable. Children may need time to deal with issues like this rather than watching cartoons dish out both sides. But this warning seems to be a microcosm of current American culture in regard to homosexuality on television.

The comfortable heterosexual relationship showcased on "Will & Grace" is what Americans like to see. Although he is gay, Will is a masculine man living with a beautiful girl. The effeminate and promiscuous Jack is the embodiment of every gay stereotype imaginable, and his flamboyancy is easily dismissible.

No real homosexual relationships are shown or explored in great detail, and the main relationships are between men and women, all to the tune

of self-deprecating camp humor to appease all the homophobes out there and slowly integrate American society with homosexual culture.

When it comes to homosexual relationships on television, it seems the public keeps a blind "out of sight, out of mind" attitude.

Ellen has too much of the show revolving around her same-sex relationship? Cancel it! People want to see a guy and a girl living together happily. Even if he's gay? Sure, okay!

Just recently the PBS children's show "Buster on the Town" had to cancel an airing of an episode where Buster, a talking white rabbit, goes to Vermont and visits kids making maple syrup.

The only problem U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings had was that the episode showed two same-sex couples who were the children's parents. They were all women and although their involvement was minimal in the show (the only remark Buster makes is "That's a lot of moms!"), Spellings withheld the episode from more than 300 stations nationwide.

This comes in the wake of people accusing SpongeBob Squarepants of ingraining a sense of homosexuality in children today.

What can be done by showing normal kids as they are with their parents that just happen to both be women?

It seems that the sense of homosexuality acceptance that was sparked by the likes of Ellen DeGeneres is beginning to subside into a sense of uncalled for censorship and overprotection by government officials.

The only way for homosexuality to be seen as something normal is for it to be shown just as that. And if people like Spellings keep attempting to have it drawn and quartered before it hits airwaves, then society is just breeding ignorance, all buffered with enough warning to change the channel.

# Coulter points need to be dissected

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criminal.

The goal of this column is not to make you fond of Ann. Actually, the fundamental truth is that if you have more in common with the socialist party than basic American ideals like the majority of the Democratic party these days, then you won't like Ann and she won't like you. It's a similar relationship to the conservative party and the shameless Michael Moore with the only difference being that Moore's defunct arguments are painfully inferior to those of Coulter's, lacking logic and a general sense of intellect.

On the contrary, the point is to get you to come to more of an appreciation of Coulter's honesty and frankness. All of her books have been on the New York Times bestseller list, so educate yourself about America and check one out.



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**Chiquita acquires 'fresh' product to stock**

By John Nolan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
CINCINNATI (AP) — Chiquita Brands International Inc. plans to purchase the market leader in bagged salads, adding the lettuces to its bananas in supermar-

ket produce aisles and joining a business that's growing because of health-conscious shoppers. Chiquita, a leading banana grower that also sells fresh-cut fruit, announced yesterday it will pay Performance Food Group Co.

\$855 million in cash for its Fresh Express salads subsidiary. Performance Food shares climbed \$2, or 8 percent, to close at \$27 in trading yesterday on the Nasdaq Stock Market, while it has traded in a range of \$20.99 to \$35.94 in the last year. Chiquita shares rose 5 cents to close at \$22.05 on the New York Stock Exchange, at the high end of its 52-week range of \$15.56 to \$23.09.

The deal will reduce the company's reliance on banana sales, especially in Europe where Chiquita fears a possible tariff increase, Chiquita spokesman Mike Mitchell said.

"I believe this is the most important strategic and transformational move the company has made in decades," said Fernando Aguirre, Chiquita's chairman and chief executive officer.

The acquisition will make Chiquita the leader in bagged salads.

Fresh Express has 40 percent of what Chiquita estimates as a \$2.7 billion market for prepackaged salads. Chiquita says the market is growing by 10 percent annually, as health- and convenience-minded consumers more frequently buy the pre-washed and prepackaged salads that sometimes include carrot slivers, croutons and salad dressing packages.

The large amount of people trying to control their weight should make the deal a winner, Chiquita investor Richard Haydon said. "This, from our perspective,

has the potential to create a far better company," said Haydon, a partner with the New York-based Omega Advisors investment firm that owns 5 percent (2.2 million shares) of Chiquita's 40.9 million outstanding shares.

Chiquita will take over Fresh Express' fresh-cut fruit products, which are sold to 85 percent of the United States. That compares with Chiquita's cut fruit sales in 10 Midwestern states.

The deal will put Chiquita among the top of the fresh-cut fruit market, but the company still would not be close to category leader Fresh Del Monte, said Heather Jones, an analyst who follows Chiquita for BB&T Capital Markets in Richmond, Va.

"This gives them a platform that they might be able to catch up very quickly," Jones said. "That's important because it's a fast-growing category."

Chiquita also will gain access to Fresh Express' restaurant customers including McDonald's Corp., Taco Bell and fried chicken seller KFC, Aguirre said.

Banana sales now account for 56 percent of Chiquita's revenues, but that will drop to 42 percent after the Fresh Express acquisition, Aguirre said.

"Of course, bananas will continue to be our signature product. But by this transaction, we continue to reduce our reliance on a single product and a single region," Aguirre told analysts on a conference call.

Cincinnati-based Chiquita generates about 72 percent of its

revenue in Europe. With Fresh Express, it will make 55 percent of revenue in Europe and 45 percent in North America. Salads will account for about 20 percent of Chiquita's sales. Fresh Express, based in Salinas, Calif., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Performance Food Group. Fresh Express will remain based there.

The deal is expected to close in the second quarter, and Chiquita hopes to keep the management of Fresh Express.

Chiquita estimates it will save about \$20 million annually by consolidating facilities and through other cost-saving measures.

Since emerging from Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in 2002, Chiquita has made several moves to reshape its business.

It invested in a company to support production of plastic packaging to keep bananas looking appetizing longer in stores and bought a German produce distributor. Chiquita also turned over 7,400 acres of banana plantations to a worker-owned cooperative for \$20 million and sold a vegetable canning business.

The announcement came a day after Chiquita reported its profit more than tripled in the fourth quarter.

The increase resulted from favorable European exchange rates, improved banana pricing in Europe, higher banana volume in North America and higher sales of other fresh produce, the company said.

**FCC: AT&T skirted law, must pay back taxes**

By Genaro C. Armas  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators ruled yesterday that AT&T skirted the law by failing to pay fees on its popular prepaid calling cards, a decision that could cost the company about \$500 million.

AT&T contended that the cards should not be subjected to the fees, which go to local phone companies to cover their cost for connecting calls on their lines and to a federal fund that subsidizes phone and Internet service in rural areas, schools and libraries.

The company used to pay the fees, but in 1999 it added advertisements heard when one made a call using the prepaid cards. The ads, AT&T argued, made the cards an "information service," which are exempt from fees. But the Federal Communications Commission ruled the ads are incidental to the underlying telecommunications service offered to the cardholder.

"Companies cannot engage in misdirection or word games to avoid their universal service obligations," FCC Chairman Michael Powell said.

AT&T reported that \$160 million in unpaid fees were for the "universal service" fund. The FCC said the company must file new statements with the government related to universal service contributions.

The remaining \$340 million are unpaid access fees to local phone companies.



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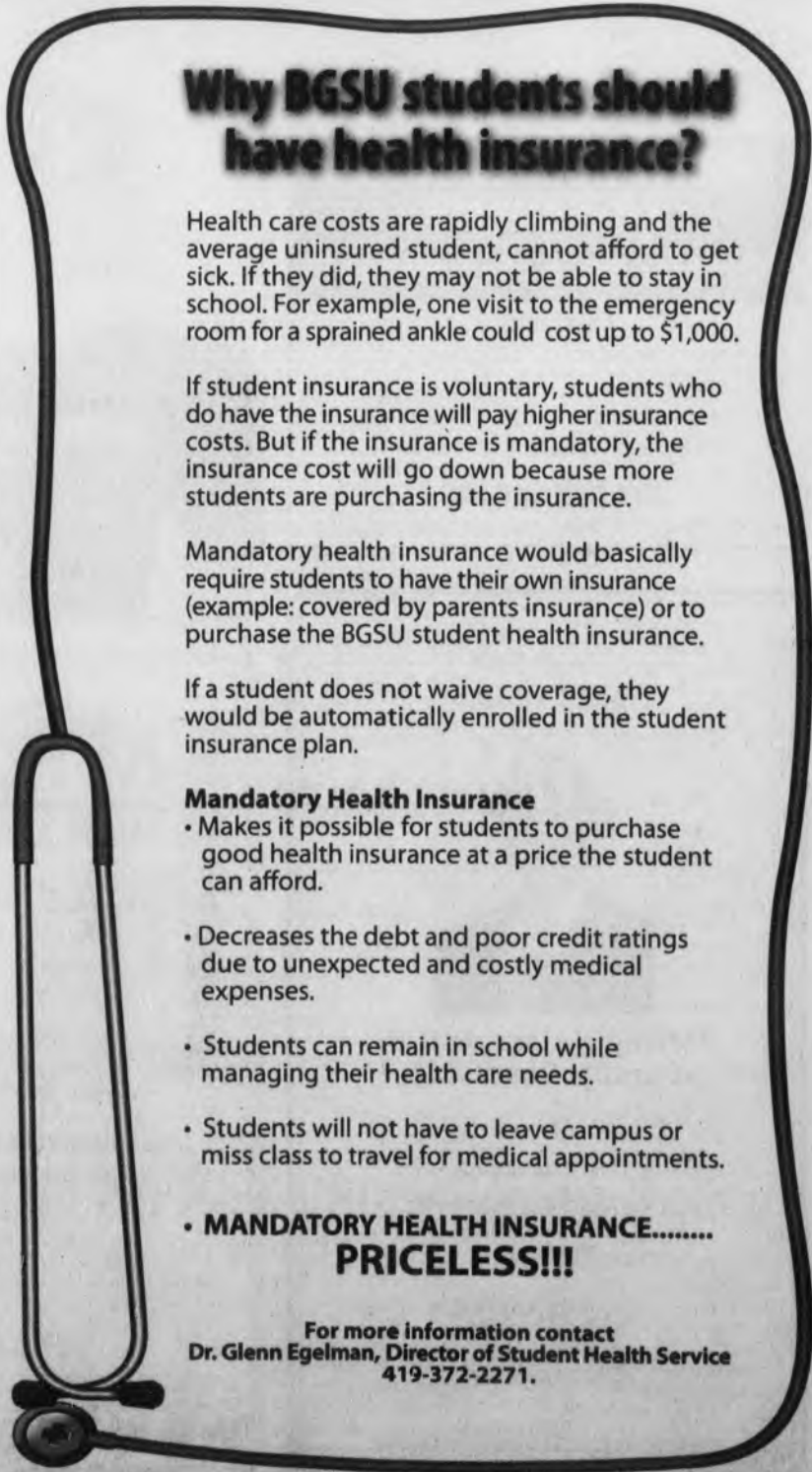
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# Victims to remain unnamed

By SARA KUGLER  
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NEW YORK — The city medical examiner's office says it has exhausted all efforts to identify the remains of those killed at the World Trade Center, confirming the heartbreaking truth for the many Sept. 11 families who wanted something, anything, to bury.

