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Few ERs give morning-after pill

By Miranda Bond
MANAGING EDITOR

Getting emergency contraception is easier said than done. According to a survey by the NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation, out of the 151 emergency rooms in Ohio, two hospitals stated that they give EC to women in their emergency room for any reason.

The results shocked Kellie Copeland, executive director for NARAL Ohio.

"I was horrified, absolutely horrified," Copeland said. "We knew it wasn't going to

be peaches and cream, but we never thought it would be as bad as they were."

The extensive survey was set up as if an average woman called in requesting EC. Overall, 31 percent of the hospitals said they do distribute EC to sexual assault victims. And 35 percent said it was the doctor's decision to give EC to victims. Also, 24.5 percent said they do not give out EC, regardless of the situation.

Copeland explained that in some cases, the receptionists being asked about EC might have not known about their

"To be turned away when they are doing what they are supposed to be doing, it's just maddening."

KELLIE COPELAND, NARAL OHIO

hospitals' policies. She said a lot of times, it may be the hospital's policy to dispense EC, however, the representative answering the phone was possibly unaware of their policy.

"Our goal is to shine light on this problem and to work with hospitals to make it better," Copeland said. "It is so important. They have a right to access birth control."

Copeland said NARAL sent letters to each hospital notifying them of their results. She said the group hopes that hospitals will make their staff aware of their policies with more staff training, if necessary.

At the Wood County Hospital, not all doctors will prescribe EC because of personal beliefs. However, David Caprara,

manager of the emergency department, said there is almost always a physician on duty that will prescribe it.

"Hospitals and medical clinics don't tell the physicians how to prescribe," he said. "They are really independent from the hospital, it is a place for them to practice."

When a patient comes into the hospital seeking EC, they are required to be checked out by a doctor.

"Just like if a patient comes in asking for an aspirin, they want to ask and see if there is any-

thing more to it," Caprara said.

Mainly, the doctor is concerned the patient may have been sexually assaulted. And if that is the case, different medical treatment should be administered.

EC may be easier to get at the BGSU Student Health Center. After being seen by a doctor, most women can get a prescription filled.

However, as Copeland pointed out, the Student Health Center has limited hours and

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Program offers troubled teens college courses

Jed Herrington
REPORTER

Not many people can say they've lived and studied on a college campus before their sophomore year of high school. The University's Upward Bound program gives students the opportunity to get an early taste of college, and for at least one Rogers High School student, an alternative to destructive boredom.

"I'd probably be locked up somewhere," said Russell Harris, who is in his third year of Upward Bound. "I'd be in so much trouble if I didn't have anything to do."

Zelda Neese, Harris's mother, said she is happy that her son is spending his summer learning, and is even happier that he recently expressed interest in studying psychology at the college level.

"[Upward Bound] has offered my son a sense of survival," she said. "It has

allowed him the opportunity to grow up and mature. Before the program, he had no interest in college and didn't know what he wanted to do."

For six weeks each summer, Upward Bound places over 60 students from Toledo area schools in BGSU dormitories and classrooms.

The program, which celebrates its 40th anniversary next year, provides students with a glimpse into post-secondary education in hopes it will spark an interest in their academic careers.

"We hope to put some of that light in their eye," said Bonita Bemby, director of College Access Programs, which oversees Upward Bound. "I believe we're the first learning community for high school students at BG."

The students attend five hours of classes each day at

"Upward Bound has offered my son a sense of survival."

ZELDA NEESE, PARENT

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FUN AT THE FAIRGROUNDS



Mike Metzger BG News

HOSE 'EM DOWN: Tyler Trumble sprays off his hog at the Wood County Fair yesterday afternoon. The fair opened to the public yesterday and will continue through the last event which takes place at 7 p.m. on Aug. 8, 2005.

Extensive prep for graduation

By Rachel Bobak
REPORTER

Ready for graduation?

The 1,259 students are ready. The faculty is ready to let them go.

And this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. on the University Hall lawn, the commencement ceremony will go on.

It took a lot of work to prepare for graduation, said Terry Carver, administrative secretary of student affairs.

They begin to prepare for graduation in the beginning of each semester with plenty of planning meetings. They have three main committee people, Dr. Camille Consolvo, Michael Ginsberg and Carver with many other people helping them get everything ready for the big day.

They ordered chairs and bleachers. They plan on setting up the stage with the chairs and bleachers closer to Friday, Carver said.

If it calls for rain today for Saturday, the ceremony will be held in Anderson Arena. They will know by late today if anything will be set up for the ceremony, Carver said.

From 7:45 to 9 a.m. on Saturday before the ceremony begins, there will be a table of refreshments outside the southeast corner of the Union and University Hall under a tent. Coffee, juice, muffins and more will be served. It will be more like a continental breakfast, said Ginsberg, assistant dean of students.

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Pharmacies put Sudafed behind counter

By Jed Herrington
REPORTER

Those with only minor colds and allergies may still have to see a pharmacist to get relief.

Stores across the country are pulling the nasal decongestant, pseudoephedrine, also known by its shelf name, Sudafed, off shelves and placing it back with pharmacists, due to its use as an integral ingredient in the illegal production of methamphetamine. Some stores in

Bowling Green are following suit.

Just yesterday, Rite-Aid pharmacies placed the last of its medications containing any pseudoephedrine behind the counter.

"By the first week in May we had pulled single-ingredient Sudafed behind the counter; and by August 1, we moved all combination ingredients," said Judy Cook, spokesperson for Rite-Aid. "The decision was made so we could help our law enforcement and ensure safer communities

where we have to work."

Methamphetamine, also known as meth — or ice, glass and crystal in its pure form, and crank or speed, when made into a less pure, crystalline powder — is an increasingly popular drug used for its euphoric effects, which incorporate increased energy, motivation, mental focus and alertness.

Methamphetamine is classified as a Schedule II illegal substance by the U.S. Drug Enforcement

Agency. Users smoke, snort, swallow or inject the drug. When smoked, the meth is heated by flame, but not burned, in glass pipes or tin foil.

The "cooks," as producers are called, combine various chemicals, which are often flammable, to produce the drug. Explosions sometimes result from production and when law enforcement finds an abandoned site,

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

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FRIDAY



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Locals want to save woodland

By Nicoleta Laura Cismas, REPORTER

At the City Council's meeting on July 18, a group of citizens lobbied the Council to maintain as a park a woodland intended for building homes.

The 19,682 acres woodland, property of A-1 Home Buyers LLC, is situated on Sand Ridge Road, near Wintergarden park.

Mark Killy addressed Council on behalf of the neighbors of the woodland. He said they are negotiating with the land owner to prevent the construction and to sell it to the Parks and Recreation Foundation, in order to be transferred to the city park system.

The Parks and Recreation Foundation is a group of private citizens who can buy property and support the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

"We are trying to prevent the developer from building homes and tearing the woods,"

Killy said. "We want to keep the woods and make it a part of Wintergarden park."

