

3-4-2005

The BG News March 4, 2005

Bowling Green State University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/bg-news>

Recommended Citation

Bowling Green State University, "The BG News March 4, 2005" (2005). *BG News (Student Newspaper)*. 7411.

<https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/bg-news/7411>



This work is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-No Derivative Works 4.0 License](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/). This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Publications at ScholarWorks@BGSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in BG News (Student Newspaper) by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks@BGSU.



BIG MATCHUP:
Hockey to take on #4-ranked Michigan this weekend; **SPORTS, PAGE 9**

BGSU NEWS

Bowling Green State University

A daily independent student press

FRIDAY
March 4,
2005

.....
PARTLY CLOUDY
HIGH: 36 | LOW: 24

www.bgnews.com
VOLUME 99 | ISSUE 126

Sellout for Mraz concert possible

By Audrey Weber
REPORTER

Ticket sales for the upcoming Jason Mraz concert on April 9 have been high, and there's no sign of them coming down any soon.

According to Brittany Barhite, UAO president, ticket sales so far have been excellent. Over 2,100 tickets have been sold so far and over 1,000 tickets were sold on opening night alone, which outnumbered the amount of tickets sold in previous concerts combined, Barhite said.

"This was close to how much we sold (within a couple hundred) for Ben Folds and for Nappy Roots and Black Eyed Peas combined," she said.



JASON MRAZ

"We had barely even promoted it to the public, other than through the Jason Mraz Web site, so we were very excited about that."

Most of the advertising — posters and flyers that were hung and the chalking of classroom boards — was done a week before the tickets went on sale on Feb. 23. Students were also able to buy tickets online beginning last Saturday.

"Just over the weekend when we opened them up online, we sold 650 just over Saturday and Sunday," Barhite said.

That number has increased, and Barhite feels it is bound to stay on the rise. UAO recently sent out a mass e-mail to freshman and sophomore students advertising the concert, along with other UAO activities they may not have been aware of.

Tickets will be available at the door, permitting the concert is not sold out first.

MRAZ, PAGE 2

GRADUATION WEEKEND PRICE JUMP

AREA HOTELS RAISE RATES

By Bob Moser
CITY NEWS EDITOR

For Bowling Green hotels, the University's graduation weekend in May is equivalent to the Super Bowl.

One-hundred percent occupancy is considered a sure thing, and a dramatic rise in room cost is the result. Some lodgings even require visitors to

stay a minimum of two nights during the graduation weekend of May 7.

The Hampton Inn, which normally charges \$89 for a standard room with a king bed, will require lodgers to stay a minimum of two nights, with the price increased to \$159.

At the Best Western Falcon Plaza Motel, graduation weekend rates rise to \$93.45 with a minimum of two nights

required, while a standard room would usually cost \$64.95.

When asked why visitors were required to stay at least two nights, managers of the Best Western Falcon Plaza chose not to comment.

Days Inn rates nearly double as well, jumping to \$84 per night from the normal \$47 charged on non-event weekends. There is no minimal stay requirement at Days Inn, however.

On average, all but two hotels or motels in Bowling Green double the rate they charge for a standard room during graduation weekend.

The two exceptions are Best Motel, which charges \$35 per night, and Holiday Inn Express, found across from Meijer near the I-75 exit.

By holding their rate at \$79 per night regardless of high traffic weekends, Holiday Inn Express

remains true to the company's small-town roots, according to General Manager Doug Dietz.

"As a company we try not to gouge the community," Dietz said. "Our company is based out of Sydney, Ohio, and the owners always have been passionate about not taking advantage of situations."

For graduating seniors who'd like to help their parents save a buck, hotels in neighboring cities like Maumee, Perrysburg and Holland will not be increasing their rates during BGSU's graduation weekend.

The Standard Inn and Red Roof Inn of Maumee have a regular rate of \$39.95 and \$51.95 per night, respectively.

Other hotels in the city of Maumee, which is about 16 miles away from Bowling Green, include Days Inn and Comfort Inn, both charging less than \$70 per night.

Roughly 12 miles from Bowling Green, Perrysburg hotels like the Best Western Executive Inn and the Red Carpet Inn charge as little as \$37 dollars for a standard room, leveling off at about \$60.

At Extended Stay America, parents can stay in a room that are larger than the traditional ones found in a hotel. Located in Holland — 22 miles from Bowling Green — ESA rooms include a recliner chair, dining table and fully equipped kitchen.

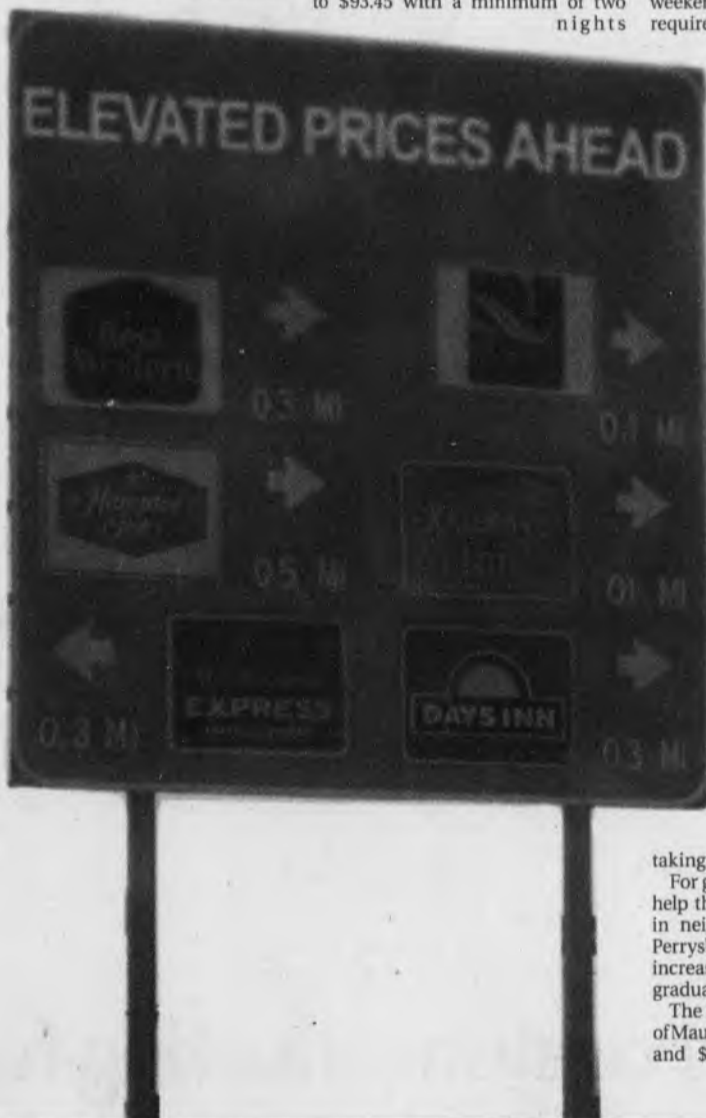
At \$55 per night, the Extended Stay America does not have a minimum night requirement, and neither do any of the Maumee or Perrysburg listings.

As prices increase during high-profile weekends at the University, complaints are sure to follow from parents and students alike. But in an economy that is based on supply and demand, people should not be surprised, said Neil Browne, a professor in the department

of economics. "If you think about it, what would you have them do?" Browne said. "We tell them [businesses] that markets are a good thing, but when the market works people get upset."

The bigger question of businesses taking advantage of consumers is one that cannot be easily solved, and the final answer will ultimately come from the parents of seniors in need of a hotel room, according to Tom DeWitt, an assistant marketing professor.

"Is the practice of drastically increasing prices during this time period ethical? I'm not sure I can answer that question," DeWitt said. "Ultimately it is the consumer's own value equation that determines what is right and wrong."



"As a company we try not to gouge the community. Our company is based out of Sydney, Ohio, and the owners always have been passionate about not taking advantage of situations."

DOUG DIETZ, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

Program a 'driving' force for international students

By Britney Lee
REPORTER

For international students, getting behind the wheel of a car can be an exciting and scary experience.

This is where Global Connections comes into play.

Last year, the group hosted a driving school for international students to learn the basic rules of the road and, for some, even the chance to drive a car for the first time.

Global Connections is an alliance of eight Bowling Green Christian Churches who volunteer their time to help those who are making the transition from their home to Bowling Green more comfortable.

The GC mission is to assist international students in their transition, provide friendship, opportunities, promote fun events and open the door for those who are interested in spiritual life.

The Global Connections

Driving School is the newest event added to the GC roster, and holds high popularity among students who participated.

Last year, the group hosted three sessions and their first one of the year, set for tomorrow, is full of eager students. Currently, there is already a waiting list for the upcoming sessions.

Each semester, Matt Reger, city prosecutor, sees a handful of cases come in where international students are being charged with minor traffic violations, many of them not even knowing what they are doing wrong.

"Many international students do not even know how to obtain a driver's license," Reger said.

Reger, a four-year GC member, brought the idea for the need of a driving school for international students to the GC board's attention.

"Everyone recognized it was a need," Reger said.

Members from the GC

churches donated cars, the BMV gave help and Reger provided an instruction session. All were put together to create the driving school.

"I explain the basic rules of getting a license, basic rules of the road and an introduction to the car," Reger said.

Many international students have never seen a car before, let alone drive one.

Julie George, GC director, remembered one student saying, "It is like magic" when she started up a car for the first time.

During the school's sessions, those students who had a driving permit and went through the educational schooling and maneuverability practice were then taken out onto the road for lessons.

Students who did not have a permit attended the educational session and practiced the standard maneuverability test.

INTERNATIONAL, PAGE 2

DIALING FOR MUSIC



Brian McRoberts BGSU News

THANK YOU FOR CALLING: Sean Ireton, WBGU's urban music director, accepts another donation via phone for their fund drive. The drive has lasted two weeks, and so far around \$2,700 has been collected by WBGU staff members. The money will finance new radio equipment.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

SATURDAY
Snow showers
High: 36°
Low: 27°

SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 39°
Low: 34°

MONDAY
Showers
High: 43°
Low: 15°

TUESDAY
Snow Showers
High: 30°
Low: 23°

FOR ALL THE NEWS VISIT WWW.BGNEWS.COM

Tickets for Mraz show selling like hot cakes

MRAZ, FROM PAGE 1

Although Anderson Arena will seat over 4,000 people, the number of tickets available will be a bit lower.

"Sometimes the way the stage is set up for the performer, your numbers fluctuate every year," Barhite said. This year, 3,800 tickets have been set aside for the show.

"Typically in the industry, 60 percent [sales] is standard for a show," Barhite said.

This means that if 2,280 tickets are sold, it will be deemed a successful show, and with over 2,100 tickets gone already, this

goal is not far off.

The popularity of Jason Mraz among students was a large factor in getting him for the spring concert.

"We surveyed the campus; we surveyed over 1,000 people," Barhite said. This survey, which went out last spring, asked students who they would like to see perform for the spring concert, and gave UAO a chance to look at their options.

Barhite said they received a large number of responses back from the survey and were able to have a more concrete idea of what the students wanted.

After receiving the surveys

"We thought Jason Mraz would be a good pick since we've had a diversity of events."

BRITTANY BARHITE, UAO
PRESIDENT

back, Jason Mraz was in the top 10 performers wanted for the spring concert. After checking to see his availability during the times set aside for the spring concert, and if the funds were available for this particular artist, the request was made and the concert was set from there.

"We thought Jason Mraz would be a good pick since we've had a diversity of events," Barhite said.

From rock performances in the pub to past concerts including hip hop and rap artists, Barhite and UAO felt that an acoustic/pop artist was needed.

Mraz will also be coming out with a new album, and if released before the concert, UAO will use the new material as advertisement in hopes that it will bring in more students for the concert.

"For those that think, 'he only had those couple of songs that we like,' maybe they'll like the

new CD," Barhite said.

Along with the possibility of new material for the concert, there will be two opening acts, including Steve Raszka and Kyle Riabko.

Raszka is a junior here on campus and has played previously in the Falcons Nest to promote himself, while Riabko is an up-and-coming artist who has previously opened for performers such as Ryan Cabrera.

Students interested in attending the concert can buy tickets at the Student Union information desk or online at www.musictoday.com. The concert is set to begin at 7 p.m.

International students get 'road lesson'

INTERNATIONAL, FROM PAGE 1

The driving school is a good idea, according to Reger, "because it gives international students familiarity with American roads and eases them through a difficult process."

Churches have been putting in separate efforts for years, and decided to collaborate and adopt the name Global Connections in 2000.

"Different churches coming together and working on a common goal is a beautiful thing," George said.

However, the driving school is not the only opportunity that GC has for international students to ease them through the transitional period.

Last year, the organization held several events, including an airport transportation and transitional housing program, a fall picnic, a Thanksgiving dinner, an English language class and the driving school.

Friendship Friday is a monthly event also put on by the group where students can make crafts and have a pot luck lunch, George said.

George was formerly an English as a Second Language Instructor at the University, and served as a board member for GC since 2000.

She said she liked what she was doing at the University, but GC gave her more time to interact with students.

"My door was always closed when I was a professor," George said. "I wanted the opportunity to spend time with students."

Approximately 200 new international students came to Bowling Green this year, George said, and the University's Center for International Programs has had difficulty responding to all of the students' practical needs.

According to George, the student feedback from the GC driving school has been overwhelming, and it meets a wide-spread concern.

"We are offering sessions in March, April and possibly during the summer if there is a need," George said.

The next driving school is set for Saturday, and sessions will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.

About 21 to 23 students attended each driving school session last year, and the same turnout is expected for the upcoming sessions. *Editor's Note: Students interested in being put on the waiting list for the driving school can contact Global Connections or Julie George at www.globalconnections-bg.org or jgeorge@globalconnections-bg.org.*

Millionaire sets aviation mark

By John Milburn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALINA, Kan. — Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett yesterday became the first person to fly around the world solo without stopping or refueling — 67 hours and 23,000 miles after taking off in his spindly-looking, experimental jet.

