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New tenures announced for faculty

By Nicoleta Laura Cismas
REPORTER

Neal Jesse, of the department of political science, is one of 41 faculty granted tenure at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 1, 2005.

"I am really happy to have tenure, it's an honor that they granted it to me," Jesse said.

Jesse has been an assistant professor in the department of political science for six years, since 1999 when he moved from California in order to teach at the University. He is also the acting director of the international studies program.

Marc Simon, chair of the department of political science, said Neal Jesse is an outstanding scholar and an energetic and conscientious teacher. Jesse is well liked and respected by students, Simon added.

"He is a great colleague and the University is lucky to have him," Simon said.

Now that he has tenure, Jesse said he will keep doing the same thing, bringing his best into

the classroom.

But having tenure will let him take more chances in the classroom, he said.

"It gives an opportunity to experiment a little bit more with the class, to find out what the students like the best without worrying about a disaster happening in the class and affecting tenure," Jesse said.

Tenure is an appointment for life, and ends when "one of the following occurs: death, resignation, retirement because of age or disability, discontinuance of the position as a consequence of a University-wide financial exigency, termination of the appointment for adequate cause, or failure to accept within 60 days," according to the University charter. Faculty can be employed for many years in a non-tenure track position.

This year, 35 current University faculty were approved to receive tenure and promotion to "associate professor," four were approved and received tenure only, and 10 received promotion



Laura Cismas BG News

JESSE TENURED: Neal Jesse smiles proudly in his office after being granted tenure. Jesse works in the department of political science.

to "professor."

Another two new faculty members were hired with tenure.

In 2004, 40 faculty were granted tenure, and in 2003, 18 were granted tenure. Most

of these were also promoted to associate professor.

There are only two to four candidates denied tenure in a year, out of an average of 35 candidates, according to data from Barbara Waddell, assistant vice provost.

The tenure review process starts at the beginning of the sixth year of teaching at the University.

The candidate puts together a portfolio of his accomplishments for his department. Tenured faculty in the department meet to evaluate the portfolio. The candidate needs two-thirds of the tenured faculty to vote in favor.

Barbara Waddell, assistant vice provost, said the candidates' portfolios are consecutively reviewed by their department, by their department's chair, by the college committee, by the dean and by the provost. The provost recommends to the president and the president recommends to the Board of Trustees, who approves the candidates at their board meeting.

All these levels make rec-

ommendations which are forwarded to the next level of administrators.

"The candidates for tenure worked very hard all these six years to meet the criteria, and it's wonderful to see how the Board of Trustees, the president, the provost, the deans and chairs recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments," Waddell said.

Having many stages of evaluation with different faculty judging your tenure portfolio is important, because what a department or a college needs out of a professor may be different from what the University needs, Jesse said.

"Having several levels is fair to both the University and the applicant," he said.

"After working for six years you really hope you get retained. I did the hard work, I had a good tenure portfolio, so I was happy to get through the process," Jesse said.

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O-reg

Freshman flood campus as
Orientation and Registration begins

By Sandy Meade
REPORTER

"O-Reg is a tremendous opportunity for BGSU to shine," is what Gary Swegan, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, told members of audience at the kick-off breakfast for Orientation and Registration Friday morning.

About 180 students, faculty, and staff members from various offices across campus attended the fourth annual banquet held in the Lenhardt Grand Ballroom in the BTSU.

The breakfast serves as a thank you to all those that help make the program a success.

According to Jodi Webb, Director of Orientation and First Year Programs, they are trying to make O-Reg a campus wide initiative because in order for the program to be a success, involvement from all corners on campus is necessary.

"One thing never changes and that is the value families place on being treated as if they matter," Swegan said.

One goal of O-Reg is for students to begin to develop relationships with their peers, faculty and staff members and other students on campus that they may interact with. These relationships remain intact long after O-Reg is over with and are something that students and their parents are unable to forget.



Mike Metzger BG News

FRESHMAN AND FAMILIES: Orientation and Registration participants gather in the lobby of the Bowen Thompson Student Union for the first part of a two-day program.

"When we look back at the evaluations each year, clearly what students and family members are most appreciative of and most positive about are those relationships that they begin building with some many of you," Webb said.

The breakfast is also a time

to highlight any changes that have taken place within the program and to explain the O-Reg process.

Several major changes and many minor enhancements have been made to the program this year. Webb said that these changes are made to better meet

the needs of students and their family members. They also reflect any changes that have occurred at BGSU.

One of the major changes is that all incoming freshmen are required to participate in the BG

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Couple awarded for art, inspired by near death experience

Rachel Bobak
REPORTER

When husband and wife, Stephan Hillerbrand and Mary Magsamen, went snorkeling a couple of years ago, they realized how dependent they were on one another. They had to share the same oxygen tank in order to survive.

For the two associate professors at Bowling Green State University, this experience gave them the idea for their next video installment project.

"What's more intimate than sharing air between two people?" Magsamen said. "You didn't have a sense of time or space."

While they struggle to classify what exactly they do, both consider themselves video artists in some fashion. Although they may disagree about what to call themselves, they have a united sense of artistry.

"Our art is based more in concept," Magsamen said. "It talks more about ideas."

Since they experienced sharing their air with each other, they found another way to share that experience with the outside world. They chewed Bazooka Joe bubble gum, blew bubbles at each other and the bubbles consumed each other, becoming one. This piece is called "Air Hunger."

When shown at one of their gallery showings, they heard a young girl, say "Ew, they're sharing the same gum," Magsamen imitated.

In their line of work, they use video installations. The video portions are only one to two minutes.

With their "Air Hunger" piece, they taped two videos. One of the bubbles connecting and the other of the two blowing bubbles independently from

each other. This is called a two-channel video installment. They will project both videos simultaneously on the same wall.

"It's as simple as a movie theatre," Hillerbrand said. "It's like using the space in an art gallery or museum."

Another piece, "Earth Hunger," is a three-channel installment based on TV reality programs such as "The Amazing Race" where they video taped the action in the cornfields of Bowling Green. One installment was of Team Stephan, the other of Team Mary and the third is the both of them running together.

"A person off the street would say, 'I don't get it,'" Magsamen said. "We choose topics and metaphors with multiple levels of interpretation."

With these two video pieces, they received a \$5,000 Individual Excellence Award

from the Ohio Arts Council in the media arts category. This award reflects their work from the past couple of years.

Hillerbrand will go to Berlin and Karlsruhe, Germany for a six week seminar because he received the Fulbright Junior Research Award.

He will do his own work in the area of the long history of art and research the "question: how does society treat all of this, how does it inform us and does it empower us?" he said.

Hillerbrand is an associate professor of visual communication and Magsamen is an associate professor of fine arts, but they are able to effectively capture their endless array of creative ideas with each other.

They were driving in New York, where they once lived, and Magsamen spit her gum out of the window, but the side of the car caught it. She turned

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

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KIDSFEST



Ashley Kuntz BG News

CHILDREN PLAY: Eli Hood and cousin Sara Niner (from McClure) make their way through the blow up obstacle course on Sat. WBGU-PBS held their fourth annual kids Extravaganza with face painting, t-shirts, pictures with Clifford, balloons, games and more.

Every day inspiration for unusual art

ART, FROM PAGE 1

to Hillerbrand saying it looked like a naked person. Hillerbrand immediately took out his camera and filmed it.

"We have to shoot this for prosperity," he said at the time.

He was right in context. They showed this piece to a gallery and Magsamen said a little girl thought it looked like "Superpopcorn."

"We're always 100 percent on," Hillerbrand said.

He recalled another time when they were eating ice cream with their two and a half year old daughter and Magsamen commented on how pretty the sprinkles were.

"What's exciting," Hillerbrand said about his inspirations, "is that it's everyday. It comes right at the beginning, in the morning. We poured the milk in to our coffee. It's an everyday occurrence."

