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## For many freshman, '15' is the best case

Health professionals advise maintaining good diet and exercise

By Lisa Halverstadt  
REPORTER

The dreaded "freshman 15" wasn't supposed to affect Margarita Barry when she came to BGSU in 2003, free of weight issues.

She had always been a naturally thin person, even modeling professionally in junior high.

But the formerly slim Barry was shocked when she found herself shopping in the plus-size section in May, having gained 30 pounds by school year's end.

"I thought I was invincible," said Barry, who recalls being confused by her sudden "borderline obesity."

Seventy percent of college sophomores weigh more than they did as incoming freshmen according to a 2005 study completed at Washington University in St. Louis.

A 2004 study at Cornell University revealed that the average freshman gains weight at eleven times the rate of an average 18-year-old.

Cornell researchers found that the weight gain was strongly linked to all-you-can-eat dining centers, late-night snacks, reduced physical activity and empty-calorie food choices.

"I would have avoided gaining weight if I had avoided the Macateria," said junior Ken Kozlosky.

He gained weight in his first semester at BGSU because of what he believes was a lack of nutritious, non-repetitive food choices.

"[A healthy diet] is definitely a personal responsibility issue, but dining services doesn't make avoiding the "freshman 15" any

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## eVolvingeXperience



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FOUR YEARS OF "?!"

PROUD ALUM

### BGeXperience will incorporate all freshmen this year

By Bob Moser  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Unlike any other program offered by public universities in America, the minds behind BGeXperience hope to help students foster a social and emotional investment in BGSU that will dwarf any growing money commitment.

Having been run through the developmental rigors in classrooms since 2000 on a limited basis, BGeX will be implemented across the board for all freshmen this year.

After moving in yesterday, freshman will embark on six sessions over three days of orientation and "getting-to-know-you" activities in a group of 25 students and a professor, according to Don Nieman, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of BGeX.

The benefits of connecting right away with other college first-timers will go a long way in making the University a comfortable home for freshmen, Nieman said.

He believes that students who are more engaged in the BGSU community during their freshman year usually do better in class, and are more likely to continue their education here.

"We think this will help more first-year students be successful, which translates into more returning sophomores," Nieman said. "So this does have good financial implications."

The intimate size of BGeX courses is also meant to foster an open forum for discussion about issues that students will face throughout their lives.

But using the "values" label to set apart BGeX classes has led some to question whether the University is pushing a set of morals on students.

This is ludicrous, said Nieman, who explained that the goal of "values" classes is only to encourage students to evaluate — and strengthen — their own

morals and beliefs.

"Some thought this [BGeX] would be a program to tell students what their values should be," Nieman said. "It wasn't, and it isn't."

Students will also discuss the personal values that come into play when faced with choices like plagiarism, turning in a fellow classmate for plagiarizing, or other academic honesty policies.

When freshmen registered for classes in the summer, they chose one "values" course that fulfills both a general education requirement, and is part of the BGeX program.

The gen-ed "values" courses are limited to 25 students, and are taught by faculty members chosen by Nieman and other administrators.

Only full-time professors or instructors will be teaching BGeX courses.

For Nieman, putting freshmen in the hands of BGSU's best educators instead of graduate students exemplifies the commitment of this program.

"I think we need to offer our first-year students the best we have to offer," Nieman said, "which is something not all colleges strive to do."

Each professor will be assisted by a BGSU upperclassman, who'll serve as a peer facilitator that eases the transition and help students relate to issues, Nieman said.

"We think they [facilitators] can tell these students what the college experience is all about," Nieman said. "Having this younger person

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DON NIEMAN, DIRECTOR OF BGeX

there makes the situation much more credible." Freshmen taking ASTR 212 — The Solar System — are normally in a class of 118 students.

But this year the class has been divided up for BGeX into five classes of 25 students, creating a better environment for discussion, according to Andy

## Competition in textbook market can lower prices

Googling texts brings many results — not all of which are fully safe

By Nick Carrabine  
REPORTER

Most students attend college with many tough choices to make, but one of the easiest — and sometimes hardest — is where to buy textbooks.

Over the past few years, more and more textbook-buying options have become available to college students, particularly those in Bowling Green.

Search for "college textbooks" on Google, and students will be bombarded with nearly 9 million options for buying online.