"That was something I wanted to do for a long time, a major ambition," a jubilant Fossett said immediately after emerging from the custom-built GlobalFlyer.

An equally happy Sir Richard Branson, the Virgin Atlantic founder who financed the flight, grabbed a bottle of champagne from Fossett, shook it up, and sprayed down his pilot and longtime friend. Fossett then guzzled from the bottle in celebration.

Fossett, 60, already holds the record for flying solo around the globe in a balloon. He failed five times before successfully completing that flight, but needed just one try to make the trip in a plane. This latest adventure gives Fossett yet another aviation record, adding to the many he holds as a balloonist, pilot and sailor.

There was some doubt if Fossett would make it back to Salina. Fuel sensors in the custom-built plane's 13 tanks differed from readings of how quickly its single jet engine was burning fuel, forcing Fossett's crew to assume that 2,600 of the original 18,100 pounds of fuel "disappeared."

It was not clear whether there was an actual leak or just a problem with the sensors, Fossett's team said.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: Sir Richard Branson sprays pilot Steve Fossett with champagne after Fossett landed the GlobalFlyer airplane at the Salina Municipal Airport in Salina, Kan. yesterday. Fossett flew around the world solo without refueling, the first time the feat was ever done.

Facing a decision near Hawaii about whether to land or press ahead over the vast Pacific Ocean for the U.S. mainland, Fossett told his team, "Let's go for it." Hours later, pushed by strong tail winds that left him with enough in the tanks to finish the global trek, he safely crossed over Los Angeles and

turned northeast for Salina and the finish line.

He touched down in Salina at 1:48 p.m. Fossett chose Salina because he needed a long runway for the takeoff and landing. The runway in Salina is about 12,000 feet long.

Fossett's GlobalFlyer was designed by the same engineer

who came up with the Voyager aircraft that first completed the around-the-world trip 19 years ago with two pilots aboard.

Fossett, 60, set his ballooning record in 2002, taking off and landing in Australia. The millionaire from Chicago has also swam the English Channel, run the Iditarod dog sled race and

driven in the 24 Hours of Le Mans car race.

Aviation pioneer Wiley Post made the first solo around-the-world trip in 1933, taking more than seven days and stopping numerous times. Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan, brother of GlobalFlyer designer Burt Rutan, made their global flight in 1986.

Toledo, Perrysburg continue dueling for business

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio — City leaders are hoping that glass container maker Owens-Illinois Inc. will consider its long history in the city when deciding whether to move out of its downtown headquarters.

The company that helped give its hometown the "Glass City" nickname is considering relocating to a suburban office park.

Chairman and chief executive Steven McCracken said last month that he was leaning toward moving to Perrysburg, where the company owns land.

There was a slight chance the company could move out

of the area, McCracken said, but it appeared the choice was between its downtown location along the Maumee River and the suburbs.

William Carroll, the city's director of economic and community development, said the city has the riverfront business district and a century of history with Owens-Illinois where the company began.

He has told the company's leader that new developments are coming on both sides of the river.

"I can see what's going to go on around it, all the changes on the river that we want their employ-

"We will entertain any reasonable suggestion they have that will make it more palatable to stay in the downtown."

JACK FORD, TOLEDO MAYOR

ees to share," Carroll said. Toledo city officials have offered an estimated \$8 million package that includes reduced-price parking for company employees. Some employees indicated that

free parking was one reason they favored a move to the suburbs.

Toledo Mayor Jack Ford said the city is willing to work with the company. "We will entertain any reasonable suggestion they have that will make it more palatable to stay in the downtown," he said.

Toledo has a long association with glass manufacturing that began with Edward Drummond Libbey who in 1888 started the Libbey Glass Co. The city last became home to Owens Corning and Libbey-Owens-Ford Co.

Perrysburg City Council decided Tuesday to offer an incentive package worth about \$1.9 mil-

lion to Owens-Illinois, including a 15-year tax exemption on new construction.

"Our offer may look small when you compare it to Toledo's, but we are offering some things that there's no price attached to," said Perrysburg councilman John Kevern.

Ford has called his city's offer generous. Losing a Fortune 500 firm would be a blow to the city's downtown, which has had high office vacancy rates in recent years.

The company's property tax bill for the first six months of last year was \$1.6 million, although the company is disputing that

amount.

Owens-Illinois is the largest manufacturer of glass containers in North America and South America, and it employs 340 at its 32-story headquarters, the city's tallest building. Its lease downtown expires in September 2006.

The company once had 2,200 employees and took up most of the office space in the blue-glass building. Since then, it has sold many of its businesses and now occupies just eight floors.

The company has said that if it stays downtown, it will need to renovate and condense its office space. The city has pledged to pay for some renovations.

Spring Break Hours

The Student Health Service will be open Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Call 372-2271 for more information.

Heinzsite Apartments

1 & 2 Bedroom Apts. washer/dryer in 2 bd rms FREE Internet Access WALK TO CAMPUS!

1 bd rms starting at \$415/Mo plus Utilities
2 bd rms starting at \$720/Mo plus Utilities

MECCA Management Inc. Check out our website at WWW.MECCABG.COM or call 419-353-5800

GREENBRIAR, INC.

GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING

| Historic Millikin HOTEL | Summit Street APARTMENTS |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central downtown location • Unfurnished • On-site laundry • Air conditioned • Remodeled units • 2 story loft style apartments available • Efficiencies start at \$345/mo + electric • One Bedrooms start at \$425/mo + electric | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furnished • Air Conditioned • On-site laundry • 2 blocks from campus • Efficiencies \$315/mo + electric • One Bedroom Apts. \$400/mo + electric |

445 E. Wooster • Bowling Green, OH 43402 • 352-0717
WWW.GREENBRIARRENTALS.COM

DUKE PROFESSOR TO GIVE LOCAL LECTURE

Duke philosophy professor Alexander Rosenberg will speak today in 301 Shatzel Hall from 4 to 6 p.m.. The topic will be "On the Original contract: Evolutionary Game Theory and Human Evolution." His talk is part of The Stranahan Lecture Series in Philosophy sponsored by the Social Philosophy and

www.bgnews.com/campus

CAMPUS

get a life

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

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Student Art Education Art Exhibition 2005
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Art Galleries

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Raffle and Safe Spring Break Kits
Bacchus/Gamma will be giving out safe spring break kits and also selling raffle tickets for a basket, funds to be used for Dance Marathon.
Union Lobby

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Global AIDS Week of Action Info Table Sponsored by American Medical Student Assoc.
Union Lobby

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Basketball Information Table, Sponsored by the Athletic Dept.
Union Lobby

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dance Marathon Mugs Sale, Sponsored by Dance Marathon
Union Lobby

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Geology Geology Field Program Info,
Union Lobby

2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Black Swamp Pub Concerts Promotion
WBGU and the Musicians Guild will be promoting concerts in the Pub every Friday.
Union Pub

4 p.m. 6 p.m.

Refreshments to be served
For more information contact: Nico Maloberti nmalobe@bgsu.edu
301 Shatzel Hall

8 p.m.

Skywatchers of Africa
BGSU Planetarium - 112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.
Multi-media show in the Planetarium, \$1 donation suggested, lasts approximately 1 hour. Planetarium Show is followed by stargazing in the Observatory if weather permits.
For more information contact: Physics & Astronomy Dept. 372-2421
Planetarium

Colorado lawmakers push emergency contraception

By Hallie Woods
U-WIRE REPORTER

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Emergency contraception, or EC, has been among the topics of controversy both in the Colorado legislature and the Food and Drug Administration.

State House Bill 05-1042 requires hospitals to inform sexual-assault victims about emergency contraception as well as assist in attaining access to the drug.

"Planned Parenthood supports the bill 100 percent. It's imperative that a sexual-assault victim is given their options," said Daniel Kessler, public relations representative for Planned Parenthood.

The bill states, "each year, between 25,000 and 32,000 women in the United States become pregnant as a result of a sexual assault." The bill, if passed, is expected to reduce about 22,000 of these unwanted pregnancies through EC education.

"I think EC should be as accessible as possible. It has hardly any side effects, and even if it wasn't available over-the-counter, someone should be able to get it from the pharmacist," said Dr. Susan Wolfelt of the Hartshorn

Health Service Women's Clinic.

However, some feel people may become reckless with their actions if they know the drug is readily available.

"I don't think it should be a method of birth control, which is what some people will use it for," said Meghan Betz, a junior sociology major at Colorado State University.

The impending FDA decision would allow women 16 years of age and older to gain access to Plan B Emergency Contraception without a prescription. Plan B is 89 percent effective at preventing pregnancies, according to an informational brochure from Planned Parenthood.

Emergency Contraception comes in two forms: pills and a vaginally inserted IUD. Some birth-control pills can be used as EC, but there is also the option of Plan B - a hormone form used only for emergency contraception.

According to the Planned Parenthood brochure, EC works by stopping ovulation, fertilization or implantation. However, in order for EC to be effective, it must be administered

within the first 120 hours after unprotected sex. Although there are some side effects, such as nausea, vomiting, headaches and dizziness, the safety of the drugs is rarely questioned.

"EC is considered to be as safe as normal birth control because it is just a higher dose," Kessler said.

EC is available at several locations including Planned Parenthood in Toledo.

Planned Parenthood also offers the Hormone Optional Pelvic Exam program, allowing women to gain access to birth control and EC without having a pelvic exam.

Health centers have also set up the option of calling a toll-free number, 1-888-NOT-2-LATE, to provide names and numbers of the five nearest EC providers.

Kessler wants to continue education about EC, which she said does not affect a fertilized egg already embedded in the uterine wall and will not terminate a pregnancy.

"It is important to clarify that EC is not the same as an abortion," Kessler said.

Editor's note: BG News staff contributed to this report.

Penn State students get Indian experience

HOINA program brings two cultures into contact.

By Anne Danahy
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

In South India last summer, Penn State students saw rain almost every day, ate mangoes and learned about another way of living. They also saw a crowded hospital, homes in need of repair and children being helped by an organization founded and run by a graduate of their university.

The students' trips ended half a year ago, but that organization's work continues year-round, including now, in the aftermath of the tsunami that hit Southeast Asia on Dec. 26.

Called HOINA—Homes of the Indian Nation—the nonprofit organization runs orphanages for needy children, primary and middle schools and a free clinic. It also provides Penn State Schreyer Honors College students with the opportunity to work with the children that HOINA serves.

Darlene Large, a 1952 Penn State graduate in art education and a distinguished alumna, started HOINA from the United States in 1972. Three years later, she went to India to

adopt a daughter, Rajakumari. "From that experience, we rented a house for (\$15) a month, and with volunteers here and my teaching salary, we took in seven little boys who today are very successful," Large said in an e-mail.

Students from Schreyer Honors College started working with Large about five years ago. They take a class in the spring, "Experiences in International Service Learning," and spend about two weeks volunteering with HOINA during the summer, then take a follow-up course.

One of the projects was cleaning up an old school, including painting and whitewashing. The project impressed the Indian government enough that it made a grant to the school to build more classrooms.

Another project was white-washing the thatched-roof hut of a family whose son was paralyzed.

"We were able to make a difference in the few hours we were there," said Wendy Gourley, a December graduate who was one of eight Penn State students to go to India.

Jung Min Lee, a senior, said, "It made me think more about why I want to go into medicine, what I can do in my career."

David Fyfe, a doctoral student at Penn State, and

his wife, Jenifer Yost, a counselor with State College Area School District, taught the service-learning course at Penn State and went with the students last June.

"Mrs. Large views it as a mentoring program. She hopes that one day, when each of these students has become a successful person in their chosen field, that they will remember what they saw and learned in India—the power they have to make a difference—and use their influence to help others," Yost said in an e-mail.

She described HOINA as giving the children an environment unlike other orphanages. There are three meals a day and health care.

There's also music, dance, art and sports.

Recently, Large has been assisting with tsunami relief. The group, which is Christian but serves children of all religions, helps children whose parents are in jail and whose relatives were affected by the disaster.

But, Large said, to her, "There are many tsunamis in life. Whether the child is an orphan because his mother and father were killed in a car accident or sits in jail, or committed suicide, what does it matter? The child needs a loving new home. I am addressing those children right now."

VILLAGE GREEN APARTMENTS



SPACIOUS APARTMENTS • EXCELLENT LOCATIONS
• EXTRA AMENITIES • APARTMENTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR AUGUST

\$100 off Deposit
During the month of March

"Home away from Home"

• OFFICE HOURS •
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Weekends By Appointment • Anytime By Appointment

FOR RENTAL INFORMATION
Call 419-354-3533 or visit villagegreen-bg.com

480 Lehman Avenue • Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Summer jobs where the **FUN** starts at the TOP.

Apply for your best job ever.

Interviews near you

Cedar Point .com

Bowling Green State University
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Wednesday, Mar. 16th, Noon-4pm

- Competitive pay & the industry's best bonus plan
- Free, unlimited access to the perk voted best on the planet 7 years in a row
- College credits awarded for many positions

No appointment necessary. EOE. Resumes are paid to employers after they fulfill their Employment Agreements. Low cost housing and interstate available for qualified applicants.

Apply online at cedarpoint.com or call 1.800.668.JOBS

HOUSES AVAILABLE
ALL HOUSES HAVE ONE YEAR LEASES

629 ELM STREET 3 BR. Limit 3 people. Limit 3 cars. \$880 per month, Deposit \$880. Tenants pay utilities. Tenants have use of garage. Has washer and dryer and A/C. Lease dates--May 14, 2005 - May 6, 2006.