This daily ritual became their current idea for a video installment project. They took two huge fish tanks, one filled with coffee and another filled with milk. The camera was set up underneath the tank. Hillerbrand sipped milk into his mouth and spewed the milk into the coffee tank. Magsamen spewed coffee into the milk tank.



Photo provided

SHARING GUM, SHARING AIR: Artists Stephan Hillerbrand and Mary Magsamen appear in their video installment project, entitled "Air Hunger." The couple chewed gum, and blew bubbles at the same time.

In the photographs taken, Hillerbrand's milk design in the coffee was more obvious than Magsamen's coffee in the milk.

"Milk floats to the bottom and the coffee stays on top," Magsamen said. "It stays separated. I put a lot of coffee in it, too. My hair would fall into it."

Most of their work is accompanied by photographs, Hillerbrand said.

"Photography and video are brother and sister with different personalities."

Most of their work is done in their garage. They have their lights, cameras and computers set up in a makeshift studio.

They use a video camera with a flip-out screen. They are able to hook it up to the lap top to digitally manipulate the video to their liking.

"Working with technology," Hillerbrand said, "you have to be really good at what you do to be able to show someone that it looks very simple."

Seal returned safe and sound to campus police

By Nicoleta Laura Cismas
REPORTER

The missing University seal was returned to campus police last Wednesday, June 15.

The seal was reported to be missing during finals week on May 5th at around 11:30 a.m.

It was last seen on May 4th at 2 a.m., according to a police report.

For a while there were no leads and no suspects. Then, through the course of investigation, the police received an anonymous tip that the probable suspect could be University student Bradley Mesenburg.

Detective Scott Sauer said that he contacted Mesenburg at his home in Collins, Ohio, by telephone last Tuesday, June 14. Through the conversation,

Mesenburg admitted that he had removed the seal and stated that he would return it the next day, on June 15.

On June 15, Mesenburg returned the University seal to the detective's office, accompanied by an apology letter, said Sauer who conducted the investigation.

"The young man was nice, he was apologetic, and he wrote an apology letter to the University," Sauer said.

The seal was returned in the same condition as when it last rested in its original position.

"I am happy the seal is back, undamaged. It was a prank that didn't go very well," police chief Jim Wiegand said.

Mesenburg asked what type of consequences he would be fac-

ing, and he wanted police to know it was just a "boyish prank."

Sauer said he didn't have any say in the matter and the University administration would be making the decision.

Mesenburg stated that he was walking home, from the bars on Main Street walking through campus the evening in question, at approximately 3:00 a.m. He was talking on his cell phone and sat down on the seal for a moment, when he felt the seal slide. He then removed the seal, taking it with him to his house on Crim Street. He was going to use it as a "conversation piece" and to hang it on the wall. He said he had fully intended on returning it upon graduation and nobody accompanied him in this act.

The seal disappeared on May 4, 2005 at 3 a.m. according to a police report, and May 5, 2005, 3 a.m. according to Mesenburg's statement. The BG News tried to contact the police department for clarification, but they were out for the day.

It was within a week before Mesenburg's birthday on May 11. Mesenburg is now 23.

The University seal is located in the courtyard between McFall Center and Williams Hall.

The seal is made out of a bronze-like metal.

The seal was mounted to a piece of round cement and it is approximately two to three feet in diameter, according to a police report.

The seal's value was estimated at \$1000 by Bryan Benner, associate vice president for administration, in charge of facilities and grounds. But it is still unknown how much the seal is worth in dollar amount.

The University facilities department took charge of the seal. The seal was taken to the carpenter's shop, for cleaning, Sauer said.

Sauer said the University is not considering criminal charges against Mesenburg at this time. Instead, he will be referred to student discipline.

"It was a clear cut case," Sauer said.

Jill Carr is in charge of the issue now. Carr is the associate dean of students in the Office of Student Life, and said they are investigating this issue right now, but the information is confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, "a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records," according to the government Web site.



Vincent Gargiulo BG News

SEAL FOUND: This pedestal will soon hold the University seal. The seal has been returned to campus police, stolen as a "boyish prank."

"Each student's discipline record is protected by FERPA, therefore I cannot share specific details of this case with anyone unless the student gives written permission for me to do so.

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Board of Trustees award tenure to 41 faculty members

TENURE, FROM PAGE 1

Jesse said he was fairly confident, because he did very well with student and faculty evaluations. He said he never worried much about getting negative recommendations from students. He said he knew that if he did his best, was enthusiastic, knowledgeable, prepared and fair to the students, he would get positive comments.

"You cannot always get positive comments, occasionally you get negative comments, but I try to see them as a way to improve," he said.

Jesse has taught courses in the politics of Europe, post-Communist states, and

other countries.

Jesse said one of the things that he holds in his heart is that students come first.

He said that the most rewarding part of his job is mentoring graduate students.

"You see that they go places afterwards, and do things, and they come back and tell you that you have an impact on their lives, that's one of the most satisfying things in this profession," he said.

He has recently published one book, and he plans to work on more.

"I have more time to devote to the University and to the community," he said.

Another criteria for granting

tenure is creative work.

Jesse's main research areas are political institutions, the electoral system and the way they shape and constrain political behavior.

"If you change the rules for governance in a country, you can change the behavior of the people and you can change identity; and if you do this properly, then you can create a better society," Jesse said.

This May, Jesse has published a book, "Identities and institutions: conflict reduction in divided societies."

He said that in this book, he and his co-author, Kristen Williams, were looking at how legislatures can be used to shape identities in countries that are divided, and to help citizens find ways to work with each other rather than fight against each other.

He said one example is Northern Ireland, in which they looked at the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, and ways to build cross-community identity between the Catholic and Protestant communities.

"It can take 50 years, but if you put the institutions in place, you begin to develop identities, and you reduce the conflict, and the conflict may eventually go away," Jesse said.

Jesse said our thinking,

behavior and identity are shaped by institutions.

People in the United States have a strong belief in the Constitution, and they feel attached to it. Also, the American flag has meaning to them, it is important for them. These institutions define their identity, Jesse said.

"You do get mad when someone is stepping on your flag; they are stepping on your identity, they are stepping on you," he said. "And it's just a piece of cloth, but you have some identification with it, you feel like your identity is being assaulted, and you tend to react to it."

In their book, Jesse and Williams look at ways to promote identities that people share and hold in common rather than promote identities that divide people.

Jesse said his interest with political science started as a little boy, when he read a great deal about the second world war and about European politics and history.

"I have always been fascinated with these countries, manly just because of their culture and history, but then I started to be interested in their politics," he said.

He wrote his Ph.D. dissertation on the single transferable vote, which he said is a rather com-

plicated method of voting used in Ireland, the Australian Senate, Malta, and Tasmania.

Voters are not limited to choosing the candidate they dislike the least, they can rank them completely, Jesse said.

"This system allows voters to say who they rank first, who they rank second, who they rank third, forth and so on," Jesse said.

He said this system is much better than what we use today because it allows voters to express a great deal more their preferences and to show what they really believe.

Also, if the candidate ranked first doesn't get elected, the vote moves to the candidate ranked next.

Jesse said he is actually a supporter of this system in the United States.

He said this system has been proposed and he registered his support for it in San Francisco, Vancouver, (in the U.S., not in Canada) and Alaska.

"We may see it more and more, particularly in local and state elections," Jesse said.

Jesse wrote his bachelor's thesis in 1989 on the Soviet war in Afghanistan: invasion, prolonged conflict and withdrawal.

He said the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan to change the government, because it

was too West leaning, and they changed it in one day.

Their mistake was that they stayed in the country and occupied it, he said.

"A very powerful country can invade and take over another country, but it is difficult to stay and administer if the country resists," he said.

In the face of resistance, they couldn't administer the country, they had to leave, Jesse said.