In the 3 1/2 years since the attack, forensic scientists have identified the remains of nearly 1,600 of the dead. But the families are now being told that the limits of DNA technology have been reached, leaving more than 1,100 of the victims unidentified.

For many of the families, any hope that their loved ones' remains might be found had all but slipped away long ago.

They buried caskets with photographs and mementos

instead of bodies. On holidays, they visit gravestones that mark nothing but a spot in the earth. For many, the trade center site in lower Manhattan, instead of a cemetery, is where they feel a connection to their loved ones.

A year after the attack, Ronald Fazio's family held a wake with a coffin full of keepsakes, knowing his remains might never be found but needing the ritual to move on. Photos of the family dog, sand from the Jersey shore and Fazio's favorite treat, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, were buried in a cemetery near their New Jersey home.

"It might seem like an artificial type of wake, but people there were connected to what was in that coffin as if it was my father," Robert Fazio said.

A mangled credit card was the only trace of Ronald Fazio

recovered in the more than 1.5 million tons of trade center rubble that rescue workers excavated for more than nine months. Out of nearly 2,800 victims, fewer than 300 whole bodies were recovered.

Forensic teams worked around the clock after the disaster to identify the dead via DNA from toothbrushes and combs supplied by the victims' families. During the monumental effort, the remains were kept in refrigerated trucks outside the coroner's office.

Nearly 20,000 pieces of bodies were found in the ruins - more than 6,000 small enough to fit in five-inch test tubes. The most matched to one person exceeded 200. More than 800 victims were identified by DNA alone.

Nearly 10,000 unidentified parts have been freeze-dried and vacuum-sealed for preservation in case advances in forensic technology someday enable scientists to identify the remains.

In many cases, the fierce fires, the crushing debris and other factors prevented scientists from extracting usable DNA.

"I feel very gratified that we got as far as we did, given the quality of the DNA that we had to work with," said Robert Shaler, director of forensic biology. "We know there's still some DNA there in some of these remains ... but we need other techniques to get at it, and when that happens we'll have someone on the job to look for new identifications."

The victims' families praise the medical examiner's office and the gentle way the staff handled the heartrending task. The medical examiner's office said it started calling families a few weeks ago and will probably send letters by next month.

"We really felt they did everything they could," said

Diane Horning, whose 26-year-old son Matthew was killed.

Four pieces of her son were identified - the first, shortly after the attack, and the last just a few months ago.

Like the Hornings, hundreds of relatives have been notified each time another piece was identified. As a result, many families postponed decisions about what to do with remains until now.

Others could not face the horror.

"I kind of pretend it didn't happen," said Maureen Shay of Staten Island, who lost her son, Robert. "Something was found, I don't know what it is, I don't want to know what it is. I prefer to think of him as whole someplace."

Some realized their loved ones' remains would never be found.

Eric LaBorie, whose wife, Kathryn, was a flight attendant on one of the jets that crashed into the trade center, said she was working the first-class cabin and was probably at the front of the plane.

"With the impact and the jet fuel, I just kind of knew that she had vanished into the air," said LaBorie, who lives in Providence, R.I. "I would have been really surprised if they did call me and tell me they found something."

Not having a grave and other rites of mourning was frustrating, he said. He has returned to the park in Bermuda where they were married and has thought of putting a bench there in her memory.

Like so many milestones since Sept. 11, Fazio said, the end of the medical examiner's work is "a message to some of us, that we need to remember our family members for who they were when their bodies were here in full, and live our lives knowing that."

# Connery accused of being unneighborly

By Samuel Maul  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A downstairs neighbor of debonair James Bond actor Sean Connery has filed a \$30 million lawsuit alleging he's a bully who's trying to force the family out of the townhouse they share.

"Notwithstanding the cinematic James Bond image of consummate finesse, the defendant Connery, in true Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde fashion, acts the part in real life of a bully who ignores norms of neighborliness and decency," the court papers say.

Dr. Burton Sultan, an ophthalmologist, lives with his wife and daughters on the lower four floors of a six-story Tudor townhouse on Manhattan's East Side. Connery and his wife live on the top two floors.

Court papers claim the Connerys' renovations, which began in September 2001, are a source of constant noise, foul fumes, water leaks and a rat infestation. The lawsuit claims damage to the Sultans' home extended to their collection of

Victorian and early 20th-century wicker furniture.

The lawsuit also claims the famous upstairs neighbor is harassing the Sultans "by playing loud music at all hours and stomping about." On April 7, 2002, one of the Sultans' daughters knocked on Connery's door and requested quiet.

"Connery's appearance and behavior was that of a rude, foul-mouthed, fat old man," court papers say. "Cursing and otherwise using indecent language Connery demeaned Marla's father, refused to lower the noise and slammed the door in her face."

The court papers say the Connerys also owe \$15,747 in maintenance and utility payments — another ploy "to harass the Sultans into leaving their home."

The lawsuit includes a letter, purportedly from the Connerys' lawyer, stating: "I think if we tie him up in several lawsuits, hopefully this will either permanently subdue him or drive him out of the building."



Tina Fineberg AP Photo

**OH SEAN!** Scaffolding covers a six-story Tudor townhouse in New York, Tuesday. Sean Connery, who lives in the upper two floors of the townhouse, is being sued by Dr. Burton S. Sultan who, with his family, lives in the lower four floors of the building. Connery began renovations on the townhouse in September 2001 and was still at it last month, court papers say. Sultan's papers say his family has been subjected to "constant and deafening noise; foul air and noxious fumes;" water pouring through ceilings and walls, plaster falling from cracked walls and ceilings, and a rat infestation.



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**STILL MISSING:** Monica Iken poses with her wedding portrait. Her husband, Michael Iken, was killed in the World Trade Center attack. The New York City medical examiner's office said that they have been unable to identify his remains.

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## Hartlett brings fresh ideas, goals

HARTLETT, FROM PAGE 1

President Alex Wright has invited me to speak to USG," Hartlett said. She will be meeting with Mayor John Quinn next week to discuss ideas and issues.

Hartlett, 19, wants to bring new insight to the city council.

"I want to bring some new ideas and a fresh face to Ward 1," Hartlett said.

She plans to try to unite the student body more with the community. A middle childhood education major, Hartlett is currently a floor representative for hall council in Rodgers Quadrangle.

She was urged by College Republicans to declare her candidacy and filed the petition to run for city council on the day it was due. Hartlett has not prepared her positions on such issues as zoning laws and the nuisance party ordinance, but she plans on talking to students for inspiration.

"I'll be trying to get students more involved by finding out what they want for the city as a whole, as well as the campus," Hartlett said. The support that has been generated for Hartlett by peers like College Republican Chairman

Monika Winkler has been the driving force behind her run for city council.

"She would be a great representative because she is a young voice and she knows student issues," Winkler said.

As far as the other candidates go, Hartlett has respect for them but also confidence in her campaign.

"They will be hard competition, but with time, effort and communication with students — on and off-campus — I will be able to get the job done," Hartlett said.

Hartlett's run for the Ward 1 council seat is an exciting endeavor for her campaign manager Danielle Winters because of the candidate's passion for politics.

"She's been very active in the College Republicans. She's a real outgoing person, true to herself, honest and ambitious," Winters said.

Hartlett, who is considering a future run for an executive position in the College Republicans, was eager to become more politically involved.

"Every year we try to run a candidate and she came forward and wanted to do it," Winkler said.

## Grads, commit yourselves to finding a career: Hefner

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Hefner finally found a true interest and graduated with a degree in criminal justice, dreaming of being in the FBI. After he got engaged, however, his fiancé expressed concern with his field, and so he left that job behind.

"So I gave up my career for love, but I didn't have a backup plan," he said.

After enrolling in an MBA program at BGSU, Hefner spoke with the dean of the Career Center, who offered him a job on the spot.

"My first impression was to run," he said. "I had never thought about working in a college or university setting."

Although the job would involve public speaking, which he was never fond of, he decided to take it.

"That day, I said yes," Hefner said. "It opened the door to a whole new experience for me."

During the presentation, Hefner played the song "Fight the Good Fight" by Triumph for audience members as inspiration for participants to take control of their own future. Audience members also shared their own impressions of the song and what it meant to them.

Hefner also discussed the stresses students face in the college setting and what influences them most. Parents, faculty, friends and peers were all mentioned by the audience, yet Hefner believed these should not be the biggest influence.

"At what point do you look at yourself, and stop responding to the requirements of others," he said. "When do you look at what you want out of your life, what you want out of your career?"

But when looking at careers, students must also be aware of challenges they may face, Hefner said.

Hefner believes that although students feel they will have more time after graduation, time management is a big challenge in a career. The time spent as a student in college may not be that different from the time spent during a career, Hefner said.

"The time commitment with work will be very similar," he said. "Your academic career is absolutely perfect preparation for entering into the work world."

When students finally enter into the work force, Hefner believes there are four aspects to keep in mind for success.

Having good intentions, and remaining positive and productive on the job is a key to success.

"What happens is at the end of the day, you'll know that you had good intentions with people, with work, and you will be satisfied with yourself," he said.

Hefner also suggested keeping things simple. Scheduling too many events at once can keep people from enjoying what is most important to them.

Looking for a team and working together is also a large

part of a successful job. Things are easier said than done, he said.

"It's always easier to talk about things, and sit down with the details than necessarily carry them out," Hefner said.

Working with others can make these ideas happen, he said.

Finally, Hefner said that taking risks is a large part of life. "The defining moment in my career was when I was asked to go outside of my comfort zone [for my job]," he said. "I was taking a risk."

Hefner challenged students to find what defines them in the careers they are interested in and to look inside themselves to know what they want in a career. And by sharing his own personal experiences, Hefner was able to connect to the audience in a positive way, said sophomore Megan Tarsha.

"You could relate to him because he told stories from his own life," she said. "He's had downfalls too."

Junior Jason Whitaker also felt that the sharing of personal experiences by both Hefner and the audience made it a successful presentation.