710 ELM STREET 3 BR. Limit 3 people. Limit 3 cars. \$740 per month, Deposit \$740. Tenants pay utilities. Has washer and dryer. Lease dates--August 18, 2005 - August 5, 2006.

714 EIGHTH, #A 2 BR Duplex. Limit 2 people. Limit 2 cars. \$680 per month, Deposit \$680. Tenants pay utilities. Lease dates--May 14, 2005 - May 6, 2006.

134 MANVILLE 3 BR. Limit 3 people. Limit 3 cars. Tenants have use of the garage for storage only. \$820 per month. Deposit \$820. Tenants pay utilities. Lease dates--May 14, 2005 - May 6, 2006.

723 SIXTH 3 BR. Limit 3 people. Limit 3 cars. Tenants DO NOT have use of the garage. \$560 per month. Deposit \$560. Tenants pay utilities. Lease dates--May 14, 2005 - May 6, 2006.

We have many other apartments available. Stop in the Rental Office for a complete brochure.

JOHN NEWLOVE REAL ESTATE, INC.
RENTAL OFFICE 419-354-2260
319 E. WOOSTER ST. (across from Taco Bell)
Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 to 5:30, Saturday 8:30 to 5:00
www.johnnewlove realestate.com

CAMPBELL HILL APARTMENTS

| 2 Bedroom Townhouses | 3 Bedroom Townhouses |
|---|---|
| • Deposit Special \$400 | • Deposit Special \$600 |
| • Furnished | • Furnished |
| • 1Half & 1Full Bath | • 1Half & 1Full Bath |
| • Full basement | • Full basement |
| • Air conditioned | • Air conditioned |
| • Washer/Dryer Hookup | • Washer/Dryer Hookup |
| Starting at \$700/month + Utilities (Limit 4) | Renting for \$1,000/month + Utilities (Limit 5) |

LIMITED TIME OFFER
Rent a townhouse now and receive:
• New Carpet • Ceramic tile in kitchen & bath
• Microwave • Free washer/dryer

Greenbriar, Inc. (419) 352-0717
www.greenbriarrentals.com

QUOTE UNQUOTE

"I told him, 'I don't think we can approve that name.'"

Boston's Fleet Center arena spokesman **Jim Delaney**, after a New York Yankees fan, Manhattan lawyer Kerry Konrad, won a bid for the right to name the sports complex for a day, Konrad chose The Derek Jeter Center, after the Yankees player. The name was rejected.

(Associated Press)

www.bgnews.com/opinion
OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

AIDS education vital to prevention

As a successful Global AIDS Week of Awareness draws to a close at BGSU, students and faculty are reminded of the necessity of AIDS awareness and prevention.

As of December 2004, more than 39 million people are infected with the disease and almost 5 million people were newly infected with AIDS in that same year.

Over the course of the week, members of University's American Student Medial

YOU DECIDE

Should more be done on BGSU's campus to promote AIDS awareness? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our web site.

Association distributed information about the disease, factual brochures, condoms, ribbons and poems from children affected by AIDS.

This year, an estimated 39.4

million people worldwide are living with AIDS. Of these, 17.6 million are women and 2.2 million are children.

AIDS kills more people worldwide than any other infectious disease — it's the fourth largest cause of death in Africa.

A recent rise in sexually transmitted infections in high-income nations such as the United States, Japan and Australia suggests a rise in high-risk sexual behavior — especially among young people.

As many as one-third of the estimated 900, 000 people living with AIDS in the United States do not know that they are HIV-positive.

This is why events such as Global AIDS Week of Awareness and World AIDS Day (December 1) are so important.

It is important to know about AIDS and HIV—what it is, how it is caused, and what can be done to prevent receiving or transmitting the disease. Organizations on campus, including AMSA, the

Student Health Center and the Women's Center provide information to educate students on the disease.

HIV testing is available anonymously in the Women's Health Clinic at no charge.

However, while detection and testing are both important, one of the greatest ways to prevent the spread of AIDS is education.

Practicing abstinence or safer sex by using condoms and dental dams and avoiding intravenous drug use or using clean needles

are among the simplest measures that can be taken to prevent contracting the disease.

While simple enough, ignoring these basic precautions is the leading method of spreading AIDS or the virus that causes it, HIV.

Ending ignorance about the disease and fearing not the people who are infected but rather the virus' destructive force are tasks that must be undertaken seriously regardless of the week of the year.

Students, residents make peace

Bowling Green has not changed much in the four years since I have been here. The students have always liked to party, the weather has always made me wish I lived in Florida and the shuttle has never run on schedule.

Students have not always been best friends with Bowling Green residents either. That has escalated this year with the nuisance party and zoning ordinances being enforced.

The student-resident relationship has been hampered by the fact that both sides think they are right, and they do not completely understand one another.

The arguments residents of Bowling Green give are better than students give them credit for. They are not all out-of-touch "townies," nor do they all have an impeccable dislike for us students.

I'll bet it really is hard for them living in a college town. For one thing, 57 percent of the property here is rental property. Any resident who owns land next to a rental unit automatically sees their property value decrease.

And imagine how awkward it is for residents with kids. This town is perfectly conducive to my 22-year-old partying needs, but I would not feel the same if I was 12.

Residents don't like our rowdy parties or the intoxicated students galloping home from the bars every weekend. Although I am guilty of this myself, I see their argument. Imagine if you are a working adult just wanting to sleep on the weekends, or you have young kids in need of slumber.

Not to mention that when we party, we really can do a number on the land. It is not uncommon to see beer cans



NICOLE DELISIO

Opinion Columnist

thrown around Bowling Green yards. Residents do not want their environment to disintegrate.

I've heard some students say that whether the residents like putting up with us, they can move if they don't like it. I'll bet a good portion of Bowling Green residents moved here, and remain here because of a job. Not to mention that some might live here because this is what they can afford.

And many residents have kids attending school here. Anyone who has ever moved to a different school knows that putting kids in a new district is not the easiest thing.

Now allow me to explain why students have some good arguments. The biggest issue is that we are college students and many of us like to party, being that we are young adults in possibly one of the greatest journeys of our lives.

We are recently removed from our childhood, and before we venture into the world of work and families, we want to have fun. I would not doubt that some Bowling Green residents partyed a lot in college, and hopefully those of you reading this understand.

Students are not usually happy when we get in trouble with the police. I've heard stories from friends whose neighbors they've never even met reported loud parties at their place.

Students have a key responsibility of keeping the noise down when we host a party, but getting us busted on the first instance some times seems

unfair. Maybe instead of calling the police the first time we have a loud party, residents can talk with their neighbors the next day, to explain why they were bothered by the party and kindly ask students to keep it quieter next time.

We are upset with the zoning ordinance for many reasons. Among several of our arguments, some students believe it is impeding on their right to live where they want with friends. Others are confused about how more than three students living in one place can mean more parties there. Students who party are going to do so no matter how many friends they live with.

Houses, like those in Bentwood, cost over \$1,000 monthly and have four bedrooms. It really does not make sense to only allow three people in a four-bedroom house, and many students can not afford such high rent.

So neither Bowling Green students nor residents are as bad as we can make each other out to be. As a student, I know this is true of the residents because most of the ones I've met are genuinely nice, compassionate people.

Until residents and students understand the other side, nothing is likely to get resolved. We students can do our part by getting our concerns on the table.

Mayor Quinn has urged students to run for city council, and I can not thank him more for that. Two students and a faculty member are running for first ward city council, and I have the utmost faith in them to be strong liaisons of resident and student views.

Send comments to Nicole at ndelisi@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your least favorite building on campus?



REBECCA BRADLEY
FRESHMAN,
SPANISH EDUCATION

"Eppler, because I always get lost!"



ELIZABETH KRAL
FRESHMAN,
PHYSICAL THERAPY

"Univeristy Hall because the stairs are a killer."



JOE DAVIS
SENIOR, HISTORY

"Moseley Hall is always SO hot!"



COURTNEY VINCENT
FRESHMAN, NURSING

"South Hall is like a ghetto high school."

Death penalty for minors illogical



MEGAN SCHMIDT

Opinion Columnist

Sometimes it takes only a small step in the right direction to inspire hope.

In the case of the Supreme Court's decision on Tuesday to outlaw the death penalty for minors, it inspires the hope that perhaps the United States is finally waking up to the idea that government-sponsored murder is barbaric and unethical.

Prior to this decision, 19 states (among them, Texas and Florida, but not Ohio) permitted the executions of convicted criminals under the age of 18. Now, the highest court in the land is restricting states from using capital punishment for this age group.

Though it may be a far cry from abolishing the death penalty completely, it is a start. Moreover, the decision seems to be part of a trend that hopefully, for the sake of human rights, will continue.

Just two years ago, the Supreme Court barred executions for any person considered mentally challenged, on the grounds that such a person would be incapable of fully understanding the depth of the crime.

Is it safe to say that as sensitive, compassionate human beings, we are finally catching on?

Some would argue that banning capital punishment serves only to encourage juveniles to commit more heinous crimes at less risk of "real" repercussions, citing Christopher Simmons (whose case brought about the Supreme Court ruling) as an example.

Simmons is guilty of kidnapping a neighbor, tying her up and dumping her off of a bridge. Because he was 17 when he committed the crime, Simmons allegedly bragged that he would not face severe criminal charges. He was wrong.

Simmons, once on death row, will still serve a life term. That's not exactly getting off easily, is it?

While it may be too late for someone such as Simmons, who committed his crime 12 years ago, to receive the counseling and therapy necessary to change him, there certainly is hope for other adolescent criminals.

An effect of this decision is that there were 70 death row inmates who were minors at the time of their crimes who will no longer face the death penalty. These are 70 children who, despite being found guilty of some atrocious crimes, are still just that — children.

In Simmons' case, he was

a child who endured years of physical and psychological abuse at home.

These young criminals should be held accountable for what they have done. However, it is not in the best interest of our society to impose the death penalty upon them. We should detain them, counsel them and study them, so that we can learn how to minimize such tendencies in future generations of people.

Many would claim a typical 16- or 17-year-old may be considered mature and intelligent enough to know the difference between right and wrong, and also to be able to accept the consequences of doing something that is undoubtedly wrong.

But even so, for the government to assume the position of sentencing a minor to death row is rather absurd, if you consider that a person under 18 cannot vote, get a tattoo or buy a pack of cigarettes — yet (in some states) he or she can get "the chair."

There is no logical explanation for why a government should be able to terminate the life of a citizen who is, basically, disenfranchised because of his or her age.

Thanks to the Supreme Court, this injustice is finally going to be repaired.

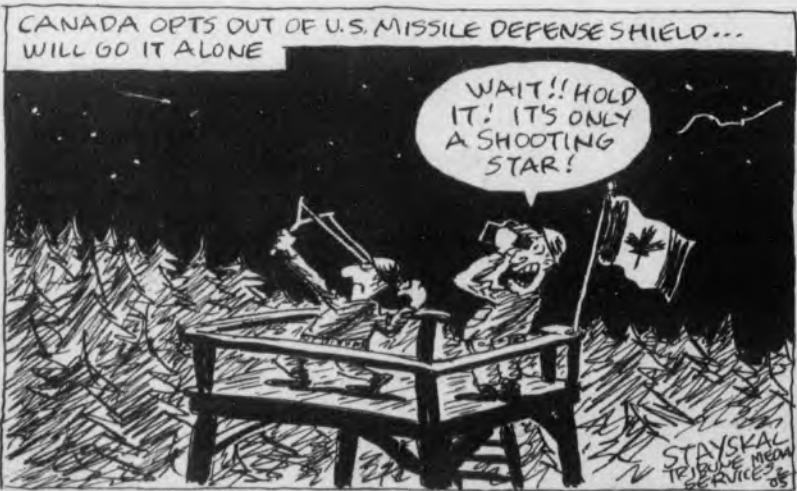
And it's about time. Until Tuesday, the United States was one of only a few countries left in the world — including Iran, Saudi Arabia and China — still allowing for the execution of minors.

By abolishing this practice, the United States is able to begin the process of accepting the notion that capital punishment is truly a cruel, unusual and outdated punishment. Finally, we are able to join in on at least a small component of the international consensus on the matter.

Opponents of capital punishment can view the decision with optimism, as it may serve as a hint as to the changing perspectives on capital punishment.

"The lasting significance of this case is that it opens the door to the abolition of the death penalty judicially," said Jordan Steiker, a death penalty expert at the University of Texas. "It suggests that judicial abolition is a genuine prospect."

Send comments to Megan at schmmeg@bgnet.bgsu.edu.



BG NEWS
CARRIE WHITAKER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

210 West Hall
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403
Phone: (419) 372-6966
E-mail: thenews@bgnews.com
Web site: <http://www.bgnews.com>

- ANGELA GORTER MANAGING EDITOR
- TIFFANI MCKENZIE CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR
- BOB MOSER CITY NEWS EDITOR
- KARA HULL EXECUTIVE EDITOR
- MIRANDA BOND FEATURES EDITOR
- PATRICK MAYNARD DESIGN EDITOR
- BRANDON DRAKE ONLINE EDITOR
- ELLIOTT SCHREINER SPORTS EDITOR
- JESS WAGNER COPY CHIEF
- CHELSEA SNYDER OPINION EDITOR
- SEAN CORP PULSE EDITOR
- ASHLEY KUNTZ PHOTO EDITOR
- KEN EDWARDS WEBMASTER

The BG News Submission Policy

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** are to be fewer than 300 words. These are usually in response to a current issue on the University's campus or the Bowling Green area.
- GUEST COLUMNS** are longer pieces between 600 and 800 words. These are usually also in response to a current issue on the University's campus or the Bowling Green area.
- POLICIES**
Letters to the Editor and Guest Columns are printed as space on the Opinion Page permits. Additional Letters to the Editor or Guest Columns may be published online. Name, year and phone number should be included for verification purposes. Personal attacks, unverified information or anonymous submissions will not be printed.
- E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS** as an attachment to thenews@bgnews.com with the subject line marked "Letter to the Editor" or "Guest Column." Only e-mailed letters and columns will be considered for printing. All letters are subject to review for length and clarity before printing.
- Opinion columns do not necessarily reflect the views of **The BG News**.