Many Web sites offer cheaper prices on books — mostly used — than the traditional college bookstore a student would find in town.

But certain risks are always involved with online shopping, and the safety and convenience of having books in-hand immediately may be easier, according to Kent Kokomoor, manager of Student Book Exchange on Wooster Street.

Online return policies can also be tricky, Kokomoor said, and often time-consuming. At SBX, books can be returned for a full refund within ten days.

"Shopping at the bookstores gives you a more liberal return policy," Kokomoor said. "Most places online do not give you a lot of time to return books or there is no return policy at all."

With textbook competition online growing around the country, the Union Bookstore has taken their act to the web in an effort to make shopping easier.

Now in its second year, students can simply choose to "buy books" after reviewing their class schedule on MyBGSU.

All the books needed for their classes will then be ready to pick

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## Freshman class is 2nd largest

Administration touts quality, not quantity, citing BG's reputation

By Laren Weber  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

With 3,650 incoming freshmen, the 2005 freshman class is the second highest number of students to enroll at the University.

Previously, BGSU may have been fourth or fifth on an individual's list of college choices, but it's moving upward, said President Sidney Ribeau.

"The growth really symbolizes the reputation of BG," Ribeau said. "When students are thinking of institutions, we are on that list. We are now on the list of first choices."

Last year's record-setting freshman class totaling 3,929 students was the largest at the University.

After receiving more than 11,000 freshmen fall applications this year, University officials decided to shrink the incoming group's size to ensure adequate services could be provided.

"The fear is if you admit too many [students] at one time, you can't provide the quality service you want to provide," Ribeau said. "We try to do it in a systematic way so we don't jeopardize class size."

Converting residence hall lobbies into rooms to accommodate the overflowing number of students in on-campus housing — which occurred last year — is easier to solve than adding classroom space, said Gary Swegan, director of admissions.

To allow students more one-on-one interaction with their instructors and prevent overcrowding in classrooms, University officials decreased the class size by 279 students.

"Our desire was to be lower

than last year," Swegan said. "It'll be very healthy, but not as large as last year."

*"It's important for students coming to campus to find mentors who have similar backgrounds and experiences to learn from and be mentored by."*

WANDA OVERLAND,  
ASSOC. VICE PRES.

Overland, associate vice president for student affairs and dean

of students.

Citing that Wood County is a less diverse area compared to the entire world, Overland said the diversity that exists at the University provides students with better opportunities to gain an understanding of society.

"It's important for students coming to campus to find mentors who have similar backgrounds and experiences to learn from and be mentored by," she said. "The greater diversity you have on campus is an opportunity to learn more about our society and certainly to experience different perspectives and different viewpoints."

Over the last decade, enrollment at BGSU has been consistently climbing, and this year's total is anticipated to reach 21,400 students including the Firelands campus.

Swegan attributes the increase in enrollment to the University investing more time and energy into recruiting students.

"One of our big challenges is to continue to try to maintain

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## Safe move-ins require some sweat, planning

While some knicks are normal, big injuries need quick attention

By Kristen Bryson  
REPORTER

As students count down the days until the beginning of school, the Wood County Hospital and Student Health Service begin preparing for the injuries that come along with move-in day.

Minor injuries such as pulled muscles, twisted ankles, sore joints and fatigue are common during the rush of move-in day.

Wood County Hospital generally deals with parents who come in suffering from minor back pain and fatigue during move-in day, according to David Caprara, director of Emergency Services.

While Wood County Hospital receives visitors with injuries from moving in, Barbara Hoffman, health promotion coordinator at the University's Wellness Connection, explained that the Student Health Service usually sees parents, not students, with

injuries from moving in.

Though the staff at Wood County Hospital estimates the ratio of injured parents to students is four to one in favor of parents, some students do report to the emergency room for a sprained ankle or dehydration.

People generally are not used to working outside in muggy conditions, or the heavy lifting required to move in, and therefore do not know how to prevent injury, Caprara said.

So how can parents and students prevent these minor injuries?

"The number one thing is to take breaks," Caprara said repeatedly. "Most people don't think it's realistic, but you really should."

The desire to get in and get out as quickly as possible often causes parents and students to forget about these breaks.