Jesse also published articles on party system change in advanced democracies, political and economic liberalization in democratizing states - South Korea, resolving nationalist conflicts, the 1998 Northern Irish peace agreement, Thatcher and the Tory party.

He has book chapters on the Italian defense and security policy, the internationalization of ethnic conflict - in Northern Ireland and South Africa, the single transferable vote.

He has traveled many times to Britain and Ireland, and also to Canada and Mexico.

His work in progress includes another book, "Hegemony and its malcontents," about global discontent under the British and American dominance and articles on voting behavior as a source of political change.

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Juan Bouzat, biological sciences; Vladimir Popik, chemistry; Larissa Szporluk and Lawrence Coates, both English; Jeffrey Snyder and Margaret Yacobucci, both geology; Leigh Ann Wheeler, history; Jeffrey Peake and Neal Jesse, both political science; John Devin McAuley and Robert Carels, both psychology; Michael Arrigo, Blaine Todd Childers and Mille Guldbeck, all School of Art; I-Fen Lin, sociology; Thomas Mascaro, telecommunications, and Cynthia Baron, Michael Ellison and Lesa Lockford, all theatre and film.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Paul Schauer, accounting and management information systems; Richard McGrath, applied statistics and operations research, and Jane Wheeler and Linda Ueltschy, both management.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Julia Matuga and Sherri Horner, both educational foundations and inquiry; Lubomir Popov and Priscilla Coleman, both School of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Lena Ballone Duran, School of Teaching and Learning.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Lynne Hewitt, communication disorders.

COLLEGE OF MUSICAL ARTS: Cynthia Benson, music education, and Penny Thompson Kruse and Laura Melton, both music performance studies.

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY: Andreas Luescher, visual communications and technology education.

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Promotion to Professor

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Lakshmi Devi Pulakat, biological sciences; Wendell Mayo, English; Annette Mahoney and Kevin Pang, both psychology, and Peter Shields, telecommunications.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Janet Hartley, management, and Arthur Yeh, applied statistics and operations research.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Daniel Brahier, School of Teaching and Learning.

BGSU FIRELANDS: D. David Sapp, humanities.

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Tenure Only

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Daniel Jacobson and Steven Wall, both philosophy.

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QUOTEUNQUOTE

"If it turns out that there is a God, I don't think that he's evil. But the worst you can say is that basically he's an underachiever."

Woody Allen (quotationpage.com)

OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

New growth only improves city

A group known as Bowling Green Citizens for Smart Growth has collected enough signatures so that Bowling Green citizens can tell their city council what's up in November. But did the council make a bad decision?

Following the council's move to rezone some 26 acres of land just east of Meijer so that a gated apartment complex could be built, the group confronted the council with the fact that they ignored obvious safety concerns

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and went against the city's master plan for development. Now the group is attempting to put the council's decision to a vote of the city. They

collected enough signatures so that citizens will have the option of deciding whether or not the complex should be allowed.

The group raised concerns over the complex's distance from campus. It is close enough to walk or bicycle, but far enough away that emergency services may take longer to arrive. Furthermore, the group is upset that these residences will go up in an area literally surrounded by commercial properties.

The group believes the new complex will stifle the development of commercial properties and will incur problems with commercial developments already planned in the area.

But the occasional drifting smell from a restaurant can't be much worse than a neighbor's barbecue. Also, who is complaining about having the slick new restaurant in town right outside the front gate of your complex? Who knows, maybe the new

businesses will even enjoy having a couple thousand luxury apartment renters across the street as well—hungry, wealthy and ready to spend. Does anybody lose out here?

Furthermore, what student would complain that there will be one last apartment complex built close enough to walk to campus from? Look around your Bowling Green maps. Open areas ready for development that are close to campus are almost non-existent.

except for this one.

The group's concern for the students' safety is a legitimate one, but walking down Wooster St. is certainly safer than traveling down Poe Rd, for instance.

The council could approve the building of sidewalks and pedestrian signals to aid those students in their journey to and from campus. They could also improve fire and police services to the area.

EXPANSION, PAGE 5

Women misjudge men's desires

TERRENCE WATSON

Guest Columnist

Sometime in the afternoon when I reached the middle of Megan Schmidt's recent column about cosmetics, I began laughing into my lunch (though not at her).

"Girls learn early on that if they want attention from boys, they will have to wage competition against one another. They understand that if they are more attractive than the next girl, they stand more of a chance of being asked out."

Ms. Schmidt would be wrong about this only if she thought it applied to women more than men. I might even argue that, because of supply and demand, men are probably obliged to compete more than women.

What made me laugh is that the relationship between the use of lipstick, eye shadow, etc and being attractive to men is basically a sham. Indeed, when Ms. Schmidt alludes to the "vicious cycle of primping," we understand that it is vicious because it goes on and on without going anywhere. The time, effort, and money expended don't really produce the intended effect.

If we're talking about what's "on the outside" and that is, after all, where makeup goes then there are a few things men find attractive, and a particular shade of eye shadow isn't one of them.

If what you're interested in is attracting the male gaze, then showing some cleavage is a far

cheaper, easier way of getting that kind of attention.

At the same time, cleavage isn't tested on animals, isn't made from petroleum by products, and contains no ingredients that have been linked to cancer and birth defects.

Cleavage has a greater connection to male attention (if that's what you're looking for) than lipstick, mascara and artificial tanning. This is likely because cleavage has a much longer evolutionary history and males are hardwired to be receptive to it. Some might say that the male focus on cleavage is superficial. Those who say this are correct: it is superficial, and most men are ashamed enough of this to quickly turn away before they are caught staring. My remarks about cleavage may be interpreted as just more male shallowness, when in reality they are an attempt to save women money just as Ms. Schmidt's original column was.

But allow me to go a little farther and suggest that they are also about saving women from themselves. When we use the phrase, "Don't judge a book by its cover," to what are we objecting? It's true that quick judgments based on surface characteristics are going to lead people astray.

More than that, focusing too much on appearance has a way of undermining the dignity of the person being judged. To be superficial is to treat people as objects, not as human beings.

Now it is clear that the men who are more interested in breasts than personalities are treating other people as objects. What's worse is that they may

be treating themselves with less dignity than they really deserve. Maybe some men realize this, which is why they are embarrassed to be caught in the act.

But what can we say about the women who are more than willing to turn themselves into objects?

This is one way of understanding the "vicious cycle of primping." Who perpetuates that cycle? Most men could hardly care less about makeup. While males may still lead the gigantic, multinational business consortiums that produce and market cosmetics, what drives the companies themselves is an inhuman (and hence, asexual) desire for ever greater profits.

Your basic guy on the street doesn't go around saying, "Oh yes, eyeliner makes you so attractive to me." The corporation's help establish that illusion but so do other women.

In service to that illusion, they learn to judge themselves and others by what goes on the outside and not on the inside. Willingly, even exultingly, they undermine their own dignity and the dignity of anyone else who becomes part of the same cycle.

At least your cleavage isn't an illusion. Multinational corporations do not sell cleavage. Cleavage need not be a product.

And while some of the men who focus on it may treat the bearer of cleavage as an object, she remains a natural object and not a commodity.

If you want male attention without losing your dignity or breaking the bank, then exposing cleavage is the way to go.

second-degree black belt in Hapkdo and is taking lessons in Escrima, a form of Filipino stick fighting.

Recently, I joked that I'd like to shrink a few inches. As a 6-foot female, I obviously meant height-wise, but my dad offered to buy me a membership to the YMCA. I knew I needed to take action.

Beth, my best friend and co-worker, and I decided we would begin a diet and exercise plan. Neither of us is really overweight, but we felt that at 21 we could look a lot better.

For our diet, we chose to go carb-free with Atkins because of its touted fast results and the fact that you can still eat cheese. Of course, we splurged the night before the diet with a cookout. Bratwursts, pasta salad, potato salad and green bean casserole taste pretty good when you know you can't even look at bread or

sugar for three weeks.

