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## Squealing was not part of lease

### Residents of The Enclave weren't told of slaughterhouse during their tour

By Bob Moser  
CITY NEWS EDITOR  
and Kristina Vasilakis  
REPORTER

When Kristy Mishler moved into her apartment in August 2004 she was excited about the pool, sand volleyball and high-speed Internet access. After all, her new home at the Sterling University Enclave was one of the newest complexes in Bowling Green.

But what she wasn't prepared for was the squeals of pigs being killed, or the smell and sight of their blood and entrails — all effects of the slaughterhouse that's right next door.

"It is one of the worst smells I've ever smelled in my life, it's worse than vomit," Mishler said. "We

wake up at five in the morning, midnight or middle of the day from pigs squealing."

Tenants of buildings 8 and 9 of The Enclave at 706 Napoleon Rd. live on the west side of the complex. They are separated from the Pioneer Packing Company's pig slaughterhouse by an aisle of parking and a seven-foot tall wooden fence. The property was recently purchased from Sterling University Housing by College Park Communities on March 31, 2005.

Of 88 residents questioned in buildings 8 and 9, 84 say they weren't shown the side of The Enclave's property next to the slaughterhouse during their tour. When slaughterhouse questions

were posed to their tour guide, residents say they were assured that sounds or smells from over the fence were minimal.

Dan Konopinski, a resident of building 7, didn't know that he'd see pig entrails shot off a conveyor belt into the back of a truck from his kitchen window when he toured last year.

"Nothing was ever mentioned about the slaughterhouse [on the tour]," Konopinski said. "It wasn't even brought to our attention."

In a similar vein, Jordan Johnson, sophomore, took The Enclave's tour on April 20, 2005, and was not made aware of the slaughterhouse by his tour guide.

"They took me through the building that was connected



to the office," Johnson said. "I couldn't hear or see anything that has to do with the pigs while taking the tour."

Built in 2001, the complex is made up of 10 buildings and 120 total apartments. On their Web site College Park promotes the options available at The Enclave, which include sofas and an entertainment center for furnished apartments, along with 32 amenities like free tanning-bed use and a hot tub.

During the Sterling ownership, tenants were not assigned an individual apartment when they signed their lease. Requests could be made to live near other friends or in a particular building, but students are not placed in an apartment until after they've signed the lease contract, according to resident Emily Shetler.

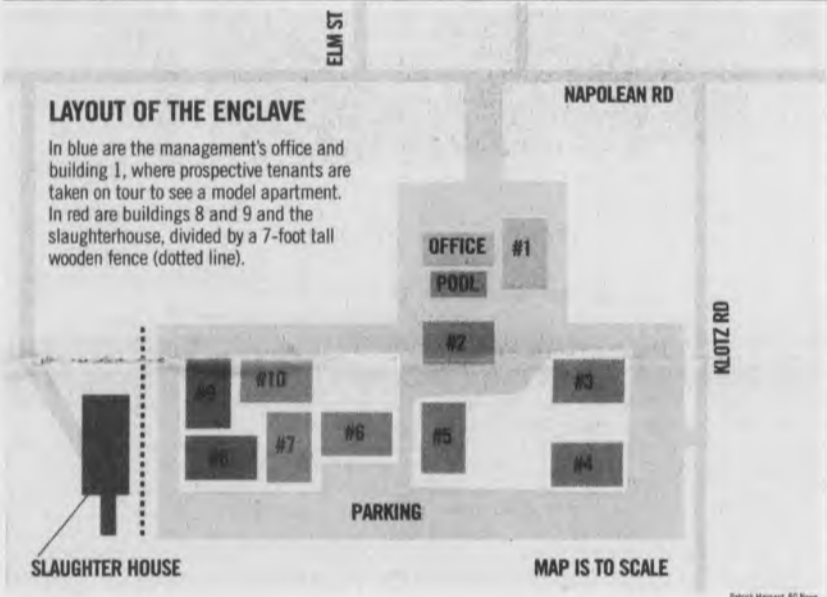
Shetler said she requested to live on the other side of The Enclave's property when she and her roommates signed last year, specifically noting "not to live by



**PORK UP CLOSE:** Pig guts and body parts come off a conveyor belt inside the slaughterhouse and are dumped into a semi-truck (top), photo taken from parking lot in front of buildings 8 and 9. Pictured above is a balcony view of the slaughterhouse from an apartment in building 8.

BG News Photos by Brian McRoberts

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Patrick Maynard, BG News

## 'Diversity' rocks runway in BG

Janell Kingsborough  
SENIOR REPORTER

It was all about the lights, the attitude and walkin' the walk.

Diversity Boutique, Tint Magazine and Twist of Nothing "Rocked the Runway" at last night's fashion show.

The event featured 18 models from BGSU strutting their stuff in Diversity Boutique's new spring line of fashion.

The BTSU Lenhart Grand Ballroom was loud and rowdy with clapping hands, whistling, dancing and shouting, not to mention the jams put on by Twist of Nothing.

"We've done a few of these shows, and I must say I've never seen it put together this well before — let's rock," Brian Engelman, the lead vocals of Twist of Nothing said in the show opening.

The fast-paced beats kept the show moving and the cheers erupting.

Erin Swartz, the event coordinator, said the gaucho pants are definitely coming in this season.

"Nowhere else in BG has what we have at Diversity Boutique," Swartz said. "It's straight from L.A."

Straight from L.A. brought

glam and glitz, blues and greens, and — it's all about the accessories.

Handbags, sashes, belts, headbands, heels and jewelry dressed up the outfits for any fashion queen.

"It was funky and fresh and so much fun," said Rachel Hammer, a University student.

She loved the way the fashion designers mixed and matched everything to create a stunning display.

"It definitely a fun experience — that L.A. style," Hammer said.

From the polka dot mini skirts to the classy vintage items and

every color of gaucho pants, the runway transformed.

"I love to wear this stuff. It's got color. It has flavor," Ashley Welty, a University sophomore who has worked at Diversity Boutique.

Erin Norman, store owner, even joined the band rocking and singing "Bust a move."

Many of the ladies in attendance said they didn't know what to expect and were shocked and excited to find it was a real, true fashion show.

"It was a totally cool show, definitely fun and awesome,"

ROCK, PAGE 7

## Parks leaves legacy on library 7th floor

By Allison Halco  
REPORTER

Janet Parks has made a lasting impression on countless University students and faculty members, with a teaching career spanning 39 years. She's been designated a Distinguished Teaching Professor by the Board of Trustees. She helped found the North American Society for Sport Management.

But that just wasn't enough for her.

Upon retiring from her position as a professor in the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies last year, Parks donated \$20,000 to go toward renovating the seventh floor of the Jerome Library. Now nearly \$50,000 has been raised for the project. Last night Parks, with students, alumni, faculty and friends, celebrated the completion of the first stage of the renovation.

Parks initiated the project as a way of giving back to the University, which she says she owes for hiring her at the young age of 22.

"Hiring me was a risk," she said.

New group study spaces, separated from the rest of the floor by fabric panels containing quotes from people such as Helen Keller, Christopher Reeve and Eleanor Roosevelt, have been constructed on the

seventh floor.

Parks hopes the new study areas will be helpful to students.

"I wanted to leave something for the students," she said.

The seventh floor also has a whole new look, with a new paint job and design. The work was done by a group of six graphic design students — Sarah Babione, Carissa Mitchel, Casey Perry, Ali Toerner, Maggie Puterbaugh and Brandy Obie — who were coordinated by professor Lori Young. The job took all semester to complete.

"To be honest, it was a lot of hard work, but we had a lot of fun at the same time," said Brandy Obie, one of the design students.

The job was more than just a way to earn internship credit for the students.

"It was great to leave a lasting impression on BGSU's campus," Maggie Puterbaugh said. "I hope that the continuing students will appreciate it."

Parks was pleased with the students' work.

"They did a wonderful job," she said.

The next phase of the seventh floor will include the construction of a lounge area in the middle of the floor. The third and final phase will feature a cyber café being built where vending machines are currently located.



**IN THE SEASON:** Courtney Upshaw struts during RTR, sponsored by Tint Magazine and Diversity Boutique.



**TREND SETTER:** Shyann Robinson shows off one of the diverse deconstructed tees during the event last night.

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

**THURS**  
Few Showers High: 54° Low: 39°

**FRI**  
Few Showers High: 57° Low: 42°

**SAT**  
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**SUN**  
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# Students not told of pig neighbor

SLAUGHTER, FROM PAGE 1

the slaughterhouse." They were later assigned to building 9.

Now Shetler and other residents of buildings 8 and 9 hear the screams of pigs being led to slaughter throughout all hours of the day and night, and face the dilemma of opening their windows to enjoy warm weather while having to fight off the smell of slaughtered pigs.

Emily Harwell, building 9, has already experienced the smell coming into her apartment during warm days early last week.

"I was just trying to enjoy the weather, laying on my bed getting a nice breeze," Harwell said, "and along with it just came this revolting smell."

Harwell is concerned that she and her roommates won't be able to stand keeping their windows open this summer.

"On those days when it's real hot outside that stench just permeates in the air," Harwell said. "It's awful, just gross."

Holly Reinhart, manager of The Enclave, would not speak with The BG News for this story. She referred all questions to the College Park Communities ownership, based out of Newtown Square, Pa., who issued a statement on behalf of the manager and their company.

In that statement, College Park says they may attempt to "bring in landscapers and other experts to determine what can be done to remediate whatever issues exist." They have also contacted management at the slaughterhouse, asking for "certain remediation to be made."

The morning of April 19 — one day after BG News called Reinhart for an interview — College Park ownership con-

tacted the slaughterhouse. They were asked to consider paying for an installment of trees along the fence border, according to Brian Contris, manager of Pioneer Packing.

While slaughterhouse ownership will consider College Park's request to plant trees along the fence, Contris doesn't see it working. In particular, Contris says that his concern is with USDA regulations, which frown upon trees and bushes because they draw rodents near the plant.

Contris sympathizes with the students who live next door, but said The Enclave's current and previous ownership were aware of Pioneer Packing. The slaughterhouse has been in constant operation for more than 60 years, Contris said.

*"On those days when it's real hot outside that stench just permeates the air."*

EMILY HARWEL, TENANT

"These people [Sterling] knew what they were getting into when they built their buildings," Contris said.

But Nick Adkins and roommate Devin Greer in building 8 didn't know what they were getting themselves into when they signed a lease with no specific apartment number on it.

Greer tried to address the situation by turning to Student Legal Services in fall 2004, but was told by SLS Attorney Mike Sculina that he had waited too long to act.

"It's partly our fault for being naïve," Adkins said. "But this was our first time ever living on our own."

Other residents in the complex sympathize with the plight of residents in building 9, but are generally happy with their living environment.

Danielle Montion is one resident pleased with her apartment, and credits The Enclave's management with

meeting her requests.

When Montion and her roommates asked to be on the second floor in a building away from the slaughterhouse, they were accommodated in building 3 on the opposite side of the complex.

But all requests are not fulfilled.

University students who have already signed a lease with The Enclave for fall 2005 without knowing their exact apartment may fall into a similar situation, and will do so by violating a basic rule for renting — know the apartment number, according to Sculina.

"The one thing that students must absolutely do is never sign a lease without a specific unit number that you're going to be living in," Sculina said, adding that students should demand to know the specific apartment, and not to sign without a known apartment number.

Because a lease is a binding contract, Sculina sees little chance for students to be released from it. However there is always a chance, so students should bring in a copy of their signed lease to SLS in South Hall as soon as possible for help with any legal questions, he said.

Harwell thinks the new management should allow students to choose — or at least know — the exact apartment they will be living in when the lease is signed.

"If they could work something out on a first-come first-serve basis that would be cool," Harwell said, "because at least I wouldn't pick this one [building]."

Tonya Langdon thinks she is lucky to live on the opposite side of The Enclave's property in building 3, all thanks to a friend last year who warned her about the slaughterhouse.

"I just got lucky because someone warned me," Langdon said. "If not I would have had no idea about it."

# FOND FAREWELL



Jen Paal BG News

**LONG GOODBYES:** Resident Student Association's last meeting this year was last night and Jeff Raker (left) spoke to the group at length about the things he's experienced while with the group. This was his last year as Graduate Advisor.

# Pyramid comes to BG

Parks and Recreation and BGSU team up to teach food pyramid.

By Holly Abrams  
REPORTER

With the introduction of the new food pyramid this year and the rising rate of obesity in America, a spring series aims to inform people about what they are eating and how to develop healthy eating habits.

Bowling Green Parks and Recreation and the BGSU Dietetics Department have teamed up for a four part spring series, "Get a Taste for Nutrition." The two last sessions will take place this Thursday and May 5 at the Veterans North Building in City Park. Each session lasts one hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The sessions are free but attendees are asked to register by calling BG Parks and Recreation at (419) 354-6223.

The upcoming sessions are titled "Protein for Life" and "Calories In, Calories Out," respectively.

Each session is arranged to address several key questions about each carbohydrates, fats, proteins and calories, said Christine Haar, undergraduate dietetics program director in the department of family and consumer sciences.

They include: Why do we need them? Where to find them? How much do we need? and questions specific to each topic.