"He got people more involved than him just talking the whole time," Whitaker said. "It was nice to have more of a group discussion."

*Editor's Note: The next "Last Lecture Series" presentation will be held March 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Union Theater with guest speaker Gene Poor.*

## Presentation raises media awareness

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combat it.

"It is important to resist media representations of women's bodies and challenge advertising that utilizes false notions of gender equality to sell products," she said.

Amy Schueter, a student at the University, said that the presentation served as starting place for many people who want to talk to others about advertising myths and the dangers of smoking.

"Knowing this information, it will be easier to talk to others about not smoking," Schueter said. "Also, it's more meaningful coming from someone you know rather than a commercial or something."

For more information on this topic, go to [www.tobaccofreekids.com](http://www.tobaccofreekids.com). For more information on the Women's Center and upcoming Brown Bag Lunches go to [www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/events.htm](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/events.htm)

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## BG SPORTS

### BRIEFING

#### Elste named MAC Specialist of Week

Bowling Green senior Kari Elste was named Specialist of the Week by the Mid-American Conference.

The senior tied a school record of 9,950 on the uneven bars, helping the Falcons establish a record-breaking score of 196.100 as a team.

She has placed first on the uneven bars three times this season and owns four of the top eight performances on the bars for the Falcons.

This is the second time this season she has been honored.

## Bonds talking a good game

JIM LITKE

AP Columnist

Barry Bonds talks a game every bit as good as the one he plays, and that's really saying something.

For 37 minutes during a televised news conference Tuesday, the San Francisco slugger talked about truth, justice, race, threats to the public health, the working man, jealousy, envy and fairness, pausing at one point to insist "Don't edit this, make it live."

He was, by turns, articulate, engaging, funny, informative, smooth, slippery, calculating and — since context is so important — very, very angry.

He was also in denial. "I don't know," Bonds said, "what cheating is."

Here's hoping the federal prosecutors in the BALCO investigation do, since the next time Bonds sits still for that many questions about steroids will take place only after he's been served with a subpoena. He won't set the ground rules then, won't dare dismiss the people questioning him as "liars," and he won't be able to punctuate every answer with a lecture about it being "time to move on."

During the grand jury phase of the BALCO investigation, those same prosecutors confronted Bonds with documents alleging he used a cocktail of performance-enhancers — steroids, human growth hormone, insulin and more — dating to his record-setting season of 2001. According to testimony leaked to a newspaper, he told them he didn't know what was in any of the concoctions his longtime

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Falcons roll over Marshall in battle of MAC monsters

By Elliott Schreiner  
SPORTS EDITOR

Kate Achter scored a career-high 27 points and hit six free throws in one trip to the line to lift the Bowling Green women's basketball team to a 73-62 victory over Marshall.

The win moved the Falcons to 11-3 in the Mid-American Conference and dropped the Herd to the same record.

The game that was touted as being a battle between MAC giants was just that as great efforts by both teams weren't reflected in the final score.

The championship caliber game brought out the best in the Falcons as their coach asked just about everything from his players.

"In four years, I'm not sure I've challenged the team as much as I did tonight," BG head coach Curt Miller said. "I was very demanding tonight."

His team responded though, turning in a performance that was more about their hustle than making big plays.

The Falcons shot just 35.4 percent from the floor on the game, but used a 48 to 33 edge in rebounding to edge the Herd. A number even more impressive than that was the 22 offensive rebound BG pulled in.

"The single biggest category tonight was offensive rebounding," Miller said. "For us not to fold and lose when we were outshot by our opponents is a credit to our offensive rebounding and not quitting."

That determination worked for the Falcons in two ways. Not only did they get more opportunities to score, but they also gave Marshall fits.

"It's a really tough thing to play 25 seconds of good defense, and then they get the rebound and we have to turn around and play another 25 seconds of defense," Marshall head coach Royce Chadwick said.

Even with the hustle from the Falcons, the Herd matched that intensity and made the game



Julie DiFranco BG News

TO THE HOOP: BG guard Kate Achter goes to the hoop against Marshall's KeShawna Curry last night at Anderson Arena. The Falcons won and are now in first place overall in the MAC.

close. The Falcons led by as much as 11 in the first half but only maintained a 32-27 lead going into the locker room.

The Herd wasted little time closing that gap more as they scored two baskets in the first 44 seconds of the second half to close the gap to one.

Marshall would finally gain a lead at the 16:37 mark when Marshall's Sikeetha Shepard-Hall buried a three from the corner bringing the score to 35-34 Herd.

That would set the tone for the next 3:59 when the two teams exchanged leads six times. But just as the Herd started to get back into the game, the Falcons went on a 16-4 run to build a lead they would not relinquish.

"I thought BG played an excellent basketball game tonight," Chadwick said. "They did everything they needed to

do to disrupt us."

Marshall also made some mistakes that hurt their chances at clinching the MAC East. The Herd had three technicals on the night — two from Shepard-Hall and one from Chadwick — that gave the Falcons a fair share of free throws.

The most important free shots came with 39 seconds left on the clock. After a foul was called on Marshall guard Kim Griffin, Achter was set to shoot two, but Shepard-Hall drew her second T of the game and Chadwick followed her up with another one.

Achter went on to hit six consecutive free throws to give BG their biggest lead of the night at 73-58 and bury any shot of a Marshall comeback.

For the Falcons, it was ignoring the antics of the Herd that played out big in the end. Their

intimidation factor has won some games for them, but BG was up to the task of standing up to the MAC East bullies.

"They win a lot of games before the tip," Miller said. "They intimidate teams but we talked to the team about not getting involved in that."

Alli Mann turned in a big performance for BG, scoring 19 and pulling down a career best 16 boards while Liz Honegger had 17 points and 11 boards — 11 of which came on the offensive glass. Their efforts helped put the Falcons in a good position heading into season's end.

"With two games to go we are in first place and that's where we want to be," Miller said.

The next team standing between the Falcons and a MAC title is Toledo. The battle of 1-75 is slated to start at 1 p.m. Saturday in Anderson Arena.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL



Julie DiFranco BG News

TO THE RACK: Steven Wright lays one in against UALR. Wright and BG lost to Northern in MAC competition last night.

## BG loses tough one in DeKalb

By Adam Hritzak  
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's basketball team could not knock down open shots and went through a 16 minute stretch scoring only eight points as they fell to Northern Illinois 72-61.

In the opening ten minutes of the game, the Falcons, who are now tied with Western Michigan atop the Mid-American Conference West Division, looked like they were cruising to victory as they led by as many as 11 points, but the Huskies came storming back and closed the half on a 24-6 run to lead 32-25.

As NIU's lead continued to grow, BG's shooting plummeted. The Falcons came in number one in the MAC in field goal percentage at 49.7 percent, but were held to 40 percent by NIU's zone defense.

The Huskies were able to up their lead to 20 points before the Falcons made a late push. BG got to within four points of the

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## Guyer a perfectionist on beams, floor and classroom

By Jessica Ameling  
SPORTS REPORTER

Bowling Green gymnast Jessica Guyer completes another high-flying floor routine. Over the noise of the crowd, you can hear her teammates chanting "10, 10, 10!" The judges nearly agree, awarding her a 9.950.

"Ter" is another word for perfect in the world of gymnastics and perfection is something Guyer is always striving for. Whether it is in the classroom, where she has a 4.0 GPA or in the gym, where she leads her team on the vault, floor and balance beam, she is constantly striving for excellence.

"I would say I definitely am [a perfectionist] and I think it's from gymnastics that I'm like that," Guyer said. "Just because I've grown up my whole life having to repeat things so many times until they're perfect, and I think it definitely carries over to school and every other thing that I do."

"Jessica realized early that success requires a commitment," her father, Dick Guyer, said. "She has always been willing to pay the price, whether in gymnastics or academics. Her desire to excel became evident at a very early age."

The junior Pre-Med major, who would like to do something with pediatrics, started gymnastics before she even started school.

"I was probably about 4 or 5 years old and I was just flipping around the house," she explained. "My parents said we have got to do something with her or else she's going to kill herself."

As a young gymnast, she competed for Buckeye Gymnastics and as freshman in high school, placed second in the all-around at the Level 10 junior nationals, only one step down from the Olympic level.

However, her success didn't come without a price.

"I definitely feel like I missed out in high school," Guyer said. "You're always training and you don't get to go out with your friends and do normal things. You miss a lot of the soccer and football games and all that. But now that I look back at it, it was worth it. I feel like I missed out then, but I feel like I've gained so much from it."

As a freshman, Guyer posted the team's top score on both the vault and floor. She also placed fifth at the MAC Championships on the beam and earned the 'Falcon Freshman of the Year' award.

As a sophomore last year, she experienced a major setback, having the second shoulder reconstructive surgery of her career. The injury forced her to sit out most of the season and



Mike Metzger BG News

KEEPING BALANCE: Bowling Green junior Jessica Guyer works the balance beam this past weekend in a meet in Bowling Green.

now prevents her from competing on the bars, and in turn, the all-around. There is a possibility she'll be able to start competing

on the bars next year, but it will run a risk of re-injury.

"I want to do it so bad but I don't want to go through hav-

ing to do another shoulder surgery again and rehab and all that stuff," she explained.

The silver lining that came from being sidelined from her injury is that it has helped motivate her this year.

"On those days that I don't want to come in it's just like, 'how would you feel if you were sitting out again?'" she said.

Self-motivation is a key ingredient for succeeding in a sport that requires up to four hours of practice, in addition to lifting and cardio during the pre-season, and three hours a day during the regular season.

With all of the time and effort required to succeed in this sport, one might ask "what makes it all worth it?"

"For me it's the sense of accomplishment that you get from it. Because you have to work so hard every day or so hard on just one skill to be able to get it to be perfect," Guyer explained.

"I think she was always an incredibly competitive person," her coach Dan Connelly said. "She wants to be the best and that's always where she comes from."

Her hard work is paying off big time. Guyer is leading her team on all three of her events, posting season-high scores of 9.950 on the floor, 9.825 on the vault and

9.850 on the beam.

Last week she was named MAC Specialist of the Week, and she has racked up 11 first place finishes on her three events this season. In addition, she owns the second best score in school history on the floor and fifth best on the vault, beam and all-around.

Despite all of her individual success, Guyer's number one priority is the success of the team. When she is not performing at a meet or practice, she is constantly cheering her teammates on.

"When you get here to college, it's a team sport and it's just the atmosphere of everyone wanting you to succeed and you wanting to succeed not just for yourself but for the team," she explained.