Killy said they do not agree with taking woodland and changing it into a development when there are so few woods in the area, especially that this woodland is contiguous to Wintergarden Park—a "gem" of Bowling Green.

"We don't want to see it destroyed by putting homes up," Killy said.

He hopes the community will work to prevent the construction from happening because the land has very old trees.

Killy said the woodland is a valuable resource that has taken hundreds of years to grow. He said the citizens are concerned about what would become of the vegetation and wildlife on that land, and they want to protect it.

"I hate to see a beautiful resource destroyed when it could be another jewel in this

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Survey shows EC not easily obtained

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is closed over holidays and long weekends. Because EC is most effective when it is used 24 to 72 hours after sexual intercourse, Copeland said that going to the emergency room might be a woman's only option.

"They are being responsible, they are doing the right thing," she said. "To be turned away when they are doing what they are supposed to be doing, it's just maddening."

Copeland said a woman's own doctor may be unwilling to prescribe EC due to their personal beliefs. And even if a woman does get a prescription from their doctor, their pharmacist can refuse to fill the prescription because of their personal beliefs.

Many health officials see EC as a form of abortion. Anti-choice groups often try to associate EC with RU 486, the abortion pill. But Copeland said EC is not a form of abortion, because it cannot terminate a pregnancy,

only prevent it.

Copeland recommended women should check with their doctors to see if they are willing to prescribe it. She also said women may want to keep a dose of EC on hand, because it is most effective when taken within 24 hours of intercourse.

She said when accidents happen, people get caught up in the moment and may forget to use birth control, and sexual assaults happen everyday, so keeping EC in the medicine cabinets is not a bad idea.

Copeland said her group is working to make EC more readily available. NARAL is pushing to get Plan B, the most widely used EC available over the counter.

"We feel strongly that women should have access to it," she said. "You have 32,000 pregnancies that occur as a result of rape and there is no excuse for that. If emergency contraceptive was available, that number would almost certainly evaporate."



Photo provided
PLAN B: Levonorgestrel or Plan B, is a popular form of emergency contraception that groups, such as NARAL think should be easily accessible for those who need a morning after pill.

Upward Bound provides students a positive environment

UPWARD BOUND, FROM PAGE 1

South Hall and are divided into three teams, based on the classes they want to take. In the morning, team A studies American government, dramatics and speech. Team B takes American studies, food and fitness and journalism, while team C studies economics, composition and design. After an hour and a half lunch break, students attend two more periods, where

they can choose from finance and credit, small business entrepreneurship, broadcast communication, geometry and algebra. When class lets out, students can go bowling, visit the recreation center or just hang out with friends. Finally, after a long day, they retire to the Harshman-Bromfield dormitories.

"We have to be on our floor at 10 and lights out at 11," said Trinity Reynolds, a senior at Scott High School. "It's cool,

considering what time we have to be up in the morning."

"It is schedule that would kill any great college student," said Jennifer Almjed, an English doctoral student and first-year instructor of journalism for Upward Bound.

Almjed helped the journalism students publish two issues of their own newspaper this summer, but said it was her students that provided most of the production guidance.

"As far as the technology, some of them are geniuses," she said. "They know a lot more about the digital photography than I do." Almjed said students were excited about working on the newspaper and she saw improvement in their writing.

"I don't like reading the newspaper, but I like putting one together," Harris said. "It's fun."

Reynolds, who also helped publish the newspaper, said she would be working at a dentist's office if she wasn't enrolled in Upward Bound this summer. While other students said they would spend a lot of time in front of the television. Shareyna Spears, a junior at St. Ursula Academy, said she is glad to have something to keep her occupied.

"It gives you a feeling," Spears said, "studying on campus, living in dorms, having a curfew. It makes you feel

more responsible." Students must meet certain requirements to be accepted into Upward Bound. First, they have to be past the eighth grade and a resident of Toledo or attend a high school within the city limits. They also must have at least a 2.0 grade point average and recommendation from personnel at their school, while meeting financial eligibility guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Education, which funds the program.

To further encourage participants to pursue education after high school, the program brings in former students to work as instructors and resident advisers.

Marquita Scott and James Allen are two BGSU students, who got their first taste of the University through Upward Bound. They returned to the program as resident advisers and said their experience as students helped them prepare for college life.

"It really didn't help me choose a school," said Scott, a junior child and family community

services major, "but it did let me know what dorms would be like and how classes would be."

Both Scott and Allen said they enjoy being around the students. Although Scott said her students are "not angels," she still enjoys supervising them.

"I love 'em, but they all know how to press your buttons sometimes," she said. "But overall, they're a pretty good group of kids."

Scott and Allen said the main infractions that students commit are curfew violations, swearing and "horseplay," which can be punished by cleaning the dorm halls and bussing tables at lunch.

Allen, a fourth-year sport management major, said working with high school-aged students inspired him to consider employment as an athletic director. He said one of the best aspects of being around them is their entertainment value.

"They get in groups and sing a lot of songs that came out before they were born," he said. "They have a good appreciation of the old school."

Almjed said she also connected with the students through music.

"They sometimes talk about rappers and were surprised when I said I liked Ludacris," she said.

An added goal to this year's program is prepping students for the new Ohio Graduation Tests that will eventually replace the Ninth-Grade Proficiency Tests. Upward Bound requires students to take an afternoon course with certified instructors if they haven't already passed the examination.

Bembry, who began as a counselor for Upward Bound in 1986, said President Bush's budget proposal this year didn't include any funding for the program. She said Congress ultimately reinstated and slightly increased funding for the program, which was created by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and the Higher Education Act of 1965.

"It's been a scary year here, thinking the programs might not make it, but we've come through, thank goodness."

With children off at college for the summer, some parents are left with an empty house. Neese said that although she knows her son is benefiting from the program, she still misses his presence at home.

"He's the entertainment in my house," she said.

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Campaign raised nearly \$1M

By Sandy Meade
REPORTER

During Family Campaign 2005, \$982,566 was raised for various departments and areas on campus.

Family Campaign is an organized effort to raise money for the University through donations and pledges that began during the 1998-99 school year. It was the first effort of its kind, and has become more successful within the past few years.

"It's to generate support from faculty, staff and retirees and to raise awareness among that group for private support," said Amy Edgar Davis, the director of annual giving.

Two of the main goals drive the campaign: to increase the rate of faculty participation and to raise more money than last year's campaign.

Davis said that both of these goals were met during this year's campaign. Faculty participation rose from 53.7 percent in 2004 to 55 percent in 2005. Additionally, the amount of money raised increased by almost \$50,000

in donations from a total of \$935,000 in 2004.

From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, faculty and staff made pledges and donations toward the campaign.

Davis said the campaign accepts donations and pledges through several ways, including payroll deduction, checks, credit cards, online giving and by making significant commitments. Such as, funding various scholarships for students.

Donations can be made to more than 1,400 different areas on campus, including but not limited to the Falcon's Club, WBGU-TV, scholarships, building projects and various department funds.