"I think [nutrition] is really mysterious to some people and we hope to take the mystery out of that a little bit," Haar said.

The program was initiated to get undergraduate students and interns practical experience for their careers, Haar said. Last year similar series addressed questions about fad diets, fast food, feeding children and vegetarians, Haar said.

"This year's series is a theme from the American Dietetics Association for National Nutrition month," Haar said.

She plans on having teaching series like this part of the program for senior dietetics majors next fall.

"The idea is when people are in parks they are being physically active so why not try to affiliate that with other parts of a healthy lifestyle including nutrition," Haar said. "Through a nutrition series we thought it might be a way to provide information to the public."

The series aims to inform people about what they are eating and clear up some common misconceptions about foods they eat, Haar said.

"Especially with the Atkins diet they've gotten the implication that carbs are bad," she said.

Audience participation is also key, Haar said. People are encouraged to plan their own diets and express questions they have about nutrition.

In addition to recent fad diets, the USDA introduced a new food pyramid a few weeks ago, Haar said. A personalized pyramid and eating plan can be accessed via the new Web site [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov).

This series is put on in conjunction with a nationwide program the Bowling Green City Parks are involved in called Hearts N' Parks,

supported by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Recreation and Park Association.

"It's an initiative through the recreation and park association, a grass roots effort to get people out and engaged in heart healthy acts," said Kristin Otley, recreation coordinator for Bowling Green parks and recreation.

The program is about community members taking advantage of free services offered by their parks, Otley said. Not everyone has to join a gym to get exercise, she said.

"Everybody has a heart healthy facility close to where they live," she said. "Any little thing that they do will increase their activity and their knowledge in what's good for them."

With current trends in the nation, it's clear that programs like this are needed, Otley said.

"There is always concern for people's health and with the rise in obesity," she said. "We've actually had people inquiring, wanting to know where to go for information."

The park is currently constructing a community center building to be open in late August, Otley said. There is a possibility for further programs next year.

"We're talking about combining this with some cooking so we could act out teaching in a class setting," she said.

What's important for putting on series like this is hearing from the public who attend the events, Haar said.

"We want to know what people are hearing about nutrition and what do they seem to want to know more about," she said.



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**BLACK STUDENT CHARGED WITH HATE CRIME**

**BANNOCKBURN, Ill. (AP)** — A black college student was charged with a hate crime yesterday for allegedly mailing racist threats to fellow minorities at 3,300-student Trinity International University. The hate mail prompted school authorities to move more than 40 minorities into a hotel last week.

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# CAMPUS

## get a life

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

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*Union Lobby*

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**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
SAAFE Awareness Table

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Council for Exceptional Children Info. Table  
*Union Lobby*

## End-of-term stress has students looking for help

**Counseling center offers advice on how to transition smoothly.**

By Audrey Weber  
REPORTER

Final exams, projects, packing to move home and saying good-bye to friends are just some aspects of college life many students face at the end of the school year.

And while this transition can be overwhelming and difficult, the counseling center on campus is here to help.

The center has offered numerous workshops on stress management throughout April and continues to offer help through their online resources. Students can find anything from audio relaxation sessions to self-help brochures on a number of different topics. All of these resources are targeted to help students with end-of-the-year anxieties.

"While it can be exciting to see your academic work culminate in being able to put together and use what you have learned, it may also be stressful," said Becky Davenport, a psychologist for the counseling center. "The end of the semester brings some additional pressure for many of us to get a lot of work done." This workload not only involves the assignments from classes, but may also include preparing for graduation and the job market ahead.

"At the end of the spring semester, students have to pack and move home — wherever that may be — and they also have to try to find a job and

say goodbye to their friends," said Sarah Forney, intern for the counseling center. "All of this creates stress [which is] the number one issue with college students."

Senior Dana Abbott also understands the stress involved in the graduation process and leaving the University.

"I will be moving back to my hometown and waiting to hear from two different Graduate programs so that I may make my decision about graduate school," she said. "During that decision time and summer months I will be working at a temporary office job before hopefully heading back to school."

Along with finding summer employment or a full-time job after graduation, students are also faced with the challenge of maintaining the relationships that have been built throughout the school year. This includes not only friends but also boyfriends or girlfriends.

"My boyfriend is my escape from stress and I will miss not having him to run to," Abbott said. "He will remain in Bowling Green for another semester, putting us at a distance of three to five hours apart."

Senior Samantha Eng also expressed frustration with knowing she will not be able to see her boyfriend as much over summer as she has in the past.

"The hardest thing is going to be not seeing each other everyday," she said. "There has to be a lot of trust and willingness from both people to make a long distance relationship work."

According to Davenport, expressing feelings and keeping in touch with one another is the key to handling each of these situations. Conflicts commonly arise between people because of a lack of communication with those people who are important to us, she said.

"I would encourage students to think about what their expectations are for the end of the semester and for the summer and talk with family members and others in their lives to communicate these expectations."

*Editor's Note: For more information on the stress management workshops, visit the counseling center website at [www.bgsu.edu/offices/sal/counseling/index.htm](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sal/counseling/index.htm)*

## Minorities struggle to graduate on time

By Zach Ahmad  
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

**WASHINGTON** — Since the civil rights movement, racial minorities have made great strides in the world of higher education. Yet when it comes to graduating on time, many are still at a disadvantage.

Even as college enrollment among minorities continues to rise, the latest figures from the Department of Education's graduation rate survey show a significant gap in rates for black and Hispanic students compared to their white peers.

About 39 percent of blacks and 42 percent of Latinos at all degree-granting institutions who first enrolled in 1996 graduated within six years, compared to 58 percent of whites and 55 percent of students overall. Four-year rates reveal the same disparities, with whites graduating at a 36 percent rate and blacks and Hispanics both at 19 percent.

School administrators said the primary reasons are cultural. Mary Cothran, director of multi-ethnic student education at the University of Maryland — where six-year rates for black students are 17 percent lower than those for whites — said minority students often receive inferior college preparation at a high school level, putting them at a disadvantage.

"I think it's possibly related to the schools these students attended before they came [to college]," said Cothran. "They may not have had the same level of preparation for higher education as some of the other students."

Augmenting the problem is a general feeling of isolation, particularly at more selective institutions, which tend to be less diverse. In a campus environment that is majority white, black and Hispanic students may feel alienated, putting them at a particular risk.

"These are students who are on the margins financially and who have not had the most rigorous curriculum," said Eugene Anderson, senior research associate for the American Council on Education and author of several studies on minorities in higher education. "If you add that to being put on a campus that is often very different from the environment they are from, then it does make for a very challenging situation for black and Latino students."

While they cautioned that many of the reasons for these disparities occur before students reach the college level, school administrators said they're doing what they can to address the issue. The most

immediate impact a school can have, they said, is in creating a make sure minorities don't feel out of place.

"That has everything to do with the university itself — academic advising, feeling part of the institution, feeling like you're part of the university community," said Camille Hazeur, director of the office of diversity and equity services at George Mason University. "We know from the research that if students don't feel a part of the community they have a greater of being distracted academically and subsequently flunking out." Schools are taking steps to address the fundamental problems behind the gap. James Madison University in Virginia has developed a "Faculty in Residence" program in which professors from the university are placed in public high schools across the state with large minority populations to help them develop a more effective college prep curriculum.

"These students can now acquire the skills at the high school level that will make them more competitive at the university level," said Daniel Wubah, special assistant to the president at JMU. "We don't want to just increase the number of minority students who go to college, but also make sure they go with the right preparation."

Though the program is in its first year, Wubah said JMU has already seen an increase in minority applicants from the participating schools and that more of the students are seeking information on applying to college.

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MARY COTHNAN,  
UNIV. OF MARYLAND

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## OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Make sure pigs aren't part of lease

Residents of buildings 8 and 9 of College Park's The Enclave are having problems. They are living next door to a slaughterhouse.

Living next to a slaughterhouse provides the residents with an odd living environment. They get to be awakened by the squealing of pigs as they're led to slaughter, and when it's warm outside, they are close enough to get the smell of pig guts wafting through their apartment windows.

Because the apartment buildings are fairly close to the

slaughterhouse, residents were upset to find out about their new neighbor for the first time on move-in day.

84 of 88 residents questioned in buildings 8 and 9 say that they were not even shown the side of The Enclave that is located adjacent to the slaughterhouse during their tour.

Ownership of The Enclave recently changed hands, so the lack of information provided to students may not be the current owners' fault.

In general, leasing problems have plagued college students for decades, but there are some key things that students must do to avoid being placed in difficult leasing situations.

First and foremost, never sign a lease without a verified apartment number on it. If students are unaware of the exact location in which they will be living, they shouldn't ever sign their name.

In case students have signed a lease for next year and feel they've been duped, they should bring a

copy of their lease to Student Legal Services, located in South Hall, and they'll help you for free.

The Enclave officially changed ownership on March 31 of this year. Yet as recently as April 20, students were still leaving tours of the complex completely uninformed of their potential neighbor: a pig slaughterhouse.

We at the BG News would like to challenge the new College Park ownership to provide more information to prospective tenants about the smells and

noises that emanate from the slaughterhouse.

What reason is there for College Park management and tour guides not to mention the slaughterhouse along with a pool, hot tub and basketball court during tours?

Not telling people about the slaughterhouse would only seem to cause trouble, and has made current residents of buildings 8 and 9 feel like they were misled during their tour last year.

In addition to telling people

about the slaughterhouse when they tour, it's unprofessional business practice by The Enclave to not specify exactly where a student will live when they sign a lengthy lease agreement.

It's nice that the management would try and place friends near one another, but students should know exactly where they will live before their name is signed, and requests to live beside the pool — or far away from a putrid slaughterhouse — should be honored on a first come, first serve basis.

## Ratzinger a poor papal choice



J. MICHAEL BESTUL

...from the pit of insanity

Are we over the Nazi connections yet?

Good. Because what has been sorely lacking in the sensationalized coverage of Pope Benedict XVI is analysis of the actual choice that was made. Hey, if I can be bombarded with analysis of the Packers drafting Aaron Rodgers, I think a little papal analysis isn't a difficult justification.

As someone who grew up Catholic, the selection of the former Cardinal Ratzinger isn't what gets me. What creates a streak of melancholy within me are the possibilities that were passed up when Benedict XVI was consecrated. In this columnist's view, the Church has prepared to batten down the hatches when it had a chance to offer a welcoming hand.

To arrive at that conclusion, we need to look at the papal reign of John Paul II. Before doing so, some disclosure is in order. I wouldn't call myself a practicing Catholic. Even if I were, I would probably fall into the area of the post-modern (or "cafeteria") Catholic: I'd pick and choose which doctrines to put on my plate. My relation to the Church isn't a unique one.

Many people had a similar practice of Catholicism under the Pope Johnny Paul number two. The Church was at a moment of crisis (and one could argue, still is): the modern conditions of the world had created a reformation in Catholicism, but the Church was split in how (and whether to) adapt.

Under John Paul II, much of the reformation was pushed

aside. The pope's plan to solve the crisis of change was not to. This kind of stance resulted in a papacy that was lauded as much as it was lambasted.

Though he opposed oppression, tyranny, racism, communism, and unrestrained capitalism, he also was against feminism, separation of church and state, and most progressive changes in doctrine. This creates a problematic view of the pope; his stance on women in the Church is emblematic. He apologized for the denigration of women's rights by the Church, yet he is anti-feminist.

The real importance to the Catholic Church of Pope John Paul II was his itinerary. The man loved to travel. Over the course of his reign, he logged more miles than any Vatican pontiff before him. The charismatic Pole gave the Church an air of diplomacy at the level of Kissinger or Jimmy Carter. And his visits with the world's youth gave the Church a growing base of international followers.

Which brings us to the selection of John Paul's successor. Depending where you read, most reports contained two non-European cardinals as top candidates. To put that in perspective, the papacy hasn't seen a non-European since ancient Rome.

The first, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga (of Honduras), is an outspoken pontiff with a lot of travel experience. More than anything, his focus is on battling poverty. He's one of the few Catholic ministers to actually speak publicly on the abuse scandals of American priests (agree with him or not). And he recognizes and has solutions to the problem of declining priests in a more widespread flock.

The other is Cardinal Francis Arinze (of Nigeria). Though his views run into the same problems as John Paul's, he also has the charisma and diplomacy that characterized the late pope. Much of his time with the Church has been spent dialoguing with other religious leaders. He views lack of dialogue as the biggest problem, having said that those who would rather keep to themselves as needing to "come out of their entrenched position."

Both these candidates accentuated the strengths of the Catholic Church under the previous papacy: no matter their viewpoints, the importance lies in traveling, diplomacy, and keeping an open dialogue.

But the cardinals went with the more traditional option. In Pope Benedict XVI, the Catholic Church has sent a signal to the world. By electing a man dedicated to orthodoxy, unflinching adherence to doctrine, and promotion of Catholicism *uber alles*, the Church has said that it prefers a dwindling (but adherent) flock to a wide and diverse one.

Is that too harsh of a statement? Not when the new pope was the closest thing the Catholic Church had to a Grand Inquisitor. Benedict XVI may have downplayed the connotation, but it's difficult to do so after decades of creating it.