Despite all the time she puts into training and competing, Guyer still has a little time to be a normal college student. Her goal for the rest of the year? "Make it through o-chem," she said, only partially joking.

Guyer admitted many of her friends think she's crazy for competing in such a dangerous, time-consuming sport, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"It is what I do and what I love and I've gained so much from it. It's crazy. You have to be kind of crazy to do it."

As for a perfect 10 some day? "You never know," she said.

# Cincy puts Rijo, Davis in HOF

By Joe Kay  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outfielder Eric Davis walked into the visitors' clubhouse in St. Louis that day in 1984, as excited as any rookie getting his first call-up to the major leagues.

It didn't take long for the Cincinnati Reds' hotshot prospect to figure they weren't quite as excited to see him.

"I got called up and I don't know if they told (the clubhouse manager) that I was coming or not," Davis said. "When I got there, I made my appearance in my first game was with no name or number on my back."

"I guess I caught them by surprise. I felt I had to make a name and find me a number."

From now on, his name will be listed among the greats of Reds history.

Davis and pitcher Jose Rijo — the driving forces behind Cincinnati's 1990 World Series sweep of Oakland — were voted into the team's Hall of Fame on yesterday, the culmination of two careers that crossed at the right moment.

Davis' homer in the first game of the 1990 Series set the tone for a 7-0 drubbing at Riverfront Stadium. Rijo won that game, and the clinching fourth game as well, the highlight of his injury-shortened career.

Both repeatedly overcame health problems to prolong their careers, earning the esteem of fans and players alike. But it was their one championship season together that will always link them.

Rijo was the MVP of the series, shutting down a powerful Athletics lineup led by "Bash Brothers" Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire. Davis was the leader with his first-game homer and diving catch in the fourth game that sent him to a hospital with a lacerated kidney.

"It was definitely special for more than one reason," Davis said yesterday. "It had been (11) years since they'd been to the playoffs. To be part of something that brought glory back

to a city that had pretty much dominated for years, that was special."

Davis spent nine of his 17 seasons with the Reds, from 1984-91 and again in 1996.

In 1987, he became the first player in Reds history to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in a season.

He also played for Los Angeles, Detroit, Baltimore, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Besides the World Series title, Davis got to see Pete Rose break Ty Cobb's hits record in 1985 and Tom Browning pitch a perfect game in 1988.

*"My career in Cincinnati was a never-ending saga of great things that happened."*

ERIC DAVIS, FORMER RED

"My career in Cincinnati was a never-ending saga of great things that happened," Davis said.

Davis made two notable comebacks. He retired following neck surgery in 1994, but resumed his career with the Reds two years later. He also overcame colon cancer in

1998.

Rijo also made a remarkable comeback, overcoming five major elbow operations and a six-year absence from the majors. He rejoined the Reds in 2001 as a reliever, and was back in the rotation a year later. He started the final game at Cinergy Field in 2002, and more elbow problems finally ended his career a year later.

Rijo was returning to the Dominican Republic and unavailable for comment yesterday.

Unlike past years, when the local baseball writers voted for Reds Hall of Fame candidates, the club let fans do the choosing this year. Nearly 12,000 ballots were cast, with Davis and Rijo getting the most votes.

Harry and George Wright, who helped establish baseball's first professional franchise, also will be inducted. Harry, the older of the two brothers, was the Red Stockings' manager in their inaugural season of 1869. George played shortstop and was elected into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1953.

The four inductees will be honored before a game against Baltimore on June 11.

# Huskies attack Falcons from outside

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Huskies with just over five minutes remaining after a put back by John Reimold, but could not get any closer.

Reimold led all scorers with 22, 19 coming in the second half. Josh Almanson came out with a hot hand and had 12 points at the break, but struggled in the second half and finished with 14.

Cory Sims' 17 points paced the Huskies, while Anthony Maestranzi was right behind with 16. Maestranzi hit four three's in the game for NIU, who was second in the MAC in three-point shooting percentage coming into the game.

Outside shooting proved to be

key in the game as the Huskies displayed their precision from deep, hitting 11 of 19 three's. The Falcons tied a season-high with 23 three-point attempts, but hit just seven.

"I thought we got great looks, but we were taking them early in the possession," said Falcons head coach Dan Dakich. "On the road, you need somebody to step up and make (shots) and we didn't. We got really good looks, nothing inside though, and when you rely on the jump shot, sometimes you die by the jump shot."

BG came out firing from long as Reimold opened the contest with a three. Almanson hit two treys and John Floyd one during the Falcons early run. BG ended

up shooting 4 of 15 on three's in the first half, while attempting 11 two's.

NIU's zone seemed to frustrate the Falcons as they were unable to penetrate and score in the paint. Dakich decided to go with a lineup of Matt Lefeld and Scott Vandermeer, with Almanson on the bench, for a long stretch after half to try to attack the zone. The big men played tough, but the Huskies were able to match BG at the other end of the floor to keep the Falcons at bay.

"I just decided if we're gonna go down, we're gonna go down with some tough guys in there," Dakich said of the lineup switch. "I didn't think we were competing nearly like we should have."

BG has fallen victim to big runs in games recently, but managed to escape with wins. With their recent troubles in losing leads and allowing other teams to get back in games, Dakich knew a loss was coming if things did not change.

"(It was) ridiculous on our part to get down that much, but this has been coming. When you drop a 13-point lead like we did against Ball State, you drop a 20-point lead like we did against Arkansas-Little Rock, eventually (if) you keep doing that, it's gonna bite you and (NIU) certainly bit us," Dakich said.

The Falcons host MAC East leader Miami on Sunday in Anderson Arena at noon.

# Reimold leaving mark for BG

By Andrew Hemminger  
GUEST REPORTER

Rarely does a college basketball team win without having experienced leaders.

In 2002, Kent State produced quite possibly the best MAC team of all-time. The Golden Flashes racked up 30 wins on their way to the NCAA Tournament's "Elite Eight." That team featured Trevor Huffman, Andrew Mitchell and Antonio Gates. Together, they brought to the table more than a decade of college basketball expertise.

It is no secret that the senior leadership here at Bowling Green a season ago was lackluster at best.

It is a big reason why the Falcons battled through a 14-17 record a season ago. However, this year, things are different. The Orange and Brown are in first place in the MAC and the seniors have blown away all preseason expectations.

While Josh Almanson and Cory Eyink have been terrific on and off the floor, the focus of this article will be on MAC West Player of the Week John Reimold.

After transferring from Loyola where he scored 15.6 points per game and was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year, John has become the heart of the Falcons. Over the last three seasons at BG, the Greenville, Penn. native has steadied the Falcon scoring attack by averaging better than 15 points per night. In this his fifth season of collegiate hoops, Reimold, along with Almanson, leads the Falcons with 18 points per ball game and is currently in a tie for second in the league in scoring behind Central Michigan's Kevin Nelson (18.3).

On January 7th, in a 69-64 win over Marshall, John became just



Julie DiFranco BG News

**MY BALL:** Bowling Green forward John Reimold goes up for a rebound against Arkansas-Little Rock this past Saturday.

the 33rd player in BGSU history to eclipse 1,000 points. In his career, the 6-6 forward has tallied 1,215 points (20th all-time), knocked in 212 three-point field goals (1st all-time) and will without a doubt be named to this season's All-MAC team, if not the highest honor, the MAC Player of the Year.

Now, those were a bunch of numbers and statistics that may or may not impress you. But anyway you slice it, John Reimold is good. He's certainly not the biggest, the fastest or the most tal-

ented but he's damn good and he gets the job done.

The Falcons (16-7) take on Northern Illinois (9-15) tonight in DeKalb at 8:00 p.m. and return home to the "House that Roars" this Sunday in a huge MAC showdown with the RedHawks of Miami (17-6). Tip-off is set for noon and the contest has been tabbed the MAC Game of the Week and will be televised on FOX Sports Ohio.

Check out what coaches are saying about No. 14... Detroit Head Coach Perry

Watson... "Reimold was pretty damn good and shot the ball really well."

Northern Illinois Head Coach Rob Judson...

"Too much R & A. Not rebounding and assists but Reimold and Almanson. They're as good as anybody in the league and they pulled their team through..."

Toledo Head Coach Stan Joplin...

"Chasing Reimold, who is in constant motion, is a lot like John Havlicek (Boston Celtics legend)..."

Bowling Green Head Coach Dan Dakich...

"They (Reimold and Almanson) bailed us out. To tell you the truth like the All-Americans that they've been. I've never said that about them but that is what they've been."

"I'm not going to say he's the toughest guy in college basketball, but there is nobody tougher. I really believe that. I don't believe there is anyone tougher and here is what I mean by that. He digs out balls, he dives on things, when he gets into a crowd he rips the ball, I mean he is just one tough guy."

"...I've never coached a kid in my life that is tougher than John. And wants to win more than John and will do whatever it takes to win. It is no surprise that he makes a play, however it gets made."

"I think John Reimold, to tell you the truth, is a pro. I think he is an NBA guy if somebody gives him a chance. I've just seen enough pros and enough guys in practice to know what he is capable of doing and he's just really tough, really, really tough."

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# Steroid problem in MLB not worrying Bonds

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pal, personal trainer and BALCO bagman Greg Anderson handed him, and that he never checked out any of the ingredients with the Giants trainers or medical staff because he didn't trust them.

If that sounds hard to believe, consider this: When Bonds was asked Tuesday whether anybody else in baseball knowingly used steroids over the past 15 years, he replied, "You know what? I never — truthfully — I never really paid any attention to it, nor did I really care because I worried about me."

Apparently, Bonds just assumed all those teammates and opponents whose physiques blew up until they resembled inflatable dolls were spending

just as much time in the weight room as he was. And further, that all of them had pals like Anderson always at the ready, with a remedy for whatever ailed them. Viewed that way, the supersizing of baseball looks no more suspicious than what happens in a class at Jenny Craig, only in reverse.

Except almost nobody is buying it. Even those fans Bonds said have finally warmed up to him.

"I have probably gotten the best relationship with fans through all of this," he recalled, "than I ever have in my entire career ... coming over to me — the things that I've always wanted, to come over to me and just shake my hand and say, 'You know what? Who cares. You're a good ballplayer. You proved

it. You know, you've done this, you've done that. We're all supporting you."

"I've never heard that before," Bonds said.

Funny he'd say that, since just about every other disgraced ballplayer has heard it at one time or another.