We haven't cheated yet. The no-carb part isn't really that hard unless your friends are consuming McDonald's fries in front of you. I have high expectations for my ability to exercise will power. The tricky thing for me is still the actual exercise.

Americans pay for exercise videos, gym memberships, diet pills and expensive "health food" but won't walk an extra 100 feet in a parking lot. It's easy to see the effects of laziness on campus as well -- the meter lots are almost always full. Many of us pay for a parking tag, only to drop another \$50 in meter money.

So, for now the exercise portion of my fitness plan consists of walking the extra 5 miles from the red lots, taking the stairs and walking a couple of blocks at night. Maybe next week I'll begin using my gym membership.

When a will needs more power

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Getting in shape is not always as easy as it sounds. I personally find that any exercise regimen I begin is forgotten within a week or two, and I can always find an excuse to cheat on my diet. Being in shape takes effort.

Typical college students are at an age where we should be at our peak physical fitness. My father is 47 years old and is in far better shape than most of the people I know. He has a

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What was your favorite summer concert?



JEFF HOLT GRAD STUDENT, SOCIOLOGY

"Ozzfest. It was a full day of great music."



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"Toby Mac and Building 429 at a Christian rock concert."



CHERYL WOOD SENIOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

"Gaelic Storm. Irish festivals in Dublin are always awesome when they're there."

Liberals have false sense of priorities

To most people, the subject matter of death and dying is something you don't want to bring up at the dinner table or while you're out with your co-workers. I guess you can chalk it up to political confusion, but to liberals, it's probably the bane of their existence.

Why? Well, first, albeit a small minority of liberals, we've got pockets of leftists who believe that we should preserve the "sanctity" of nature and refuse to eat anything that was manufactured from the slaughter of animal life. Herbivores, if you will. We unholy meat-eaters are ruining the natural order of things, and instead of eating those animals that would eat us if they had the chance, we should exist as primitive gatherers for the rest of time.

I can say personally that we didn't make it to the top of the food chain by eating nuts and berries, that's for sure. Notwithstanding logic, these protein-deficient liberals have decided that animals are off limits to killing. It simply isn't right. So we can't kill animals.

The death penalty is a big no-no to liberals, too. Instead, liberals argue they should be locked up in prison, given shelter, three meals a day, workout facilities and the possibility to get out on a basis of good-behavior. And how is this all taking place? My tax dollars.

But liberals believe that these psychotic people deserve to be walking amongst us, and killing them won't let that happen, so they say no to the death penalty.

So we can't kill animals or serial killers. We all know that the liberals have convinced themselves that there is no reason we should be in Iraq.

Treasonous by nature, liberals find that they have more in common with the terrorists who attacked New York than their own federal government. Sadly, they take every opportunity they have to protest Bush's actions, believing that the lives of these radical fanatics are more important.

The only thing left for the liberals to do now is starting "long live al-Qaeda" chants at the next Red Sox game. For some reason unbeknownst to me, liberals feel that we should embrace them as friends.

So we can't kill animals, serial killers or terrorists.

If the story ended there, there'd be no confusion element



D.J. JOHNSON Opinion columnist

in the liberals' grand scheme. I mean, if they were simply against the murder of anything, it would simply make sense. Violence doesn't solve anything, right?

Oh, but wait. Liberals support the murder of unborn babies.

So it's not to killing Osama bin Laden, but yes to the innocence of children whose futures are robbed by the mistakes of their parents.

Confused yet? I understand. I was, too.

The left is out to impress other people at all costs. Like the failed Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry once said, "we've got to pass the world test." So to the left, everything our country does is an act of pacification to the countries we'd have to go out and essentially protect if they were invaded.

Liberals believe that all of our foreign and domestic policies should be based on impressing France and Germany, rather than serving and protecting our own interests.

Conclusively, invading another country to crush the terrorism that sent our own country in a tailspin might upset France a little bit for who knows what reason. (They're probably worried that they're next.)

We also can't hunt animals due to the fact that certain nations hold these animals in reverence. We wouldn't want to irritate random third-world countries, would we?

But for some reason, the left's favorite contraceptive method is just fine with them. We're not offending Italy or Australia or Uruguay. We're killing off ourselves, which as you can probably guess, comes to the delight of most people around the world. So in an effort to continue their alliance with terrorism, our sexually-active yet irresponsible left does whatever they can to end the United States reign of supremacy once and for all.

Subsequently, I have a message for all of you backwards-thinking liberals.

We Republicans only want to help. We come off as ruthless because that's how success is attained. That's how a legacy is formed.

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Double standard exists concerning sex, violence in rating films



MEGAN SCHMIDT
Opinion Editor

These days it seems that there are two elements which any Hollywood blockbuster cannot do without: sex and violence.

You can imagine my surprise when, after witnessing the cinematic abomination that is the Angelina Jolie-Brad Pitt face-off Mr. and Mrs. Smith, I noted that the movie, while being a fantastic vehicle for senseless brutality and aggression, is actually lacking in much sexually explicit material—at least, compared to today's standards.

As I left the theater, I glanced back at the ticket booth and noticed that Mr. and Mrs. Smith, unlike many of the other films currently featured, carries only a PG-13 rating.

Oh, I get it now. So if a movie script calls for a ridiculous amount of violence

through a never-ending hail-storm of gunfire and basically promotes glorified domestic abuse, then it earns only a PG-13 rating.

Yet only if that movie includes any kind of graphic love scene or perhaps some partial nudity is it then bumped up to the R rating.

Curious to find out what the official word on the matter was, I looked into the ethics the Motion Picture Association of America's (MPAA) uses to determine its rating system. The MPAA is responsible for which movies get slapped with the brand-of-death R rating and which ones slip through with a lucky PG-13.

According to the Web site, a PG-13 title is one that "leaps beyond the boundaries of the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, or other contents, but does not quite fit within the restricted R category."

While that definition leaves a lot open for interpretation, it also says that a PG-13 rating is

issued if a movie is violent, however "if violence is too rough or persistent, the film goes into the R rating."

I don't know about everybody else, but generally when I witness non-stop gunfire taking place for intervals of ten minutes or more in a film, I might just consider that to be a pretty "persistent" display of violence.

Watching Mr. and Mrs. Smith, I wondered if I was even old enough to handle its content, let alone the millions of other 13 year olds worldwide which the MPAA has determined ought to be mature enough to see it. I considered calling my mother in the middle of the movie and holding up my cell phone so she could hear the debacle taking place in the background and asking for permission to continue watching it.

And I'm 20 years old. But according to the MPAA, this type of movie, which, among other things, depicts a husband viciously smacking his wife around, is much more

suitable for a young teen than any R rated film.

This is because in terms of sexual content, the ratings system is much stricter. Any film featuring sexually-related nudity automatically receives an R rating.

That also goes for movies which include dialogue using of any "harsher sexually-derived words," if those words appear more than once during the film.

Honestly, I'm not sure why the concerned parents of America don't write to the MPAA and ask for a revision of their rating policies. While I realize that parents with younger teens may want to shield their children from seeing too much of both sex and violence simultaneously, I think we have chosen the lesser of the two evils all wrong here.

It simply doesn't make sense that we are actually more afraid of our children catching a glimpse of exposed flesh than we are of exposing them to bloodshed. This, I think, speaks volumes about our society.

Would we rather allow them to see two people blowing each other up than two people engaging in an act of love? Is that the message I am supposed to receive from this sort of attitude? Where is the logic in this?

While it is true that theaters do not have to enforce the ratings by law, the Opinion Research Corporation found that 76 percent of parents with children under the age of 13 said that they found the ratings system to be instrumental in deciding what movies to allow their children to see. Because people do take the ratings seriously, they ought to be an accurate reflection of what the movies actually contain.