Schiavo case sets precedent in morals

A woman's life is at stake, and so is the conscience of America.

An on-going Florida court battle to remove brain-damaged Terry Schiavo's feeding tube does not only affect her and her family, but also speaks volumes about where Americans stand on the value of life.

Terry suffered brain damage in 1990. Her husband Michael won a million dollar malpractice suit for Terry's long-term care. Only months later, he began withholding therapy and care, then in 1998 he petitioned the court to remove her feeding tube because he claims she would not have desired to be kept alive by artificial means.

Terry's parents are desperately fighting to keep her alive, saying they will take over as guardians and will let Michael divorce Terry. After years of bitter conflict between Terry's parents and Michael, Judge George Greer ruled that he can have her feeding tube removed on March 18.

In the name of objectivity, the news media is feeding us a bland, "politically neutral" view of this case. They continually insist on referring to Terry as being in a "persistent vegetative state" and refer to this as a part of the "right to die" movement as if this case is about human dignity and respecting individual wishes. It is not nearly that simple.

Michael has been living with another woman for a decade and has two children with her. He has consistently neglected to cherish or even care for Terry, the woman he is still married to.

Some of the claims the media is choosing to ignore are astonishing. Michael refuses to allow Terry to receive physical therapy, rehabilitation, or swallowing tests, despite medical claims that she is responsive to treatment and may be able to be taught to eat.

He refuses to allow her to receive antibiotics or dental cleaning. He refuses to fix her broken wheelchair, to allow her to leave her hospital room and to attend Mass even though she is a devout Catholic.

This is only the beginning of a long list of alleged abuses. There are even questions of whether Terry's brain damage was a result of physical domestic abuse from Michael and he has only strengthened that argument by insisting that, upon death, her body be immediately cremated.

Today, people receive therapy for minor operations or even ankle sprains; of course major trauma like a brain injury would require extensive physical therapy. Terry breathes on her own and, with the rapid pace of technological development, a medical breakthrough could happen tomorrow.

For instance, neuroscientists recently discovered that brains of "minimally conscious" patients can have a surprising amount of brain activity. Promising new brain-computer interfacing



AMANDA HOOPER

Opinion Columnist

can translate brain activity into computer keystrokes and mouse movements which may allow these patients to communicate.

Then, there is the brain damaged woman in Kansas who had not spoken in 20 years but suddenly began speaking again last month. Would a restoration like that be enough for the court to deem Terry's life worth protecting?

Over the last century, Americans have taken great strides in recognizing the rights of people who had previously relegated to second-class citizens including women, minorities, children and the disabled. As a society, have we forgotten this great crusade to value and protect each life?

In Terry's case, if her feeding tube is removed, the government is essentially sanctioning the taking of an innocent life. Apparently, interests groups and the court care more about an idealistic "right to die" claim than a woman's life.

Who will we let decide what life is worthwhile? What determines the value of individual life?

Just last week, Hollywood awarded the Oscar for best picture to "Million Dollar Baby," a film about a woman who was a boxer, but then becomes a paraplegic on a ventilator. So, she then makes the apparently "difficult but heroic" choice to end her life. Is this what our culture values? Where is the celebration of heroically preserving life and tenaciously striving to buck the odds?

Look at Christopher Reeves, the handsome, accomplished actor who we celebrated for pursuing a full life, despite becoming a quadriplegic on a ventilator. Will this so-called "right to die" turn into the "duty to die" for those people society views as useless or a burden?

We should not allow the media, Hollywood or the courts to answer any of these difficult questions for us.

When Americans decide what the purpose of life is, then they can decide why they would ever want to determine a life "not worth living." Ultimately, it boils down to how we view our roles as humans and our view of life on earth. What purpose does this life serve, and does it connect to a grander scheme of the universe?

Until we can confidently answer those questions, it is arrogant to assume that, with man's limited view of the mysteries of life and death, we can presume to be capable of deciding when a life should end.

Send comments to Amanda at aHooper@bgn.net, aHooper@bgsu.edu.

'Girls Gone Wild' videos demean women

COLLIN SULLIVAN

U-Wire Columnist
The Daily Nebraskan
University of Nebraska

Spring break is fast approaching, and college students everywhere are anticipating a crazy week of fun in the sun. Popular resort locations like Cancun, Daytona Beach and South Padre Island are all being considered as possibilities, but we know the real destination: sex, booze and parties.

That's what the American spring break is all about. We have nine days to kill without obligation or responsibility. One can hardly imagine a better opportunity for us hard-working students to really let loose and go wild.

Some have taken it upon themselves to film such antics and sell the results for profit. Thus, we are blessed (or cursed) with the phenomenon of "Girls Gone Wild," our society's popular tribute to everything we love about spring break.

The content in these videos promotes a social norm that too few members of the college community are speaking out about. An alarming few are making their voices heard on the social status of women on campus, and we would do better to openly recognize the social ills that relegate women to roles of objectification or implied servitude.

Nowhere is this more apparent than on those "Girls Gone Wild" commercials. I still recall an evening back home with my girlfriend. We were enjoying an hour of forgettable late-night TV when an ad for the videos played.

From memory, the ad went something like this: "Wow! It's college girls doing things they never taught you in school! (Girls flashing, blurred) Follow the "Girls Gone Wild" camera crew on Spring Break and find out just what these girls really study! (Blurred flashing) It's racy! (Flash) Raucous! (Flash) And all for \$9.95! (Girl licking whipped cream from other girl's stomach.)"

It was nothing we hadn't seen before. The real memorable moment came towards the end. "Buy now and you'll receive the new 'Girls Gone Wild: Girl Power' for half price!"

My girlfriend's reaction was priceless: "Ugh," she groaned. "I feel so empowered."

How ironic (or revolting) that a film exploiting young women for profit would employ the language of feminism. I think the voice-over shouted "Girl Power" just as one girl was spanking another.

Is this our idea of empowered females? Are we to expect women to perform sexual acts or show off their naked bodies so they can feel good about themselves?

At the same time, it's clear whom the folks over at "Girls Gone Wild" are marketing

"The content of these videos promotes a social norm that too few members of the college community are speaking out about."

toward. You won't find these ads on Lifetime or Oxygen, self-proclaimed "Television for Women." Similarly, you won't see them on major label networks, at least not during daytime or prime-time hours. They air late at night on E! or Spike TV, the first network for men (what a farce that is), among other cable networks where college-aged males are the target audience.

So, to piece this all together, a video is portraying spring break as an opportunity for women to break out of their shell and go "Wild." It's then being marketed with overtones of feminine empowerment to young men who are already immersed in a misogynistic college culture.

Videos are selling, and after special (though censored) coverage provided by E! Entertainment Television, interest doesn't seem to be declining.

While I would never call for outright censorship of this product, there is a measure of social responsibility that people need to be aware of. The filmmakers involved in "Girls Gone Wild" are doing more than observing a culture. They're

promulgating the type of culture they want to see. They are approaching girls at clubs and on sidewalks and offering money and fame if they remove their tops. Many girls oblige, some sober, others not.

The point is not that girls are naked — that's not nearly as much of an aberration as the reasons for their nudity. While a woman's form certainly can be an empowering aspect of femininity, the exploitation of that beautiful form solely for male pleasure and profit is antithetical to any sense of feminine social autonomy.

Production of the videos is unlikely to be stopped as long as sex-crazed 20-year-olds continue to buy them. Likewise, as long as there is a Cancun in late March, there will be drunken antics that perpetuate social perspectives that often prove dangerous to women.

The answer is not to abolish spring break, alcohol or even the "Girls Gone Wild" videos. The answer is in re-examining social and cultural practices that perpetuate stereotypes objectifying women and relegating them to subordinate social roles.

As men, we need to realize women aren't here for our pleasure and enjoyment. Women, too, need to understand that taking an active role in promoting feminine autonomy is the most effective step in smashing glass ceilings and razing social walls. Therein is where the real Girl Power lies.

Do you have something to say? We want to hear about it. Send comments to us via email at thenews@bgnews.com or visit our website, www.bgnews.com.

Make JOHN NEWLOVE REAL ESTATE, INC. your FIRST CHOICE in your search for affordable housing!

EFFICIENCIES

451 THURSTIN- Across Street from Offenbauer. Furnished with full bath, stove and refrigerator. School Year- One person Rate- \$395.00. One Year- One Person Rate- \$360.00.

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENTS

Rates available for 1 or 2 occupants. Check with Rental Office for prices for 2 occupants.

517 E. REED STREET- At Thurstin. Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. School Year- One person Rate- \$465.00. One Year- One Person Rate- \$390.00

707-727 THIRD STREET- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. School Year- One Person Rate- \$395.00. One Year- One Person Rate- \$350.00.

825 THIRD STREET- Pets Allowed! Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. School Year- One Person Rate- \$465.00. One Year- One Person Rate- \$410.00.

449-455 S. ENTERPRISE- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. School Year- One Person Rate- \$395.00. One Year- One Person Rate- \$360.00.

839 SEVENTH STREET- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. Dishwasher. School Year- One Person Rate- \$455.00. One Year- One Person Rate- \$390.00.

PETS ALLOWED

with \$250.00 Nonrefundable pet deposit at these location:

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 403 High | 825 Third | 755 Manville |
| 831 Seventh | 640 Eighth | 841 Eighth |
| 725 Ninth | 777 Manville | 733 Manville |



TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS

Rates available for 1,2 or 3 occupants. Check with Rental Office for prices other than Two Person Rates.

517 E. REED- At Thurstin. Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$615.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$515.00.

505 CLOUGH STREET- Behind Kinko's. Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath + vanity. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$620.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$520.00.

521 EAST MERRY- Furnished. One bath. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$690.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$575.00. * Lower floors reduced rate.

402 HIGH STREET- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$590.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$490.00.

701 FOURTH STREET- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath. Vanity in each bedroom. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$630.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$540.00.

810 FIFTH, 649 SIXTH & 707 SIXTH- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath + Hall Vanity. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$560.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$470.00.

840-850 SIXTH STREET- Furnished or Unfurnished. Two full baths. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$640.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$530.00.

818 SEVENTH & 831 SEVENTH- Furnished or Unfurnished. One bath + Hall Vanity. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$545.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$470.00.

724 S. COLLEGE DRIVE- Unfurnished. Dishwasher. 1 1/2 Baths. School Year-Two Person Rate- \$640.00. One Year- Two Person Rate- \$530.00.

Let our Friendly Staff assist you in finding AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE CAN HELP YOU!

JOHN NEWLOVE REAL ESTATE, INC.
319 E. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH
Located Across from TACO BELL
RENTAL OFFICE (419) 354-2260

Hours- Monday to Friday 8:30 to 5:30
Saturday- 8:30 to 5:00
www.johnnewlove realestate.com



John W. Strawman,
D.D.S.
WELCOMES



Jeffrey Kaiser, D.D.S.
Family Dentistry

Accepting New Patients
Same Day Emergency Care
Delta Dental Provider for
BGSU Staff, Faculty, and
Students

Call for appointment
419-352-4661
1064 W. Wooster St.,
Bowling Green

Visit our Website at
www.StrawmanKaiserDentists.com

REPUBLICANS DISAGREE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans struggled to sort out Social Security disputes among themselves Thursday as Democrats bought radio ads to attack President Bush and GOP allies in Congress along the next leg of his road trip pitching his overhaul.

NATION

www.bgnews.com/nation

CIA employees prepare for reform

By Tom Raum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANGLEY, Va. — President Bush sought to reassure CIA employees yesterday that they would not lose influence under an intelligence reorganization that created a new overall director for intelligence services.

"The reforms will help the CIA do its job better," Bush told reporters after touring the spy agency.

The president spoke a day after CIA Director Porter Goss complained that the new law would create "ambiguities" between his authority and that of Bush's nominee to be National Intelligence Director, John Negroponte and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Bush said he recognized that there were some ambiguities and some CIA employees were uneasy about the changes.

"I know there is some uncertainty," he said, but "I'm confident the process will work."

Bush also reiterated that the hunt for Osama bin Laden goes on even though the terrorist blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks has yet to be found.

"We spend everyday" trying to find the elusive al-Qaida leader, the president said. Bush also repeated his demand that

Syria move all of its forces out of Lebanon as soon as possible. The Syrians have some 15,000 troops in Lebanon.

He said that "the message is loud and clear" from the United States, Europe and Russia that "it is time for Syria to get out."

Bush, who took questions from reporters with Goss at his side, said one of the reasons he came to the agency was to reassure employees that their work was "vital."

Bush's trip was seen as an effort to boost morale at the agency amid concerns about its role now that the agency's director will no longer be the lead U.S. intelligence officer. The head of the CIA has enjoyed that position of primacy in intelligence affairs for over 60 years.

In a rare public appearance Wednesday in Simi Valley, Calif., Goss said the new law left him unclear on his own future role.

"It's got a huge amount of ambiguity in it," he said. "I don't know by law what my direct relationship is with John Negroponte," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld or other top officials

involved with intelligence.

Goss, who has made few public comments beyond congressional testimony, also said he was overwhelmed by the many duties of his job, including devoting five hours out of every day to prepare for and deliver intelligence briefings to Bush.

"The jobs I'm being asked to do, the five hats that I wear, are too much for this moral."

PORTER GOSS, CIA DIRECTOR

his future role.