Keith Hernandez was cheered when he returned to the ballpark after being involved in a cocaine scandal that plagued the game in the 1970s. Pete Rose got the loudest ovation at the All-Star game a few years back, despite being drummed out of baseball for gambling on his own team. Wil Cordero was accused of beating his first wife, pleaded guilty to assaulting his second and, because he knows how to hit a baseball, too, had little trouble finding jobs in several

towns with "supportive" fans. As recently as Monday, Jason Giambi was warmly received at the Yankees complex in Tampa, Fla., despite telling the BALCO grand jury tales about injecting steroids into his own butt.

But the hometown fans cheering for all those ballplayers didn't believe they had been wronged, just unappreciated. No one seriously doubts Bonds' immense talent, work ethic, or even his dedication, just his contention that the sum of those parts is all that went into the whole.

"If that's the case, we're going to go way back into 19th, 18th centuries in rehashing the past and we'll crush a lot of things in a lot of sports if that's what you guys want," Bonds said. "If you just want a lot of things out of the sports world, then we can go

back into the 1800s and basically asterisk a lot of sports if that's what you choose and that's what you want to do."

He's right, of course. Blacks and Latinos were excluded from the major leagues when Babe Ruth set his home run mark, and rumors of widespread use of amphetamines — known as "greenies" — were around when Henry Aaron set his.

And so the crucial difference might be that it is much tougher to look away at the moment than to look back — no matter how much or how often Bonds counsels otherwise.

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# Moss has new home in Oakland

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Randy Moss is heading for Oakland, the receiver's agent said yesterday.

Dante DiTrapano, Moss' agent, told The Associated Press that the Minnesota Vikings and the Raiders had "come to an agreement on Randy playing for Oakland next year."

Neither the Vikings nor the Raiders would confirm the deal, which was first reported by The St. Paul Pioneer Press on its Web site.

"We have had discussions with the Oakland Raiders, but there's nothing to announce," Rob Brzezinski, the team's vice president of football operations, told The Associated Press.

Raiders spokesman Mike Taylor declined comment on the trade reports.

DiTrapano said he didn't know the terms of the deal, but the Pioneer Press reported the Vikings would get linebacker Napoleon Harris, along with the seventh overall pick and a late-round pick in the upcoming draft.

The deal cannot become official until March 2, the start of the NFL's fiscal year.

"It's just like any other contract. There's a meeting of the minds between the people who negotiate for the Vikings and the people who negotiate for the Raiders," DiTrapano said. "It just hasn't been reduced to writing and it won't be until March 2."

The flamboyant Moss had been the subject of trade rumors following this past season. He struggled with a hamstring injury, but still finished with 13 touchdown catches. He was fined \$10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd



Morry Gash AP Photo

**FULL MOON OVER GREEN BAY:** Minnesota's Randy Moss pretends to pull down his pants in a Jan. 9 game against Green Bay this season. Moss's agent said yesterday that Moss would be traded to Oakland.

during Minnesota's playoff win. He also drew criticism for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a regular-season loss against Washington.

Team leaders Matt Birk and Daunte Culpepper confronted Moss after he walked off at Washington, and the organization's patience with the receiver seemed to dwindle in the past year or so.

"He's my good friend, but you almost get to thinking that maybe enough is enough," Culpepper said earlier this month at the Pro Bowl. "And maybe the Vikings organization has had enough."

DiTrapano said Moss was "very pleased to be going to Oakland and looking forward to playing with a team that's promised they're going to throw the ball deep a whole lot to him and

having a chance at winning the Super Bowl."

"He doesn't leave Minnesota with any grudges," DiTrapano said. "It just was frustrating for him to lose."

On Tuesday, the Raiders re-signed Jerry Porter, their star wide receiver to a contract worth \$20 million over five years. Porter could have become a free agent on March 2.

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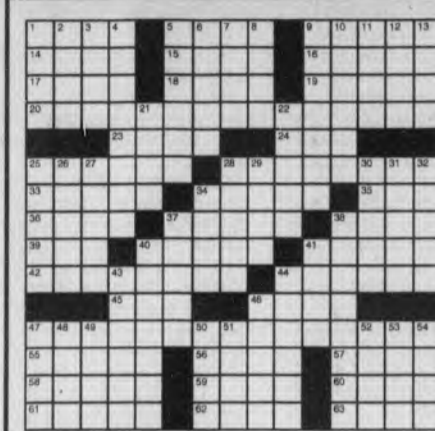
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  - Follow up a deletion
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  - Negative responses
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  - Lashes
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  - Jolly pirate?
  - Numerical endings
  - Shout of encouragement
  - Powerful person
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  - Astronaut Sally
  - Broadcasted again
  - Manning the helm
  - Most serene
  - Fricassee
  - More equable
  - Straying
  - incognita
  - Asks for alms
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  - Big band tote
  - Shade trees
  - Stringed instrument
  - Melange
  - NPR reporter Totenberg
  - Scottish Highlander

**ACROSS**

- Skiers' transportation
- Press
- Face the day
- Fabled also-ran
- contendere
- Passover feast
- One of the Baldwins
- Meté (out)
- Severe
- Start of Isaac Asimov quote
- Dove calls
- Groovy
- Queequeg, e.g.
- Votes in again
- Sharpens
- Duty lists
- Strike
- Eye part
- Part 2 of quote
- Bristle
- West Coast hrs.
- Relinquishes
- T-bone or porterhouse
- Mariner
- Forever, in poetry
- After the style of
- Christmas decoration
- End of quote
- Harden
- Former Italian bread
- Pieces of pelvises
- Sarcastic remarks
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- Five after four
- Be taken aback
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★ The Chinese Spring Festival ★  
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# OBSIDIAN

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Obsidian is to represent and report on the diverse multicultural community at Bowling Green State University, inclusive of all ethnic, cultural, gender and lifestyle populations on campus.

It should strive to explore issues, personalities, and events that are relevant and important to the multicultural community at Bowling Green State University, not only serving those individuals, but also acting as an informational conduit to the greater University population

The multicultural community of Bowling Green State University can be defined to include, but not limited to: African American, Hispanic, International, Asian and Pacific Island, Native American students and individuals, and people of under-represented groups related to gender identity.

### Fulfilling a Legacy

Editor-in-Chief: Allia J. Miller

The word legacy brings to mind the "filling" of one's shoes left behind. To carry on the legacy or dream of one before you is certainly not an easy feat. It takes understanding, patience, and even tolerance of ideals held closely in the heart of another.

This month's issue provided The Obsidian staff with the rare opportunity to get an exclusive with a woman who definitely knows what it means to carry on a legacy. Ms. Yolanda King gave of her time to allow me to begin to see what it means to carry out the ideals and principles which her father, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., worked the better part of his life to teach.

Although this month is Black History Month, I'd like to take a moment to remind you, that we all have a legacy of some sort left to each of us to fulfill. Whether it be the ideals of your ancestors, or the dreams deferred by your parents, it is up to everyone to pick up where the one before you left off and carry on the torch. It matters not what race, ethnicity, nor background from which you come, we all have ideals, beliefs, and concerns that make our opinions and voices crucial to the future impact we will have on society.

I urge you to take time out, not just this month, but every month to talk to a relative or do some research and find out what legacy someone has begun for you to carry out. It could just make a world of difference.

Thank you, and be sure to check out this month's articles about Dinner Theatre, Black Issues Conference 2005, and Twenty Questions is always an area of interest. We look forward to comments, concerns, or questions being sent in to Assistant Editor: Sheena Neal at sheenan@bgnet.bgsu.edu



*"Each person  
must live  
their life  
as a model  
for others."*

— Rosa Parks —

Feel free to send in commentary, questions, concerns, or thoughts about The Obsidian to assistant editor Sheena Neal at sheenan@bgnet.bgsu.edu. We will be adding "Letters to the Editor" in upcoming issues to allow you, the readers, to let us know what you need to keep you coming back for more!

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“  
The future belongs to  
those who prepare for it today

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— Malcolm X —

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### Staff expectations

While the Obsidian is publication that has stood the test of time, we realize that this success did not come about by chance. This publication is a representation of the minority voice on campus and therefore desires much dedication. We ask that the staff be committed to the publication, always present their input, and above all have fun!



**EXCLUSIVE**

# Interview with

# Yolanda King

Allia Miller  
Editor-in-chief

**AJM:** What are your words advice/thoughts on attempts to implement/encourage diversity amongst rural college towns?

**YK:** "I would encourage students to take advantage of the opportunities they are being afforded the chance to be exposed to." There are a variety of people and backgrounds that are coming together here to make an effective difference in the future. It's up to each individual to make positive use of the time they have here. **"It's really about making a choice..." You have to say I want to make a difference on this campus.**

**AJM:** What audience do you feel your theatre productions ("Achieve the Dream") cater to and what message do you hope will ultimately reach them to make a difference?

**YK:** My message is designed for everyone, but I suppose it's particularly designed to reach the young people. I feel a commitment to reach them (young people) because sharing the legacy that began with the Civil Rights Movement helps to bridge the gap that is widening since my father's passing. **I feel my plays "convey my message in a theatrical manner", providing a more tangible sense of the message of peace and tolerance.** Also, there is some entertainment value provided to interest those who may not be knowledgeable of the need for the legacy to be fulfilled.

**AJM:** I found through research that it was difficult to step into your current state of "peace" in fulfilling the legacy Dr. King began, what allowed you to move past your obstacles to arrive at this point in your life?

**YK:** It was the fact that I was not able to fully mourn my father's passing until my 30's\* (look in to) that prevented me from being able to move on to the place that I am at now. It was necessary for me to make peace with the untimely death of my father. "I was angry with this country, not with any particular individual." **But I was angry with the way in which some people failed to understand the dream my father had and the mission which he set out to accomplish, that his life was taken so violently.** When I came to grips with the fact that he had accomplished his mission that God sent him to do, I was able to properly mourn and move in a forward direction with the work I've set out to do.

**AJM:** Can you tell me a little bit about Dr. Martin Luther King the Father vs. The Public Figure?

**YK:** "I've had to separate my father from "Daddy" and Dr. King, the "public figure". At home, he was just that, my daddy. He was a "buddy-daddy". He played ball in the house when he was home, taught me to ride my bike when I was only four years old...he was always laughing, joking, or smiling around us, you know he was just a great father. **As a public figure, I knew he was respected, but to me, he was just my daddy.**

**AJM:** Thank you so much, Ms. King for giving us a few moments of your time.

**YK:** It was no problem, I was glad to help you out.



In addition to an "exclusive" interview with The Obsidian, Yolanda King fielded questions from a panel during an official press conference

I have a dream  
 that *my* four *children*  
 will one day live in a nation  
 where they will not be judged  
 by the color of their skin  
 but by the content of their character.  
*I have a dream today*

# Achieving the Dream

Sheena L. Neal  
 Assistant Editor

Students, faculty members, administrators and many others with eager ears packed into the Lenhart Grand Ballroom on January 27<sup>th</sup> to hear Yolanda King speak the message of "Achieving the Dream."