So, when the MPAA decides to give Mr. and Mrs. Smith a PG-13 rating and meanwhile, films which are as diverse from each other as can be, from American Pie to Eyes Wide Shut to Boogie Nights, all pick up the R rating simply due to their so-called "disturbing" erotic content. I won't make the mistake that

a lot of people do and blame the media, entertainment industry and video games for being the sole cause for outbreaks of violence among America's youth. I don't believe that merely seeing something take place on a screen will make a young person run out and mimic it.

It is simply hypocritical that we allow our children easier access to movies in which husbands and wives beat the crap out of each other, yet a movie which includes the tiniest bit of intimacy or discussion of sex is viewed as a threat to their innocence. Please!

Sure, the MPAA needs to re-evaluate its ratings system. What deserves a closer look, though, is what makes us so uptight about showing our youth the more intimate parts of American culture, yet more than comfortable with presenting the most violent side.

Send comments to Megan at schmmeg@bgn.net or bgsu.edu

Smart group overreacts to planned residential community project

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Then, students can begin enjoying a safe stay at the new luxury apartment complex,

which will hopefully increase competition in the area. Others have been concerned over whether the city really needs ment increase of 519 students

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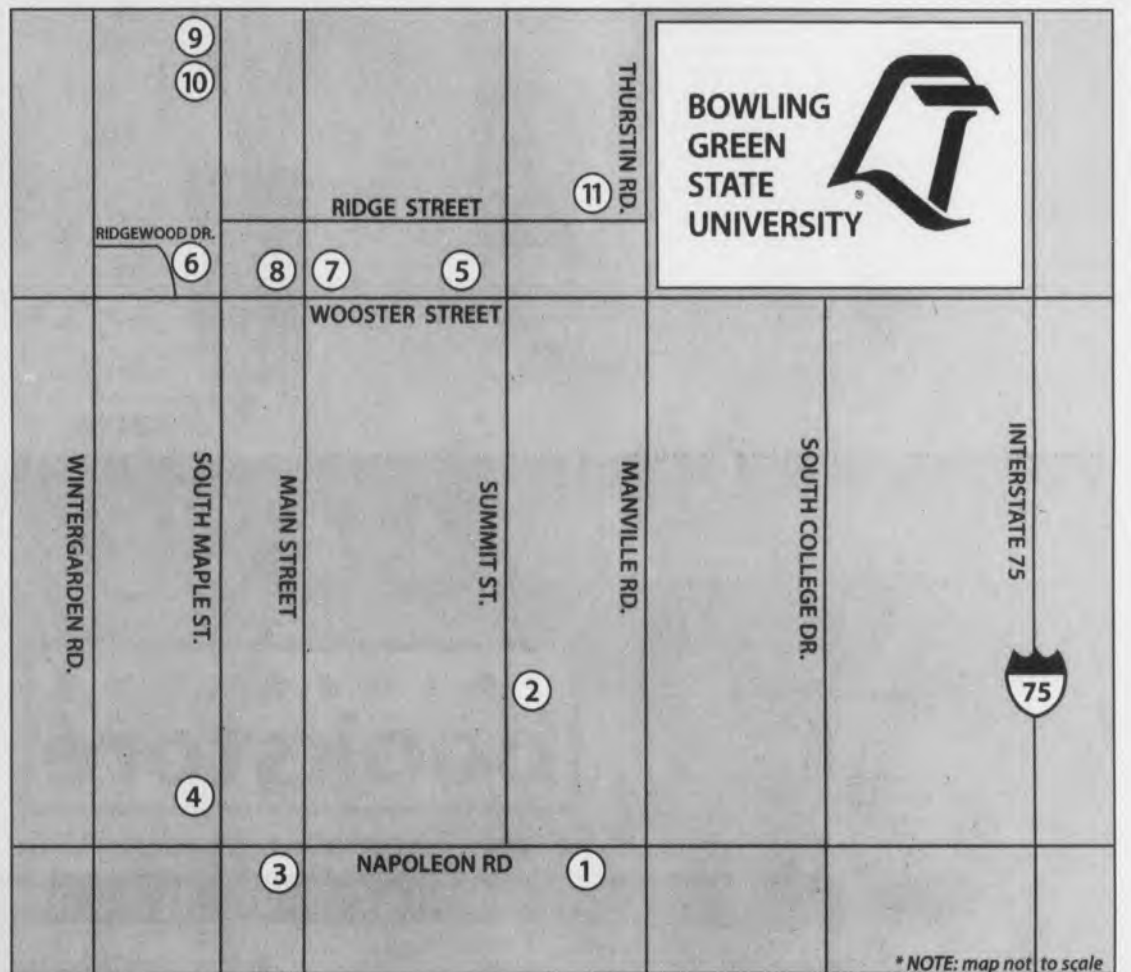
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Batman soars way above the rest

By Sean Corp
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Much like the mysterious caped crusader, director Christopher Nolan has come to the audiences' rescue just when it seemed like they were stuck with memories of Joel Schumacher's campy installments.

After years in development hell, Nolan understood one fundamental thing that makes his Batman the best comic book film to date; it is not "how" something happened its "why."

The film opens with Bruce Wayne in a rundown prison near the Himalayan Mountains. After casting aside his family fortune and his identity, Wayne spends his time imprisoning himself so he can study the criminal mind.

A mysterious figure identifying himself as Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson) says he belongs to the equally mysterious organization, The League of Shadows, a group that wants to rid the world of evil. Ducard trains Wayne to be invisible and that a symbol of a fight against evil is much more powerful than just a single vigilante.

Nolan, with help from screenwriter David Goyer, focuses on the origins of Batman, not just showing the audience how he became the caped crusader but what drove him into a life of isolation, desperation and ultimately to take the problems of a rundown corrupt city onto his shoulders.

We see young Wayne as a child and instead of just showing us that his parents were murdered, such as in Tim Burton's version, we see that it was Bruce's fear of bats that led to a chain of events which ultimately ended in the murder of his parents.

Bale's performance as Batman easily surpasses all other attempts, not only because he is one of the finest actors working today, but because he is given an actual character to work with. His Batman is much more than just an archetype of good battling evil. He is a complex character fighting with demons from his past.

Along the way, Wayne finds help from a childhood friend (Katie Holmes) who is work-



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DARK KNIGHT: Batman (Bale) saves friend Rachel Dawes (Holmes).

ing as a district attorney to put Gotham's top criminals behind bars. He also gets help from his company's genius inventor (Morgan Freeman) who creates all of Batman's high tech gadgets, Lt. Gordon (Gary Oldman),

the last incorruptable cop in Gotham, and the family butler, Alfred (Michael Caine), who gets a lot of the movie's best lines.

There is uniformly terrific acting throughout the film as Nolan creates a vast tapestry of zcharacters into the world of Batman that help lend it believability.

It is interesting to note that while the film is a classic American tale of a hero fighting for truth and justice of all the sizeable roles only two actors, Freeman and Holmes, were born in America.

The film has a very dark and sinister look, but is always rooted in realism. There isn't the exaggerated gothic architecture from Tim Burton's film or the carnival like city scapes of Joel Schumacher. Nolan's Gotham is a neverending slum that looks much more like a ghetto from Hong Kong than the city of New York.

Also, his action sequences are more frightening than fantastic. He is less worried about dazzling the eye than feeding into the sense of fear that permeates the entire film. An early sequence

involving Batman stalking a group of low level thugs at a dock doesn't involve any elaborate martial arts. Instead, we just see quick glimpses of a stalking black figure.

One of the biggest accomplishments of the film is rooted deeply in reality. The Batmobile is no longer just souped-up sports car, but a hulking all terrain vehicle that barrels through the city.

Also, the villains in the piece are not just supervillians out to conquer the world, but typical idealogues out to get either power or money including a tough-talking gangster (Tom Wilkinson) and an off-kilter psychiatrist played with terrific zeal by Cillian Murphy.

The film isn't so much a "comic book movie" as it is a movie based on a comic book. A small but significant difference that leads Nolan's "Batman" to not only be the finest superhero film of all-time but one of the best movies of the year.