Along with rest breaks, proper lifting mechanics and plenty of

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### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### SATURDAY



Isolated T-Storms High: 88° Low: 62°

#### SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 80° Low: 53°

#### MONDAY



Mostly Sunny High: 76° Low: 54°

#### TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 79° Low: 58°

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## Book sites are mixed blessing

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up in a bundle during the first week of classes, said Maurine Ireland, assistant manager of the Union Bookstore.

"It looks at your schedule and pulls up exactly what books you need," Ireland said. "We then can either send it to your home, or we can hold it for you and a student can pick it up in the multi-purpose room."

There are many advantages to buying textbooks on-campus, as opposed to buying them online, Kokomoor said.

While some Web sites may be a little bit cheaper, you still have to pay shipping, and also wait a week or two for your book to arrive, Kokomoor said.

Students who shop at the bookstores in town know exactly what they are getting and what condition their book is in, he added.

As a long-time bookstore businessman, Kokomoor continues to warn students about

the troubles that accompany online book-buying.

"Some Web sites are deceiving, sometimes you don't always get the right books, or you may get a wrong edition or an international version," Kokomoor said. "If an online site does have a return policy, some sites won't buy back international editions, and then students are stuck with books."

But for Andy Miller, senior, shopping online is more convenient for his tight college budget.

Miller has bought his books at Half.com for roughly a year now, and is very pleased with the experience.

"It's a lot cheaper than anything I could find at the bookstores," said Miller, though he added that the delivery can take a week or two.

Regardless of the wait, Miller will continue to shop online for his books.

On some used-textbook Web sites — like Half.com — shop-

pers are often dealing with other students from around the country who are selling their own books.

Shoppers are able to research a dealer's history of selling online through old buyer's feedback.

Positive or negative comments can be read from every transaction the seller has ever made.

This gives buyer's a better opportunity to find a reliable seller.

Students new to textbook buying should also realize that they may not always end up using the book that is originally assigned by their teacher, Kokomoor said.

So those who are unsure about their books can wait to talk with a teacher during the first day of class.

"I see more and more students waiting to buy their books after the school year starts to make sure their instructor requires them," Kokomoor said.

## Taft convicted; apologizes

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Gov. Bob Taft, convicted and fined yesterday for ethics violations, both apologized to a judge and insisted he would not resign.

Taft, a two-term Republican, has forced out underlings for ethics offenses but said those cases were different.

"I will continue to do the job to which I have been elected by

the people of the state of Ohio," he said. "There is no connection between golf or contributions and state contracts in our administration."

Taft, a great-grandson of President and later Chief Justice William Howard Taft, in less than 24 hours became the first Ohio governor charged with or convicted of a crime.

He pleaded no contest to failing to report 52 gifts worth nearly

\$6,000 that he received over four years in a case that spiraled off a scandal over state losses from investments in rare coins and other funds.

Franklin County Municipal Judge Mark Froehlich found Taft guilty of all four misdemeanor charges and fined him \$4,000 plus \$76 in court costs. The judge ordered Taft to send e-mails to Ohio newspapers and state employees apologizing for his behavior.

## Debate 'valued' through BGeX

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Laden, professor of physics and astronomy.

Students in Laden's ASTR 212 BGeX class will discuss a variety of topics related to science and the sky, all of whose answers are open to interpretation.

Exploring the Sun's fusion energy will open up discussion about the pros and cons of fission energy on Earth — better known as nuclear power, Laden said.

And delving into greenhouse gas effects on both Venus and Mars will allow the class to discuss the continuous debate over humans role in greenhouse effects on Earth.

Going one step further with a class curriculum by tying it to current events and students' values is a challenge Kelly Gawinek, sophomore, welcomed last year.

Gawinek enrolled in a BGeX honors critical-thinking course in fall 2004.

"I thought class was really rewarding," Gawinek said. "It makes you kind of think more about what your beliefs are, what you think of things, and what you think about the world."

Moving into residence halls early is another plus to BGeX that freshmen will certainly benefit from, according to Emily Granata, sophomore.

Her BGeX course in fall 2004 required early move-in, and those extra days before the start of class allowed Granata to build friendships with her roommate

and neighbors.

"I definitely think it makes you better friends with your roommate," Granata said. "If you moved in a day before classes, you're busy unpacking and then you're off to class, and you barely get to know them."

For Nieman, if University students can better know their own beliefs — and those of their peers — through BGeX courses, then the goal of this mass-project will have been achieved.