King, eldest daughter of Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Jr., gave us a sneak peak into her theater production also titled *Achieving the Dream*, through snippets of portrayals of people during the Civil Rights Movement, including Rosa Parks.

The Civil Rights Movement was not a mirage, a document or a reality TV show, it was live and living in color, said King as she reminisced the beatings, bombings and arrests in Birmingham, Ala.

“  
*The dream for which he died  
 is still a dream*  
 ”

For every one hundred people who they took to jail, there were one hundred more ready to march again, said King.

During those times, people stuck together and were willing to stand up and fight for the desegregation of the south.

Now, we can barely rally up students to march against problems in our community that effect minor-ity students such as dress codes in local bars.

"We all have a role to play in moving forward," said King. There are those people who stand on the sidelines doing nothing and then there are those who roll up their sleeves and make things happen, she said.

"Choice is a powerful tool," said King. We all have a choice to speak up about issues and be a part of change.

We can choose to either be a part of the problem or we can

choose to be a part of the solution, she said.

Choosing to be a part of the solution may mean opening up to different cultures around us. "We must celebrate the differences," said King. "They're not going away."

King embraces these differences through a book she co-edited, "Open My Eyes, Open My Soul," a collection of poems and inspirational stories that celebrate humanity.

Black History Month is coming

to a close and society will try to put our legendary African American activists and public figures back on the shelf until next February.

Stop this cycle! Don't allow for others to honor our achievements during February. Ask yourself, "What am I doing to encourage change?"

This generation can also have the same passion that our predecessors had about demanding change.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not a day off for relaxation and rest, said King. It was a day to get out and make a contribution on behalf of those who sacrificed for us to live "The Dream".

Being active on Martin Luther King Jr. day could set the tone for the way we live in the months to come ahead, said King.

"The dream for which he died is still a dream."

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# Reflections of a Legacy



**Breyana Lowe**  
*Obsidian Writer*

"If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or a song, if I can show somebody he is traveling all wrong then my living shall not be in vain." Actor Jim Lucas is bringing these words of the Negro spiritual, once said by the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. back to life.

To celebrate Dr. King's contribution to the Civil Rights Movement the one-man show Reflections was brought to Bowling Green State University by the Black Student Union (BSU) on January 19.

Lucas has appeared in the television drama "The West Wing" while his stage credits include the critically acclaimed play, "The Meeting" which is about the lives, philosophies, and times of King and Malcolm X. In a program called "Reflections," Lucas recites excerpts from speeches and provides vivid descriptions of Dr. King's life during the struggle of the Civil Rights Movement.

It actually took Lucas three to four years to develop the courage to try a program inspired by King. He was first inspired in August of 1988 when he attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March on Washington. He said that so many powerful speakers attended the march, but when an audiotape of King's "I Have a Dream" speech was played, it inspired Lucas to go home and start learning the speech.

Lucas has not only traveled across the nation, but he has also been around the world to spread Dr. King's message of unity to Japan and Korea. Lucas said he feels a connection of some sort with the civil rights leader.

But what about students at BGSU? The connection between Dr. King and students is still there. "I was honored to go," said freshman Curtis Tarrant, "I wanted to pay homage to Martin Luther King. I was surprised that it was different races that were there. The words of Martin Luther King inspired and reach beyond more than just the African-American race," said Tarrant.

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**The words of Martin Luther King inspired and reached beyond more than just the African-American race, said Curtis Tarrant.**  
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Executive board members of BSU warmed up the audience of students and staff of various races and ethnicities by saying a few words about Dr. King. BSU Minority Affairs Chair Tierney Grayson reminded the audience to keep the message of Dr. King alive. BSU Secretary Marcus Thomas

gave a brief history of Dr. King, highlighting his many achievements. Julian Mack, BSU External Affairs Chair, said that Dr. King spread the message about empowerment through unity.

The president of BSU at the University of Toledo, Greg Braylock, reflected on his thoughts about Dr. King. He said as a child he felt a disconnection with the Civil Rights leader. As Braylock got older he realized how much King has done for him. He can relate the struggle of the Civil Rights movement to the struggle of his generation including a 50 percent college retention rate, AIDS and poverty. He said that we must be mental abolitionists to fight against these struggles.

Lucas not only resembled Dr. King but he also moved like him. His face was intense with passion. He wore a black suit similar to what Dr. King wore. Lucas' posture was strong while he delivered moving renditions of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream," "I've Been to the Mountaintop" and excerpts of the "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Lucas also described his personal experiences during that time - he was in college during the late 60's and was a part of the movement.

Many Bowling Green students still appreciate the contributions that Martin Luther King has made. "If Dr. King were still alive he would channel issues of today," said Lucas.

The program was more than just an opportunity for students to hear the words of King but it was a time for them feel the words and reflect on how they keep King's words alive in their lives. "I think Mr. Lucas did an excellent job delivering Dr. King's speeches. Just hearing his voice moved me and made me feel grateful that I am making a change to uphold Dr. King," said junior Latrice Flanagan.

Lucas said he tries to live his life by the words of spiritual "If I Can Help Somebody." If we all lived our lives by those lyrics, then perhaps the life and words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will not be in vain.

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**If Dr. King were still alive he would channel issues of today**  
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# 20 Questions

- ① Why does it seem like the campus is divided since Craig came?
- ② Doesn't Bowling Green need a real hair supply store?
- ③ How come other organizations on campus can unite and be active while NAACP and BSU struggles to get people to come to meetings and obtain active members?
- ④ When will we stop seeing so many Jamster.com ringtone and screensaver commercials?
- ⑤ Why did Kanye West's hair look like that at the Grammy's?
- ⑥ Why is Lil' Jon going to produce Gospel artists such as Kirk Franklin and Yolanda Adams?
- ⑦ What's up with the North Face fleeces as winter coats?
- ⑧ If commuters mainly park at the meters, why should they buy a parking pass only to receive meter tickets on top of the \$60 pass?
- ⑨ Why is MC Hammer coming out with another record?
- ⑩ Has anyone else been counting down to Spring Break since the New Year?
- ⑪ Are the 80's trying to make a comeback?
- ⑫ Does Usher have clones?
- ⑬ Why was JD appointed president of Virgin Records? Didn't So So Def go bankrupt?
- ⑭ Where's Ruben Studdard?
- ⑮ Why do they plow snow into the middle of the street so that people can't see?
- ⑯ Why do people wear shorts when it warms up to 40°?
- ⑰ Why is the sexual orientation of cartoons such as Sponge Bob being questioned?
- ⑱ Does Ciara sound like the fourth member of Destiny's Child?
- ⑲ How come people will pay to go to a party, but refuse to pay for an event that may advance them intellectually even though that's why we're here?
- ⑳ Can't we tell who has received their income tax checks?

## Rise Above High Risk Drinking



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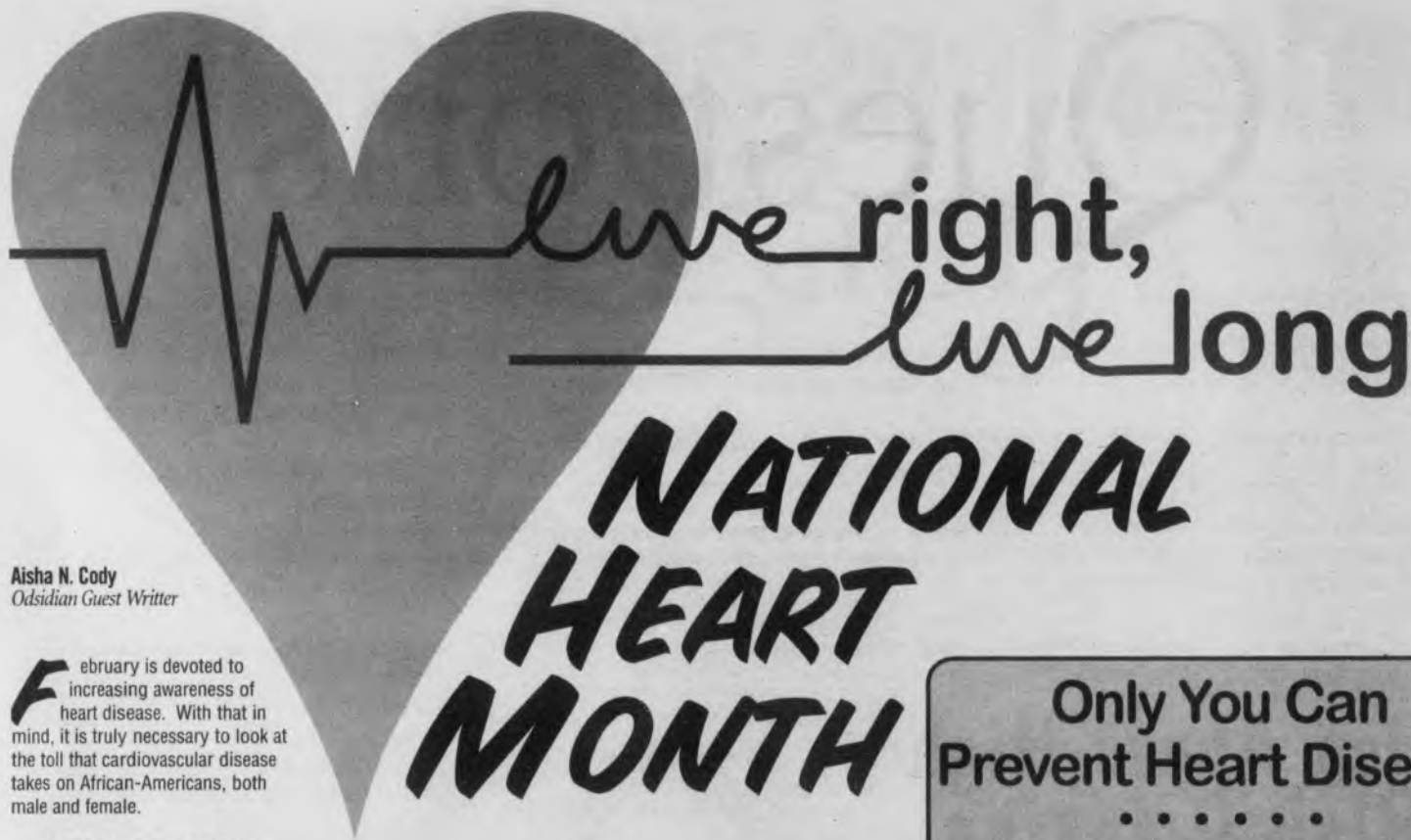


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Aisha N. Cody  
Odsidian Guest Writer

**F**ebruary is devoted to increasing awareness of heart disease. With that in mind, it is truly necessary to look at the toll that cardiovascular disease takes on African-Americans, both male and female.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, affects the African-American population disproportionately higher than other populations. In fact, cardiovascular disease is on the rise among Black women. Heart disease has claimed more women's lives than the next fourteen causes of death combined. Why is this? According to the American Heart Association, African-Americans have increased risk factors for hypertension, including a higher rate of obesity, diabetes; higher fat and salt intake and increased psychosocial stress. That's right! It's more stressful being African-American and thus our risk for developing diseases which cause heart attacks and stroke is nearly tripled! Black men don't fare much better when it comes to heart disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, death rates from cardiovascular diseases are 49.4 percent higher for black males than for white males and an outrageous 97 percent higher than white males for

strokes. You may think that heart disease is an old person's problem. This is simply not true! It is being reported that beginning around age 20, the precursors for cardiovascular disease begin to develop. So if you aren't eating right and you have parents or grandparents with diabetes, heart disease or history of stroke (as most of us do) you may be in some trouble.