Goss praised Negroponte, the career diplomat, who is expected to be confirmed by the Senate, will take over several of the duties currently assigned to Goss, including the presidential briefing.

"I hold him in the very highest regard," he said, noting that the two attended Yale at the same time. "The intelligence commu-

nity is going to be strengthened and unified and more effective than it has ever been."

"There are many parts" to the legislation overhauling the intelligence community that passed late last year, McClellan said. "And we're moving forward on that to make sure that this is an integrated effort where every-thing is focused on the same goal of doing all we can to protect the American people."

The relationship between Negroponte and Goss is one of the things "that we'll be working through as we move forward to implement the reforms that were passed in the legislation," McClellan said.

At the CIA, Bush will thank the employees "for their great work and thank them for what they do," McClellan said. "They work 24-7 to protect the American people. They are the men and the women who are on the front lines in the war on terrorism, and many of them are often unheard of — or aren't heard from."

Goss' California remarks came during an hour-long address at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, before an audience of more than 200 that included former first lady Nancy Reagan. Tickets to the event were sold to the public for \$45.



J.Scott Applewhite AP Photo

ARRIVING AT THE HEADQUARTERS: President Bush arrives with CIA Director Porter Goss, left, to talk to reporters in Langley, Va.

California governor to visit Ohio's Arnold Classic event

By Erica Werner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Arnold Schwarzenegger returns this weekend to the bodybuilding contest that bears his name, embracing a sport in which steroid use endures from his own days — at a time when talk of doping is a national pastime.

His annual trip to the Arnold Classic lets California's governor reconnect with the sport that made him famous, among fans and far from a gathering political storm back home.

Instead of budget cuts and political redistricting, the weekend is about muscles and how big they are. And, inevitably, it also will be about steroids, the

weekend's uninvited guest.

California's governor recently said he doesn't regret competing with steroids when they were legal, though he opposes their use now to produce "huge monsters on the stage."

At least one bodybuilder in the competition has acknowledged using steroids; another spent time in jail for a steroid-related offense. Last year, federal agents investigating an alleged distribution ring at a San Francisco Bay area lab served grand jury subpoenas at the Arnold Classic.

Bodybuilding "by virtually everyone's account is totally saturated, immersed with illegal drug use," said Charles Yesalis, a Pennsylvania State University

"It wasn't for some years of use that the downsides of it became clear and that's when they were outlawed."

JIM LORIMER, BODY BUILDER

professor who has written books on steroids. "His standing up there with them I think delivers a very, very inappropriate message."

Fans and critics alike will be listening whether the seven-time Mr. Olympia addresses bodybuilding's worst-kept secret. Since last year's competition,

baseball has confronted renewed suspicions of use among some stars.

"I would expect that he would be making much stronger statements than he's made to date," said California state Sen. Jackie Speier, a Democrat whose bill to list substances banned in inter-scholastic sports the Republican governor vetoed last year.

Schwarzenegger's sojourn allows an escape from politics in California, where Speier and other Democrats are bunkering down for a special election that Schwarzenegger wants to call to pass an agenda that the Legislature will not.

Schwarzenegger's supporters say he has been unmistak-

ably anti-steroid for years and contend steroids are no more rampant in bodybuilding than other sports.

"It wasn't for some years of use that the downsides of it became clear and that's when they were outlawed" and Schwarzenegger changed his position, said Jim Lorimer, Schwarzenegger's longtime partner in the Arnold Fitness Weekend. "He has been steadfastly talking against them."

When it comes to his own steroid use as a competitor, however, Schwarzenegger doesn't recant.

"It was a new thing," he told ABC's "This Week" in an interview aired Sunday, "so you can't roll the clock back and say, 'No, I would change my mind,' or anything, because for those days,

that's what we did."

The Arnold Fitness Weekend began as a much smaller bodybuilding competition that Schwarzenegger entered, and won, in 1970. He was so impressed with the event he promised Lorimer a partnership after he retired from competing.

He kept his promise, and the first Arnold Classic was held in Columbus in 1989. Since then it has mushroomed: This year, 14,000 athletes will compete in 20 different sports. About 100,000 spectators are expected.

On Friday night, Schwarzenegger plans to watch the women's finals and will be on hand Saturday when the top men's prizes — \$100,000 and a Hummer — are handed out.



Maximize Your Education.
Minimize Your Cost.

COME SEE A UPS RECRUITER ON CAMPUS:

Mon, 3/14 from 10am-2pm • Career Services
Tues, 3/15 from 2pm-4pm • Student Union
Wed, 3/16 from 10am-2pm • Career Services

Online Application: www.upsjobs.com

Hours of Operation:

Preload • 4am-8am
Day • 11:30am-3:30pm
Twilight • 5pm-9pm
Midnight • 10:45pm-2:45am
Shift times are approximate.

For additional information, please contact:
Bethany Speiser (bspeiser@bgnet.bgsu.edu)
Amity Woirol (awoirol@ups.com)
Or call: 419-891-6820
1550 Holland Road • Maumee, OH 43537



The UPS
EARN
AND
LEARN
Program

Get up to
\$23,000*
in College
Education Assistance!

Equal Opportunity Employer
*Program guidelines apply.

Conn. court refuses parole for rapist

By John Christoffersen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUFFIELD, Conn. — A parole board yesterday rejected a rapist's bid to be released from prison, keeping the former jet-set fugitive behind bars until at least 2008.

Alex Kelly, who was charged in 1986 with raping two teenagers while he was a high-school wrestling standout, was visibly angry after the ruling and demanded of the three-member board, "Why did we come here?"

Board members said they were moved by the pleas of Kelly's two victims, Adrienne Bak and Hillary Buchanan, who sat together and fought back tears as they described Kelly's crimes.

"For 19 years, Adrienne and I have been trying to get justice for

the brutal rapes this man committed against us," Buchanan said. "He left such an indelible mark on my soul."

Kelly, now 37, was convicted in 1997 and sentenced to 16 years in prison.

"I wish there was some way I could explain how sorry I am for what I have done," Kelly told the board. "I take full responsibility for the things I have done. I have caused a lot of pain to a lot of people and I am sorry for that."

Just before his trial was to begin in 1987, Kelly fled the country. He surrendered in Switzerland in 1995. While in Europe, he spent time skiing, hang gliding and mountain climbing using money authorities say his wealthy parents sent him.

COMPLETELY REMODELED 2 BEDROOMS

624 FRAZEE AVE. & 516 E. MERRY ST.

FEATURES:

- New Carpet
- Tile Floors
- New Furniture
- 2 Full Baths
- New Kitchens
- New Appliances
- Dishwasher & Garbage Disposal

Greenbriar, Inc.

(419) 352-0717 www.greenbriarrentals.com



THEY'RE BACK: Pulse CD reviews return with the sophomore disc from Eisley; **PAGE 8**

PULSE

FRIDAY
March 4,
2005
....

www.bgnews.com/pulse
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
VOLUME 99 ISSUE 126

get a life

calendar of events

FRIDAY

8 p.m.
Trumpet Ensemble
Bryan Recital Hall

8 p.m.
Comedy Showcase
Union Pub

10 p.m.
Evolotto
Downtown Brown
Leg Bone
Howard's Club H

10 p.m.
Courageous Minority
Nate & Wally's Fishbowl

SATURDAY

10 p.m.
The Welders
Howard's Club H

10 p.m.
Goiterjelly
Nate & Wally's Fishbowl

SUNDAY

10 p.m.
The Hold Steady
Modern Soviet Enemies
The Oranges Band
Howard's Club H

MONDAY

9 p.m.
Euchre Night
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.
Bensin
Howard's Club H

10 p.m.
DJ A-ron
Nate & Wally's Fishbowl

TUESDAY

9 p.m.
Comedy Night
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.
iPod Night
Easy Street Cafe

Karaoke Night
Nate & Wally's Fishbowl

WEDNESDAY

10 p.m.
The Capital Years
Howard's Club H

THURSDAY

10 p.m.
Embassy
Howard's Club H

Open Mic Night
Easy Street Cafe

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



[Getting Networked]



The Facebook and other Internet friendship destinations give people the opportunity to stay in touch with old friends and make new ones — all in the comfort of their living spaces. The popularity has spawned a satirical version called Catch 27.

By Carrie Whitaker
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Kristine Blair's research has found at least one steady trend — people are always finding new ways to communicate on the Internet.

It has been over 10 years since America Online launched society into a chatroom frenzy, but an innovative line of Web sites has created a new form of communication.

Sites such as thefacebook.com, friendster.com, myspace.com and catch27.com have created a platform where location means little and the connections seem endless.

Describing themselves as free "online directories" or "networks," they have attracted millions of users and only require an e-mail address to join.

Such sites offer different features like journals (more often called blogs), prizes and some throw parties for their members. But, Blair thinks these sites would attract members without the special features.

"At the core, one thing we are looking at here is the concept of virtual community, and that's not a new concept," said Blair, an English professor at Bowling Green State University, who focuses her research on computer mediated communication.

The growing phenomenon has become a pastime for catch27.com creator E. Jean Carroll, who is also a relationship columnist for Elle Magazine. She said the sites are fun and functional for the new multitasking generation.

"You guys are all working, but you are also doing a lot of other stuff — your e-mails, your AIMS, checking out other sites," she said via phone from her New York City home. "You do, on catch27.com, exactly what you do in real life. It's much easier than when I was in college, this way you can get to know people on a serious level before you meet face to face."

Thefacebook.com has been making the headlines recently in newspapers across the country for its increased use on college campuses.

Debuting a year ago, the site began at Harvard and now includes over 300 colleges and universities. BGSU now makes up approximately 6,000 of the site's 1.5 million members.

Because becoming a member requires a university e-mail address, this site is limited to college students, creating another appeal to these sites, Blair said.

"For people who can get on, it makes it a little more trendy," Blair said. "It creates a demand for it — and that's what gives it the buzz."

Beside the desire to merely be connected, some people or groups — like bands — use the sites to connect with fans. Other artists consider their "space" to be art in itself.

Julie Schilling, a senior at Ohio State University, said she logs onto myspace.com twice a day to connect with friends and read blogs put up by other members.

"I used to get on like everyday and then for like two months I quit getting on it, but I am obsessed with it again," Schilling said. "I like meeting people from OSU, but my friends actually visit people from other states."

According to the Web site, myspace.com sponsored a party in Miami last month. The creators of the site have thrown parties in a large metropolitan city, like Los Angeles. Invitations are sent to all members in hopes to connect people, Schilling said.

| Information | [edit] |
|------------------------------|---|
| Account Info: | |
| Name: | John Doe |
| Member Since: | March 4, 2005 |
| Basic Info: [edit] | |
| Email: | JohnDoe@bgnet.bgsu.edu |
| Status: | Student |
| Sex: | Male |
| Residence: | BGSU |
| Birthday: | 1/23/82 |
| Home Town: | Bowling Green, OH |
| High School: | Bowling Green '00 |
| Extended Info: [edit] | |
| Interests: | Keeping in touch with friends |
| Relationship Status: | Single |
| Websites: | http://www.thefacebook.com http://www.friendster.com http://www.myspace.com http://www.catch27.com |

Many members use the sites simply for entertainment or to pass the time, Schilling said.

"It makes me laugh a lot because of the fact you can send pictures and comments," Schilling said. "But I know these two girls who are Internet best friends now — and they live in different states."

Internet friendships and dating are very real, catch27.com creator Carroll said. She manages her site up to 14 hours a day and said she has seen a lot of relationships form while working in the back of the system.

"It's just as safe as a church social," Carroll said. "You could still meet a serial killer at a church social. I think it is more safe [online] because you get to meet the person firsthand through conversation."

Dorise Gruber, a member of catch27.com, would disagree. A student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Gruber said another member told her she was the girl of his dreams, but she decided not to pursue it.

"As one of my friends said, 'the Internet strikes me a little too bizarre for meeting people,'" she said.

But just like the person trying to connect with Gruber, human beings have always used different means to meet one another, Blair said. The sites themselves may be a new form of communication, but the idea of creating a community is not a new concept, Blair said.

"What's new are the tools and the modes of communication," Blair said. "What makes these sites so interesting is they are so global."

According to Current Magazine's November 2004 interview with Mark Zuckerberg, creator of thefacebook.com, a community feeling was one of the focuses of the site.

In the interview, Zuckerberg explained that sites like thefacebook.com are much more of a reality than some may associate with the Internet.

"We don't view the site as an online community — we bill it as a directory that is reinforcing a physical community," Zuckerberg said. "What exists on the site is a mirror image of what exists in real life."

Illustration by: Mike Metzger

'Marvel'ous author returns to BG

By Dan Myers
PULSE REPORTER

For him, it was a homecoming; for them, it was a unique learning experience.

He is Marc Sumerak, BGSU alum and writer for Marvel Comics.

They are the students who saw him present his latest work -- "Power Pack," a comic book that goes on sale next month -- last night in the Union as part of an alumni reading series.

It was a first for the Creative Writing Program's reading series, as it has never featured a comic book author before.

"All the elements of creative writing is present in comic books," Sumerak said, naming elements like characters, plot structure and dialog as examples.

He detailed how comic book

production differs from writing a short story, such as the inclusion of several people on a single project -- authors, editors, pencilers, inkers, colorists and others.

"And one of the nicest surprises of collaborative storytelling," Sumerak said, "is that everyone is working to put their best work on the page."

Sumerak also gave some advice to the crowd of about 50, most of whom were creative writing majors.

"If you can find a person in your [writing] group who can be brutal with your story, take advantage of that," he said.

In an interview before the presentation, Sumerak, who earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University, said writing workshops were invaluable to him. "Workshops got me ready to be edited, they got me ready to

edit." Reaching out to aspiring writers, Sumerak said, "Don't be afraid to look beyond the standard forms you're used to writing. Make sure you're aware of the other things that are out there."