Perhaps the strongest sense of the pope's influence came from a classmate's statement. Far more practicing than I am, she's the one who mentioned the term "cafeteria" Catholic. But she worries about occupying that position in the new faith.

Because, under the current papacy, the cafeteria will be closed.

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Where do you plan on working this summer?



**SHANNON SAMPLE**  
FRESHMAN, MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
"I'm working at Wal-Mart, home and volunteering for a youth ministry at church."



**SHERRELL TURNER**  
SOPHOMORE, CHEMISTRY  
"Working on my studies. And hopefully somewhere on campus."



**ALAN CALCATERRA**  
FRESHMAN, POLITICAL SCIENCE  
"I will be working at Wal-Mart or Cheap Tobacco."



**IAN NEMITZ**  
FRESHMAN, PHYSICS  
"I'll be working as a tutor at the Firelands campus."

## Big Brother has arrived in Google

Big Brother is watching you. OK, let me tone that down a bit. Although the Orwellian nightmare of a tyrannical, all-knowing government supported by pervasive surveillance technology hasn't yet arrived, something that looks just a little bit like it was recently released by Google.

You may know about Google Maps, which offers a faster, better-looking (and much cooler under-the-hood technologically) alternative to map and driving directions Web sites such as MapQuest.

Well, they upped the ante by adding a "satellite" view to the service, which combines roadway information with color satellite imagery captured by recent Google acquisition Keyhole Corporation.

Don't get me wrong — I think this is one of the coolest things I've ever seen on the Internet. It's just a little creepy.

Wanna see? Head over to maps.google.com, then click "Satellite" in the upper-right-hand corner. The traditional U.S. map with state names and borders is changed to a stunning picture of what our country looks like from space. From there, you can pan around using the arrows on your keyboard or zoom in using the slider on the left.

That's fine for a little while. But things really get interesting when you start typing specific cities or even addresses into the text box at the top of the page.

Try "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C." to start. The more astute among you will not be surprised to see satellite imagery of President George W. Bush's house, with other (apparently Photoshopped for national security purposes) national landmarks in the same general area.

Think of it as you watching Big Brother.

If you're anything like me, you'll immediately start trying to find your childhood house, the Hollywood sign, the Grand Canyon and so forth. Odds are you'll have pretty good luck if you're patient and fairly good at orienting yourself. At first it's a little weird to look at traditional buildings from a bird's-eye view, but you get used to it pretty quickly.

You'll quickly notice that some areas (State College among them) don't have particularly high-resolution imagery available. It seems to be that areas with higher population

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density have more detailed photos available. Try typing in "New York, NY" if you don't believe me.

In some places, you can see individual cars, trees, even airplanes. You'll never see individual people, and most images are at least a few months old, so you don't really need to worry about privacy violations.

Still, I have to assume that defense agencies have much better satellites that can zoom in much further than can the satellites that provide the publicly available Google Maps images.

Google Sightseeing, www.shreddies.org/gmaps, has a pretty decent list of interesting locations you can look at, such as the CIA headquarters, Warner Brothers Studios and even Google's corporate offices. You can look at stadiums, such as the one the San Francisco 49ers play at (which just happened to have a full parking lot at the time the photo was taken) and even Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia with a nascent Citizens Bank Park nearby.

More disturbingly, you can even view a shot of Baghdad in April 2003 just as an American bomb was exploding there.

One really cool feature of Google Maps is that it can actually show you the route you need to take between two places with a line on the satellite imagery.

I'm not sure if that's entirely useful or not, but it's pretty neat to get a new perspective on drives you make.

Google seems to be releasing pretty amazing technologies on a fairly regular basis — they make it look routine. At first, the technologies might not seem to make much sense, but over time a fuller strategy becomes clear. For example, when you search for a city in Google Maps, you can also search white pages information, which could allow you to find restaurants, for example.

I'm not sure the role that satellite images play in the overall Google picture (assuming there is one), but I'd love to hear your take on it.

Just don't tell me it's Google playing Big Brother.

## STUDY: FEWER THAN EXPECTED DYING FROM OBESITY



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# Beer pong in Baghdad; gittyup!

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Ye... Baghdad. Everyone's heard of it: the place we saved from Saddam; that we're now saving from the insurgents, supposedly bringing democracy to the Arabs. This expedition has lasted two years and counting, and has cost billions upon billions of dollars; the destruction of homes, schools and universities; the loss of thousands of innocent lives. Social infrastructure? There is none. Security? Still not there. And so it continues, we send more troops to protect the other troops ...

If you do pay attention to the news, all you'll hear are numbers. Has it hit you? Do we understand what violence of that scale means? What about our fellow young Americans at war, eager to make it through their tours of duty, then hopefully move back home to pursue a college education? How much does it really matter to us? Why would it? After all, we're diligent college students -- life is hard enough. We have our own concerns: dealing with the frustration of computer problems, the pressure of school work and housing issues, of emotional turmoil, and of unsatisfied libidos.

And when we're done working, we go home, it's the weekend. We have to figure where the party's at, what to wear, how to get alcohol, what strategies to use to get with that girl or guy we've been stalking on The Facebook or AIM. Or maybe it's which club/bar to hit up, and whether or not that fake ID will do the trick.

Well, one constant in many of busy lives is BEIRUT. Whether you're international, American, male, female, a freshman or a senior, you know this game. To most, the word "Beirut" brings up hazy memories of cups and pingpong balls, along with a good deal of beer. How many of you -- even for a moment -- think of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon? The city that is currently making the news for a messy Syrian pullout that marks the end of a heavily oppressive 30-year occupation. The city that has seen a recent spate of bombings that threatens to destabilize an already fragile situation. But, why, you may ask, should a few deaths here and there, a few more bombs, bother the people of a region in which this is a conceived norm?

Well, to a great deal of us Lebanese and Lebanese Americans, this brings back painful memories of a civil war that lasted from 1976 to 1990. Coincidentally, it seems that on this campus, it is also the source of beer pong's alias. The pingpong balls thrown into the cup symbolize the bombs dropped onto the city that was once known as "the Paris of the Middle East." That's fun. During the fifteen year war, Lebanon lost 152,000 people, a quarter of which were children. More than 250,000 of the nation's four million population fled the country.

I find it hard to suck in the fact that the United States is so caught up on being politically correct, when naming a drinking game based on the bombing of innocent civilians goes by so smoothly and so frequently.

Even more surprising is the fact that this happens at an establishment such as Tufts University, which supposedly has a solid IR department and is one of the few schools that offers a major in Middle Eastern studies. I guess that happens because so few of us realize what Beirut is, or how many people have suffered from that war. I guess so few realize how bad the situation is in so many other countries around the world too. We do after all, live in our little Tufts bubble.

So why not just switch the name of the game to Baghdad? I mean, it would be less anachronistic. After all, we Americans are directly responsible for the bombings going on there. And they are going on as we speak. I just think Beirut is now so passe, and it never hurts to freshen things up a bit and make them more accurate of our time. A name such as "Baghdad" would simply be trendier, like those Uggs we've been seeing around all winter long.

Many of you are probably pretty offended by this Viewpoint. But honestly, that is not my intention, and those of you who know me, know that I still love you very much no mat-

ter how often you all play Beirut, an activity in which I myself have taken part. I am neither blaming nor claiming that simply because you play the game, you don't know where and what Beirut, the city, is. I guess in the end, all I am trying to do is to have people consider the fact that, to some of us, calling a drinking game Beirut does not bring such pretty thoughts to mind. In such a situation, the emphasis placed on being politically

correct just adds to an already long list of hypocritical phenomena in this country.

Hopefully, with a bit of luck, I also hope that in the future, those of you who didn't know before will be saved from erroneously attributing the name of the Mediterranean capital to the frivolous college drinking game.

It's quite possible that Beirut, the game, really does have nothing to do with Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. However, I sincerely doubt it, and am still waiting for the exact origin of this nomenclature. Anyway, as bitter as I might sound about it, to any of you who'd like to further discuss the issue in the future, just hand me a beer or two, and that'll usually loosen me up a bit for the chat. Oh, and for those of you who might not know, and in case you do decide to rename the game "Baghdad," according to the U.S. military, since the beginning of the war in Iraq, an estimated 1,565 American lives have been lost.

The estimated total number of Iraqi casualties (just 'cause they are people too) is around 23,000. That's more than four times the population of Tufts undergrads and approximately 12,000 times the number of cups one needs to play a round of Beirut.

Cheers.



## Finding a job tough, but possible with effort



**NICOLE DELISIO**  
Opinion Columnist

If you are graduating in May and have not found a job, do not feel bad. Instead, join the club.

After months and months of searching for a job, I am two weeks away from graduating unemployed.

Up until about mid-March the dozens of newspapers I called about jobs kept telling me the same thing: They could not wait until May to fill the position. Understandable. Frustrating, but understandable.

So now I am coming across more newspapers looking for reporters every day, and I have sent out upwards of 40 applications. I've had one interview, and one almost interview. The almost interview never happened because of conflicting salary requirements.

Of the positions I have applied for, there are about 25 or so that I am very interested in, whom I have called weekly

to follow up with. Every week they have still not thoroughly reviewed all the resumes they have kept, and I should know something soon.

That is understandable too, at least in journalism. Most reporters are swamped every day with several stories and assignments. I think informing the public about things like the pope's death is a little more important than reviewing an application from Nicole Delisio from Bowling Green State University. I guess I can breathe one sigh of relief knowing that my application is not so bad editors are throwing it away after glancing through it.

The road ahead does not look much easier. Some of my professors have told me that every year most of their May graduates do not have a job by this time. Others have said they have had students send out upwards of 150-200 applications before finally landing a job.

So to you May graduates still looking for a job, do not get too upset. It is frustrating indeed, but as long as we make finding

a job our full time jobs until graduation, we are on the right track. If you are like me, you knew going into your last year that finding a job would be extremely hard, especially with a wretched economy. I guess there is a difference though between thinking about finding a job and trying to find one.

Maybe I'm pessimistic, but I've already spent some nights dreaming about serving french fries instead of writing stories this time next year. That motivates me to get up the next morning and send out a slew of applications to newspapers. Now if something would only come out of one of those applications I could stop having bizarre dreams about unemployment.

Until then, however, reality continues. As I write this, I am planning out the next few newspapers to which I'm going to apply, and deciding which places to call within the next couple days to follow up.

I've almost grown to expect employers to tell I'll probably hear something within a few days, after they have reviewed

all the new resumes. I do not enjoy it, but I understand it and accept it as part of the game.

OK, that is just a lie my conscience tells me to make me feel better. Although persistence is a key for journalists, I am not so out of it to believe an employer would hire me just for that.

Along with everyone else graduating in May, I have to prove I am the most qualified candidate through every application and interview. To all you jobless-May graduates, only hard work and confidence in ourselves is going to land us the prize. I started several months ago, and I will not stop until I land a job. Heck, I'm even turning this column in late because I was spending time sending out applications instead of writing before my deadline.

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**A:** 'Stat you?'

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# NOT NEWS

All final exams have been pushed back an hour, but only for the extremely gullible.



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## Nuclear weapons? Illegal to use? Really?

When you hear the name "United Nations," what do you think of? If you're like me, you're probably thinking of Cheetos right now, for no reason other than because you're hungry. But if you happen to be one of those so-called "normal" people, you're probably thinking of that international organization tasked to keep peace around the world and work in the best interests of everyone. This standard, cliché description is only slightly correct — what they don't tell you in high school (besides how to get the ladies, and also, what that meatloaf was made out of) is that the United Nations is useless. That's right, I said it: the United Nations is about as useful as your average man, which is to



**JIM LEVASSEUR**  
Global Biohazard

say, not at all. Unless you need a microwave taken apart and never put back together again. How did I manage to make this mind-blowing discovery? Well, let's just say it involved a lot of prescription drugs and a little bit of that mysterious place we call the Internet. But really, I came to this conclusion after reading a week or two ago that the U.N., in an effort to prevent nuclear terrorism, had approved a global treaty that made it a crime for terrorists to "possess or threaten to use nuclear weapons." Now, maybe I'm just being

cynical, but is this treaty really necessary? It seems that it serves no purpose other than to tell people that nuclear terrorism is bad, which was sort of obvious in the first place, unless you happen to be a mongoose who doesn't know right from wrong. But what do I know? I'm just a humor columnist writer who's never even been inside the U.N. building. It seems that the people who actually created the nuclear treaty are quite proud of it, in a paternal sort of way. Stuart Holliday, U.S. deputy ambassador to the U.N., was quoted as saying, "The nuclear terrorism convention ... will strengthen the international legal framework to combat terrorism." But of course, Mr. Holliday — and since the legal

consequences of international terrorism are doing such a good job of preventing it thus far, why not make it more illegal? After all, maybe the terrorists just don't know that what they're doing is wrong, like Kobe Bryant or the guy who created Teletubbies? If only we had more international laws regulating the creation of annoying children's television show characters. It just seems common sense to me that terrorists, as people who are already breaking international law, would have no qualms about doing something else illegal in order to achieve their aims. I can only imagine how terrorists around the world reacted to this treaty: **TERRORIST 1:** Let's get us some nuclear weapons, Bob. **TERRORIST 2:** Didn't you see

that the U.N. made possession of nukes a crime, Jerry? No way am I getting involved in this. I don't want to be known as a criminal! **TERRORIST 1:** You're right, Bob, I guess we'll just have to make do with this anthrax and a subscription to Martha Stewart's magazine. The world is saved again by the quick thinking of the brave people at the United Nations! I honestly don't know what would happen if they weren't around. Our lives would probably be ruled by some sort of color-coded warning system that assessed the daily terrorism threat and provoked mass hysteria with an "orange" or "red" rating. At least that hasn't happened yet, right? I'm no expert, but it seems

that the U.N. is more useful when it helps out tsunami victims and gives money to poor people than when it tries to scare hardened criminals. It's almost like the U.N. is in a giant Barney suit and they're trying to stop Michael Jackson from (allegedly) being near little boys. Not going to happen, folks. In fact, Jackson would probably steal the Barney suit. But if the world wants to pretend that the United Nations has even a little bit of power, then why not hop on the bandwagon as well? After all, we have better things to do with our time. Like take apart a microwave. *Jim will be back with his regularly scheduled columns next fall. Get your summer fix at [jlevass@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:jlevass@bgnet.bgsu.edu).*