Despite all of these things, there are still steps you can take to prevent heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association prescribes the Three R's: **REDUCE, RECOGNIZE and RESPOND.**

You can **REDUCE** your risks by doing the following: See chart to the right.

You can **RECOGNIZE** the symptoms of stroke or heart attack, not only for yourself, but to protect loved ones. The symptoms for men include uncomfortable pressure or pain in the center of the chest spreading to the shoulders,

neck or arms and lightheadedness. The symptoms for women are chest pain, a feeling of indigestion or nausea and low back pain. Symptoms for stroke for both sexes include sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body. In addition, the person may experience sudden dimness or loss of vision, dizziness, severe headache or inability to speak.

Finally, you must **RESPOND** to these symptoms without delay! Call 911 and realize that even if the symptoms subside, they may return.

As minorities, we must realize that historically we have not been given access to proper health care information. Now that this information is readily available, we must begin to take charge and ownership of our health to protect our lives and the lives of our loved ones!

## Only You Can Prevent Heart Disease

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You can **REDUCE** your risks by doing the following:

- ♥ Get your blood pressure checked.
- ♥ Don't smoke cigarettes
- ♥ Recognize and treat diabetes
- ♥ Don't drink too much alcohol
- ♥ Be physically active—we have full access to the Rec, so there's **NO EXCUSE!**
- ♥ Eat a healthful diet—be sure to eat **LEAN** proteins, plenty of fruits and veggies and reduce fat in the diet... that's right, limit that fried food! Try cooking with olive oil instead of butter or margarine for better flavor and health.
- ♥ Get regular medical checkups

# Free Xpressions

## Guide My Soul

by Byrl Wright

As I open my eyes looking out the window  
watching the snow fall from the sky,  
thinking to myself Lord why is it  
a crazy world struggling to survive?  
Death rate increasing, Aids on the rise  
knowing you can run from your problems,  
but you can't hide cause these days and  
age the streets is wild,  
asking the Lord to save my child.

I made alot of mistakes in my life.  
I'm old enough to know wrong from right.  
Constantly struggling to survive  
to make a little money and live my life.  
All I want to be is V.I.P

Sometimes I feel like no one loves me,  
and it's sad to see people out here living  
on the streets with no place to go.  
Dear Lord would you please guide my soul?  
I find myself getting old, playing games  
using the Lord's name in vain.

So much stress to get my life right  
so you can save my soul,  
and I'll be free.  
No more being out late and  
running the streets.

So as I close my eyes  
and pray my Lord to sleep  
I ask the Lord to guide my soul  
and watch over me.

## IF

by Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you  
are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you  
but make allowance for their doubting too,  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream-and not make dreams your master,  
if you can think-and not make thoughts your aim;  
if you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
and treat those two impostors just the same;  
if you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
and stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
and lose, and start again at your beginnings  
and never breathe a word about your loss;  
if you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
to serve your turn long after they are gone,  
and so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
or walk with kings-nor lose the common touch,  
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;  
if all men count with you, but none too much,  
if you can fill the unforgiving minute  
with sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And-which is more-you'll be a Man, my son!

# Dinner Theatre

# 80's

Part 2

JERMAINE WHITE  
(audience member)  
on his favorite part of the show:

**"Jay Lamont  
always keeps me laughing  
and the scenes from  
"The Color Purple"  
were my favorite parts"**



ANDRELL WILLIAMS (Student actor)  
on dinner theatre rehearsal:  
**"Bloopers, made the behind-the-scenes  
action fun and worth while"**

HURLEY COLEMAN  
(Band Member) on practices:  
**"The Band has been cramming  
like studying for a test...lots  
and lots of practice"**

MICHAEL HILL  
(audience member)

**"The New Edition performance took me back to my  
younger days, I thought they did a good job"**

# Dinner Theatre:

# 80s

PART

II

# Keeping the MAGIC Alive!

Once a year, the campus of Bowling Green is graced with the presence of musical and television stars from a specific time or era. This year, students and faculty joined together to pay homage to the 80's, a time near and dear to many of us; our childhood.

"Are ya ready to go back?" questioned Jay Lamont, the well-known comedian host for this year's event. As the program opened dancers energetically performed to "Make This a Night to Remember", preparing the audience for a night of memorable laughs and smiles dinner theatre makes a point to provide.

New Edition was the first group to captivate the audience's attention with costume, music and song, everyone was taken back to the day's of the "original" boy bands when a crush on a girl was all you needed to make a good love song. The young, vibrant group kept the crowd swaying and most of the ladies smiling. For those in the audience who remember what it felt like to be "Addicted to Love", Robert Palmer's routine was a highlight as well. The "seriously" sexy girl band in black minis and red lipstick showed us what rock-ing' was all about in the 80's. Let us not forget the explosion of contem-

porary Gospel music during this decade as well. The Clark Sisters took the audience to church with their performance of "You Brought the Sunshine"; a toe-tapping, hand-clapping good time.

If music was what made the 80's memorable; movies and television sitcoms made it unforgettable. As the spotlight hit the stage, and young ladies took center stage, ready to compete for whose hair was good or bad, the audience was swept back to Spike Lee's "School Daze" for a memorable scene full of song and dance. It was the infamous "Bathroom Anthem" of Eastside's High that made "Lean on Me" stick out in most of our memories, and this year's soulful recreation of the scene was inclusive of costume and acapella singing from talented performers.

As the spotlight cast on the stage moved forefront, Whitney Houston took the stage for a soul-riveting solo with "The Band" playing live in the background to sing "You Give Good Love". The show went on without missing a beat including a three part segment of scenes from "The Color Purple"; an iconic movie in black cinema. As Shug Avery, played by student

Jennifer Cole, sang a melodic tune about a sisterly bond, the talent she possessed riveted the audience.

The audience rocked, swayed, toe-tapped, and sang the songs throughout the show as memory after memory came to life on stage. The show's coordinator, Sheila Brown, even got a chance to show her star quality in a captivating 80's duet medley with host Jay Lamont. The pair took the audience back to a time of love-paired anthems such as "Baby Come to Me" by James Ingram and Patti Austin, and "Slow Jam". They sang songs that made people realize the magic in their partner's eyes was reason enough to fall in love... at least for one dance.

The finale of the show left the audience with the "Fire & Desire" for next year's Dinner Theatre, by closing with the unforgettable rendition of the song performed by Rick James and Teena Marie. Rick James costume and Teena Marie's voice left the audience with fond memories and looking forward to what to come next year."





# A Reality Check

Summer Donaldson  
Obsidian Writer



OMAROSA  
Manigault-Stallworth

Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth, an Ohio native, became a household name last year after appearing as a contestant on the reality TV show, *The Apprentice*.

"I have the worst attitude in the world," she said jokingly, "but that attitude took me out of *Westlake Projects*."

"I'm the youngest. I have two brothers and one sister -- in that order," Stallworth said. "I grew up in Youngstown, Ohio. I grew up in a place called the *Westlake Projects*. At the time, I didn't know that living in the projects was a bad thing."

Stallworth was the keynote speaker at Bowling Green State University's 6th Annual Black Issues Conference; an event that highlights intelligent, interactive and inspiring dialogue about the African American community and issues that affect the community.

"The whole theme of this conference talks about three things that I have always been focused on: money, power, and of course, respect. The one problem that I have encountered in corporate America, in academe, and in entertainment is that there are people who have two of these but they are always seeking the third," said Stallworth.

Stallworth encouraged the students to try to obtain all three of the aspects of money, power, and respect. "Everyone says that I want to be wealthy, but they aren't working in any of the industries that allow us to acquire wealth," Stallworth said.

According to Stallworth, choosing your dream career is important but it is just as important as choosing a career that will honestly give you the finances to achieve all of your goals. "I'm not telling you to change your dreams, go into your dreams, but if your goal is to have money, power, and respect understand that you have to be in an industry that is going to allow you and yield you the opportunity for wealth acquisition and power acquisition."

Stallworth attributes the foundation of her success to her dreams. "I had dreams but I didn't have big dreams. My dreams were paying my rent," she says with a smile. "My dreams were to go to college and to have a good job. I didn't have grand dreams to be on TV. That wasn't my dream. My dream was to overcome everyday struggles."

Stallworth believes that self-motivation is a key factor for all students. "When people ask me what motivates me. I tell them that I have an internal drive, to be the best that I can be. It doesn't come from anywhere else. I mean, there are people that influence me, but in terms of personal motivation, it's

all me. I want to make my family proud -- that's a factor, my mother -- that's a factor and my grandmother," Stallworth said.

"The key point about Omarosa is that she's real and you can relate to her. She stressed the importance of a person to go for the money. She said to choose a career that will not only interest you but will also allow you to make a lot of money. You could look around the room and see that people were really taking in what she was saying," Black Issues Conference Planning Committee Chair, Ryan Leary said.

While she encourages students to obtain money, power and respect, she enforces her belief that money cannot be your main source of motivation. "Some people look to other people to motivate them. Some people look to their community to motivate them. Some people look for money to motivate them but if you're not motivated from right here, it's a wrap," Stallworth says as she points toward her heart.

Despite witnessing crime and drugs as a Youngstown youth, Stallworth acknowledged that she was able to look to people in her community for motivation.