"One of the things we hope to accomplish is that students understand their own values," Nieman said, "but that

they also understand that those on the other side have values that underlie their arguments too."

*"It makes you kind of think more about what your beliefs are."*

KELLY GAWINEK,  
SOPHOMORE



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## Class is more diverse than ever

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the value of a BGSU education and make it attractive and make it doable," he said.

The entire enrollment team at BGSU, along with individuals in the admissions office, work not only to steadily increase enrollment, but also to increase the number of students coming from many of backgrounds and races.

"We are doing a much better job of bringing in a diverse student population," Ribeau said. "It

makes the learning environment much richer. When you talk about social issues and political issues, you're talking about those issues through the eyes of students coming from different experiences and backgrounds."

Although there are many of reasons attributed to enrollment increases over the past 10 years, Overland said that recent recognition of outstanding academic programs and school spirit adds to BGSU's appeal.

"We are becoming known for

some really benchmark programs," she said. "School spirit and pride is more alive."

And with the availability of organizations and programs to get involved with, students begin to adapt to University life and are less intimidated by the size of BGSU.

"As students find those niches, they develop family," Overland said. "With that comes pride and fulfillment that you're making a difference and growing as a person."

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# CAMPUS

## get a life

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

**FRIDAY**

**8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
"Songs of Remembrance" Art Exhibit  
The art gallery exhibit, Songs of Remembrance, runs from July 22 through September 4. The Bowen-Thompson Student Union art galleries are open Monday through Friday 8 am - 6 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am - 6 p.m. (when the building is open).  
*Union Galleries*

**9 p.m.**  
"Kicking & Screaming"  
Sponsored by Bowen-Thompson Student Union Programming  
*Union Theater*

**11 p.m.**  
"Hitch"  
Sponsored by University Activities Organization.  
*Union Theater*

**9 p.m. to 12 a.m.**  
Hold'Em, Toss'Em, Play'Em  
Texas Hold'Em and corn hole tournaments, as well as many other games to play and music to enjoy. Come out and win fun prizes. Sponsored by Orientation and First Year Programs and Dance Marathon.  
*Union Falcon's Nest*

**10 p.m. to 1 a.m.**  
Late Night @ the Rec

Meet new people, play outrageous games, and have a blast in the Student Recreation Center. Sponsored by Recreational Sports, Wellness Connection, University Committee on Alcohol and Drug Issues, and Orientation and First Year Programs. For more information contact: Janet Foldenhauer  
*Student Recreation Center*

**SATURDAY**

**8 p.m. to 12 a.m.**  
Midnight Madness Shopping  
Enjoy special discounts, freebies and fun at downtown Bowling Green businesses. Meijer and the University Bookstore. Sponsored by Office of Campus Involvement, Meijer and the University Bookstore.  
*Union Shuttle Stop*

**10 p.m. to 2 a.m.**  
Late Night @ the Union  
The Bowen-Thompson Student

Union is so excited that all the students are back, so it's throwing a FREE Welcome Back Party for everyone - Late Nite @ the U. Live entertainment, including a magician, psychic and the band Oval Opus, will be there. They'll also have FREE games, video games, movies, prizes, and a game show, among other activities.

**SUNDAY**

**11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
New Student Program  
Softball and other sports sponsored by Aerospace Studies.  
*Field North of Anderson Arena*

**3:30pm**  
Convocation & Picnic  
All new students attend this BGSU tradition. President Sidney Ribeau and members of the campus community share their BGSU visions and experiences. A picnic

will be served to all new students following the New Student Convocation. In case of rain, students will be served in dining centers. New students will receive a meal ticket at Convocation. For more information contact: Janet Foldenhauer  
*University Hall Lawn - Rain location: Anderson Arena*

**8:30 p.m.**  
Think Fast Trivia  
Come with a team or on your own! Answer popular trivia questions and win a cash prize of \$200! Sponsored by Orientation and First Year Programs  
*Union Ballroom*

# Old issues await new USG president

Focuses include community outreach, lobbying for pro-student policies in city

By Miranda Bond  
MANAGING EDITOR

Student Aaron Shumaker will be leading Undergraduate Student Government this year as president.

USG represents the undergraduate student body and deal with a variety of topics that range from academics to student life. The BG News talked to Shumaker about USG and his experiences at the University.