Donors may choose to specify where they wish their money to be spent or may make unrestricted donations.

"We definitely encourage them to choose what's meaning-

ful to them," Davis said.

Davis said the information was not available as to how much each section of the campaign raised, but she believes that WBGU and the Falcon Club will receive the most donations. She also said the amount of money each area receives varies from year to year.

"We definitely encourage them to choose what's meaningful to them."

AMY DAVIS,
ANNUAL GIVING

Even though Family Campaign 2005 has just ended, Family Campaign 2006 has already begun. The campaign began on July 1, 2005 and will run until June 30, 2006.

One of the goals of next year's campaign is to raise over a million dollars, one of the goals that was not met by this year's campaign.

Davis considers the first part of the campaign to be the quiet phase that involves planning the kick-off and other events to support the campaign later on in the year.

She said between February and April, the pace of the campaign picks up. This is the time when volunteers begin to recruit donors and really increase awareness about the importance of private giving. Brochures are also sent through campus mail to potential donors.

While Family Campaign is different from the other fundraising efforts on campus in respects of targeted donors, it is part of the Building Dreams Campaign, a larger fundraising effort on campus. This effort includes all private gifts and donations through December 2008.

According to Marcia Sloan Latta, the campaign director and associate vice president for advancement, approximately \$80 million has been raised so far.

The overall goal of the Building Dreams campaign is to raise at least \$120 million for scholarships, endowed faculty and staff positions, new building projects and overall assistance toward the library, WBGU, equipment and athletics.

This week, over 1,000 to graduate

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If there is going to be rain, they will hold the commencement reception in Olscamp.

Ginsberg said they will send the parents of graduating students their own invitation about commencement and the reception. Students will receive a postcard.

"This is more like a meet and greet," Ginsberg said. "Showing our appreciation for the students."

The summer graduation is different than the fall and spring graduations, in which there will only be one commencement reception before, instead of before and after the ceremony. The Dining Services will be catering and making all of the food for the reception.

The Dining Services workers will set up the tent for the commencement reception Friday night. And they will set up the tables and bring out the food very early in the morning on Saturday.

"This is our chance to bring families together," Ginsberg said.

At 8:45 a.m., soon-to-be graduates will gather on the lawn in front of Prout Chapel where their respected colleges will be.

Instead of in alphabetical order like they did in high school, BGSU uses announcement cards. The students are handed these and will pass them off to faculty members Stephen Langenderfer and Stephen Kendall, who will be announcing the names at the ceremony.

But the students need to make sure they are in the right

place, so they go to the table of Registration and Records, Carver said.

Each college will be directed by marshals, who will lead them in the procession. The platform party consists of the deans and speakers.

The speaker for the summer graduation is Dr. Thomas Gouttiere, distinguished alumnus of '62 and a dean of international studies and programs of the University of Nebraska's Omaha campus and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Afghanistan for nearly 10 years.

After the national anthem is sung and the welcome speech is made by Dean Dr. Richard Balzer, Gouttiere will make his speech to the graduating students, Carver said.

And then the presentation of the graduates will go on, and the letters mailed to the students promise the ceremony will take less than two hours.

"We will take requests for people who can't walk very far," Carver said. "They will be able to park in Lot A."

Lot A is located behind Hanna Hall, close to University Hall. The disabled people will be able to sit right in front of the stage.

And anyone who does not want to sit outside can view the ceremony from inside the Union Theater, The Falcon's Nest and Time Warner cable channel 6 in BG.

For all the students graduating on Saturday morning, remember to keep the tassel on the right until after the ceremony is over, then fling it to the other side.

"This is our chance to bring families together."

MICHAEL GINSBERG,
ASSISTANT DEAN
OF STUDENTS

States try to curb meth problems

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they often call in a hazardous materials team to clean up.

"These guys leave behind an environmental mess," said Larry Mershman, executive director of Wood County alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services board.

Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn said the production of methamphetamine in the Bowling Green area is increasing.

"I think so far this year, we've had between five and eight (discoveries or busts of meth-labs)," said Wasylyshyn. "It's going to be a problem anywhere where the ingredients are available."

Last year, Oklahoma passed a law banning the sale of over-the-counter medications containing pseudoephedrine. Soon after, Iowa and Kentucky

restricted the drug to the hands of pharmacists.

Although Ohio has no such laws, companies like Meijer and Rite-Aid recently made the decision to put the drug back with their pharmacists, who are given discretion as to whom they sell pseudoephedrine.

Skip Glassford, owner of Jak's Public Pharmacy in Bowling Green, said he decided not to pull the medication from shelves.

"I don't have anybody coming in and buying large quantities of Sudafed," Glassford said. "We're not a big pharmacy and the same people work here everyday. You're allowed to sell 100 count bottles, but you're supposed to raise your eyebrows when they buy multiple bottles."

Glassford said it would be bad for consumers, especially in the Black Swamp area, if more states banned medications

containing pseudoephedrine, or if stores discontinued their sale, because of their effectiveness in treating allergies.

"The bad thing is, it's the only decongestant besides phenylephrine that unplugs your sinuses," he said.

Wasylyshyn said the agricultural, anhydrous ammonia, is another component in the production of methamphetamines that draws manufacturers to the Wood County area.

"It's easy to get the anhydrous ammonia here, being in the Corn Belt," he said.

Mershman said the amount of secluded, rural areas around Bowling Green is also attractive.

"What happens, is these meth-labs set up in some of the obscure, low-populated places in the county, like in abandoned

barns," Mershman said.

Mershman said the presence of make-shift laboratories anywhere indicates usage problems in a surrounding area.

"It doesn't take a whole lot to know that if you have these labs for methamphetamine, the customer base isn't far away," he said.

According to a recent survey by the National Association of Counties, of 500 law enforcement agencies in 45 states, 58 percent said meth was their most problematic drug. The survey found the highest concentration of reported methamphetamine abuse on the West Coast and Upper Midwest, while 16 states reported 100 percent increases in meth-related arrests in the last three years, including Ohio.

"It's a problem here," Wasylyshyn said.

Citizens want Wintergarden to remain park

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community, as Wintergarden is," Killy said.

At the meeting, the Council introduced legislation to annex the land from Plain Township to the City of Bowling Green, and to approve interim zoning of R-2 residential for the property.

Mayor John Quinn said the citizens are not opposed to

the annexation itself. But they want the land to be park land, not residential land.

Quinn said the citizens realize the city is debating a different question than what they want to have answered. The city is debating whether they should annex the land and how they should zone it.

Quinn said the Council cannot annex and zone the property, so the owners

cannot build houses there, because the developers could get the court to order the zoning they want.

"We have to give the most appropriate zoning under the law, and the most appropriate zoning is a residential zoning, because of the history of the property," Quinn said.

The Council set a public hearing for this ordinance on Sept. 6.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Aug. 1, at 8 p.m. A public hearing was set at 7 p.m. for the ordinance regarding civil infractions, tabled indefinitely after its third reading at the July 5 meeting.