"There's a saying that you become what you see and all I saw were pimps and drug dealers. There were also people in my neighborhood that were activists. They tried to stop crime by taking on the drug dealers. There was this old man," Stallworth said as her eyes began to tighten in reminiscence. "What was his name? Poppa Newberry. He went inside the crack house

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and he said, 'Ya'll cannot be in my neighborhood.' It wasn't grand civil rights activists that I looked up to; you become what you see. I looked around and saw people who wanted to have a decent community. They didn't want drugs and crime in their community, so they fought."

Stallworth's motivation from members of her Youngstown community proves to be an explanation to her activeness in both the Youngstown and Los Angeles communities.

Currently, Stallworth is working on programs such as; HUBS-a program for fair housing in the United States, Dress for Success-an international non-profit organization that provides business attire

and career training for low-income women, a youth enrichment program for sixteen and seventeen year old girls, a youth aviation program at the Compton-based Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum training for children, and the list goes on.

It's true that Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth has been called a mean and arrogant person, but her actions speak for themselves.

"I believe that I keep it real. However, there's a price to keeping it real," Stallworth said. "You must determine your own identity based upon how you carry yourself and not how others define you."

# MONEY POWER RESPECT

## Tools for success

Janeen Morgan  
Obsidian Writer

According to the CMAI, The Black Issues Conference can best be described as a diversity initiative designed to serve as a means to an end rather than an end in itself. The conference will serve as a catalyst in the educational process of the entire campus about issues that affect the African-American/Black community. Students plan the conference, with assistance of professional staff from the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.

"First, you get the money, then you get the power, then you get the respect!" These are the words of rapper and artist Lil' Kim in the popular 1998 song "Money, Power, Respect" by The Lox. These three words were the theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Black Issues Conference, sponsored by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives held on February 6, 2005 at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. This year's conference featured workshops such as, "The Economic Cost of Discrimination", presented by Marshall Rose, "Brothas' on The Down Low," and a leadership workshop where participants worked together in teams in an effort to see which team could build the biggest balloon tower. This activity was evaluated to see which members emerged as leaders and how well the teams could work together under pressure. People in attendance at the conference also heard a speech from Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth about money, power and respect.

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"I think the conference overall was a success, based on the students' sacrifice and others who came out that felt that it was important. There's always room for improvement and with the number of minorities here on campus, I'm encouraged because the students that were here, I felt they got something out of it. Hopefully, we'll have the seventh annual Black Issues Conference next year in February and we'll have twice as many people come out."

James Jackson, Multicultural Advisor and Conference Coordinator

"The Black Issues Conference is extremely important to the students on campus because it provides opportunity to come together and discuss issues that are important to the public. We are facing some very tough economic times here at the University and Black issues is not far from being cut. If we cannot document the importance to the black students, then why are we having it? Having events like these, we're trying to promote higher education and the importance of becoming powerful, building wealth. There are plenty of people here, but not as many as it should be. The ones that need to be here aren't here," she said.

-- Sheila Brown, Assistant Director at the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives



# The Chinese Spring Festival

THE YEAR OF

# ROOSTER

Giann Lee  
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On January 30, 2005, the Chinese New Year Celebration Party was held in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. About 500 people participated in this event including the Chinese community members in BG and Toledo, local residents, faculty and staff of BGSU, and many native and international students at BGSU.

The Chinese New Year is the most important holiday for Chinese people. It is also known as the Chinese Spring Festival. The dates for this annual celebration are determined by the lunar calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar, so the timing of the holiday varies from late January to early February. For 2005, the Spring Festival starts on February 9. Also, there are 12 zodiacs that circulate in every 12 years. This year, it is the year of Rooster.

"Guo Nian," meaning "the bad times have passed," is the common term among the Chinese people for celebrating the Spring Festival. It actually means, "celebrating the new year". At midnight, at the turn from the old year to the new year, people set off firecrackers which is done to drive away the evil spirits and to greet the arrival of the new year.

At the same time, the Spring Festival is a great time for kids. Adults play the dragon and Chinese lions. People also design a variety of lanterns to decorate the entrance hall of their house and trees near to their house. Many families would go out to enjoy the scene of lanterns at night.

Food is very important in the Spring Festival. On New Year's Eve, all families gather to feast. Jiaozi, boiled dumplings, are popular in the north, while southerners favor a sticky sweet glutinous rice pudding called Niangao.

A Chinese dinner was served during Chinese performances, a

raffle for Chinese artifacts and Tsunami donation collections. The performances included Chinese folk songs, Beijing Opera, Chinese traditional clothes fashion show, a piano solo and saxophone quartet

featuring famous Chinese melodies. All the participants enjoyed the Chinese performance and they also appreciated the effort and concern for the Tsunami relief. ■

*The Chinese New Year is the most important holiday for Chinese people.*

*Many people had a wonderful night -- the party provided a good opportunity for people to have a close and fresh touch with another culture!*

# Minority Spotlight



# It Takes A Village

**Leah Shaw**  
*Obsidian Copy Chief*

"It Takes a Village" was the brain-child of Sheila Brown, Graduate Advisor to the Iota Iota Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Brown knew something needed to be done when the daughter of one her friends came home from school and said she wished she was white. Brown had the idea to bring the minority classmates of her children to the campus of Bowling Green State University. She took her idea to the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha and to the men of Omega Psi Phi and they unanimously embraced it.

"It Takes a Village" is vital to the children who attend because it gives them a sense of pride. The children have the not only have the

opportunity to get their hair braided and/or cut, learn African dance and read books (with pictures of people who aren't white) – they have the chance to sit and interact with people who look like they do. In a city such as Bowling Green, it is important for these children to realize that being different isn't a bad thing. In fact, "It Takes a Village" teaches them that being different is a very good thing.

There is another thing that "It Takes a Village" does that most people don't realize. In a world that typically discourages minority students from attending college; the children can see that attending college is possible. They come to campus and they see students who look like them are active and successful.

How can one get involved? Just come! Volunteer hair braiders, barbers, readers and those who just love children are always needed! Be on the lookout for emails about the next "It Takes a Village." If there are any questions feel free to contact Sheila Brown at [stbrown@bgnnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:stbrown@bgnnet.bgsu.edu) or Leah Shaw at [shawle@bgnnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:shawle@bgnnet.bgsu.edu)

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# Why Do We Celebrate Black History Month?

By Napoleon A. Bradford  
Obsidian Guest Writer

**B**lack History Month is a celebration of the history and culture of a people that have greatly impacted the world. It is a time for reflection on accomplishments and achievements, and a time of refocusing on the goal and aspirations of Our people. More importantly, Black History Month is a period of rejuvenation and recharging for the souls of people in the midst of The Struggle. Now the struggle I speak of is not a conspiracy-based struggle, but a struggle within ourselves, for I find that often we are our worst enemy.

Black History Month is more than just reciting a poem and learning a few facts. It is more than Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. It is more than Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey. Black History Month is more than the gas mask and the cotton gin, yet our knowledge of these inventions and their inventors is important. I believe however, we internalize these feats, but not the real message behind them. I think that we recognize that these inventors, orators, and leaders were Black, but we don't realize that we too are Black and blessed with their same talents and gifts.

We have been led to believe that our Black History Month Heroes were extraordinary people that had opportunities and possessed gifts that placed them far above the average man or woman. This thinking, however, causes us to feel that we are incapable of reaching similar feats, for we are not Dr. King or Malcolm X. The reality of it is that we are almost cut from the same cloth. We are in the midst of a struggle like all of our forefathers, yes we have more opportunities, drink from the same fountain, and are not abused with water hoses and dogs, but our fight is within

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ourselves as we attempt to overcome the spirits of complacency, underachievement and apathy.

We have been catered to and given things that our forefathers had to fight, receive beatings, and die for, yet we show our appreciation by flunking out of school, using drugs, or losing our scholarships. The Bowling Green State University community has one of the most gifted Black populations in the United States, but are we utilizing our potential? Are we maximizing our talents for the greater good of the whole? Our current behavior is directly related to our mis-education and mis-understanding of Black history.

Now I in no way want to belittle Dr. King or Malcolm X, but we are taught that way in schools in order to limit our effectiveness and stifle our aspirations. I believe society realizes that if we were adequately taught, we would be an unstoppable force for change in society. The results of Our education about Our history is evident in how we behave in school.

On the college campus, females have forgotten that they are ladies, special and descendants of queens so they become quick to give their goodies to the first man that smiles at them or compliments them. They wear revealing clothing that leaves nothing to the imagination, and openly speak profanely and vulgarly. Brothers have forgotten that they are Black men and descendants of kings, so they want to define themselves by their conquests, not only in the bed but also on Madden and other video games.

a group of college students that were fed up with discrimination at restaurants and led the sit-ins in Greensboro, North Carolina. We celebrate to be reminded that our forefathers died for us to have the opportunity to learn and we should not be afraid to read, but should strive to be the best at all we do. We celebrate to be reminded that lynching, the murder of Emmett Till, and separate facilities for Black and White people still occurred less than 50 years ago, and in the last 50 years we have made great strides towards equality, but we cannot stop now, for we are far from equal. We celebrate to be reminded that we are truly a proud people, and we need to keep the pride of Our people close to us to remind us to press on and push on in the midst of adversity.

The most important reason we celebrate Black History Month is to remind us that we are truly gifted, for just by our being in college we are apart of the "Talented Tenth." We must use our gifts to help motivate our fellow students to achieve and to succeed. We are the authors of the next chapters in Black History, and our struggle and achievements will be recorded for the world to see. Why do we celebrate Black History Month?

*We celebrate because we are black history. . .*

**IN THE MAKING!**

## We have lost Our sense of purpose

We are in college to graduate, and all other things are secondary. We are here to uplift each other, yet we exist on a campus where we do not even speak to one another. Our organizations, both Greek and non-Greek, are here to support the campus and to provide venues for collaborative ideas and support to the student body, yet many organizations have been more consumed with making money than with motivating the masses. We throw parties, but not community service events or we plan events on the same day at the same time as other organizations, when that divides more than it pulls people together. We should be working together for a common cause, not seeking the glory by throwing a bigger program than our counterparts.

Why do we celebrate Black History Month? We celebrate to be reminded that it wasn't some superhuman Black leaders, but

## We have lost Our sense of community

In the midst of the Civil Rights Struggle and even before, we knew we had to stick together and work together in order to achieve. Yet, in 2005, we all believe we are separate entities and we think about the greater good of organizations or individuals, but not the greater good of the student body or Our people.

## We have lost Our sense of pride

As individuals we have forgotten our pride in the way that we carry ourselves. There was a time that coming to college was a privilege and an honor, but now people get thrown bigger parties for getting released from jail than they do graduating from college.