## Goodness, gracious: Kids' hands are on fire

My life has no meaning if I don't watch out for the welfare and enjoyment of small children around the world. Having said that, I have a message to all of them: It's cool to set your hands on fire. Honestly, what could go wrong? It's all the rage in England. The British children's telly program "Ministry of Mayhem" aired a skit where a character called "The Doc" set his hands on fire using a mixture of methane gas and soap bubbles. This, of course, prompts all the lads and lasses to start using their home methane-and-soap kit. And parents in England have the same reaction to fire as a Cro-Magnon. They'll shout "Fire bad!" and then go out to bludgeon woolly mastodons with a crudely-carved spear. Really, they do that. I saw them do it. "Mommy! Mommy! Mr. Bubble and Mr. Gas are making



**MATT SUSSMAN**  
Puddle of Suss

my hands feel angry!" Unfortunately, "Ministry" has a history of unspeakable acts. Last year they (I'm quoting BBC and seriously not kidding) "encouraged children to feed lemon juice to babies," which of course is bad for some reason. But lemon juice is only harmful if the baby is also on fire. So why are so many Brits running around like Helen Lovejoy screaming "Won't someone think of the children?" Kids are very impressionable. They look up to those they see in their neighborhood. Growing up all of us looked up to the psychotic ice cream man who blasted "Welcome to the Jungle" from his truck. And to this day, I can't eat

a Choco Taco without, at some point in the dessert, scream "SHANANANANA-KNEES!" And my mommy says I'm not screwed up. So by that logic, neither are kids with their hands on fire. And while I'm staunchly against flaming hands, I'm not blind to ignore that if their hands are on fire, at least they won't be able to play with matches — which I, too, am against. But "Ministry of Mayhem" may not have received heat (ha!) from people had they just included a "Don't try this at home" warning. And failure to use a warning has put their show under fire (ha again!) and concerned parents are now seeing red. So what if this hot trend (I got a million of 'em) spread in the

US like ... well, wildfire? What first comes to mind is Barney's purple paws being melted by sweet, sweet fire. Unfortunately, this probably won't happen since I'm banned from the set — me and my trusty lighter, which I've nicknamed Burny. But what if they set Big Bird on fire? Well, that's what us poor college students call "free dinner." And I don't think any of us will forget Charlie Brown running around screaming "AUUUUGGGHH!" in the animated fire-prevention special, entitled "It's A Third Degree Burn, Charlie Brown." But let's go back and discuss "Ministry," because I'm only at 500 words and need to fill more space. Britain's TV watchdog Ofcom

released a report that said the show's skit "was conducted almost as a piece of slapstick fun, exacerbated by the comic character of The Doc, with any education aspect being minimal." Heh. They said "exacerbated." That's a funny word. Now, what was I talking about again? I forget. But that's because I have the brain of a 9-year-old child. Like any starry-eyed child, one minute a young adult is watching something a show like "Ministry of Mayhem" or "Debbie Does Dallas" and the next minute we're distracted by a rather poignant debate about the international ramifications of ... hey look it's a bunny! And that's just how our generation is. With so many messages bombarding our skin, aside from the charred remains of hand flesh we get by just fine, despite our attention span being

shorter than Pope Benedict XVI's remaining time on Earth. If I saw a man on TV set his hands on fire, and I'm 9 years old, then that explains why my columns suck most of the time. But between flammable body parts on TV and crazy ice cream men in our neighborhood, I'd venture to say our world's future is in pretty stable hands, provided those hands are flame-retardant. And after all this, we have learned only three things in life: I'm one sick and twisted llama. Exacerbate is a funny word. And most importantly, fire bad. *Matt is officially retiring from humor writing because BGSU is giving him a paper saying they are sick of him taking classes. So this is your last chance to e-mail him ([msussma@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:msussma@bgnet.bgsu.edu)). And keep your eyes peeled for his 24-hour live street performance as a jobless graduate on Wooster St. starting May 8!*

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# News media fight for sources

Court rulings challenge the right to protect story sources.

By Pete Yost  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Unfavorable court rulings have the news media facing their most serious challenge in more than three decades over protecting the identities of confidential sources.

The latest defeat came last week when a federal appeals court in Washington declined to reconsider a three-judge panel's ruling compelling Matthew Cooper of Time magazine and Judith Miller of The New York Times to testify before a federal grand jury about their sources or go to jail for up to 18 months.

The two reporters have been called to testify about the leak of an undercover CIA officer's name.

In a separate case, The Associated Press and other news organizations are appealing a federal judge's decision finding

five reporters in contempt for refusing to identify their sources for stories about nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee. Appeals court arguments are set for May 9.

The judge says the information from the reporters is needed so that Lee, who was wrongly suspected of spying, can pursue his privacy lawsuit against government officials.

Last year, TV reporter Jim Taricani of Providence, R.I., was sentenced to home confinement after he refused a court order to reveal the confidential source of an undercover FBI videotape of an alleged bribe. He served four months.

The New York Times and Time magazine are hoping the Supreme Court will intervene and use the case of Miller and Cooper to clarify the law.

Different courts have ruled in different ways on the issue of reporters and their sources and this is "an ideal time for the Supreme Court to take this case," said Bruce W. Sanford, a partner with the Washington office

of Baker and Hostetler who has represented the press on many issues.

David A. Schulz, outside legal counsel for the AP, said the First Amendment analysis the court applied 30 years ago in its one and only decision on the reporter's privilege is inconsistent with the court's subsequent rulings on how the First Amendment generally should be applied.

"The recent spate of subpoenas for reporters sources confirms the need for a fundamental reconsideration of the privilege by the Supreme Court," Schulz said.

Other experts on the issue of press freedom and the law doubt the high court will accept the case. They say the circumstances in the current leak investigation appear to parallel a landmark case in which the court dealt the media a major setback.

"There's no particular indication that the court is looking to revisit this area of the law," Georgetown University law professor Richard Lazarus said.

In the 1972 Branzburg v. Hayes decision, the court ruled 5-4 that a Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal reporter had to tell a grand jury the identities of his sources for stories on drug trafficking.

Journalists pressed state legislatures to enact "shield laws" that handed reporters what the Supreme Court would not — the right to guard the identity of their sources, a vital tool in investigative reporting. Many states did so.

However, Congress has not passed a similar law to apply to reporters in federal probes. A bill is pending but it's unclear whether it has enough support to pass.

Experts say that lawyers representing the news media have done a remarkable job over the last three decades in turning an essentially adverse Branzburg ruling to their advantage, arguing — often with success — that the news media does have a privilege to protect sources.

The media's lawyers relied on language in Branzburg by then-

Justice Lewis Powell, who wrote a separate concurring opinion that was somewhat sympathetic to the press.

"It was a classic case of making lemonade out of lemons, and to a large extent it worked; the problem is, now the courts aren't buying it anymore," said Jane Kirtley, a professor of media ethics and the law at the University of Minnesota.

A 2003 case in federal appeals court in Chicago was seen as a turning point, with a three-judge panel concluding, "We do not see why there need to be special criteria merely because the possessor of the documents or other evidence sought is a journalist."

The case involved three Chicago newspaper reporters who gave an Irish court taped interviews with an FBI informant.

Twenty-six media organizations including the AP filed court papers calling the ruling a stunning break from long-standing precedent.

## Fashion show is BG success

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University sophomore Ashley O'Neill said.

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She even said she'd shop there too — except she would feel a little old. But Tiffany Garcia, who helped work the runway and dress the models, said that Diversity Boutique has something for everyone — hence, diversity.

"Sure the line is directed towards younger college students, but you don't have to pick out the belly shirts," she said. "There are long classy skirts and tons of gorgeous tops to pick from."

Garcia said the backstage atmosphere was very intense and very fast — but an awesome success.

## DNA solves 32-year-old murder

By Samuel Maul  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A man suspected of raping at least 25 women in three states has been arrested for a 1973 rape after DNA tests on the victim's underwear linked him to the attack, prosecutors said yesterday.

Clarence Williams, 58, was connected this month to the 1973 rape of a Manhattan woman and to a string of attacks in Maryland and New Jersey after the federal DNA database matched a sample from him to genetic evidence left in many of those attacks, said District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

"This case shows the importance of the federal database," Morgenthau said. "It will send a chill through defendants to know that you can still test for DNA after 32 years."

Williams had been charged with rape, sexual abuse, robbery, criminal possession of a weapon and several lesser crimes in the Manhattan rape. His 1974 trial ended with a hung jury. A conviction for a separate rape in Queens was reversed in 1976, Morgenthau said.

Williams was released on bail pending retrial on the two cases, but fled in 1978 and arrest warrants were issued. He was caught last year in Georgia after he tried to buy a shotgun and the warrants came up during a background check, Morgenthau said.

This month, cold case prosecutors submitted the Manhattan rape victim's underwear for testing and the results were successfully matched against a federal DNA database.

Williams could face about 16 to 50 years in prison if convicted in the Manhattan rape.

Williams' lawyer, Michael Rubin, said his client "has maintained his innocence throughout" and the latest allegations "are new to us." He said Williams, who is being held without bail, is due in court on May 17.

Morgenthau would not comment on possible charges against Williams in the other attacks in New York, Maryland and New Jersey.

Williams' lawyer could not be reached immediately for comment yesterday, his office said.

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Suspected terrorist aids U.S. efforts

Ahmed Ressam has cooperated on an on-and-off basis.

By Gene Johnson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Five years after being arrested with a trunkful of bomb-making materials at the U.S. border, Ahmed Ressam has proved a remarkable resource in the nation's efforts to understand and eradicate terrorists.

He told investigators from many countries about the locations of terror cells and camps, who ran them and how they operated.

But as Ressam, 37, awaits sentencing today, prosecutors say he could have done more.

Ressam, an Algerian convicted

of plotting a millennium-eve bombing at the Los Angeles airport, stopped cooperating with prosecutors in 2003 when he realized the Justice Department would not recommend a sentence shorter than 27 years, they say.

Prosecutors now say that without his continued help, they may have to drop terrorism charges against two men: Abu Doha, who was accused of orchestrating the bomb plot, and Samir Ait Mohamed, also charged in the scheme. They are awaiting extradition to the United States — Doha in Britain, Mohamed in Canada.

The government is seeking 35 years behind bars for Ressam. Ressam's public defenders are asking for 12 1/2 — and say Ressam is willing to continue

cooperating, but doesn't remember as much as he used to.

The government does not have to drop the charges against Doha and Mohamed because it can introduce Ressam's previous statements about them, the defense lawyers wrote in court papers.

A psychiatrist who evaluated Ressam for the defense blamed the government for his intransigence. Officials took months to get Ressam out of solitary confinement after his mental condition began to deteriorate, said Dr. Stuart Grassian.

"If these problems developed and hardened during a period of stringent confinement, the sooner we got him out of there the better," said Grassian, who taught for nearly three decades at Harvard University Medical

School. "We wanted him to be away from that to allow his mental state to soften again."

Ressam was arrested in Port Angeles in December 1999 as he drove off a ferry from British Columbia. A customs worker noticed Ressam seemed nervous. Agents found explosives more powerful than TNT and digital watches that could be used as timers.

Ressam was convicted in April 2001 on explosives charges and conspiracy to commit terrorism. Facing up to 130 years in prison, he began to talk.

Over the next two years, in meetings with international investigators, Ressam offered details about various terrorist operations, according to court documents filed by his lawyers.

He provided information on

more than 100 potential terrorists and testified against co-conspirator Moktar Haouari and Sept. 11 plotter Mounir el-Motassadeq. Ressam told authorities he saw Zacarias Moussaoui at a training camp in Afghanistan in 1998; Moussaoui was later indicted in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Ressam first told investigators about the type of shoe-bomb Richard Reid attempted to use on a flight to the United States. And, his lawyers say, Ressam helped save lives by providing information about a network of Algerian terrorists operating in Europe.

But in 2003, Grassian said Ressam grew frustrated by repeated interrogations and stopped talking. Grassian recommended he be moved from solitary confinement in November 2003, but he said Ressam was not moved

until June 2004. Prosecutors said he was moved two months before that.