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By Britney Lee
REPORTER

Red textured walls, a blue ceiling with dangling chile pepper lights and the smell of authentic Mexican food. A little bit of Mexico is now in Bowling Green.

El Mercado is a taqueria that has recently opened near the corner of Main and Wooster Streets.

A taqueria is a place where tacos, burritos and other Mexican dishes are sold.

The quick stop taco shop makes nearly everything from scratch and orders their glass bottled Coke and other Mexican beverages as well as their tortilla chips straight from Mexico.

Manager and chef David Caldwell said, "We saw a need and desire for this type of food, it's tiring not being able to find good Mexican food."

El Mercado meaning The Market, is owned by Jeremy Skiles and Mike Sader.

Skiles and Sader are also owners of Cosmo's Coffeehouse and Cohen & Cooke, according to Caldwell.

The taqueria is located at 130 E. Wooster St. and Caldwell said that they tried to accommodate the restaurants hours to the communities and campus students needs.

El Mercado is open from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday and 11:30 a.m. till 3:00 a.m. on Thursday through Saturday.

El Mercado is modeled off the typical Southern California family run taqueria's where the main foods are tacos, burritos and nacho's with a few specialties, according to Caldwell.

"We have about five to six employees, including me," Caldwell said.

El Mercado is a simple and satisfying approach to Mexican food he added.

Customer Kacy Castro said, "I like the idea that I can get authentic Mexican food just as fast as I could get Taco Bell."

Customers can walk in, watch their order being made as they are placing it and either eat it at the tables provided in the restaurant or take it to go.

"It looks very Latin inside as far as color goes," Caldwell said.

But beyond looks he also mentioned that all of the meats were shredded and personally cooked and seasoned by chefs at El Mercado.

"It is excellent food and our prices are reasonable," Caldwell said. "You get a good quantity for your money."

So far the management said they have not received any complaints, but instead they have gained repeat customers.

"I will definitely come back," Castro said. "It has a comfortable atmosphere and the food tastes authentic and not processed."

Caldwell mentioned that all of the foods were truly authentic even the beans being black beans and pinto beans as apposed to your typical refried beans found in American Mexican cuisine.

With El Mercado only being open for 2 months there have been many additions and changes happening on the menu and inside the taqueria.

Caldwell said they are anticipating the start to the



Julie DiFranco BG News

NEW TASTES ENJOYED: Two students conversate outside of the new El Mercado taqueria near the corner of Main and Wooster Streets.

upcoming school year.

Chips and hot sauces are available for sale and Caldwell

said that there is always someone to give advice on cooking authentic at home.

"We hope that once you come visit, you'll come back to visit again," he said.

Council refers student issue to city improvement committee

By Nicoleta Laura Cismas
REPORTER

The City council will support students in their initiative to ask the Ohio governor to lower flags on public buildings whenever an Ohio soldier dies in combat.

City council will write a resolution to ask Ohio governor Bob Taft to make a statewide policy to lower flags when Ohio soldiers die in combat.

The City Council President B.J. Fisher said the resolution will be written in about a month and will be mailed to the governor.

He said the answer of the governor is uncertain, but the request of the students is reasonable.

The city council resolution was caused by two Students leaders' address to the council last night during lobby visitations.

The two student leaders were Brian Dixon, the political action chair of the Latino Student Union, and Aaron Shumaker, the new Undergraduate Student President.

Dixon, who addressed the City Council first, Dixon explained the council why this issue is so important to them and why they put so much work and time into it.

He said that currently, governor Taft sends a letter to the families whenever an Ohio soldier dies in combat. But the Latino Student Union feels this is not enough.

They feel that the friends, the neighbors, the co-workers, teachers, anyone who has known these soldiers is affected by their death, Dixon said.

He said they feel the proper way for the community to mourn is to symbolically lower the flag so that they can share the loss.

"When a president or senator dies, the flag is lowered. Isn't a common soldier's sacrifice just as great?" Dixon said. "I am here today to seek your help in honoring the sacrifice that soldiers make."

Dixon said he would like the president of the city council to create a summary document showing Bowling Green's support for the movement.

Dixon said the address is a follow up of a meeting that took place previously. He said the prior political action chair Jeff Nolish came to the council seeking help in the Latino Student Union's pursuit to lower the flag whenever an Ohio soldier dies, in combat, but no progress was made with the city council.

Dixon said progress was yet made in other areas. They went around to the students in Bowling Green with letters requesting that the governor make a proclamation to lower the flag whenever an Ohio soldier dies in combat.

"In just two weeks, we got 600 signatures for those letters, and we have the full support of the USG," Dixon said.

He also handed the council documents supporting his request: the template letter to be sent to Taft, and an argument for lowering the flag in Ohio.

Shumaker addressed the City Council next and said he came to show his full support for the Latino Student Union and this issue specifically.

He said when approached with this issue back in November, it took a couple of months for the Undergraduate Student Government to act upon it.

Now they pulled a large percentage of the student body and they have got 600 letters from students, he said.

"We are here tonight asking for your support because of those 600 letters, because they are members of our community and your constituency," he said.

Fischer said the council will refer, this issue to the community improvement committee and will work with the City Attorney to get some legislation drafted.

Jeff Nolish, the former political action chair of the Latino Student Union, who led the original push to get the Undergraduate Student Government to approve the issue, is hopeful.

"I think that Brian Dixon and Aaron Shumaker did a good job. I am glad that city council has decided to go through with representation," he said.

Building futures, friendships at Buckeye Boys State

By Bridget Tharp
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Buckeye Boys State participant Jacob James wants to be a millionaire. Of course, he won't be able to use that money in real-life. He wants to earn a million by scamming other boys out of their imaginary money during the Buckeye Boys State program. James wants to be known to future buckeye boys as the "first Buckeye Boys State millionaire," he said.

James is from Fostoria, where he plays baseball, football and sings in the show choir. Until now, his hobbies never involved a scandal. But, here in the lobby of Harshman residence hall, he is surrounded by four other boys who are spitting out ideas of ways they can trick their peers.

Their latest idea is a fake cruise. The group decided to sell tickets to a cruise to Tahiti for \$1,000. On the last Friday of the program, James said he would usher some "cruise-goers" into the lobby of Harshman. The cruise would actually mean that the boys would watch a movie, while James and his friends splashed water on them from behind the sofa. They even have a name for the fake cruise ship: The U.S.S. Stoner.

"I'm captain of the ship, because it was my idea. But he's my first mate," James said, pointing to his friend, Ryan Dotson of Hamilton, Ohio. Dotson shakes his head.

"It was my idea," Dotson said. "I'm only giving him the money."

Two days before, these boys had never met. But by the second day of Buckeye Boys State, they are laughing together, thinking up crafty ways to scheme other boys out of their imaginary money.

Last week, campus was bustling with 1,323 of these high school aged overachievers who were learning about government in the Buckeye Boys State program.

The program is held every year by Ohio's American Legion, which calls itself "the largest veteran's organization in Ohio."

The program is selective, with only a limited number of boys being accepted into the program by each local legion post. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and be involved in extracurricular programs to be eligible. It costs local sponsors \$265 to send a boy to Buckeye Boys State. The program has been held here, at the University, since 1978.

For nice days every June, program organizers create an imaginary government that perfectly mimics the hierarchy in the state of Ohio - all the way from positions at the top in the Governor's cabinet, down to county sheriffs, city mayors, police, and common citizens.

The election process is complete with assigned political parties. When the boys register on opening day, they are randomly assigned a colored nametag to designate whether they are part of the imaginary Nationalist or Federalist political party.

At a political rally on second day of the program, Monday, June 13, candidates for top positions echoed their real-life political counterparts. The imaginary Nationalist Party mimics

the ideals of the democrats, with the Federalist Party echoing the republicans. Candidates earned praise in the form of hoots and hollers from crowd of boys and program organizers when they spoke during debate.