**What is the goal or purpose of USG?**

The purpose of USG is to represent the entire undergraduate student body on issues ranging from the academic realm to the student life. We represent them

to the university administration, but also to city and state leaders.

We also appoint students to all university standing committees to help facilitate this representation.

Additionally, we handle all parking appeals of undergraduate students.

**Why did you originally decide to become involved in USG?**

The reason why I joined USG was because I saw an opportunity to join an organization that encompassed all aspects of campus.

USG deals with everything here at Bowling Green, which is exciting to be able make that large of an impact.



*"We'd like to continue to lobby for students about the zoning laws that limit some off-campus houses to three residents. And then there is the nuisance party ordinance ..."*

AARON SHUMAKER, NEW USG PRESIDENT

**What should students do if they have an issue that they would like to bring to USG?**

Well, there are several ways to bring an issue to USG. All students are represented two ways, by place of residence and by academic college.

You can contact your respective senator by looking them up

on the USG Web site where their contact information is listed.

You can also bring the issue to the entire Senate by coming to one of our weekly meetings, held every Monday night @ 7:30 in Olscamp 113.

We begin each meeting by having an open forum where anyone is able to address the

Senate and voice issues at that time.

Also, USG can be reached by e-mail at [usg@bgsu.edu](mailto:usg@bgsu.edu) and many students submit issues directly through this method as well.

**How do students become involved in USG?**

Anyone can become involved by stopping by our office on the 4th floor of the Union and finding out how they can get involved.

They can also stop by one of our weekly meetings or visit our website to find out more information.

**What topics or issues are you wanting to tackle this year?**

There are several issues that

we will be dealing with on the city level. We'd like to continue to lobby for students about the zoning laws that limit some off-campus houses to three residents. And then there is the nuisance party ordinance.

We hope to accomplish both of these goals by bringing the Bowling Green community closer to our campus community.

On campus we hope to start the year by looking at dining services and the options that are offered as well as catering prices.

We hope to facilitate more

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QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught."

Winston Churchill (quotationspage.com)

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

College is chance for exploration

College is probably the only time in your life when hundreds of organizations will beg you to get involved with exciting new activities. It is your chance to try new hobbies or meet other people who are interested in the ones you already have.

registered student organizations. Do you really want to graduate without trying at least one? Check out the University Film Organization, take a class with the dance club or watch a screening with the Anime Club.

Even your classes are an opportunity to experiment with hobbies. Sure, most of your time will be spent sitting in the classroom behind a giant textbook and a stack of notes.

Intramurals are another opportunity to stay active or even get active for the first time. There are traditional sports to choose from or playground ones like dodgeball and whiffleball if softball is too intimidating.

Society do great work for the community as well. Discover more about your spiritual side with one of the many spiritual or religious groups on campus. There are specific denominational groups and groups for those just searching.

getting a degree, but it is also about growing into a more complete person. The opportunity to even be here is something most of us take for granted. But in between the homework and the parties that will be long forgotten in a few years, give yourself a chance to try something new you never thought you would try before.

Skipping class not always so bad



STEPHANIE SPENCER Opinion columnist

Even the best student invents new forms of logic when waking up for class in that limbo zone; not as early as you'd planned, but still enough time to throw on a sweatshirt and run to the shuttle. At first, it's a sneaky thought that creeps into your mind when you wake up and realize what time it is.

Doubtful, but possible. Later on while still lying awake in bed, you start to anticipate the guilt that will follow you all day like a bad dream. Paranoia soon sets in. When you go to the next class after you've skipped, will the other people know?

But during the middle of last semester, the walk was the least of my problems. My roommate was always the one who convinced me to go to class. Not with anything she said, but the things that she did in the morning.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Freshmen: How long will it be before you call home?

JORDAN TAYLOR FRESHMAN, CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY "Five minutes because I probably forgot something."

STEPHANIE FELDMAN FRESHMAN, CRIMINAL JUSTICE "Three days for my dad because he is my best friend."

LESLEY HANER FRESHMAN, ART "Two or three weeks. I need to distance myself and get used to being alone."

MELISSA WAGNER FRESHMAN, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES "I'll call in a couple days to have my mom do my hair. I'm high maintenance."