Federal prosecutor Mark Bartlett said Ressam's cooperation has not improved since he was taken from solitary. But Grassian said Ressam testified before a grand jury in New York early this year. Bartlett declined to comment on that.

One filing made by prosecutors says as recently as Feb. 25, Ressam was asked to cooperate again to salvage the Doha and Mohamed cases.

"For the most part, Ressam answered that he did not know or did not recall the answers to the questions," federal prosecutors wrote. "The government believes that Ressam lied and that his answers reflect a refusal to continue cooperating."

Former priest freed of sexual misconduct

4-3 court decision rules Missouri statute unconstitutional.

By Heather J. Carlson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri Supreme Court

yesterday overturned the sexual misconduct conviction of a former priest and elementary school counselor accused of exposing himself in front of three boys in a school bathroom.

In a 4-3 decision, the court ruled Missouri's sexual misconduct statute was unconstitutional and too broad.

James Beine, a counselor in St. Louis schools for more than a decade, was dismissed from the priesthood in 1977 over allegations of sexual abuse. He allegedly exposed himself to two male students while using a urinal in the spring of 2001. A third boy lodged a similar complaint.

He was convicted and

sentenced to 12 years in prison. He also was convicted of possessing child pornography, but that conviction was overturned in December, when an appeals court ruled investigators had illegally seized key evidence against Beine.

To commit sexual misconduct by indecent

exposure, state law requires the exposure occur "in a manner that would cause a reasonable adult to believe that the conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm to a child less than 14 years old."

The court's majority opinion stated there is no evidence Beine's behavior caused the boys to suf-

fer "affront" or "alarm." The opinion also called the law "patently unconstitutional" and too broad because any man using a bathroom in front of children younger than age 14 could be charged with sexual misconduct.

Beine was being held at Farmington Correctional Center. His release is not expected immediately.

"There is no question we need to protect our children against predators, but we have to do it the right way," Beine's attorney, Lawrence Fleming, said yesterday.

Scott Holste, a spokesman for Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon, said the office had no specific comment, but added: "We are going to communicate this ruling to the General Assembly so legislators can look at applying a fix to the statute in question."

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## BRIEFING

### Hudak named MAC West Player of Week

Bowling Green third baseman Andy Hudak was named the Mid-American Conference Co-Player of the Week Monday, sharing the honor with CMU's Kurtis Wells.

In two games last week, Hudak went 5-for-7 with three home runs, six RBIs and four runs. This season, Hudak leads the conference with a .381 batting average and is tied for first with 39 RBIs.

Hudak and the Falcons' game today against Xavier has been canceled. They will next be in action Saturday when they host IPFW.

### Newson set for NFL

Former Bowling Green defensive back Keon Newson signed a contract with the St. Louis Rams as an undrafted free agent. He is the third Falcon to sign a contract in the last two days, following Shaun Sulsham and Cole Magner.

Newson was a first team all-MAC selection after leading the league with six picks, returning two for touchdowns. He had 72 tackles on top of that and finished his BG career starting 42 games.

## No more rebuilding, now its reloading



ELLIOTT SCHREINER  
Old Blue Eyes

Much has been said about the Bowling Green football program's jump from mediocrity in college football to the top 25 and beyond.

In the past four years, the Falcons have been on national television five times, won 27 games, two bowl games and it's paying off, literally.

Four-year starter Scott Mruzkowski was drafted in the seventh round of the NFL Draft and is now headed to San Diego to play for the Chargers as the only Falcon drafted in the 2005 NFL Draft.

But that was only the beginning for BG.

Monday, three more Falcons were inked in NFL deals.

Cole Magner signed with Atlanta, moving him even farther from home and even closer to Michael Vick.

Shaun Sulsham took his golden toe to the steel city as he signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

And last but not least, defensive back Keon Newson headed for the arches in St. Louis and signed up with the Rams.

The four signees are just another measure of how Bowling Green is quickly climbing the college football ladder.

After a 2002 season saw the Falcons start the season 8-0 and climb as high as No. 16 in the college football rankings before finishing the season 9-3, the Falcons had wide out Robert Redd sign a free agent contract.

Then, after a Motor City Bowl title and a No. 23 final ranking in 2003, the Falcons had quarterback Josh Harris drafted and corner back Janssen Patton signed as an undrafted free agent.

That makes this year's four signees and draftees all the more impressive. It also makes one think that maybe the pattern will continue and next year the Falcons will have eight players sign NFL contracts.

While that is probably the stupidest idea I'll come up with in this story, the current pattern does show that BG's talent level is consistently increasing, and it appears the trend will not slow soon.

Next year's team will reload with the same kind of talent.

There are a pair of linemen that appear capable of stepping into Mruzkowski's all-MAC roll and, in a way, already have. Freshman Kory Lichtensteiger and junior Rob Warren were each All-MAC selections last year.

Magner took his BG record 215 career receptions with him to Atlanta. But the Falcons still

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## BASEBALL

# A new day, a new cancellation

By Adam Hritzak  
SPORTS REPORTER

After a weekend of inclement weather followed by rain and a scheduling change, the Falcon baseball team will once again not be playing ball.

Today's game against Xavier has been canceled due to conflicting schedules for a large portion of the team.

BG was supposed to host the Musketeers at Steller Field

this afternoon, but with the heavy rain that has fallen the last two days, and is expected to continue, the game was moved to Cincinnati in hopes of getting a game in for the Falcons for the first time since Wednesday.

With exams coming up next week and classes finishing up this week, nearly half of the team would have been unable to make the game.

The cancellation also delays

Falcons coach Danny Schmitz's attempt to become the first coach in BG history to achieve 400 career wins and just the eighth coach in MAC baseball history to do so. In his 15-year career, Schmitz has a record of 399-355-4.

Although Schmitz is on the verge of BG history, his top priority is to get his team back on the diamond.

"I really haven't had a lot of

time to think about (the record)," he said. "Right now, with Mother Nature not cooperating, my assistant coach Todd Brown has been scrambling trying to find us a game ... so that's where our thought process is at this point in time."

"If and when 400 happens, I'm sure at some point I'll sit back and look at it and I guess relish the accomplishment, but it still boils down to just being

that I've been here 15 years. I feel very fortunate to be part of the Falcon family for that amount of time and we've had some very good players come through the program as well as assistant coaches."

Schmitz will get his next shot at 400 this weekend, if weather allows it, when BG hosts IPFW on Saturday and Sunday. The game on Saturday would be the Falcons' first game in 10 days.

## SOFTBALL

# BG ready for Buckeye battle

By Kevin Shields  
SPORTS REPORTER

It was a rain-out on Saturday for the Falcon softball team as they were preparing to play at Mid-American conference foe Ohio University in a double-header.

The two games were going to be against a Bobcat team that came into the games last in the MAC East Division with only three wins in conference play. But Mother Nature had other plans for the day and ruined the Falcons opportunity to steal two more conference wins after a 5-3 win at Marshall on Friday.

"I think it was probably the worst thing that could've happened to us as far as the standings go," head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said. "We really needed those games against OU — I think we would've had a good chance to hopefully improve to 10-8 and give us a little more of a cushion towards making that MAC Tournament going into the last two weekends."

Bowling Green will have to wait till this weekend when they host Buffalo to help solidify their spot in the six-team tournament as they will travel to Ohio State today for a non-conference double-header against the Buckeyes. BG will come in 23-24 overall with the host Buckeyes coming in 22-14 on the year.

BG comes in after a strong performance against the Thundering Herd which saw them turn a 4-0 first inning lead into a 5-3 win. A win which ended a three-game losing skid — the team's longest since a nine game losing streak to start the season.

"I think we're a different team when we play with the lead right away," Ross-Shaw said. "We play with confidence and I feel if we don't make a threat



Ashley Kuntz BG News

**SLAP HAPPY:** Bowling Green's Megan McPherson slaps a grounder during a game against Eastern Michigan April 17. The Falcons will be in action today against Ohio State in Columbus.

early on we start to worry and when we do jump out and get that lead early on we just play a lot more relaxed."

Lindsay Heimrich got the win in the game, pitching five innings and only giving up three runs on five hits. It was Heimrich's first appearance on the mound since April 6 in a 4-0 loss to Miami, as she has been hampered by back problems this season.

"We decided to give her a go — it's been a few weeks since she'd thrown with her back," Ross-Shaw said of Heimrich. "She did an awesome job. She ran out of steam sooner than she used to, but she did really well while she was out there and feeling strong."

Heimrich is now 4-8 on the year with an ERA of 2.79 and

40 strikeouts. She was replaced by Emily Gouge, who came in and allowed only one hit in two scoreless innings for the Thundering Herd.

Megan McPherson led off the game with a single and scored the first run of the game for the Falcons on a two RBI single by Jeanine Baca. McPherson went on to lead the Falcons on the day going 2-for-4 and scoring two runs.

The Buckeyes will come into the contests having won three of their last four and off two wins over Wright State. Two games where they outscored WSU 21-5 with a 14-2 and 7-3 win last Tuesday in a double-header.

BG has had strong hitting this season as they have 10 batters with a .300 average or better at

the plate. Ashley Cutcliff leads them with a .481 average with four home runs and 14 RBIs.

"I'm glad we have them mid-week because we have to stay sharp for this weekend," Ross-Shaw said of the OSU matchup. "We're definitely going to go after the wins, but I also want to mix it up one more time with a couple different lineups and give some kids the opportunity to get some time before the conference weekend."

It'll be the first meeting for these two teams since the 2001 season when they split a pair of games in Columbus.

BG will play the Buckeyes today at Buckeye Field with the first pitch of the double-header coming at 5 p.m. with the second game following the first game's conclusion.

## Tigers and Indians get washed out

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aaron Boone never got a chance to put his adjustment plan to work yesterday.

Cleveland's third baseman, in a 5-for-40 slump that has left his batting average at .129, could only sit and watch as the Indians and Detroit Tigers were rained out after a 55-minute wait.

"Right now, Aaron needs to play," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "He's got to get some at-bats to work his way out of this."

Boone missed all the 2004 season recovering from two operations on his left knee to repair an injury sustained during a pickup basketball game.

"Physically, I'm fine," Boone said. "It's just a matter of time until I start hitting. This (start) is nothing I'm worried about, but it is a little frustrating."

Boone said he got some advice from his father, Bob, a former catcher and manager, when the Indians played last weekend in Seattle, where Aaron's older brother, Bret, plays for the Mariners.

"Dad knows me well and watched my at-bats," Aaron Boone said. "He saw a couple of things that were key. Sometimes I get inside out. I had a much better batting practice today. I have a better feel and a better approach."

Boone said his 8-for-62 start is nothing new.

"The good thing and the bad thing is that I've been down this road before," he said. "Quite frankly, I've not had one good start in my career. Without fail, my first 20, 30, 50 at bats have been — not good."

Boone hit .350 with three homers and 15 RBIs in 19 games

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# NFL makes improvements to steroid policy

By Howard Fenderich  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL is tripling the number of offseason steroid tests each player can face, a policy change the league made public on the eve of a hearing today before congressmen who say they are already drafting legislation about drugs in sports.

Leaders of the House Government Reform Committee, which subpoenaed baseball stars and officials to testify 1 1/2 months ago, are working with Sen. John McCain to draw up a law establishing standard steroid policies for all U.S. professional sports.

"In calling for uniform standards, it will address all elements of a testing program: It will address frequency of testing, it will address a list of substances tested for, and it will address penalties," David Marin,

spokesman for committee chairman Tom Davis of Virginia, said yesterday.

The NFL's approach to its trip to Capitol Hill is quite different from Major League Baseball's. Football officials accepted invitations to testify before lawmakers examining steroids in sports, and are armed with recent changes that strengthened the league's drug policy.

"Obviously, the dynamic tomorrow is a little different than what we encountered at the MLB hearing. Baseball treated our inquiry as a nuisance," Marin said. "In contrast, both the NFL and its players association have been cooperative and responsive. But that doesn't mean members won't have questions about the details of their policy."

The league has some new elements of that policy to tell Congress about. Players now

will be subject to a maximum of six random drug tests during each offseason, up from two, NFL spokesman Joe Browne said yesterday.

The league and union also had recently agreed to add new substances to the list of banned performance enhancers; to put in writing previously agreed-to policies to test for designer steroids; and to lower the testosterone ratio threshold.

"For two decades, the NFL has had very strong programs in place to rid its locker rooms of performance-enhancing drugs," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in remarks prepared for his testimony Wednesday and released by the league yesterday. "We have not had all the answers but we have worked with leading institutions and top scientists to seek to stay ahead of an ever-changing curve."



Dennis Cook AP Photo

**LITIGATING TIME:** Representative Cliff Sterns, R-Fla., right, and Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., appear at a news conference on Capitol Hill yesterday to discuss standards for steroid testing in pro sports.

The change in the testosterone ratio threshold mirrors the practices of the International Olympic Committee and World

Anti-Doping Agency. Today's hearing is a follow-up

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## Suspected terrorist aids U.S. efforts

Ahmed Ressam has cooperated on an on-and-off basis.

By Gene Johnson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Five years after being arrested with a trunkful of bomb-making materials at the U.S. border, Ahmed Ressam has proved a remarkable resource in the nation's efforts to understand and eradicate terrorists.