The ordinance, number 7423, is creating and adopting Chapter 38 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green.

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"[Judges] do not have a commission to solve society's problems, as they see them, but simply to decide cases before them according to the rule of law."

Supreme Court nominee John Roberts
(Associated Press)

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Blocked access to EC dangerous

Today the BG News is running a story about the limited availability of EC in Ohio emergency rooms.

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio found that if a woman is ill-fated enough to pick a hospital ER that does not give EC, she might not be able to get the drug in time for it to be effective.

Let's assume that it's a Friday night. A college woman is out at Uptown in Bowling Green, partying with friends. She is not usually sexually active, so she is

not on birth control. But tonight, she ends up going home with some guy and has sex with him. Although she was aware and willing at the time, she isn't sure if a condom was involved.

Now, it's Saturday morning. She's worried that she might be pregnant. But with EC, she would be more at ease.

But how does she find some? Her doctor's office is closed. The Student Health Center is also closed.

And her local ER does not

commonly prescribe the drug. Eight hours have passed, so that leaves her with only 64 hours to get the drug for it to be effective. She can't get an appointment with her doctor until Monday.

What is she supposed to do? Wait, risking unwanted pregnancy?

If EC were available over-the-counter, she wouldn't have to worry. The FDA will consider allowing EC to be available over-the-counter and the decision will be made on Sept. 1.

Even though EC is legal across the country, it is getting harder to get a hold of. At the discretion of doctors' and pharmacists' beliefs, women may or may not get a prescription for EC.

Consider this: for a woman who really needs it after a sexual attack, EC soon will be too scarce to obtain.

For it to be effective in preventing pregnancy, the drug must be taken within three days of the act. For it to be most effective, EC should be taken within 24 hours.

It is called emergency contraception for a reason. It is for emergencies.

What happens if a woman is sexually assaulted and wants quick prevention?

A lot of people believe it is an abortion pill. But EC is not abortion. This pill prevents pregnancy from happening. The fertilized egg does not implant in the uterus, nor does a child begin to develop, within 72 hours of the act or mistake.

If you're against abortion, you

should be aware and consider the benefits of open access to EC. The use of EC would prevent or decrease the use of abortions. Since this is not an abortion pill, there should not be so much controversy.

But it should be women who make up their own minds. If EC is not available, women don't have the option to prevent pregnancy.

This problem is being ignored. If people do not demand access, EC will become more scarce.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roberts is more than qualified

The July 26 staff editorial, "Senate faces complicated decision," made me think. Which way does the BG news editorial board swing? Just like I thought, they are lefties.

What I find funny is that no other candidate has been questioned before like the Democrats want Roberts to be questioned.

While I do not have any problems with questioning nominees to the Supreme Court, I do have a problem with going to the point of making everything Roberts has ever done public.

The Republicans did not question Clinton's nominees in the 90's. Candidates have

been accepted into the Supreme Court and have not even gone to law school!

Just like every other candidate ever accepted by Congress, there are ways to be thorough and not resort to measures that waste time and money. Past candidates did not get a cavity search like the liberals want to do to Roberts!

So why do liberals want to see information about Roberts that they didn't need for Clinton's nominees? Simple; liberals are just trying to find any dirt they can and make it the only issue worth basing a candidate on.

It's not like there haven't been any other candidates successfully nominated during controversial times before. It is also not a debate about whether Roberts is qualified or not. He is clearly qualified.

He has served as United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Law Clerk to

Hon. Henry Friendly, Supreme Court of the United States Law Clerk to Rehnquist, United States Department of Justice Special Assistant to the Attorney General, White House Counsel's Office Associate Counsel to the President and United States Department of Justice Principal Deputy Solicitor General just to name a few!

It is a shame that instead of focusing on issues such as health care, Social Security or college tuition some Congress members are trying to find any dirt they can and exploit it.

It's too bad for the liberals that America voted for our Congress which turned out to be a majority of Republicans. Now all Congress has to do is represent their voters and accept Roberts.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What's the worst part about living at home for the summer?



SHAUNTE ROUSE
SENIOR, PSYCHOLOGY/
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
"Thin walls."



GREGORY BRAYLOCK
SENIOR, MIDDLE
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
"My mother telling me to put my clothes on because I like to walk around in my boxers."



JAKE MILET
SENIOR, ARCHITECTURE
"My mom gets pissed when I bring home prostitutes."



PRESTON HERNANDEZ
SOPHOMORE, VCT
"The female deficiency and lack of after hour festivities."

Summer at home is only temporary

Most of us owe a lot to our parents. I certainly owe much to my own. They've raised me to be a free-thinking and independent young woman, through noble acts such as not allowing me to get my ears pierced until I was 7 (I had to have time to decide if I, as an individual, truly wanted it or not), and contributing (heavily) to my education funds.

And my car funds. And my phone funds. And pretty much any other funds you can think of. Most recently, though, it has been living in their home for the summer of 2005 which has played the starring role in a tragic play called The Decay of Megan's Mental State.

Indeed, I am stronger having spent my summer with only the 'rents, my dear sibling and our four pets to hear my screams.

While many of you sit and read my column from the comfort of your own guardian-less accommodations, I have been 10 miles up the road in a little town called Perrysburg, sleeping each night in the bed I have slept in since about age 4. And generally made to feel about age 4, at times.

When faced with the decision as to where to go when the University kicked me out of my housing last May, I opted for the responsible choice. I would move all my belongings back in with my parents, sleep under their roof at night and otherwise go about my usual business. I rationalized that it would allow me to save up for my upcoming fall expenses (well, except for the tuition, the car, the phone...)

Clearly, I made a good call. Or so I thought. I quickly realized that life at home is not all it is cracked up to be. I guess I was just pumped for the free laundry and the home-cooked meals.

But clean clothes and nutritious food are hardly a trade-off for the frustration I've endured. Just as throwing a tantrum in the middle of the department store is inappropriate after a certain age, so is living at home as a twenty-something.

When you first move back in with your parents, you're optimistic. After all, this is merely a temporary situation. You're excited that your parents don't make you chip in for cable. Yep, this is going to be great.

But life at home is vastly different from life at school. Sure, no one blasts music at 2:30 a.m. so loudly below you that the floorboards rattle, but that

can actually grow to be comforting and almost lullaby-esque. Plus, my parents go to bed at 10, leaving the entire house eerily quiet for the next four, five or six hours that I'm awake, which means playing music at any level is all but prohibited.

Going from living somewhere where no one respects your need to sleep or study to living in a place where the biggest concern is that you do both of these things can be quite confusing. One night I lay in bed actually thinking, "it is too silent to sleep." As the weeks go on, though, sleep habits are the least of your concerns. Suddenly you feel as if your every move is being monitored - and it is, on Mom Vision. But your mother will be so sly when questioning your activities that you won't even know if you have a right to complain. She is aware that you are an adult and you don't appreciate - or deserve - to be so fiercely interrogated about your every action like you were in high school. But this won't stop her from trying.