"There's a lot of rejection in any publishing industry. Sure, it's not easy to take rejection. If you need to, take as couple of days, recoup, and never give up," he said.

After discussing the comic book industry in his presentation, Sumerak moved on to reading the first several pages of Power Pack's first issue. He showed each panel one-by-one on a projector hooked up to a laptop computer while reading from the comic's original script.

SUMERAK, PAGE 8



COMIC BOOKS: Marc Sumerak reads his new comic book, "Power Pack," on the overhead. The rough version of its script contains scene descriptions that he reads to illustrate how comic books are made.

BGSU graduate talks about his career at Marvel Comics

SUMERAK, FROM PAGE 8

Each of Sumerak's scripts include a description of what the artwork might look like. These descriptions are for the pencilers who draw each panel's scene, who work separately from Sumerak.

In Power Pack's case, the artists live in Japan.

"My scripts need to be sent to a translator before they are given to the artists," Sumerak said. This causes him to write his descriptions as simply as possible, avoiding any vernacular that might not translate well into Japanese.

He read the descriptions last night to show how the artists interpreted his envisioning of each scene.

Sumerak, a Cleveland native, began working at Marvel Comics in an internship while he was still a junior at the University.

"It was a very unique experience to hold a piece of original artwork, knowing it was gonna go into a comic book," Sumerak said. "It really opened my eyes

that this could be a career."

His first published work came in the form of a guide to past issues of the comic book series "Avengers" called, "Avengers Casebook 1999." It was released while Sumerak was still a BGSU senior.

In March of 2000, just months before he would graduate, Sumerak got a call from the editor at Marvel he apprenticed under, Tom Brevoort.

Brevoort offered Sumerak a job as assistant editor, a position Marvel held until Sumerak graduated and could move to New York City.

"It wasn't necessarily hard to do," Sumerak recalled, "but there was a lot of hard work involved." There was definitely a lot of competition, he said, and one misstep could have meant losing his chance.

"I made sure I stayed as late as I needed to, making sure those deadlines were met," he said.

"It was a good mix of good luck, timing and talent -- with an emphasis on good luck and timing."

Comedian to perform at Kobacker

By Rachel Bobak
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

"Premium Blend," "Contest Searchlight," "Law and Order: SVU" and "Crashtest" are just some of the TV shows that have featured stand-up comedian Eliot Chang, the New York City native who has also done several television commercials.

Growing up in New York and current events are the main subjects of his routine. On Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," he told the audience about walking the streets of New York being similar to driving a car in traffic.

"You can't walk slow within 25 mph in New York City. Go to Time Square during rush hour; I dare you to stop and look at a cloud," he said, as he stands and stares upward. "There's a five person pile-up behind you. Hey, come on, what's going on? I got to get to the curb, let's go. You know, someone better be dead when I get up there."

Chang originally started out as

an actor. But since he is becoming a successful comedian, he has toured America to sold-out shows for the past eight years.

One of his stops on his tour will be at the University. Chang will entertain the students at Kobacker Hall March 16 at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Asian Communities United with UAO co-sponsoring.

Since ACU had contact with Chang from the previous year, they were able to book him for the show.

"We saw his video and thought he was funny," said Brad Pribe, Treasurer of ACU. "We think it would be good for the campus and for the program he has set up."

After the show, Chang has an "Asians in the Media" workshop, where he will speak about the political ramifications of Asians in television and film. The audience members will be able to discuss the issues with him in an interactive session.



Photo courtesy of www.echang.com
LAUGH: Featured on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Contest Searchlight."

He discusses issues, such as the U.S. Japanese internment camps in the 1940s, the portrayal of Asians, how Asian women are treated in the media and what any person can do to make a

difference, to name a few.

This is a free show, although tickets need to be taken at the door. The tickets can be picked up in the Union lobby at the ACU table Monday and Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will also be passing tickets out at the door, as well as asking for donations for the people affected by the tsunami, which will be given to the Red Cross.

People should get there early, because ACU is expecting to fill seats quickly, Pribe said.

"We think it's going to be a big event on campus. It's a good way to get the campus aware of us," Pribe said. "We think it's beneficial to promote cultural awareness on the BG campus."

Go to www.echang.com for more information on the comedian and visit www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/acu for more information about the actual show.

ALL THAT REMAINS



Photo provided by All That Remains

AT HEADLINERS: The band All That Remains will be performing at Headliner's tonight in Toledo. The doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$19. The opening act will be the popular metal act, Gwar. For more information you can call (419) 269-1915.

'Be Cool' in theaters

By Chris Hewitt
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

Let's count the things in "Be Cool" that are not cool: lifting actors, sets and situations from "Pulp Fiction"; rich, white people showing how down they are by bopping their heads to hip-hop; an extended performance by Aerosmith.

"Be Cool" is not cool (in fact, Aerosmith is so jurassically uncool, it's about due for an album-of-the-year Grammy), and it's not original. It's not just the swipes from "Pulp Fiction" and "Get Shorty" (whose caper plot is recycled in this "Shorty" sequel, transposed from the movie business to the music biz).

It's also The Rock, performing an entire scene bogarted, word for word, from "Bring It On."

The weird thing about that? The Rock's scene is pretty funny, and so is a fair portion of "Be Cool."

I'd definitely put Vince Vaughn in the funny column, although I suspect his too-much-is-not-too-much performance may be an acquired taste. Playing a white thug who thinks he's black, Vaughn simultaneously makes fun of white people who aren't as cool as they think, black people who aren't as cool as they think and Vince Vaughn, who isn't as cool as he thinks.

I doubt if you'll love "Be Cool," which is broader than "Get Shorty" and not as clever, but it's worth a chuckle or two. Think of it this way: If you hear a good joke, you laugh. If you hear it again, it's still funny but you don't laugh as much. That's pretty much what is going on in "Be Cool."

CD REVIEWS

Michael Buble Easley Superchick The String Quartet



"It's Time"
Reprise Records



Michael Buble is not Frank Sinatra. In fact, he is not even the next best thing to Frank Sinatra, because I don't think there is a next best thing to Old Blue Eyes. However, he is a confident good-looking crooner with a smooth voice and the confidence to sing just about anything.

He has the rich vocals of someone like Harry Connick Jr., but seems to be more likely to be seen in a sleek black suit than a cowboy hat.

If you're a fan of contemporary jazz or have always had a thing for the stylings of Rat Packers Sinatra and Dean Martin or the smoothness of Bobby Darin then Buble's sophomore disc "It's Time" is an album for you. The title seems incredibly appropriate. It seems that Buble is telling his audience that the time to grow up musically and take his own place among jazz singers is right now. He tells the audience that it is time to take risks in the songs he chooses and the arrangements he puts together.

A knock on his first album was that the songs he chose to cover were much too conventional. With his second album, Buble mixes the obvious ("I've Got You Under my Skin") with the sublime ("Save the Last Dance for Me," "Can't Buy Me Love" and "How Sweet It Is").

Singing a cover album is always tough. If you remain too faithful to the original recording then there is little motivation to seek out the music. If you stray too severely then you've ruined a classic song. Buble strikes an appropriate balance that will be music to your ears.

By Sean Corp



"Room Noises"
Reprise Records



Easley is a hot new band hailing from a tiny Texas town. They are comprised of four siblings and their best friend and next door neighbor.

But Hanson they are not. Very musically accomplished, even at such young ages, the group has put together a promising debut release called "Room Noises."

The group was born when the youngest member was just eight years old and before long, they were touring with Coldplay and Snow Patrol.

The group mixes together haunting and enchanted melodies with the sweet voice of Sherri Dupree. Mixing elements of Peter Pan and Alice in Wonderland, the band has created their own world in which they make their music, which gives them an original and refreshing feeling.

However, the feeling wears off as the album progresses — the instrumentation, while very accomplished, are all pretty similar to one another. Also, the lyrics on the album have a lot to be desired. They are the works of some starry-eyed young adults, and sometimes they feel cloying and cheesy.

When Sherri sings in "Plenty of Paper," it sounds beautiful and emotional. But a close look at the lyrics, specifically, "I cut the moon in half / and stuck a piece to my hair / it made the back of my head glow / golden yellow" just seems simplistic and a little silly.

They are a young group with obvious talents and a unique gift and, as they grow and mature, so will their music. I expect bigger and better things from the group in the years to come.

By Sean Corp



"Beauty From Pain"
Inpop Records



I do not fundamentally have a problem with happy, uplifting pop music. I do not fundamentally have a problem with Christian music. But I do have a problem with Superchick.

The pop-punk Christian band consists of six members, running the gamut of hot kid with crooked hat, hip big fat black guy, so nerdy he's cool Asian kid, nerdy curly haired dorky kid and two sisters, one blonde and one brunette -- the whole concoction just seems incredibly phony.

I have no doubts that they have their hearts in the right place and that they love what they are doing, but a big problem with Christian music as I see it — granted, I'm no expert — is that they try too hard.

They want to seem so cool and so mainstream that they sacrifice credibility to do it. I don't need a generation Y kid screaming in my face to hear a positive message about morality, religion or Jesus Christ. I just need good music.

Unfortunately, subtlety is a concept foreign to Superchick's album, "Beauty from Pain." The album is a loud, in-your-face pop-punk tour de force that admittedly is probably aimed at an audience a bit younger than your typical college student — Christian or otherwise.

They speak on valuable topics such as self-empowerment, mistakes of the past, redemption and the power of faith. Unfortunately, they tend to hit you over the head with it and don't leave anything to the listener's imagination.

For some people, this may be enough. Perhaps I'm just far too jaded and too old to appreciate the album. I can live with that. I think it is appropriate for younger children who enjoy Christian music.

By Sean Corp



"Tribute to the Cure: Whisper"
Vitamin Records



Finally, "A String Quartet Tribute to The Cure" has arrived. The moody music of The Cure is finally captured correctly in this gem of an album. This is no cheap rip-off of the beautifully-crafted music of one of the most inspiring bands to come out of the '80s. "Whisper" is an album that would put a smile on Robert Smith's, lead singer, face.

"Whisper" includes some of The Cure's greatness, including "Lullaby," "Pictures of You," "Love Song" and "Just Like Heaven." The 10 tracks on this album bring all the emotion to the surface, plus prove that the music of The Cure can stand alone and also be an album's worth of good material.

"Pictures of You" shines a new light on this classic tune. The arrangements are what stand out in this track. After listening, it kind of makes one wonder if using the string quartet was originally the idea for Smith because of its beautiful melody.

"Love Song," possibly the most memorable song in The Cure's catalogue and the same song that 311 covered, is also one of those piercing songs that puts this classic in another perspective but also illustrates how strong the music of the band was.

The surprising track on the album is "The Lovecats," a nice blend of uplifting sounds that separates itself from the rest. The song also has an apparent bass which brings a whole other element to the track that the others tracks do not have. It's a nice change of pace for the album.

This album is definitely a nice pick-up for any fan of The Cure. These tracks add a whole other element to the greatness of Robert Smith and The Cure.

By Matt Manning

Hillsdale Apartments

1082 Fairview Ave. Apartments

**~1 & 2~
Bedroom
Apartments**

- Carports
- 1 BDRM: Starting at \$395 Mo. plus utilities
- IN THE 2 BDRM:
 - Washer & Dryer Hookups
 - 1 & 1/2 BATHS

**~3~
Bedroom
Townhouses**

- Carports
- Washer & Dryer Hookups
- 2 Baths
- Full Basement
- Can have up to 6 People

Check out our website at: WWW.MECCABG.COM or
CALL 353-5800 Today!

MECCA Management Inc.

BGSU BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE

Ridge Manor Apartments

2 Bedroom Townhouses
1/2 BLOCK FROM CAMPUS

- 1 Full Bath
- 2 Story Townhouses
- Furnished

2 PERSON SPECIAL
Starting at **\$570/mo**
+ gas and electric

GREENBRIAR, INC.
445 East Wooster St. • 352-0717
www.greenbriarrentals.com

Have a Great Friday!!

vineyard
worship - relevant message - coffee

10-30 am - sunday
1180 n. main (between Krogers & mall)
www.vineyardbg.org

BG SPORTS

BRIEFING

McClung named academic All-MAC

BG track and field member Kerri McClung was named to the Academic All-MAC team this afternoon according to the conference office. The senior shot put standout earned the award for the second time in her career.

McClung, a native of Portland, Ind., maintains a 3.85 grade-point average, while majoring in special education.

The academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics.

GYMNASTICS

Falcons get a bit of a break for spring

By Jessica Ameling
SPORTS REPORTER

This weekend the gymnastics team will get to enjoy a little spring break vacation of their own in sunny California; that is, after they take care of business in the gym against Cal State Fullerton, San Jose State and Cortland State.

The Falcons will be on the road for the second week in a row when they compete on Sunday. This is one of only two meets left for the team before the MAC Championship meet.

"We are approaching this meet as a dress rehearsal for the MAC Championships," head coach Dan Connelly said. "Therefore we want another outstanding performance with 24 for 24 [hit] routines."

BG will go into this meet with an even 6-6 record (3-3 MAC).

The team placed third at their meet last Friday against Pittsburgh, Michigan State and James Madison. Seniors Kristen DiPietro and Breanne Metzger placed second (38.350) and third (37.875) in the all-around.

Juniors Jessica Guyer and Jessica Bradley also made great contributions to the team's 191.325 total. Guyer placed first on the floor (9.825), second on the beam (9.750) and third on the vault (9.675) while Bradley claimed third on the uneven bars with a 9.800.

Cal State is coming off a loss, falling to Southern Utah 191.825-190.925. The Titans, now 1-11 were led by Nicole Lim's 9.900 first place on floor and Leah Sakhtib's 38.625 first in the all-around.