He told investigators from many countries about the locations of terror cells and camps, who ran them and how they operated.

But as Ressam, 37, awaits sentencing today, prosecutors say he could have done more.

Ressam, an Algerian convicted

of plotting a millennium-eve bombing at the Los Angeles airport, stopped cooperating with prosecutors in 2003 when he realized the Justice Department would not recommend a sentence shorter than 27 years, they say.

Prosecutors now say that without his continued help, they may have to drop terrorism charges against two men: Abu Doha, who was accused of orchestrating the bomb plot, and Samir Ait Mohamed, also charged in the scheme. They are awaiting extradition to the United States — Doha in Britain, Mohamed in Canada.

The government is seeking 35 years behind bars for Ressam. Ressam's public defenders are asking for 12 1/2 — and say Ressam is willing to continue

cooperating, but doesn't remember as much as he used to.

The government does not have to drop the charges against Doha and Mohamed because it can introduce Ressam's previous statements about them, the defense lawyers wrote in court papers.

A psychiatrist who evaluated Ressam for the defense blamed the government for his intransigence. Officials took months to get Ressam out of solitary confinement after his mental condition began to deteriorate, said Dr. Stuart Grassian.

"If these problems developed and hardened during a period of stringent confinement, the sooner we got him out of there the better," said Grassian, who taught for nearly three decades at Harvard University Medical

School. "We wanted him to be away from that to allow his mental state to soften again."

Ressam was arrested in Port Angeles in December 1999 as he drove off a ferry from British Columbia. A customs worker noticed Ressam seemed nervous. Agents found explosives more powerful than TNT and digital watches that could be used as timers.

Ressam was convicted in April 2001 on explosives charges and conspiracy to commit terrorism. Facing up to 130 years in prison, he began to talk.

Over the next two years, in meetings with international investigators, Ressam offered details about various terrorist operations, according to court documents filed by his lawyers.

He provided information on

more than 100 potential terrorists and testified against co-conspirator Moktar Haouari and Sept. 11 plotter Mounir el-Motassadeq. Ressam told authorities he saw Zacarias Moussaoui at a training camp in Afghanistan in 1998; Moussaoui was later indicted in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Ressam first told investigators about the type of shoe-bomb Richard Reid attempted to use on a flight to the United States. And, his lawyers say, Ressam helped save lives by providing information about a network of Algerian terrorists operating in Europe.

But in 2003, Grassian said Ressam grew frustrated by repeated interrogations and stopped talking. Grassian recommended he be moved from solitary confinement in November 2003, but he said Ressam was not moved

until June 2004. Prosecutors said he was moved two months before that.

Federal prosecutor Mark Bartlett said Ressam's cooperation has not improved since he was taken from solitary. But Grassian said Ressam testified before a grand jury in New York early this year. Bartlett declined to comment on that.

One filing made by prosecutors says as recently as Feb. 25, Ressam was asked to cooperate again to salvage the Doha and Mohamed cases.

"For the most part, Ressam answered that he did not know or did not recall the answers to the questions," federal prosecutors wrote. "The government believes that Ressam lied and that his answers reflect a refusal to continue cooperating."

## Former priest freed of sexual misconduct

4-3 court decision rules Missouri statute unconstitutional.

By Heather J. Carlson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri Supreme Court

yesterday overturned the sexual misconduct conviction of a former priest and elementary school counselor accused of exposing himself in front of three boys in a school bathroom.

In a 4-3 decision, the court ruled Missouri's sexual misconduct statute was unconstitutional and too broad.

James Beine, a counselor in St. Louis schools for more than a decade, was dismissed from the priesthood in 1977 over allegations of sexual abuse. He allegedly exposed himself to two male students while using a urinal in the spring of 2001. A third boy lodged a similar complaint.

He was convicted and

sentenced to 12 years in prison. He also was convicted of possessing child pornography, but that conviction was overturned in December, when an appeals court ruled investigators had illegally seized key evidence against Beine.

To commit sexual misconduct by indecent

exposure, state law requires the exposure occur "in a manner that would cause a reasonable adult to believe that the conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm to a child less than 14 years old."

The court's majority opinion stated there is no evidence Beine's behavior caused the boys to suf-

fer "affront" or "alarm." The opinion also called the law "patently unconstitutional" and too broad because any man using a bathroom in front of children younger than age 14 could be charged with sexual misconduct.

Beine was being held at Farmington Correctional Center. His release is not expected immediately.

"There is no question we need to protect our children against predators, but we have to do it the right way," Beine's attorney, Lawrence Fleming, said yesterday.

Scott Holste, a spokesman for Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon, said the office had no specific comment, but added: "We are going to communicate this ruling to the General Assembly so legislators can look at applying a fix to the statute in question."

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## BRIEFING

### Hudak named MAC West Player of Week

Bowling Green third baseman Andy Hudak was named the Mid-American Conference Co-Player of the Week Monday, sharing the honor with CMU's Kurtis Wells.

In two games last week, Hudak went 5-for-7 with three home runs, six RBIs and four runs. This season, Hudak leads the conference with a .381 batting average and is tied for first with 39 RBIs.

Hudak and the Falcons' game today against Xavier has been canceled. They will next be in action Saturday when they host IPFW.

### Newson set for NFL

Former Bowling Green defensive back Keon Newson signed a contract with the St. Louis Rams as an undrafted free agent. He is the third Falcon to sign a contract in the last two days, following Shaun Suisham and Cole Magner.

Newson was a first team all-MAC selection after leading the league with six picks, returning two for touchdowns. He had 72 tackles on top of that and finished his BG career starting 42 games.

## No more rebuilding, now its reloading



ELLIOTT SCHREINER  
Old Blue Eyes

Much has been said about the Bowling Green football program's jump from mediocrity in college football to the top 25 and beyond.

In the past four years, the Falcons have been on national television nine times, won 27 games, two bowl games and it's paying off, literally.

Four-year starter Scott Mrucekowski was drafted in the seventh round of the NFL Draft and is now headed to San Diego to play for the Chargers as the only Falcon drafted in the 2005 NFL Draft.

But that was only the beginning for BG.

Monday, three more Falcons were inked to NFL deals.

Cole Magner signed with Atlanta, moving him even farther from home and even closer to Michael Vick.

Shaun Suisham took his golden toe to the steel city as he signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

And last but not least, defensive back Keon Newson headed for the arches in St. Louis and signed up with the Rams.

The four signees are just another measure of how Bowling Green is quickly climbing the college football ladder.

After a 2002 season saw the Falcons start the season 8-0 and climb as high as No. 16 in the college football rankings before finishing the season 9-3, the Falcons had wide out Robert Redd sign a free agent contract.

Then, after a Motor City Bowl title and a No. 23 final ranking in 2003, the Falcons had quarterback Josh Hanley drafted and corner back Janssen Patton signed as an undrafted free agent.

That makes this year's four signees and draftees all the more impressive. It also makes one think that maybe the pattern will continue and next year the Falcons will have eight players sign NFL contracts.

While that is probably the stupidest idea I'll come up with in this story, the current pattern does show that BG's talent level is consistently increasing, and it appears the trend will not slow soon.

Next year's team will reload with the same kind of talent.

There are a pair of linemen that appear capable of stepping into Mrucekowski's all-MAC roll and, in a way, already have. Freshman Kory Lichtensteiger and junior Rob Warren were each All-MAC selections last year.

Magner took his BG record 215 career receptions with him to Atlanta. But the Falcons still

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## BASEBALL

# A new day, a new cancellation

By Adam Hritzak  
SPORTS REPORTER

After a weekend of inclement weather followed by rain and a scheduling change, the Falcon baseball team will once again not be playing ball.

Today's game against Xavier has been canceled due to conflicting schedules for a large portion of the team.

BG was supposed to host the Musketeers at Steller Field

this afternoon, but with the heavy rain that has fallen the last two days, and is expected to continue, the game was moved to Cincinnati in hopes of getting a game in for the Falcons for the first time since Wednesday.

With exams coming up next week and classes finishing up this week, nearly half of the team would have been unable to make the game.

The cancellation also delays

Falcons coach Danny Schmitz's attempt to become the first coach in BG history to achieve 400 career wins and just the eighth coach in MAC baseball history to do so. In his 15-year career, Schmitz has a record of 399-355-4.

Although Schmitz is on the verge of BG history, his top priority is to get his team back on the diamond.

"I really haven't had a lot of

time to think about (the record)," he said. "Right now, with Mother Nature not cooperating, my assistant coach Todd Brown has been scrambling trying to find us a game ... so that's where our thought process is at this point in time."

"If and when 400 happens, I'm sure at some point I'll sit back and look at it and I guess relish the accomplishment, but it still boils down to just being

that I've been here 15 years. I feel very fortunate to be part of the Falcon family for that amount of time and we've had some very good players come through the program as well as assistant coaches."

Schmitz will get his next shot at 400 this weekend, if weather allows it, when BG hosts IPFW on Saturday and Sunday. The game on Saturday would be the Falcons' first game in 10 days.

## SOFTBALL

# BG ready for Buckeye battle

By Kevin Shields  
SPORTS REPORTER

It was a rain-out on Saturday for the Falcon softball team as they were preparing to play at Mid-American conference foe Ohio University in a double-header.

The two games were going to be against a Bobcat team that came into the games last in the MAC East Division with only three wins in conference play. But Mother Nature had other plans for the day and ruined the Falcons opportunity to steal two more conference wins after a 5-3 win at Marshall on Friday.

"I think it was probably the worst thing that could've happened to us as far as the standings go," head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said. "We really needed those games against OU — I think we would've had a good chance to hopefully improve to 10-8 and give us a little more of a cushion towards making that MAC Tournament going into the last two weekends."

Bowling Green will have to wait till this weekend when they host Buffalo to help solidify their spot in the six-team tournament as they will travel to Ohio State today for a non-conference double-header against the Buckeyes. BG will come in 23-24 overall with the host Buckeyes coming in 22-14 on the year.

BG comes in after a strong performance against the Thundering Herd which saw them turn a 4-0 first inning lead into a 5-3 win. A win which ended a three-game losing skid — the team's longest since a nine game losing streak to start the season.

"I think we're a different team when we play with the lead right away," Ross-Shaw said. "We play with confidence and I feel if we don't make a threat



Ashley Kuntz BG News

SLAP HAPPY: Bowling Green's Megan McPherson slaps a grounder during a game against Eastern Michigan April 17. The Falcons will be in action today against Ohio State in Columbus.

early on we start to worry and when we do jump out and get that lead early on we just play a lot more relaxed."

Lindsay Heimrich got the win in the game, pitching five innings and only giving up three runs on five hits. It was Heimrich's first appearance on the mound since April 6 in a 4-0 loss to Miami, as she has been hampered by back problems this season.

"We decided to give her a go — it's been a few weeks since she'd thrown with her back," Ross-Shaw said of Heimrich. "She did an awesome job. She ran out of steam sooner than she used to, but she did really well while she was out there and feeling strong."

Heimrich is now 4-8 on the year with an ERA of 2.79 and

40 strikeouts. She was replaced by Emily Gouge, who came in and allowed only one hit in two scoreless innings for the Thundering Herd.

Megan McPherson led off the game with a single and scored the first run of the game for the Falcons on a two RBI single by Jeanine Baca. McPherson went on to lead the Falcons on the day going 2-for-4 and scoring two runs.

The Buckeyes will come into the contests having won three of their last four and off two wins over Wright State. Two games where they outscored WSU 21-5 with a 14-2 and 7-3 win last Tuesday in a double-header.

BG has had strong hitting this season as they have 10 batters with a .300 average or better at

the plate. Ashley Cutcliff leads them with a .481 average with four home runs and 14 RBIs.

"I'm glad we have them mid-week because we have to stay sharp for this weekend," Ross-Shaw said of the OSU matchup. "We're definitely going to go after the wins, but I also want to mix it up one more time with a couple different lineups and give some kids the opportunity to get some time before the conference weekend."

It'll be the first meeting for these two teams since the 2001 season when they split a pair of games in Columbus.

BG will play the Buckeyes today at Buckeye Field with the first pitch of the double-header coming at 5 p.m. with the second game following the first game's conclusion.

## Tigers and Indians get washed out

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aaron Boone never got a chance to put his adjustment plan to work yesterday.

Cleveland's third baseman, in a 5-for-40 slump that has left his batting average at .129, could only sit and watch as the Indians and Detroit Tigers were rained out after a 55-minute wait.

"Right now, Aaron needs to play," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "He's got to get some at-bats to work his way out of this."

Boone missed all the 2004 season recovering from two operations on his left knee to repair an injury sustained during a pickup basketball game.

"Physically, I'm fine," Boone said. "It's just a matter of time until I start hitting. This (start) is nothing I'm worried about, but it is a little frustrating."

Boone said he got some advice from his father, Bob, a former catcher and manager, when the Indians played last weekend in Seattle, where Aaron's older brother, Bret, plays for the Mariners.

"Dad knows me well and watched my at-bats," Aaron Boone said. "He saw a couple of things that were key. Sometimes I get inside out. I had a much better batting practice today. I have a better feel and a better approach."

Boone said his 8-for-62 start is nothing new.