The candidate who later won the position of governor - Brent Kidd of Proctorville, Ohio - got a standing ovation during debates when he suggested that property tax is an unfair way to fund schools.

"Your family is going to have more money to live on, and its going to balance the system," Kidd declared, and smiled when he heard the thunderous applause afterwards.

The election process was very competitive. When a candidate did not receive a standing ovation, he often heard a combination of "boo's" and cheers from the audience.

This year's election so closely mimicked real-life politics, that last Monday's vote required a re-count. The votes were tallied on a computer, and after re-doing elections twice, the results were finally available much later than schedule, at 9 p.m.

The next day, all candidates began their jobs. Gov. Brent Kidd and Lt. Gov. Chris Lamb of Fairbourn, Ohio, were sworn in, and appointed other boys to jobs.

Aspiring entrepreneur, Jacob James, became a sheriff of imaginary Wagon Settler County, and appointed his friends -- Aaron Hoyos of real-life Bowling Green, Eamon Kenny of Cincinnati, and Adam Rector of Lima -- as deputy sheriffs. Ryan Dotson was elected as a senator.

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Graduate student chosen as Fulbright Scholar

By Nicoleta Laura Cismas
REPORTER

University student Sarah Marie Ford is the first University undergraduate student ever to receive a Fulbright Scholarship and one of the five students from the United States chosen to go to Russia as an English Teaching Assistant.

Ford from Delaware, Ohio, said when she applied for the Fulbright English Teaching Position in Russia back in October 2004, she had no idea what a big deal it would be if she got accepted.

"I was mostly excited simply of the possibility of going to Russia for a year and getting experience teaching English," she said.

Ever since she found out she was accepted, she has come to realize that getting this Fulbright grant is not only exciting for her, but for the whole University community.

The fact that she is the first student from Bowling Green that has received a real Fulbright is still sinking in to her.

Ford said she truly hopes that other University students will not be intimidated by the idea of a Fulbright grant or its application process and continue to prove that Bowling Green students are worthy of Fulbright grants.

Diane Regan, the University's Fulbright program adviser, who helps in the application

process, said Ford's award proves that BGSU students are fully competitive with students from any university in the United States when it comes to qualifying for the best.

"This institution has everything a student needs to build a record that will open doors to bigger places: prestigious graduate schools, study abroad, internships, international careers, positions in excellent organizations," she said. "I'm pleased that we now have a full-fledged Fulbright recipient to point to as a model."

Regan also said that Ford's receipt of a Fulbright Program Award is a signature statement about Ford's achievements as a student.

She is a great example of just what BGSU students can achieve if they take advantage of all that this institution offers its students, Regan said.

"Her record is outstanding without question," Regan said. "However, the basis of that strong record is the experiences that Sarah took advantage of while a student here."

Ford is a German and Russian major and a linguistics minor and has a 3.9 grade point average.

She applied last October as a senior, has graduated in May and will be in Russia from August 2005 till June 2006. There is the option to renew the grant for a second year and be placed in a

new location.

While in Russia on the Fulbright scholarship, Ford plans to teach English in a Russian school.

In addition, she hopes to do an independent oral history project, focusing on approaches to education and teaching in Russia and how both of these have evolved in the last decade since the fall of communism.

Ford is no stranger to foreign countries. She spent eight weeks living with a family in Germany in the summer of 1999 and organized her own independent home-stay with a German family from September 2000 to May 2001.

She also participated in a five-week University study-abroad program in St. Petersburg, Russia, in the summer of 2003 and attended the University of Hamburg in Germany as an exchange student from October 2003 until July 2004.

Ford was a member of the University's German Club, Russian Club, Delta Phi Alpha, the national German honors society and Cross Cultural Conversation Connection, a program at the University that pairs foreign students with native English speaking students to help develop and improve their English language skills.

She also volunteered at an after-school mentoring program.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State.

It is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for U.S. and foreign students, scholars and professionals to study, research, and teach in over 140 countries worldwide.

According to the Fulbright Web site, there are over 1,100 Fulbright recipients in the U.S. out of 5,672 applicants to receive a Fulbright grant in a year.

Grants are usually for one year and are available in all fields of study.

Candidates can be graduating seniors, professionals already holding a B.S. or a B.A. degree, master's or doctoral degree candidates.

They apply through the Fulbright Program Advisers on their campuses.

The Fulbright Program Advisers also arranges for campus interviews of all applicants and send applications for final selection. The final decision is taken by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

A full grant minimally provides roundtrip transportation, a monthly stipend for housing, meals and personal expenses, a small research allowance, and medical insurance.



Photo provided

FULBRIGHT WINNER: Sara Ford was recently chosen as a Fulbright Scholar, and will travel to Russia for an English Teaching Assistantship

Governor Taft fails to report golf outings

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Gov. Bob Taft failed to report golf outings in his financial disclosure statements, Taft told the Ohio Ethics Commission in a letter he released Tuesday.

Taft, a Republican, wrote that it "has recently come to my attention" that he failed to list a number of golf outings on required financial disclosure forms in past years.

"While I am still gathering all available information, it appears that a series of matters that should have been reported

on my financial disclosure forms were not listed," Taft wrote.

He said he would seek the commission's guidance on how to make reimbursements and provide appropriate disclosures. Taft would have no further comment on the advice of his lawyer, spokesman Mark Rickel said.

Rickel said he would not comment on the number of outings or who may have sponsored them.

A message seeking comment was left for lawyer

William Meeks.

Three former directors under Taft have resigned following assertions of accepting golf outings from companies that did business with their agencies. In 2003, Rick Frenette resigned as state fair director and Randy Fischer quit as director of the Ohio School Facilities Commission. In 2002, Ohio Turnpike Commission director Gino Zomparelli resigned.

Taft's letter comes amid an investment scandal at the Bureau

of Workers' Compensation. Coin dealer and notable Republican donor Tom Noe's lawyer has said \$10 million to \$12 million in invested coins cannot be found. Pittsburgh-based MDL, an investment firm, lost an estimated \$215 million in bureau investments, the bureau says.

Taft's outings pale next to the BWC scandal, said Chris Redfern, the Ohio House Democratic leader.

"It's a giant step between a golf outing and a quarter of a billion dollars," Redfern said.

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BG Experience, certain sessions among changes at new O-Reg

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"This is an absolutely unique program that is an investment in the success of our students not only while they are at Bowling Green State University, but as they go out from Bowling Green State University to lead productive lives as good citizens," said Don Nieman, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He described the program as a continuation of O-Reg because it conveys our expectations of students and sets the bar high for them.

"BG Experience is dedicated to taking enrolled students, making them BGSU graduates and making them distinctive individuals," Nieman said. "Offering them education that is distinctive and makes them identifiable as people not just because of what they know but what they do with what they know when they leave BGSU."

According to Nieman, the goal of BG Experience is for students to learn how to make thoughtful judgments when facing difficult moral and ethical issues. It allows

students to develop their critical thinking skills and to help them figure out what it is that they, as individuals, care about.

The program also helps students to make connections and build relationships with other first year students as well as with a faculty member and upper class peer facilitator.

Two other changes were made within the programming itself.

During the morning "Family Program," a representative from the student health services has been added to the program that used to consist of only representatives from the Bursar Office and Student Financial Aid. During this session, representatives will answer questions from the families and provide an overview of the services that their office offer.

Then in the afternoon "Student Breakout Session," a faculty member has been added to the orientation groups. Along with the O-Reg leader, the faculty member will assist in a discussion about the transition from high school to college.

Some of the minor

enhancements include changes made to the online placement tests including the addition of a 24-hour window for students to submit an essay based on a reading prompt for the writing placement test. Other enhancements were made to the math placement test.