"What have you eaten today?" is not a friendly, smalltalk type of question. It is more or less a translation for, "I think you had better stay home and eat dinner with your family tonight," when you are searching for a way out. Also look out for the rhetorical questions to know when you're in violation of the mother's right-to-know mindset. Among them are questions like, "are other people even out this late?" or, "how can anyone stand to live in such a mess?" You're not required to answer these questions; they are simply ways your mother will muse aloud when you are engaging in behavior she does not understand.

Despite how aggravating it can be, though, this is all permissible behavior coming from a parent. Parents are used to you being their responsibility. When you move back in, this mentality just kicks right back in. So even though parents, their endless questions and their ridiculous schedules may seem to interfere with your usual way of life, it's something you just have to put up with. It's only for three and a half months, and for that reason, sometimes it's better to just bite your lip.

You don't want to get grounded, do you?



MEGAN SCHMIDT
Opinion Editor

Common faux pas of Facebook



D.J. JOHNSON
Opinion columnist

Though I've decided that I will end the season on a lighter note, the topic of this column should be preceded with caution. Although it seems to be as harmless as a fly, it can be very dangerous to the naïve and the irrationally hopeful. My topic... is [thefacebook].

For those of you who have been living under a rock for the past year or so, Facebook has become the most popular website on every major campus across the country. Nearly every school with an admissions office is on Facebook.

About 89 percent of my fraternity is subscribed to Facebook, and I am personally connected to 8,379 Falcons at the University. If you're not subscribed to this directory, it's time you joined.

To those of you who are already on Facebook, you know the pain of describing Facebook to one of your loser friends who has no idea what it is. The reason it is so difficult to explain is that it really doesn't do anything. You make a page about yourself, and then, in reality, you're done.

At best, Facebook is a stalking service. It's taboo to talk about it, but everyone uses it. So I want to give out a few navigation tips to

help you make the best of your Facebook experiences.

Tip 1: Do not spend more than 25 minutes a day on Facebook. Anything more than that can be deemed excessive. What ends up happening is you see someone on campus and then reality and "Facebook reality" combine for some uncomfortable moments.

Tip 2: Do not put any information that you don't want computer geeks to take advantage of. In reality, just by having your e-mail address and a picture online makes the rest of your life pretty accessible to the entire school. Don't make it any easier by putting your phone number.

Tip 3: Refrain from updating your site too often. People tend to notice this if the date changes every day, and all that means is that you're spending too much time on the computer. Big social faux pas.

Tip 4: Don't create or join groups of which you wouldn't be proud to tell your mother you're an "active" member. Being a member of "Drink Irresponsibly... or Don't Drink at All" or "I Like to Put My Hands Down My Pants" isn't going to help you pick up any women. It's just gross.

Tip 5: Don't "request friendship" of people you don't know. This tip goes out to the girls. If you want to be friends, at least send him a message first. If you

don't, you'll leave the poor nincompoop in a world of optimistic expectation.

Tip 6: Ladies, don't post messages on the walls of guys you don't know. If you leave ambiguous messages, you are biting off more than you can chew.

Tip 7: Guys, if you're going to put a picture of yourself on Facebook, make sure it's the best one you can find. Nicole Papadopoulos has started a popular group called "Hottest Guys at BG" where some lucky Falcon boy is featured for a week. Now that's what I call being part of the "social elite." It's exclusive, and the men are admitted by invite only. So if you have low self-esteem, or if you want to fuel your own personal ego trip, this is the way to go.

Tip 8: Don't initiate (or respond to) chain mail. That went out in the seventh grade.

Tip 9: Facebook discussion should be left entirely on Facebook. Don't ever start a conversation about Facebook. Ever.

Tip 10: Enjoy Facebook. Although there's a lot of creepy aspects of Facebook, it's an online directory, and since it's optional, people give up a certain aspect of privacy by subscribing. So poke people, trick people and have fun with it. You only get one chance at college, and Facebook (in a weird, unprecedented way) helps you make the best of it.

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Satire 'Starved' is full of laughs

By Frazier Moore

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — "Starved" feeds on the culture's jangled issues about food, in shockingly funny ways.

Invading an area we might have thought off-limits to TV comedy, this new scripted series uses actors with actual eating disorders to find uneasy humor in the plight of four fictional characters plagued by self-starvation, obesity and bulimia.

One of the characters is Billie, a young if hard-bitten aspiring singer who is also a recovering anorexic.

"I had this idea," she tells the support group she frequents with her three comrades, "that if I weighed my laxatives like I weigh my food, I might be able to keep them to a manageable amount."

Thus does "Starved" nail the mind games so many of us play with our health and body image. And not just those of us diagnosable as addicts. The series (which premieres 10 p.m. Thursday on FX) should ring true for anyone who ever spoke of eating as "a guilty pleasure," dabbled in fad diets or looked to the bathroom scales for self-approval.

"Food is the most basic forum for discussing things like love and the absence of love; how we hurt ourselves and how we heal ourselves," says Laura Benanti, who plays Billie.

As it happens, Benanti knows firsthand. Now 26, she's a veteran performer whose first Broadway show was "The Sound of Music" at 18, followed by another musical called "Swing!" where, surrounded by rail-thin dancers, she concluded: "I'm fat."

Eating almost nothing and working out ferociously, she took off 25 pounds during the show's run. At 5-foot-8, she hit 106 pounds. By then her hair



HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS: The cast of FX network's "Starved" appear in a scene from the new sitcom. From left, are Laura Benanti as Billie, Del Pentecost as Dan, Sterling K. Brown as Adam and Eric Schaeffer as Sam.

was falling out.

Since getting help, Benanti has held her weight at 125, and stayed busy in theater and films. Now, as she sinks her teeth into this all-too-familiar role, she marvels how "our inability to live with food in a healthy way is so indicative of how we feel on the inside: how lonely or sad or scared."

Billie is the sole female among the four friends who are battling a condition commonly associated with young women. But that's not the only way "Starved" defies our expectations.

As another twist, just one of the friends is genuinely overweight: Dan, played by Del Pentecost. A writer by trade, he's a compulsive overeater who

snacks on doughnuts by the dozen and, at the diner with his chums, swallows four breakfasts in the time it takes Billie to worry down her carrot.

But now meet Adam (played by Sterling K. Brown). Looking anything but sick, he's an NYPD cop with a chiseled, buff physique. He's also a closet bulimic.

Completing the foursome is Sam, a narcissistic commodities broker who is recovering from anorexia and compulsive overeating.

"It's so weird how I can look really quite devastatingly handsome and thin, and also extremely fat, all at the same time," Sam observes to Billie as he inspects himself in a

mirror at his gym. To the outside world, of course, he looks like neither: He's rather ordinary in appearance.

Sam is played by Eric Schaeffer, who also created "Starved" and wrote and directed all seven half-hours.