At San Jose State's most recent competition, the Spartans placed second by scoring 193.0 at a

GYMNASTICS, PAGE 10

FOOTBALL: JACOBS ENJOYING BOWLING GREEN THE RIGHT WAY, PAGE 10



SPORTS

FRIDAY

March 4,
2005

www.bgnews.com/sports
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Top goalies face off tonight

By Kevin Shields
SPORTS REPORTER

Jordan Sigalet won't be the only person in the BGSU Ice Arena tonight that will have Hobey Baker attached to his name. Sigalet, who is first in the preliminary voting for college hockey's top honor will be joined by BGSU's first two recipients of the award as Brian Holzinger and George McPhee will be in attendance as the Falcons get ready to host the fourth ranked Michigan Wolverines on "Senior Night".

Six seniors will be playing in their last regular season home game as the regular season comes to an end tomorrow night when the teams meet at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich. Seniors Chris Pedota, Taylor Christie, Steve Brudzewski, Ryan Minnabarriet, Alex Rogosheske and Sigalet will be honored in a pre-game ceremony with face-off scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

"You always want to win on this night for your seniors," said forward James Unger of the game. "We especially want to win for big Siggie [Sigalet] as everyone always kind of wants to win for him."

The night will also be a tribute to two Falcons who are two of just 25 recipients in the Hobey Baker Award's history as BGSU is one of only seven schools to have multiple winners of the award.

If Sigalet were to go on to win, BGSU would be one of only four to have three or more winners.

Holzinger was the second award winner as he won as senior in the 1994-95 season leading the Falcons to a 25-11-2 record while scoring 35 goals and adding 34 assists as the team finished second in the CCHA. McPhee won it in its second year of existence in 1982, scoring 28 goals and adding 52 assists as the Falcons went 27-13-2 winning the 1982 CCHA Championship.

The two are both members of the BGSU Athletic Hall of Fame and have had their jerseys retired. Holzinger (185 points) is 16th on BG's all-time scoring list while McPhee (267 points) is third.

Currently Holzinger is a member of the Columbus Blue Jackets while McPhee is the current vice



FACE OFF: Bowling Green's Ryan Minnabarriet fires a shot at Michigan's Al Montoya during a game at the Ice Arena earlier this year. Montoya and BG goalie Jordan Sigalet will be a key focus of both teams when they face off in BG tonight.

president and general manager of the Washington Capitals.

Sigalet is chasing them in the BG history books and comes into the weekend ahead of Northern Michigan's goaltender Tuomas Tarkki in the preliminary voting. The award winner will be announced in Columbus on April 8. Sigalet's current goals against average are 2.66 and he has a save percentage of .922.

Sigalet's counterpart this weekend is his good friend—Wolverine goaltender Al Montoya—who comes in with a 2.69 goals against average and save percentage of .891.

The sixth pick of the New York Rangers in last season's NHL Entry Draft comes into the weekend struggling in net, but Montoya is still considered to be one of the top goaltenders in the league.

He became friends with Sigalet after attending the same goaltending camp in Chicago.

"There are lots of situations in college hockey where you play

against people you know and Al [Montoya] and Jordan [Sigalet] just so happen to be very good friends in this situation," head coach Scott Paluch said. "I'm sure we'll see good play out of both of them and as in any situation, you always want to out-compete your friend. So, I'm sure they're looking forward to the challenge."

A challenge is what it'll be for the Falcons as Michigan comes in unbeaten in their last seven games and is currently three points ahead of Ohio State for first place in the league. Just two points separate them from earning their second straight CCHA regular season crown.

"We played them real tough the last time we played them and just couldn't win the third period," said Unger of the last weekend series against U of M where the Falcons were swept. "This time we hope to stay out of the penalty box more and don't want to give them a shot at the title on our ice."

Home ice has been big for the Falcons as they have gone 6-0 at home since the holiday break after beginning the year 3-4-1 at the BGSU Ice Arena. It's a streak which has seen them get home wins over Alaska-Fairbanks, Notre Dame, Western Michigan and Michigan State.

"The simplest answer to that is we've just been able to win those games," Paluch said. "With the exception of the Wayne State game, I think we've played well at home throughout the year and just didn't win those earlier games."

A home win this weekend would clinch a fourth place finish for the Falcons who have already clinched home ice in the first round of the playoffs. They sit just a point behind Nebraska-Omaha who has finished league play.

Playoffs begin next weekend with BG hosting a best-of-three series with the winner going to Joe Louis Arena to compete in the CCHA's Super Six

Championship. Their opponent is yet to be determined as a possible four teams (Fairbanks, Lake Superior State, Miami and MSU) could be matched up against the Falcons depending on order of finish.

"We want to finish in fourth place and getting a win this weekend would be a good boost going into the post season," Paluch said. "Though we have home ice it doesn't guarantee that we'll go to Joe Louis Arena so we want to be playing strong and setting ourselves up for the best opportunity to go to Joe Louis."

The Super Six will take place March 17-19 and will be single elimination format.

BG's last CCHA Tournament Championship came in 1988 as the school has won five titles in its storied history.

They'll conclude their series with Michigan tomorrow with a face-off set for 7:35 p.m. Both games can be heard on 88.1 WBGU with Andy Evans doing the play-by-play.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

BG battles for MAC position on senior day

By Adam Hritzak
SPORTS REPORTER

As the regular season comes to a close Saturday, the Falcons will have three key players compete in their final regular season game at Anderson Arena.



CORY EYINK

Seniors John Reimold, Josh Almanson and Cory Eyink have been big-time players in the Falcons' turnaround this year from a non-factor to a major contender for the Mid-American Conference Tournament Champions.

BG (17-9, 10-7 MAC) stands in second place in the MAC West Division after a crushing 77-52 loss at Western Michigan Wednesday night. Few believed the Falcons would actually be in position to win the West before the year and the solid play from the seniors has had much to do with that.

"If you were going to say 'who is your most valuable player this year?', I'd say all three of those [seniors,] because valuable player to me means why are you winning," said Falcons Head Coach Dan Dakich.

Facing Central Michigan (9-17, 3-14), who the Falcons defeated on Jan. 26 in Mt. Pleasant 77-73, will wrap up what has been an impressive season for the team.

Reimold is second in the league in scoring, averaging 17.6 points, and Almanson is third at 17.4. The duo is also the top two

shooters in the MAC, with Almanson hitting 60.1 percent and Reimold 52.0.

Eyink has been a rock off the bench for the Falcons, averaging over 17 minutes a game and over 4 points. He has hit 42 percent on threes, while providing clutch performances at the end of several key wins.

His pass to Almanson against Miami set up the game-winning shot with six seconds left as the Falcons defeated the top team in the MAC. Though his numbers may not jump out, his contributions have been a key proponent for the



JOHN REIMOLD

team's success.

"We don't come close to sitting where we're at if we don't have Cory [Eyink]," Dakich said. "Every single game that we have played well, he has been a huge part of."

The Chippewas have hung around the bottom of the West this year, but are playing to finish strong and possibly shake up the Tournament.

They are led by Kevin Nelson, who moved into first place in scoring after Reimold's nine-point performance against the Broncos. His 17.7 average has him 0.1 points ahead of Reimold and 0.3 above Almanson.

Nelson did not have his best effort against the Falcons earlier this year when he was held to 14 points and turned the ball over four times.

The game will mark the last

time to see the three seniors in action at Anderson and will tip-off at 2 p.m.

JOSH ALMANSON



There's one difference: he throws footballs

Jacobs is an average guy. He just has a cannon for an arm.

Sara DePasquale
GUEST REPORTER

He may be 6-4, but he's still down to earth.

With both feet on the ground, although one's broken, he's not your typical football player.

He has long dreads and a strong appearance. Omar Jacobs, the quarterback of the Bowling Green football team looks tough on the outside, but getting to know him, you'll realize that he has a heart of gold.

"Omar [Jacobs] is the same no matter what the situation is, he is very grounded," quarterbacks coach Mick McCall said. "It doesn't matter if he is on top of the world, he is still the same guy he has always been."

Being on top of the world is new for Jacobs. He just started to play football just seven years ago as a freshman in high school.

"I always played street ball as a kid and catch with my uncles," Jacobs said. "But I began playing organized football my freshman year in high school."

As the fourth member of his family to play football in college,

it is no surprise how he picked up the sport as a hobby.

With so little experience but so much talent, Jacobs is seen as someone who has potential to make it to the NFL.

"I think he has a chance to play in the NFL," McCall said.

His girlfriend of about a year, Bria Howard, is quick to agree on where Jacobs' future lies.

"To the NFL, of course!" she said. "God is going to bless him something awesome because he is such a good person all the way around."

Jacobs started in all 12 games of the 2004 season, leading the nation with 40 touchdown passes. He was a candidate for the Vern Smith Award, led the nation in points responsible for and was second nationally in total yards per game. His 4,002 yards passing is the second highest total in the country and he was fourth nationally in passing efficiency.

With all of these acknowledgements and still more years to come, it would be easy for him to become complacent.

"I actually don't mind the practices. Over the summer it's hard, but that's when it motivates me the most," Jacobs said. "Football is taking me to better places, and for that, working extremely hard

at practice and lifting, gives me more support for my reasons."

Jacobs gets through some routines with his spirituality. He can be found in the locker room praying with teammate Kenneth Brandley before every game.

"Me and KB always say a prayer before stepping on that field," Jacobs said.

After praying, Jacobs listens to some soothing music by R&B singers like Anthony Hamilton and Carl Thomas.

"That kind of music mellow me out," he said. "If I listened to heavy metal or some other upbeat music, I'd probably end up throwing the football out of the stadium."

One aspect of football that does get hard is having a family all the way in Florida. When most college students can be found going home on the weekends or during breaks to visit their family, Jacobs can be found in Bowling Green, or at a close family member's house in Columbus, Ohio.

"I miss my mom," Jacobs said. "It's nice to have my uncle and auntie in Columbus, but whenever I do really miss my mom in Florida, I make sure to go home for the long breaks."

For Jacobs, a supportive family is needed when traveling so far

from home. Jacobs said that his mother travels to all the games that are not on television. And for the ones that are on television, she makes sure to call his girlfriend during half-time, or his uncle and auntie who travel to every football game, to hear about her son.

Hard work and dedication are not the only new lifestyle adjustments for Jacobs. He has become accustomed to living in Ohio.

"The weather is terrible here," Jacobs said. "Wearing long pants and always being all covered up, and then what it's like being home, is totally different. It's so gloomy here."

Despite the weather, BG's loyalty was enough to win him over.

"I got injured in an all-star game in high school, but BG stuck around with me," he said. "When I went to visit BG, I liked how it was a family atmosphere and had the best competition and coaches."

Even with an injury, Jacobs still goes out on the town "on occasions" and is always talking to new faces.

"One thing about me is that I never think I'm better because of my status," he said. "I talk to everyone — you talk to me, I'll talk to you."



BG News File Photo

O-MARVELOUS: Omar Jacobs rolls out of the pocket against Oklahoma in his first career start. Jacobs had a breakout season last year, throwing for 4,002 yards and 40 touchdowns for the Falcons.

BG readies to go to west

GYMNASTICS, FROM PAGE 9

tri-meet against UC Davis and Alaska Anchorage. They were led by Jennifer Greene's season-high 38.825 in the all-around, earning her the title.

Cortland State (7-11) suffered a 187.10-185.60 loss to Brockport last Saturday. Junior Lindsey Marranca led the way with a first on the vault (9.55), and second on the floor (9.825) and all-around (37.95).

BG is currently ranked third in the MAC, behind Central Michigan and Kent State. However, the Falcons have compiled the highest MAC team score this year with their school record-breaking 196.1 on Feb. 23.

Individually, Bradley is currently ranked fourth in the MAC on the bars while Guyer is ranked second on the floor. In the all-around DiPietro is ranked fifth.

Sunday's meet will begin at 2 p.m. in Fullerton, California.



BG News File Photo

EQUILIBRIUM: BG's Jessica Bradley does some work on the balance beam earlier this season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BG set for MAC tourney

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Bowling Green women's basketball team, they know they have to take things one step at a time in next week's Mid-American Conference tournament at the Gund Arena in Cleveland.

The Falcons have a game slated for 1 p.m. Wednesday against the winner of a first round game between Miami and Western Michigan and will have to wait till tomorrow to see which one they play.

"The first thing we have to do is we can't get ahead of ourselves," BG head coach Curt Miller said. "The slightest overlooking or nonfocus will cause you to lose your dream."

That dream for the Falcons is to win the conference title.

Last season, BG surprised everyone in the league by making it to the final game in the tournament before bowing out to Eastern Michigan.

The Falcons will hope to duplicate that feat and win the title game this year. In order to do that, they will have to take it one game at a time.

"You can't make it to the semifinals if you don't win in the quarterfinals," Miller said.

Anyone can win ... Literally

This year has been a year of parity in the conference. There have been upsets aplenty in this year's MAC season. Last place Northern Illinois (4-12 MAC) took down 11-5 Eastern Michigan earlier this year and East champion Kent State dropped a game to last place Central Michigan.

With upsets like this, there is no reason to think this year's tournament will be any different.

"I will still say boldly that there are eight or nine teams that can win the conference tournament," Miller said. "The team that plays



John Findling BG News

NO, THE OTHER WAY: BG women's basketball head coach reacts to a call during a game against Toledo last week.

injury-free and that can catch some breaks will win."

With a number one seed in the tournament and a MAC regular season championship under their belt, the Falcons know they will be in every team's cross hairs.

"With that said comes the target on us," Miller said. "I think we saw some of that this season when we were at the top of the standings."

Mann up

BG forward Ali Mann has played great all year. The sophomore won last year's MAC freshman of the year and has followed it up with a great sophomore campaign, averaging 14.0 points and 7.5 boards per game.