Last year the placement tests were moved online as a measure of convenience to incoming students. Results have shown that the move was a success, with 96 percent of students taking the writing test and 99 percent of students taking the math test last year. This year similar results are expected, but the test is also available here on campus for students who do not choose to take the test online.

One of the most important parts of the first day is the official welcome titled, "Dream BIG: Visions of Your Future." During this time, a faculty member will speak to students and family members about expectations.

"This really does set the stage not only for the two days of orientation but also sets the

stage for the beginning of the students BG Experience," Webb said. "To really get family members and students thinking about what it means to be a BGSU student; what should they expect from faculty, what they should expect themselves and it really does set the tone."

Students also interact with one of 23 Orientation Leaders during O-Reg. This allows them to ask questions and receive responses from a current student's perception.

Nineteen of the 23 O-Reg leaders are new this year and five returned from previous years as group leaders during training sessions.

Matt Humberger, a returning O-Reg leader, described this position as the "experience of a lifetime." Being a leader for O-Reg actually caused him to pursue student affairs.

The reason that he returned this year as a group leader was that he wanted the nineteen first year leaders to have the same experience that he had his first time doing this.

Brian Robinson, another returning O-Reg leader said that this was the best job because it allows him to work with faculty and students. His favorite part of O-Reg is to address any concerns parents and other family members may have about coming here.

Similar to Robinson's views on



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GETTING ACQUAINTED: A student listens to an address given by Jodi Webb, director of the first year experience.

O-Reg is that of Heather Deyo, a first time O-Reg leader.

"I wanted to become an Orientation Leader because I wanted to welcome the new incoming students and to make BG feel welcoming and like home to them," Deyo said. "BG is like home to me."

"While this year we are not going to be bigger, we will again be more diverse than ever before in university history and we think at least by several accounts

yet again better," Swegan said. Last year Swegan said that 48 percent of incoming freshmen scored 30 or more on the ACT. This year that number is expected to increase by another eight or nine percent.

Swegan added that the enrollment rate of African Americans increased by 48 percent last year and this number is expected to increase by 20 percent this year.

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carefully on the sidewalks as if they were driving on public streets, which means following all Ohio traffic laws. Lawbreakers may be ticketed or held in the jail. This year, the jail was located near the basketball courts between Harshman and Kreisher.

There was even a daily BBS newspaper, called "the Hetuck", staffed by the boys who capture the action as reporters and editors.

But what most interested James and his new buddies was the imaginary BBS money.

We're thinking about starting to print out little pictures

of cars and sell 'em to people, and say, like, 'That's what you're driving.' Because, ya know, we set up roads and stuff. So, just to say you have a cool car," James said.

James has already earned money as campaign contributions when he ran for sheriff. All that money was deposited into a BBS bank account. After paying the taxes required of all BBS citizens, James said that the boys can spend that money however they choose.

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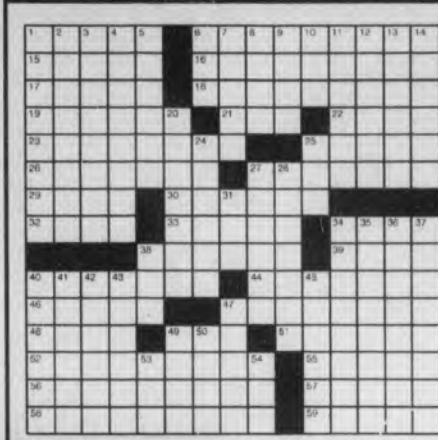
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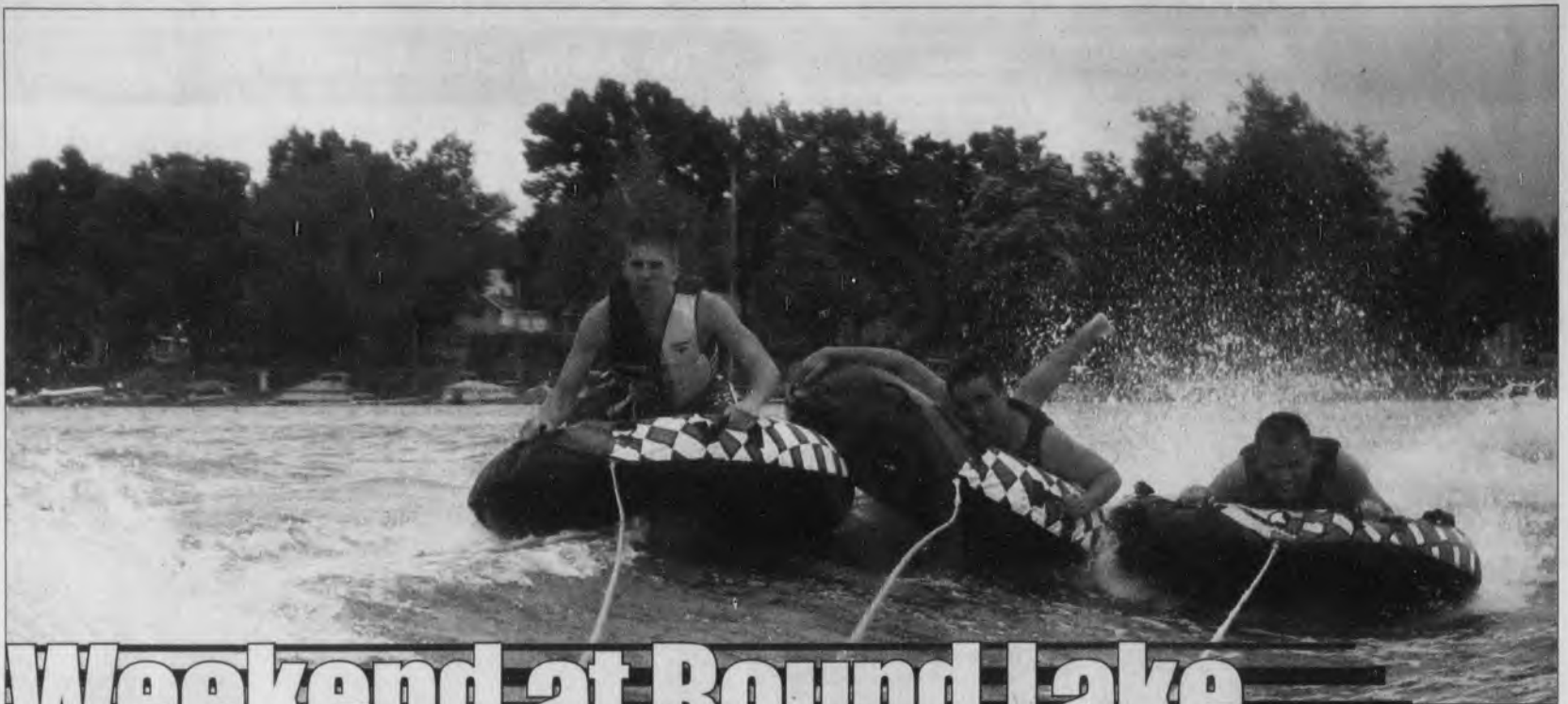
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Weekend at Round Lake

John Findling BG News

For the third year in a row a small group of friends have gotten together at a cottage on Round Lake in quaint Manitou Beach, Michigan to enjoy their summers. All of the friends that came to the cottage this year were able to triumph over the windy, over-cast weekend and just have fun.

FUN AND GAMES: Above Aaron Stein, Evan Washburn and Isaac Thorp experience the thrills of water tubing and try their best to stay afloat. Bruce Schwabel, Aaron Stein and Evan Washburn wait patiently while Isaac takes his turn throwing in a fun game of bocce ball at right. Below Evan Washburn focuses while gliding across the water on his wakeboard.



HAVING A BALL: Evan watches as Bruce throws a bocce ball into play above.



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE: Evan Washburn and Robin Schmidt enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill for lunch at left. Meanwhile, Tessa, dog pictured above, enjoys the weekend by doggy tennis balls lobbed into the lake.