"The good thing and the bad thing is that I've been down this road before," he said. "Quite frankly, I've not had one good start in my career. Without fail, my first 20, 30, 50 at bats have been — not good."

Boone hit .350 with three homers and 15 RBIs in 19 games

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# NFL makes improvements to steroid policy

By Howard Fenderich  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL is tripling the number of offseason steroid tests each player can face, a policy change the league made public on the eve of a hearing today before congressmen who say they are already drafting legislation about drugs in sports.

Leaders of the House Government Reform Committee, which subpoenaed baseball stars and officials to testify 1 1/2 months ago, are working with Sen. John McCain to draw up a law establishing standard steroid policies for all U.S. professional sports.

"In calling for uniform standards, it will address all elements of a testing program: It will address frequency of testing, it will address a list of substances tested for, and it will address penalties," David Marin,

spokesman for committee chairman Tom Davis of Virginia, said yesterday.

The NFL's approach is quite different from Major League Baseball's. Football officials accepted invitations to testify before lawmakers examining steroids in sports, and are armed with recent changes that strengthened the league's drug policy.

"Obviously, the dynamic tomorrow is a little different than what we encountered at the MLB hearing. Baseball treated our inquiry as a nuisance," Marin said. "In contrast, both the NFL and its players association have been cooperative and responsive. But that doesn't mean members won't have questions about the details of their policy."

The league has some new elements of that policy to tell Congress about. Players now

will be subject to a maximum of six random drug tests during each offseason, up from two, NFL spokesman Joe Browne said yesterday.

The league and union also had recently agreed to add new substances to the list of banned performance enhancers; to put in writing previously agreed-to policies to test for designer steroids; and to lower the testosterone ratio threshold.

"For two decades, the NFL has had very strong programs in place to rid its locker rooms of performance-enhancing drugs," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in remarks prepared for his testimony Wednesday and released by the league yesterday. "We have not had all the answers but we have worked with leading institutions and top scientists to seek to stay ahead of an ever-changing curve."



Dennis Cook AP Photo

LITIGATING TIME: Representative Cliff Sterns, R-Fla., right, and Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., appear at a news conference on Capitol Hill yesterday to discuss standards for steroid testing in pro sports.

The change in the testosterone ratio threshold mirrors the practices of the International Olympic Committee and World

Anti-Doping Agency. Today's hearing is a follow-up

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# Rain doesn't change Tribe

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during spring training. "He hit well in Florida and now his timing is a little off," said Wedge, who added that he would not even think about taking Boone out of the lineup.

"Aaron Boone is our third baseman," Wedge said. "I'm not about to start moving guys around."

Wedge didn't change his pitching rotation after the rainout, simply moving all the starters back one day.

Right-hander Jake Westbrook (0-4) is scheduled to start tonight against the Tigers, followed by right-hander Kevin Millwood (0-2) tomorrow night.

That would put left-hander C.C. Sabathia (1-0) in line to start a three-game series against the Kansas City Royals at Jacobs Field on Friday night.

Tigers manager Alan Trammell did make a change after Detroit was disrupted by weather for the third time in four days.

Detroit's home games Saturday and Sunday against Minnesota were postponed by snow, though one of the games was going to be made up Monday.

"That's just the way it is," Trammell said. "We'll have some guys throw and hit in the cages (inside). It might be a problem, but there isn't a darn thing we can do about it."

Tigers left-hander Nate Robertson (0-2), who was scheduled to start against Cleveland, has been moved back to Friday



Tony Dejak AP Photo

**CONCENTRATION:** Cleveland Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia sits in the dugout during an April 17 game against Minnesota. Despite rainouts, the Cleveland starters will take their regular turns in the rotation.

night in Chicago against the White Sox.

Right-hander Jeremy Bonderman (2-2) and lefty Mike Maroth (1-1) will pitch as scheduled in Cleveland.

Notes: Former Ohio State linebacker Mike Vrabel, a member of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, had been scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

# The names, not records, can be etched in granite

By Doug Ferguson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The World Golf Hall of Fame remains a work in progress, much like the career of the man that just got elected.

Vijay Singh had all the credentials to be included among the best who ever played the game, with 25 career victories on the PGA Tour and three major titles.

"Wow, where can I start?" Singh said when he was introduced as the 105th member.

Then he showed he's not done.

The next day he shot 64. By the end of the week, Singh won the Houston Open to become the first repeat winner in its 60-year history, become only the second player to surpass \$40 million in career earnings and close within three victories of Sam Snead's record of 17 tour victories after turning 40.

They can start the engraving at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla., but it would be best to etch only his name into granite. The 42-year-old Fijian might have a half-dozen more victories and another major when he is inducted.

It doesn't seem right. The Hall of Fame is supposed to be the cherry on top of the great career, not a palate cleanser.

It would be like Dan Marino going back to training camp with the Miami Dolphins, or Wade Boggs deciding to play one more year with the Boston Red Sox.

But golf isn't like other sports.

"They don't retire," said Jack Peter, chief operating officer of the World Golf Hall of Fame. "The age and all the criteria on the ballot are things we review continuously. There's no right answer. It's all very subjective. Is 40 the right age? Is 50 the right age?"

Nick Faldo was elected on the International ballot in 1998 at age 40, two years after he won his sixth major. Singh was the youngest player elected from the PGA Tour ballot, and he won't even be the youngest player at the induction ceremony on Nov. 14. Karrie Webb, who earned her way in through the LPGA points system, will be 30.

Annika Sorenstam was inducted two years ago when she was 33. She won eight times the next year, including her seventh major, and has won all three tournaments she has played this season, including major No. 8.

Is it fair to make Webb wait 20 years to get inducted?

"There's a school of thought that says it's a good thing for Vijay Singh and Annika Sorenstam to carry the Hall of Fame mantra while competing at such a



Kevin Fujii AP Photo

**TRAPPED:** Vijay Singh blasts a shot out of a bunker on hole six during the third round of the Shell Houston Open Saturday in Humble, Texas. Singh ended the round tied for first and went on to win the tournament for a second straight year on Sunday.

high level," Peter said. "It's not a perfect science."

Still, the World Golf Hall of Fame has some imperfections.

Officials are so desperate to increase membership in the Hall of Fame that they have watered down the standards twice in the last four years.

When the new Hall of Fame opened in 1998, candidates had to receive at least 75 percent of the vote. But after no one from the PGA Tour was elected in 2000, the criteria was lowered to 65 percent, paving the way for the late Payne Stewart to get elected in 2001, Ben Crenshaw and Tony Jacklin a year later.

Then, it added a clause in 2003 that if no one gets 65 percent, it will take the highest vote-getter provided he is on at least 50 percent of the ballot. Isao Aoki got in last year under that technicality, and Singh made it this year when he was named on only 56 percent of the ballots.

"When there are 20 names on the ballot, what could happen is that votes get spread out, and inherently it drops all the percentages across the board," Peter said. "I don't think an individual should be penalized for that."

It hasn't seemed to hurt baseball, which had 27 names on the last year's ballot. Boggs and Ryne Sandberg each got at least 75 percent of the vote.

How Singh only got 56 percent is a mystery. Along with the 25 tour trophies, Singh had the No. 1 ranking, two money titles, a Vardon Trophy and player of the year. Neither Crenshaw nor Stewart had those credentials, yet each got over 65 percent.

It could be that voters simply weren't ready to put Singh into the Hall of Fame with his career in full flight. Perhaps their focus was on those who no longer play at the highest level (Larry Nelson and Curtis Strange) or are no longer alive (Henry Picard, Craig Wood, Denny Shute).

"It's a subjective process," Peter said. "I don't know how or why people vote the way they do."

The hard part is figuring out who votes.

When the Hall of Fame was at Pinehurst, a committee came up with a list of candidates and submitted them to a vote of the Golf Writers Association of America, and 75 percent of the vote was required for election.

Ballots now go to Hall of Fame members, golf writers, the board of the PGA and Champions tours, and executives of groups that signed up to be on the Hall of Fame advisory board, which includes the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the American Junior Golf Association and the Golf Course Builders Association. And a representative from Shell Oil gets a vote because it sponsors the Hall.

What further hurts the credibility is that the Hall of Fame won't release vote totals, only percentages. That's the same tactic the PGA Tour uses when announcing its player of the year: it doesn't release votes, only who won.

Ultimately, the greatest challenge facing the World Golf Hall of Fame is the perception that it's under the thumb of the PGA Tour. And perhaps that's why some see it more as a marketing tool than a shrine.

# BG ready to replace NFL signees

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have a pair of knockout receivers in Steve Sanders and Chuck Sharon. Sanders had a break out season with 984 yards and eight touchdowns last season, while every touchdown Sharon scores from here on out will add to his BG record 28 touchdowns catches.

Newson, the Falcons' top defensive play maker a year ago, leaves behind a defensive

backfield with three returning starters.

The only question is which one will step up and become the secondary's big time play maker.

Suisham appears to be the most irreplaceable, but only because he has been kicking the ball for so long. He has been the kicker the last four years and has used that time to make an NCAA record 226 extra points. But Joe Timchenko

appears to have the ability to be a big time kicker. In his few opportunities, he hasn't disappointed. Last year against Southeast Missouri, he hit a 40-yard field goal, and in the 2005 spring game, he hit all seven of his extra point attempts on top of hitting a 36 yarder.

While it's sad to see BG greats like Newson, Mruczkowski, Wagner and Suisham leave, it is becoming easier and easier for the team to replace their stars.

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# Few caught with current NFL policy

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Columnist

Dick Pound has a question he'd like asked when NFL executives take their turn today before a congressional panel investigating steroids.

"If I were a member of the panel I'd be saying, 'Tell me how it is, with everybody knowing things are going on, why can't you catch anybody?'" said Pound, who heads the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Good question.

After all, if 9-year-old girls are taking steroids just to look good, what are the odds the behemoths in the NFL are juiced?

Probably pretty good, though you wouldn't know it by the handful of players who have been caught by a drug-testing system the league heralds as the toughest in professional sports.

That's an easy claim to make, of course, since baseball had to be dragged kicking and screaming into testing for steroids and the NBA gives only a cursory test in preseason to its players.

Give the NFL some credit for being the first league to test for performance-enhancing drugs and for actually having some penalties in place for those who get caught. But the league began testing 15 years ago, and since that time has suspended only 54 players for four games at a time for testing positive.

During the same period, football players have grown in ways that nature and good diets can't fully explain. From a handful of 300-pounders 15 years ago, an unofficial check of NFL rosters at the end of last season turned up 455 players listed at 300 pounds or more.

These players aren't just bigger. They're also stronger and quicker, qualities that don't come from merely getting in line for seconds at the Shoney's buffet.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue knows that. He also understands that public opinion is now driving the steroid issue, and that now is not the time to do a Bud Selig and deny there is a problem.

That's why he plans to tell the Government Reform Committee today that the league will increase the number of times a player can be randomly tested from two to six, add items to the list of banned substances, and begin stricter testing for testosterone.

Tagliabue wants to be seen as being ahead of the curve, but the reality of it is he didn't have much choice. In announcing the hearing, Rep. Henry Waxman said ominously that "new information has called into question the effectiveness of the NFL drug policy."

Pound, who would like all professional leagues to adopt the same worldwide standards used — and used effectively — by WADA to catch cheaters in Olympic sports, said his agency has tried unsuccessfully to get the NFL and other leagues to use its proven system.

"Basically, it's like all pro sports," Pound said. "First of all, they say they don't have a problem. Then they say even though we don't have a problem it's under control. Third, they say even if they wanted to do something they can't because of collective bargaining agreements."

There's plenty of anecdotal evidence to show the NFL does have a problem that goes beyond its bust of four Oakland Raiders in 2003 for testing



Julie Jacobson AP Photo

**HEARING TIME:** NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue presents the Bears' No. 1 jersey to Cedric Benson. Tagliabue will testify in a congressional hearing on Capitol Hill today.

positive for THG, the designer steroid at the center of the BALCO scandal.

In the last few weeks alone,

a "60 Minutes Wednesday" report said a South Carolina doctor wrote steroid prescriptions for three players on the

Carolina Panthers in 2003, and Northwestern defensive tackle Luis Castillo admitted to using androstenedione to get ready for February's NFL draft combine.

New Orleans Saints coach Jim Haslett also said he used steroids as a linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the early 1980s, a time he said steroid use was rampant because there was no testing and steroids weren't illegal.

There is testing now, but who is getting caught? Sure, the NFL suspends an average of less than four players a year. But, at the same time, up to 7 percent of middle school girls say they have used steroids to look or play better.

Anyone really think a higher percentage of schoolgirls use steroids than NFL players?

Those are the kind of numbers that drew the attention of politicians. And that's why the NFL will try to look proactive in a hearing that will be a lot less entertaining than baseball's last month.

Mark McGwire won't be there to talk about the future. Sammy Sosa won't be looking for his translation book, and Curt Schilling won't be up on his soap box.

There's also no football version of Jose Canseco. The best the committee could come up with was Steve Courson, who said he suffered a heart attack from using steroids when he played a quarter-century ago for the Steelers.

Still, what comes out may be more important. Public pressure is finally mounting on sports leagues to clean up their act, with Congress ready to do something if the leagues don't.