An ankle sprain in the Toledo game looked to put her season in jeopardy but she shrugged it off in a MAC clinching win over

Northern on Tuesday. Mann scored 20 points in 24 minutes coming off the bench for the Falcons, playing her biggest game of the season.

"It started out as being an emotional lift to the team to see their leader on the floor," Miller said. "But once she got in the game she started to loosen up and said she felt fine."

Mann hasn't practiced since the game but will test the ankle before the Falcons open the tournament.

Tournament time

The Falcons opening game of the MAC tournament will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. BG will play the winner of tomorrow's Western Michigan-Miami game. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m. in Oxford.

TIRED OF PLAYING THE WAITING GAME?

TIREMAN. 1-HOUR PIT STOP TIRE SERVICE. GUARANTEED.

Tire Savings

\$20

Save **20** on Any 4 Tires

Includes FREE Alignment Check

NO OTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY. EXPIRES 3/31/05

Pot Hole Special

FREE Alignment Check

NO OTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY. EXPIRES 3/31/05

Oil Change

Get our \$33.98 service for only **\$14**

Oil Change & Tire Rotation

Includes FREE Inspection

NO OTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY. EXPIRES 3/31/05

3-Hour Pit Stop Tire Service. Guaranteed.

TIREMAN AUTO SERVICE CENTERS

999 South Main Street - Across from ALDI Foods

352-5788

ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY SAVE AN EXTRA 10%

BEST DEAL IN TOWN

INCLUDES Chassis Lube AND FREE Fluid "Top-offs" Between Changes

Find More Coupons @ thetireman.com

ONLY AT BRONDES FORD MAUMEE!

Call Toll Free at 1-888-278-3242

DOUBLE CLICK. FORD FOCUS. DELL COMPUTER.

It's this year's pick to click! Right now with any 2005 Ford Focus, you get 0% APR financing or \$2,000 cash back,* plus we give you a Dell™ Dimension™ PC with a flat panel monitor, all-in-one printer and speakers at no extra charge.**

2005 Ford Focus

- Outstanding Driving Dynamics
- Mean and Green Duratech Engine Technology
- 100,000-Mile/5-Year Powertrain Coverage†
- European-Inspired Suspension
- Improved Braking Performance
- AM/FM with Available CD/MP3 Player

\$167 x 24 mo. A-plan
\$199 x 24 mo. General Public

Dell™ Dimension™ 3600

- 15" Flat Panel Monitor
- Dell™ Photo All-in-One Printer 922
- 48X Max Variable CD-ROM Drive
- Intel® Celeron® Processor at 2.4GHz
- Microsoft® Windows® XP Home Edition
- 40GB†† Ultra ATA/100 7200-RPM Hard Drive
- Dell™ A215 Speakers
- 3-Year At-Home Service†††

Ford FOCUS Built for the road ahead.

Brondes Ford Maumee • 1-888-278-3242 • 1511 Reynolds Rd at Dussel, Maumee OH

We've got you covered!

at **NEW LOVE Rentals**

Houses

230 S. College
234 S. College
815 Second

Houses

131 Baldwin
937 Scott Hamilton
734 Elm
233 W. Merry
111 Oak

Apt. Buildings

520 E. Reed
228 S. College
114 S. Main
117 N. Main
824 Sixth
843 Sixth

Duplexes

534 S. College
525 N. Enterprise
521 S. Prospect
318 1/2 N. Main
224 Troup

Apt. Buildings

507 E. Merry
801 Fifth
803 Fifth
309 High
320 Elm

(419) 352-5620 • 332 S. Main St. • newloveinfo@newloverentals.com

Rivals try to keep up with Eagles

Dallas shores up on offense and the Redskins get an upgrade on defense.

By Dave Goldberg
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFC teams were busy trying to catch up with the Philadelphia Eagles on the second day of free agency.

Two of the conference champions' divisional rivals made big moves yesterday.

Dallas added defensive tackle Jason Ferguson from the New York Jets and guard Marco Rivera from Green Bay yesterday after signing cornerback Anthony Henry on Wednesday.

The New York Giants signed middle linebacker Antonio Pierce, who emerged as a top defender for the Washington Redskins last season in his first year as a starter.

Dallas owner Jerry Jones called it "the most expensive day in Cowboys history." The tab: \$28 million in signing bonuses alone.

"I'll do what it takes to get us to the Super Bowl," Jones said. "It's about winning."

Carolina, the 2003 NFC champion, plunged into free agency like never before, signing guard Mike Wahle, cut by Green Bay for cap reasons, and former Seahawks cornerback Ken Lucas. Pierce's departure to a division

opponent smarted. Redskins coach Joe Gibbs had identified the 26-year-old linebacker as one of the "core players" he wanted to keep. But New York's offer of a six-year, \$26 million deal was too much for the usually free-spending Redskins.

"We went as far as we could go, I felt like," Gibbs said. "It's something that just didn't work out. I hate it. It's not going to happen very often to us, but there's times when it could happen."

The Redskins did add one new player, agreeing to terms with free agent receiver David Patten, who caught 44 passes for 800 yards and seven touchdowns last season for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

It was a particularly bad day for Green Bay, which lost two starting guards and safety Bhawoh Jue, who signed a three-year contract with the San Diego Chargers.

The Eagles, meanwhile, kept one of their own, agreeing to a one-year deal with veteran defensive end Hugh Douglas.

While adding Pierce, the Giants cut former first-round pick Ike Hilliard, saying goodbye to the receiver after eight seasons.

San Francisco signed offensive lineman Jonas Jennings, formerly of the Buffalo Bills and regarded as the best left tackle available.

That position is normally at a premium, although Jennings isn't in the class of the NFL's best. Two of them, Orlando Pace of St.

Louis and Walter Jones of Seattle, were kept off the market this year — Jones re-signed with the Seahawks and Pace was protected as the Rams' franchise player.

The Rams added their second linebacker in two days, signing Chris Claiborne away from the Vikings to go along with Dexter Coakley, signed away from Dallas.

Claiborne got a three-year, \$10.5 million contract a day after Coakley signed a five-year, \$14.5 million deal.

Oakland signed running back Lamont Jordan, who had been Curtis Martin's backup with the Jets. Jordan, whose 479 yards rushing were more than the Raiders' leading rusher last season, got \$11 million guaranteed in a contract that will pay him \$27.5 million over five years.

Reggie Hayward was rewarded for being able to do what Jennings is getting paid to prevent — rush the passer. He was introduced by Jacksonville after signing a five-year, \$25 million deal.

Hayward led Denver last season with 10 1/2 sacks despite being only a part-time player at the start of the season. With Jacksonville, he will play alongside one of the NFL's best defensive tackle tandems: John Henderson and Marcus Stroud.

"He's an ascending player, and we believe his best football is ahead of him," coach Jack Del Rio said. "With the presence we have



HEY, BIG SPENDER: Drew Bledsoe and Jerry Jones announce Bledsoe's signing to the Cowboys last week. Jones hit the free agent market hard against yesterday, spending \$28 million in signing bonuses.

inside with Marcus and Big John, we believe Reggie will help take our defense to another level."

Houston signed linebacker Miorlon Greenwood, who started for Miami, to a five-year, \$22.5 million deal, and re-signed defensive tackle Seth Payne, one of the

players it chose in the expansion draft for its first season in 2002.

The agent for Pittsburgh receiver Plaxico Burress said he's had preliminary talks with the Minnesota Vikings about his client replacing Randy Moss.

"Plaxico's interested in being

in Minnesota," Michael Harrison told The Associated Press. "I think it is a good fit for both sides."

Also yesterday, free agent receiver Travis Taylor, a disappointment during his five seasons in Baltimore, visited with the Vikings.

Browns try to keep Holcomb

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cleveland Browns are prepared to call an audible in their search for a starting quarterback.

Coach Romeo Crennel said yesterday that the club is continuing contract negotiations with free agent Kelly Holcomb, but that "there is some room between us" and both sides may soon explore other options.

Holcomb was expected to re-sign with the Browns, who released Jeff Garcia last month, and wants to come back. But the longer Holcomb remains unsigned, the more likely it is that the Browns will go in another direction.

"I am prepared to lose anyone and everyone because in this game that is what happens," Crennel said.

Browns general manager Phil Savage and Holcomb's agent, Frank Bauer, did not return phone messages seeking comment.

Crennel was asked if he was confident the 31-year-old Holcomb would be with the Browns in 2005.

"You never can tell," he said. "You never know what else can happen or who else may be interested or how things go. You do what you think is right. They do what they think is right and we'll see where it falls out."

Crennel refused to divulge any of Cleveland's backup plans in case they can't re-sign Holcomb.

"We have Plan B and Plan C and we're working on that," he said. "If [Holcomb] doesn't sign, we'll move to the next guy. If the next guy doesn't sign, we'll



WILL HE STAY OR WILL HE GO?: Browns quarterback Kelly Holcomb walks to the line in a game against the Steelers this season. Holcomb and the Browns are trying to come to a contract agreement right now.

move on. We do have two young quarterbacks on the team [Luke McCown and Josh Harris] and, if push comes to shove, we'll play with the young quarterback."

Holcomb and Bauer are mulling the Browns' latest offer, believed to be a two-year, \$3 million package. The Browns have not set a deadline for Holcomb, who has been injury prone the past two seasons but has teased Cleveland fans by twice passing for more than 400 yards in a game.

Holcomb, who missed four games last season with broken ribs, is 4-8 in 12 starts for

Cleveland since joining the club as a free agent in 2001.

Crennel said it's also possible that the team could draft a quarterback in April. The Browns have the No. 3 overall selection.

"If we felt like there's a quarterback at that pick, we'd draft him and we'd feel good about it," Crennel said.

After signing former New England guard Joe Andruzzi on Wednesday, the Browns hosted two more free agents: punter Kyle Richardson and guard Cosey Coleman.

Richardson missed last season after tearing his biceps while

making a tackle in a preseason game for Cincinnati. He punted for the Bengals in 2003 and has also been with Minnesota, Baltimore and Seattle.

The Browns were disappointed last season with punter Derrick Frost, who was inconsistent and lost his confidence after shanking a 7-yard punt during the fourth quarter in a loss at Baltimore.

Coleman spoke with the Browns as a free agent last March before re-signing with Tampa Bay. He has missed only one game since taking over as the Buccaneers' starting right guard in 2001.

MEN'S GOLF

BG set for spring season to start

By Brandon Drake
ONLINE EDITOR

It's out of the snow and back to the links for the Bowling Green men's golf team.

The Falcons are Florida-bound after a four-month-long off-season and will compete in the Irish Spring Invitational in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. on Monday and Tuesday. It will be the first time that the team has played in this tournament.

The tournament field will consist of 12 teams, including Ball State, who is also in the MAC, Cleveland State, Colorado State, Eastern Kentucky, Mississippi State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Richmond, San Diego State, Washington State and Wichita State.

The Falcons are led by senior Craig Pickrel, who last fall was the team leader gaining a second-place finish in the John Piper Intercollegiate and a 15th place finish in the Hawkeye Invitational. He also shot a team-low 74.53 average. Senior Heath Ziglar also finished the fall strongly with a 74.83 scoring average.

To have a strong spring though, BG head coach Garry Winger knows that Pickrel and Ziglar both need to improve after a disappointing fall season.

"It all starts with those two, they didn't play up to their capabilities this fall," said Winger.

"We need their leadership to help us this spring, especially with the younger guys."

The rest of the field for BG will consist of senior Heath Ziglar, junior Chris Leake, and freshmen Jace Walker and Trevor Spethalf.

"Both Jace and Trevor got their feet wet this fall," said Winger. "It is not often when freshmen will step in right away and get immediate playing time. They are both looking to have strong spring campaigns."

Winger is in his seventh year guiding the Falcons, is excited about his team getting back into competition, but knows there is much room for improvement this fall.

"Obviously, we are looking to improve by playing a little more consistent than we did this fall and we need the guys to step up," said Winger.

Before the tournament starts Monday, the Falcons will be able to get out of the cold Northwest Ohio weather and get a workout in.

"We're going to get one round of practice in, which is good because the winter can cause players to lose their feel around the course," said Winger.

The Irish Spring Invitational is the first of five spring tournaments that the Falcons will participate in prior to playing in the MAC Championship in Westerville, Ohio.

PAPA JOHN'S
STUDENT SPECIALS
"All Day, Everyday"
353-7272
(papa)
HOURS! Mon, Tue & Wed: 11am-1:30am
Thur, Fri & Sat: 11am-3:00am
Sun: 11am-1:30am
cash, checks,
STUDENT SPECIAL 1 Large, 1 Item
\$6.99 No Limit
No coupon necessary

PREFERRED PROPERTIES CO.
Extra Large Bedrooms Available!
www.preferredpropertiesco.com
Make your home at:
• Piedmont
• Fox Run
• Haven House
• Mini Mall Apts.
• Updated Birchwood - small pets allowed
• Triplex - small pets allowed
• And other locations!

Now renting for Fall 2005
Mon-Fri: 8-12 & 1-4:30
530 S. Maple St.
Bowling Green, OH
419-352-9378
FREE membership privilege to Cherrywood Health Spa
• Indoor Heated Pool
• Newly Renovated
• New Equipment
• Sauna

Delta Chi
The Men of Delta Chi would like to Welcome it's New Members...
Just Pinned
Matt Cohen
Nick Runser
Brandon Skidmore
Keith Miller
Robert Darr
Justin Graber
Andrew Lorenz
Kyle Flanders
Alan D'Angelo
Congratulations New Initiates
Stephen Bickerton
Nick Bonanno
Mike Buzzelli
Tim Georges
Nick Hallahan
AJ Hoffman
Rick Irick
BJ Johnson
Shane Lewis
Jason Moreau
Leo Svoboda
Jeremy Randall
Chris Chapman