Schaeffer, a New York-based filmmaker-actor whose credits include "My Life in Turnaround" and "If Lucy Fell," explains that the series sprang from his desire "to do something in the area of addiction. Alcoholism and drug addiction was too specific but most people, I thought, have some kind of challenge in their relationship with food."

These people include him,

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Campus police fight crime from different angles on bicycles

By Britney Lee
REPORTER

No day is ever quite like another for a University bicycle officer.

Patrolman Justin Penrose has been with the University police for three years and six months.

"I like that everyday is different," Penrose said. "I come into work never knowing what is going to happen."

Penrose patrolled part time in Port Clinton for four years before coming to work at the University full time.

Since 2002 the department has hired 11 new officers, with some as replacements for retirements or job switches.

The University Police Department consists of 21 patrolmen and sergeants, two lieutenants and a chief.

Nine of the patrolmen and sergeants take the role of bicycle officers, and must first be trained and certified by Sgt. Shumaker to be given the opportunity to handle the responsibility.

According to Penrose, Sgt. Shumaker has special certification to be able to train other officers to patrol on bike.

The bicycle officers have three different shifts available for patrol each day.

The morning shift is from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., the afternoon shift from 3 to 11 p.m. and the midnight shift from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m.

According to Penrose, usually the busiest is the midnight shift, although depending on the day any shift could be busy.

Typical duties for the morning shift include bank escorts and checking reports from the previous night, as well as regular patrolling.

Most incidents in the afternoon and midnight shifts involve alcohol consumption and include: vandalism, fighting, underage drinking and use or sell of narcotics.

The city of Bowling Green also has bicycle patrolmen and Penrose said that the University and the city have a very good relationship.

Penrose mentioned the advantages and disadvantages of patrolling on a bike.

"You can't see everything from a bike, but you can come up on situations from different angles," Penrose said. "Students may not realize that we are an

officer until it is too late."

Bicycle officers wear special bike officer shirts, either pants or shorts and have the option of wearing the regular leather gun holster or a nylon one depending on what is comfortable for the officer.

All patrolmen are also required to wear a helmet.

The station was also recently supplied with four or five new bicycles for the patrolmen.

Penrose said the busiest time for bicycle officers is at the beginning of the fall semester and the end of the spring semester.

And though he could not pinpoint one specific interesting experience, he said he encounters a lot of urinating in public from intoxicated students.

"There are a lot of different ways to handle situations than making an arrest every time," Penrose said.

Some campus crime may have been prevented, thanks to the installation of security cameras in parking lots on campus, he said.

"We can catch suspicious activity on the camera monitors, such as students smoking marijuana and even trying to steal cars," Penrose said.

Penrose said he explains to students that police aren't trying to watch them, but are looking for suspicious activity to protect everyone on campus.

New students can do a few things to protect themselves, also.

"Always lock your door behind you, during the night or day. As officers we cannot stop everything from happening, so it is important for students to use their common sense," he said.

Penrose advises students to always travel in groups at night, to remember to not carry open containers of alcohol, and to drink responsibly.

Penrose said that he enjoys his job and looks forward to the new year.

Along with bike patrol he also teaches self-defense classes and DUI classes offered free of charge campus police.

Whether teaching classes, or helping citizens a day in the life of campus bicycle officer Justin Penrose is an interesting one.

The 152nd annual Ohio State Fair has much to offer for both young and old

By Lorien Bourne
REPORTER

A 152 year tradition continues today through Aug. 14 when the Ohio State Fair begins in Columbus, Ohio once again.

"The Ohio State Fair is a celebration of Ohio. There are numerous exhibitors from the Bowling Green area that participate in the fair. With more than 20,000 exhibitors, we have good representation from across the state," said Christina Minier, marketing and public relations director for the Ohio State Fair.

This year's Ohio State Fair will have rides, food, competitions and live music. There are several concerts and events lined up for this year's festival.

Sawyer Brown will kick things off with a free concert on August 3.

Other musical acts like Bowling For Soup, Faith Evans, ZZ Top, and Clay Aiken will offer live entertainment.

There are 523 vendors at the Ohio State Fair and 175 food vendors that sell snacks like corn dogs, lemon shake-ups and cheese on a stick.

Schmidt's of German Village, the oldest vendor, celebrates 91 years with the fair. They vend Bahama Mamas, bratwurst and jumbo cream puffs, among other things.

The Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church is also a long-standing vendor at the fair, since 1917, they sell breakfasts, hot dogs and fountain drinks.

Cox's Food Corral has been a vendor at the fair for 44 years. They sell sandwiches, Philly steaks and funnel cakes. Approximately 60 percent of all products for sale are grown in Ohio.

All-Day Beverage has been part of the fair for 13 years. Fair-goers can go to this stand for a cup of Country Time lemonade, Kool-Aid or Crystal Light and receive free refills throughout the day.

This year, there are many new cooking contests at the fair. For one contest, contestants use honey as the main source of sweetening in their cookies and cakes entries.

Other cooking contests involve using other sponsored products to create an original dish.

In one such contest, the Crisco

"My Favorite Pie" contest, contestants must use a minimum of one Crisco product to make the crust and filling of a pie.

In another contest, contestants are to "Soup It Up" and prepare their best soup recipe, hot or cold that includes Saco's Cultured Buttermilk Bread.

The Ohio State Fair is home to several traditional rides. There is the SkyGlider — one of the world's longest portable sky rides, extending nearly one-half mile across the grounds. The ride is \$2.50 each way.

The Coca-Cola Midway features about 75 traditional rides, with five new additions: Drop Tower, Power Surge, Rock 'N' Roll, Crazy Plane and Heliport. Kids can ride all they want for free.

The Chick-fil-A Giant Slide is an enormous yellow slide that stands 45 feet tall and 144 feet long. Riders travel down the slide at an average of 15 miles per hour.

"The fair truly offers something for everyone. If you are into riding rides, we have a spectacular midway," Minier said. "Check out the numerous commercial

exhibits, and enjoy fair food from the more than 180 food vendors. Don't forget the big name concerts, specialty exhibits, animals and more."

The Ohio Fair was started as a district fair in 1846 when the Ohio legislature created the 53 member board. One of the Board's first acts was to establish a district fair. The resulting 1847 District Fair at Wilmington and the 1848 District Fair at Xenia were both successful, thus leading to a State Fair, according to the Ohio State Fair Media Guide.

The first Ohio State Fair was planned for September of 1849, but was postponed due to an outbreak of Asiatic Cholera thus the plans were canceled. Camp Washington, which is two miles east of Downtown Cincinnati, was the site of the first Ohio State Fair in October 1850.

These are just a few reasons to spend some time at the Ohio State Fair.

Admission prices vary by day. For more information about the fair, call Christina Minier at (614) 644-4011 or visit the Web site at www.ohiostatefair.com

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Iraq veteran racing for Ohio spot in Congress

By Dan Sewell

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CINCINNATI — An Iraqi war veteran critical of President Bush challenged a Republican on Tuesday who billed herself as an experienced leader more in tune with their conservative House district.