"I think they're more serious this time," said Pound, a Canadian. "The organizations that are dismissing this as a whim of the moment are making a mistake."

"It's like your president said: 'Clean this up, or we'll find someone to clean it up for you.'"

## Tagliabue among witnesses today

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to last month's session in which lawmakers questioned such baseball stars as Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Jose Canseco about that sport's steroids policy.

Tagliabue and players' association executive director Gene Upshaw are among 10 witnesses scheduled to appear, including one former player, Steve Courson, an offensive lineman who has spoken out against steroid use.

Upshaw said the changes to the NFL's drug policy were not brought about by the congressional attention.

"This is something we do every year. Annually, we review our policy, and if there are changes to keep up with science, we do it in the course of our annual review," Upshaw said. "This is no reaction whatsoever to appearing before this committee. To tell the truth, we've been doing this for years."

If McCain, Davis and the Government Reform Committee's ranking Democrat — Henry

Waxman of California — do produce a bill, it wouldn't be the first on the topic.

Florida Republican Cliff Stearns, chairman of the House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection subcommittee, introduced legislation yesterday called the Drug Free Sports Act.

His panel will hold a hearing May 5.

Any such bill would face an uphill fight in a Republican-controlled Congress, given its sweeping nature and the element of government dictating how private enterprise does business.

Stearns' bill would have the Commerce Secretary oversee drug-testing rules and calls for a two-year suspension for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second. Leagues that don't comply would be fined at least \$5 million.

AP Football Writer Dave Goldberg in New York contributed to this report.

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# Japan cracks down on sex trafficking

Japan takes necessary measures to help the country's prostitutes.

By Natalie Obiko Pearson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Monica's life as a Tokyo prostitute was her own choice. Like thousands of others over the past two decades, she took what she thought was a good offer of lucrative work in Japan's multibillion-dollar sex industry.

But the Colombian woman had no idea of what awaits foreign prostitutes in Japan: debt bondage, sometimes violent working conditions, "fines" imposed by pimps or brothel owners for any attempt to escape — and an utter lack of help from authorities.

"The reality is different once you arrive. It's much harder than you ever imagined," says Monica, 31, a single mother who still works the Tokyo streets. She spoke on condition she only be identified by her first name.

The thousands of cases like Monica's are at the center of a new crackdown on human trafficking in Japan following the country's placement on a U.S. watch list last year. Japan was again cited for trafficking in a U.S. human rights report in February.

Affluence and a lack of laws against sex trafficking have combined to make Japan one of the world's top destinations for women like Monica.

In the popular imagination, human trafficking involves women who are kidnapped or otherwise tricked into working as prostitutes. But experts say such cases are rare in Japan. More common are women who come voluntarily, but find themselves caught in slave-like conditions upon arrival.

"The Japanese human trafficking problem is the sex industry," said Kazuo Inoue, an opposition Democratic Party lawmaker and

anti-trafficking activist who says the crackdown also needs to address the root cause — demand stoked by loosely regulated red-light districts.

Tokyo is moving to clean up its act. The government is expected to pass a law by this summer to make trafficking of foreign victims into Japan a criminal offense for the first time. Authorities also have tightened visa requirements for "entertainers," a category that is suspected of providing legal cover for foreign sex workers.

"We are in the process of drawing up the necessary measures to effectively battle this," said Masaru Sakamoto from the Cabinet office overseeing the government's anti-trafficking plan. "I think once those are in place, the fruits of our efforts will become more evident."

Critics, however, are waiting to see if Japan is serious about protecting victims. Japan has long treated women like Monica as accomplices to the traffickers who bring them here, deserving of few rights as sex workers and illegal migrants.

A mother at age 13, Monica was struggling to survive in a poor, violent barrio of Bogota more than a decade ago when she was approached by a broker with the offer of sex work in Japan, something that would pay enough to buy her daughter a better future back home in Colombia.

"No one comes because they want to do this work. But we choose to because there's no better option," in Japan or back in Colombia, says the petite redhead dressed modestly during a late-night interview at a cafe near one of Tokyo's busiest red-light districts.

Arriving in 1993 at age 20, Monica was slapped with a debt of \$48,000 — much larger than she had been led to believe — and warned of reprisals against her family if she tried to escape. Minor infringements, including illness, can inflate that debt, she

says, and women suffer a brutal physical toll in serving dozens of customers a week, with no days off, to get rid of the debt.

She was able to repay her debt in several months, since Japan's economy was stronger then, and now works on her own. She says women who come these days aren't as lucky, with some finding themselves in bondage for more than a year amid ever-increasing fines for various infringements.

Statistics on women trafficked here are hard to get. Activists estimate more than one-million may have come since the early 1980s. The Switzerland-based International Organization for Migration calculates Japan's sex industry has about 150,000 foreign workers today.

The Philippines, Colombia and Thailand are the top sources, according to the International Labor Organization's Japan office, although anecdotal evidence on the street points to a surging number of Russians, Koreans and Chinese as well.

The sex industry has long been treated with leniency in Japan: Red-light districts have openly thrived from the patronage of legitimate businesses.

Critics have repeatedly alleged ties between traffickers and law enforcement, from immigration officers taking bribes to allow prostitutes into the country on fake passports, to police who return escaped, abused sex workers to their captors. Those allegations are denied by the National Police Agency.

Kinsey Alden Dinan, a Columbia University researcher, said the Japanese government does little to safeguard sex workers' rights and well-being or ensure they have ways to quit the business.

"When there's clearly a demand for these people to work in your country, you have an obligation to work out a system that they can do it in legally and safely," she said, charging that for Japanese officials, "it's easier to deport them than to deal with them."

Sakamoto of the Cabinet office said the government's anti-trafficking plan will include some counseling for prostitutes and plans to postpone immediate deportation to encourage

victims to testify and cooperate with authorities.

But it's expected only a few women will qualify since the government does not recognize those who have willingly entered the country for unauthorized labor as victims, regardless of what happens to them.

"I don't see a clear plan to protect and support victims," said Yoko Yoshida, a lawyer and director of the Japan Network Against Trafficking in Persons. She said there is a need for medical attention, legal advice and job training for victims.

Japan's wealth has long drawn

the hopeful, and many believe turning them away could prove difficult.

"Entertainment" visas, intended for musicians, dancers and other entertainers, are issued to 80,000 Filipina women each year. Critics contend the visas are a cover for sex trafficking, saying most women who get the visas end up working illegally as strippers, hostesses and prostitutes.

The government tightened visa requirements in mid-March, which is expected to dramatically reduce the number it issues.

Yet that plan threatens the flow of \$400 million sent home each

year by Philippines citizens working in Japan, and the Philippines government has urged leniency for its citizens already working here with entertainment visas.

Chaturont Chaikyam, a consular official at the Thai Embassy in Tokyo, estimates that of 15,000 illegal Thai migrants in Japan, roughly 6,000 are in prostitution.

Flipping through stacks of victims' affidavits collected by his embassy, Chaikyam said it is not unusual for those sent home to Thailand to get smuggled back into Japan.

"There is still demand, so people want to come," he said.



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ADULT SERVICES: Employees await customers outside an "information" parlor where customers are provided with the name of the place to meet with prostitutes at Tokyo's Kabukicho district, March 8, 2005. Affluence, a lack of laws targeting sex trafficking and what critics say is a tacit tolerance of exploitation of prostitutes have combined to make Japan one of the world's top destinations for foreign prostitutes.

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# Syria pulling troops out of Lebanon

Syria's troops leave Lebanon leading to turning point for the country.

By Sam F. Ghattas  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MASNAA, Lebanon — Syria ended its 29-year military domination of Lebanon yesterday as soldiers flashing victory signs completed a withdrawal spurred by intense international pressure and massive Lebanese street protests against a force that once numbered 40,000.

Less than three hours after the last soldiers were seen leaving, Syria informed the United Nations that its troops had left Lebanon.

At a farewell ceremony at Rayak, a Syrian commander told Lebanese troops: "Brothers in arms, so long," and the Lebanese soldiers responded, "So long."

A Lebanese commander then addressed the Syrians, saying: "Brothers in arms, thank you for your sacrifices." His soldiers repeated, "Thank you for your sacrifices."

About 250 Syrian soldiers in red berets and camouflage shouted: "We sacrifice our blood and our souls for you, oh Bashat!" in a reference to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

After the ceremony, the Syrian intelligence chief in Lebanon, Maj. Gen. Rustom Ghazali joined 10 carloads of intelligence agents and the remaining 250 soldiers in crossing the border point of Masnaa, followed by scores of troops guarding the road to the ceremony.

At the crossing, about 25 Lebanese civilians saluted Ghazali, who got out of his car and accepted a poster from a Lebanese man that said: "Thank you Syria."

On the Syrian side, hundreds waved flags and danced in the streets at the Jdeidit Yabous crossing point. They climbed on buses carrying the returning troops and chanted, "God, Syria and Bashar only!"

"I'm so happy they're back," said Noura Sabbagh, 16, who was carrying a red rose that she hoped to give to a soldier.

International pressure and Lebanese anger over the Feb. 14

assassination of former Premier Rafik Hariri in a Beirut car bombing helped turn the tide against Syria's presence, and Damascus pulled out its remaining 14,000 troops during the past two months.

The opposition blamed Hariri's killing on the Lebanese government and its Syrian backers, accusations both governments deny. Huge "Syria Out" demonstrations in Beirut brought down the pro-Syrian government, and U.N. and U.S. pressure intensified until Damascus withdrew its army.

Lebanon's new prime minister, Najib Mikati, is a compromise candidate between the pro-Syrian and anti-Syrian political camps. The Cabinet, whose sole purpose is to prepare the country for elections that are supposed to be held by May 31, went to Parliament on Tuesday seeking a vote of confidence.

Just hours after the withdrawal was completed, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa told U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in a letter that "all Arab Syrian forces have returned to Syria," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

Annan said a U.N. team was sent to Lebanon to verify Syria's claim and to check whether all Syrian intelligence agents had left as well.

In a report released yesterday, Annan said Syria may have withdrawn all its troops from Lebanon, but a U.N. Security Council demand that Lebanon disarm the militant group Hezbollah still had not been met.

He also cautioned Lebanon against delaying parliamentary elections.

"Such a delay would contribute to further exacerbating the political divisions in Lebanon and threaten the security, stability and prosperity of the country," Annan said.

France and Germany called Syria's withdrawal an important turning point but said the departure needed to be verified and the next critical step was to hold "free and democratic elections."

"The European Union is ready to participate as an international observer in the election," French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said in a statement issued after they met in Paris.

With the Syrians leaving, their allies in the Lebanese security services also were departing. Maj. Gen. Jamil Sayyed announced his resignation Monday, and another top security commander left the country with his family.

Gen. Ali Habib, Syria's chief of staff, said during the departure ceremony that Assad decided to pull out his troops after the Lebanese army was "rebuilt on sound national foundations and became capable of protecting the state."

Habib said Syria had no "ambitions in Lebanon, except to protect it." By withdrawing, Habib said, Syria will have "fulfilled all its obligations toward" U.N. Resolution 1559, which was passed by the Security Council last year and called on Damascus to pull out of Lebanon.

Habib stressed that the withdrawal does not mean an end to Syrian-Lebanese ties. He then took a swipe at the United States, saying, "Anyone who thinks that the history of people can be eliminated by statements made by this or that state is mistaken."

Lebanese army commander Michel Suleiman credited Syria's military with rebuilding the army, maintaining peace among the country's 17 sects and ending the civil war.

He pledged continued cooperation between the two countries in several fields, including the fight on terror and opposition to Israel.

"Together we shall always remain brothers in arms in the face of the Israeli enemy," Suleiman said.

Shaaban al-Ajami, the mayor of Lebanese border village of Majdal Anjar, said he was happy to see the Syrians leave.

"I feel like someone who was suffocated and jailed and has finally emerged from jail."

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**ACROSS**

- Entreaty
- Hindu teacher
- Crooned
- Korea/China border river
- "\_ of Athens"
- Zeno of \_
- Take a big chance
- Nice summer?
- Deputy
- Countertenors
- Upper limb
- Three in Trieste
- Take a big chance
- H.S. dances
- Meara and Bancroft
- Bagel topper
- Dumbo's wings
- Gather gradually
- Pierre's father
- Perform
- Rude ones
- 1st letters

**DOWN**

- Combustible pile
- Cafe au \_
- Word in a threat
- Arctic seabird
- Mark of infamy
- Marriage partner
- Prayer closer
- Ring around a fortress
- Travelers' stop
- Merchant
- Stepped down
- "Finding \_" (2003 animated hit)
- Chatters
- Capers
- Pub game
- Donations for the poor
- Subsequently
- Destruction
- Principal artery
- Eagle's claw
- Like some gases
- Grind, as one's teeth
- Derived from oil
- \_ -cochere (sheltered entrance)
- Alimony recipients
- Little legumes
- Well-behaved
- Nabokov novel
- Under
- North Slope dweller
- South China Sea gulf
- Sense
- Trade
- Musical sound
- Art Deco artist
- Sch. groups
- Sailor's call
- Eternal City
- About
- Las Vegas light
- Color-man's comment
- Actress Claire
- To the point

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