Elections officials said early turnout appeared strong for the special congressional election and could be as high as 25 percent for the race between Democrat Paul Hackett and Jean Schmidt. The race has drawn national media attention, and both candidates have received help from their national parties.

Hackett, 43, was trying to become the first Iraq war combat veteran in Congress and the first Democrat to win the district in three decades. Schmidt, 53, would be the first female elected from the district, which opened this year when Bush appointed Republican Rob Portman as U.S. trade representative.

Political experts said the race was being watched for signs of what issues might play into next year's elections in Ohio and nationally.

While a Hackett victory still seemed unlikely as voting began, "if he does well, even if he loses, that could indicate that President Bush's foreign policy may not be playing that well in a Republican district," said John Green, director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute for Applied Politics at the University of Akron.

Gene Beaupre, political scientist at Xavier University, said: "The Democrats will be looking at this for what it might portend for next year."

Also on Tuesday, Detroit voters chose among 12 candidates in a nonpartisan mayoral primary, with the top two vote-getters facing off in the Nov. 8 general election. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, whose spending has come into question, was behind former deputy mayor Freman Hendrix in pre-election polls.

Users worry, after MySpace is sold

By Mary Papenfuss

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN FRANCISCO — There's a Fox in MySpace, and bloggers are squawking.

Nervous members of the wildly popular online social networking spot are blasting its purchase by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., expressing dark fears about the powerful billionaire's alleged motives and the possibility of privacy breaches, monitoring, censorship — and access fees.

"It's something we're very concerned about," said Scott Swiecki, 34, of Tempe, Ariz., who's a member of the MySpace group "Faux News" as well as another group that combines the Murdoch name with an expletive. "There are a lot of counterculture people on MySpace. My concern is Fox will add fees and censor content."

News Corp. purchased Intermix Media Inc., the owner of MySpace, for \$580 million last month, mainly so that Fox Interactive Media can reach the site's 22 million registered users.

MySpace, which launched just two years ago, is currently the most popular social networking site in the world. It makes it easy for people to customize their home pages with personal

photos, art, color and music, along with market-revealing lists of favorite activities, books, music and films. Users can get site-wide bulletins, but they mostly communicate with friends or intriguing strangers they've expressly allowed into a network. Bands often use the site to debut their music.

The only automatic "friend" for everyone who joins the site is MySpace's co-founder, Tom Anderson. He has his own profile — single, 29, Santa Monica — and a list of 18 interests, 24 favorite bands, and 12 heroes, including "my mom" and author George Orwell.

After the sale was announced, spoofers added a profile for Murdoch, too: straight, married, 74 — which says he has joined the site for "networking" and lists his occupation as "world domination."

Chris DeWolfe, co-founder and CEO of the Los Angeles-based MySpace, told The Associated Press that the News Corp. acquisition will change nothing about the site — other than to extend MySpace's international reach.

Some of the hipsters in the online hangout fear their free-wheeling ways, celebrated in naughty notes, brash blogs



Damian Dovarganes AP Photo
FORMER OWNERS: Web site MySpace.com co-founders Tom Anderson, left, and Chris DeWolfe pose for a photo. Nervous members of MySpace.com are blasting its purchase by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

and provocative photos, won't mesh with the values of Murdoch's media outlets, like Fox News, which they believe are right-wing mouthpieces for the Bush administration.

"I'm opposed to what Rupert Murdoch has done to the media, and I don't want him involved in MySpace," said user Nathan Hall, 26, of Milwaukee. News Corp. spokeswoman

Teri Everett said the company has "no intention of imposing any sensibilities on MySpace," and that none of the anti-Murdoch messages will be deleted.

Distinguished prof. edits two new texts

By Britney Lee

REPORTER

Ray Browne is at it again. The retired distinguished professor of popular culture from Bowling Green has edited two new books.

"The books are intended to compliment each other," Browne said.

Browne said the Profiles of Popular Culture could be very useful as an introductory popular culture course text, and Essays for Educators a valuable tool for all areas of study.

Many of the essays in Essays for Educators are written by Browne and cover a wide range

of campus studies.

Areas covered include social sciences, women's studies, business, economics, humanities and geography.

"I edited both books and provided the study mechanisms to direct the fields of study," Browne said. "Students and faculty in all fields of the humanities on campus might find interesting information and suggestions in both books."

According to Browne both books were published off-campus. Profiles of Popular Culture was published by the Popular Press and Essays for Educators

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RAY BROWNE,
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
OF POPULAR CULTURE

by McFarland Publishers.

Browne said he feels the popular culture studies should compromise a segment of all fields of the humanities.

"Popular culture studies are integral in the education of both students and faculty," Browne said. "Because of the importance of everyday culture in all societies, especially democracies."

Areas from NASCAR to Pinocchio and advertising to vacationing are covered in essays throughout the books.

The topics covered are what people enjoy or do. Browne said it is the power of the people that ultimately drives societies.

"Such being a reality, it is important that students study the culture around them," Browne said.

Browne makes this possible by continuing to edit and publish books on popular culture.

He was named distinguished professor in 1977 and retired from full-time teaching in 1992.

He continued to remain active in popular culture and currently has edited more than 70 books and has hundreds of articles to his name.

The two new books are entitled Essays for Educators and Profiles of Popular Culture.

Editors Note: Both books can be viewed at the Browne Popular Culture Library on campus, named in honor of Dr. Browne and his wife.

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Show makes light of weight

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as he readily concedes between scenes at the Brooklyn loft where most of the interiors were shot.

"Basically not an hour goes by in my life that I'm not preoccupied with food," says Schaeffer (5-feet-8 and 155 pounds) — "with what I can eat, when I can eat it, have I eaten too much of something, bargaining with myself, rationalizing: If I work out a certain amount, am I allowed a reward of a certain kind of food."

His special reward: those yummy little Nemo's chocolate cakes, which he craves as much as the character he plays.

In the opening scene, Sam wrestles with himself over this fetish food. Already he had sprinkled household cleanser on his latest stash to keep himself from eating it, then tossed it in his building's garbage chute. But he can't resist. He races to the basement, where he retrieves his cake from a trash can and, whisking off the detergent as best he can, scarfs it down.

Gross. And hilarious. "I have to write from my experience," says Schaeffer, 43, who has liberally drawn on his experience with eating disorders.

"If I wasn't a member of the club, I don't think it would be as funny, or that I would feel as authorized to look at it with humor."

"It took a lot of courage for Eric to put it on paper," Brown says, who adds with a chuckle, "It's a pretty extreme kind of show."

Brown is a 29-year-old St. Louis native who had a recurring role on NBC's "Third Watch." Now he's playing another cop, one whose technique for on-the-job purging includes jabbing at his stomach with his police baton.

Brown says that, unlike Adam, "I don't purge. But I think there are a lot of points of entry for me to connect with the guy."

"I'm very body-conscious," he explains, then recounts that morning's particularly tough training session. He was preparing for a scene where he would take his shirt off. But fearing he would somehow pudge out if he ate anything, he decided to skip food until after his scene was shot.

"Different shapes and sizes, man," sighs Brown, summing up the range of people with food issues.

"I'm obsessed with food, and I didn't realize it until I started on this show," Pentecost says, who

estimates his current weight at 300 pounds after maxing out at 400. "I've been married 17 years, so my fantasies aren't so much sexual in nature anymore. But my wife," he laughs suggestively, "makes a great apple pie."

The 41-year-old actor, who began bulking up as a 190-pound high school football lineman back in Haltom City, Tex., has appeared in the ABC miniseries "Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital" and the features "Coyote Ugly" and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

"I've been in more than one commercial as the fat screaming fan in the stands," he adds.

But doesn't playing Dan — a character both defined by and at war with his obesity — hit painfully close to home?

"At first I thought it might," Pentecost replies, "But the honesty of the show actually makes it kind of freeing." Besides, salvation could be on the way. He hopes that if there's a second season for "Starved," maybe his character will get to slim down.

"I would love for them to say, 'We're picked up for more episodes and Dan will be 50 pounds lighter — let's do it!' That would be great."

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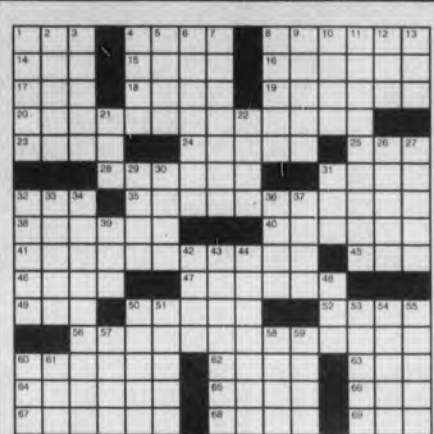
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 - 22 Letters on B-52's
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 - Angel's prop
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 - Stoic philosopher
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 48 The Cars singer
 49 Ocseak
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 53 Emulate Tara Lipinski
 54 Tradesman
 55 Gossipy woman
 57 Turner and Clanton
 58 Unit of thunder?
 59 Sax for Bird
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 61 See 60A

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- Flagon filler
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- Very erotic
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- Prefix with dyne or drome
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- "Up!" singer Twain
- Let's go!
- Ninnyhammer
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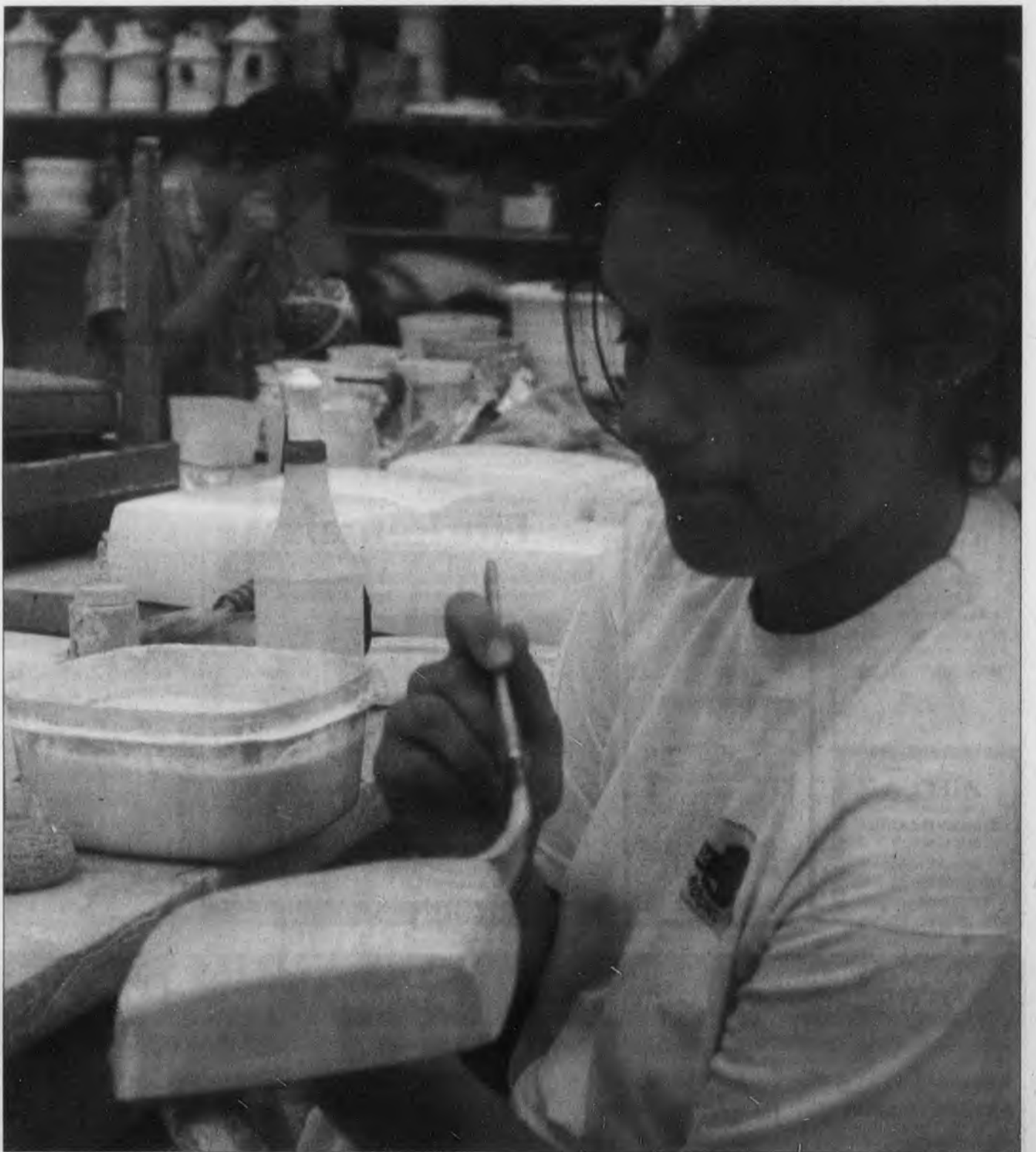
Ceramics, a popular major in the art department, can be fun but you have to know what you are doing. Thankfully, Jess Donnell, a senior and ceramics major, took time out of her day to share her skills in one of the more interesting ceramic arts: ceramic tiles. Surprisingly, the process does not take that long and can be hung on the wall when finished. Overall, a very rewarding arts project.



FINISHED: The final product (top) is hard to come by and involves multiple steps. Drilling (above) is done in order to hang the tiles up.



ROLLING: Using a roller to combine the base with the top in order for it to become one.



STEP BY STEP: (Clockwise from above) Terra sigalatta substance is used to decorate in color after firing the tiles. A shellac wood sealer is used to create texture. Slipping (left) and scoring (right) to create a bonding to hold together the top and bottom piece. Pouring slip from a bucket (left above), made from sediments of rock. Kaolin is combined with feldspar to bond the materials.