Avoid early classes, cheap toilet paper



JOSH BENNER Opinion columnist

Writing this column just about killed me. This is a lot of pressure here. When I write my column, I have one goal: make people laugh, and this is the first time you're going to get to experience the magic. It's sort of like that first date. You gaze longingly at the page, feeling awkward, not knowing quite what to expect.

just grab a couple rolls next time you're home for the weekend. Your parents will never know. Another key piece of advice for you is do not under any circumstances wear your high school letter jacket on campus. I'm not saying turn your back on your high school. But keep the letter jacket where it belongs: on a hook in a bag in your basement never to be heard or seen from again.

College is not ticket to adulthood



DANIELLE WINTERS Opinion columnist

It's a fact. Growing up is hard to do. I still remember the mix of feelings that possessed me as my parents unpacked me and left me, alone, to start my freshman year of college.

home, and in many cases, it's for the first time. Even now, in my senior year, I still have a slight problem returning to school after I've been in my comfortable home, and taken care of by my parents all summer.

dating, what kind of trash you're eating and drinking, and whether or not you're doing your homework or going to class. You will find during your freshman year that cell phones really aren't as great as you thought they were - they'll be ringing off the hook with parental "check-up" calls, and eventually you might feel compelled to "accidentally" drop your phone in a toilet.

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they can trust you when you're out of their presence.

Trust me when I say that I'm the voice of experience here - I've done lots of things that still have my parents narrowing their eyes when I say, "Really. You can trust me." Apparently I flunked the political science course in how to be a great liar.

Many freshmen are under the impression that when they leave for college, they're automatically adults.

Nuh-uh. College, despite common folklore, is not an instant ticket to adulthood.

Instead, it is the experiences you'll encounter and the responsibilities you will be given that will create your transition to adulthood, or at least the beginning of it. It takes maturity and responsibility to deal with many of the challenges college throws your way.

Look at all of the great things about college - you'll see amazing offers of free T-shirts if you just sign up for a credit card!

Yet again, I speak from experience - a free T-shirt isn't worth the grief that comes along with the disastrous combination of the "freedom" a credit card brings, coupled with drastic immaturity.

Along the same lines, it is important to maintain moderation in the areas where college students are famous for "overdoing it."

The freshman fifteen can be avoided with moderate eating habits and routine exercising. Likewise, you can live through

your freshman year if you remember that you don't have to binge drink just because you're in college. Besides, you're not even 21!

It also takes maturity to deal with the phenomenon known as roommates.

People are inherently annoying. Put a few of these inherently annoying people from different places and backgrounds together, expect them to live together without having ever met each other before, and you're bound to have more than a few exciting moments.

It takes patience, intuition, and understanding to live with someone you barely know, and during the rough times just think of it this way - you'll be a better person in the long run.

The most important thing to remember when you're a freshman is to stay true to yourself. It's really easy to forget who you really are when you're out of the surroundings that you've always been in. Not to mention there will be so many new people around you from so many places that you'll start thinking, "I could be just like them!"

Stop right there. We've all tried the "be someone else" routine at one point or another, and it's especially important that you know yourself, especially when it will be so tempting and so possible to take so many different paths in life.

Now go forth, young one, conquer the world, and remember - in moderation. Good luck!

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# Book buying a true test of human wisdom



MEGAN SCHMIDT  
Opinion Editor

Dummies don't survive in college. Luckily, you're probably not one of them. After all, only smart people read newspapers. Many of you proudly grip this newspaper in your sweet, young hands as members of the freshmen class.

To each of you I say congratulations. You are not an idiot. You have already proven that you possess the slightly above average grades and ACT scores to gain acceptance to a serious institution (and by institution, I mean our University, not a mental ward...yet).

To get here, you read books in high school; some for classes and some for your own enjoyment. You accepted that studying these works of literary genius was the path to obtaining knowledge. To get smart, you needed books.

But now you're in college, where the opposite is true. Here, in order to get books, you need to be smart.

Any moron can print off their fall semester schedule, run to the Union bookstore, rack up a \$300 bill and later wonder if he was ripped off.

If you buy books at the Union, you will get screwed on the price. I don't care what long-winded explanation some frazzled professor gives you for why the 40-page paperback she picked for the class runs a \$35 charge.

That's almost a dollar a page! Though I do savor every word of my texts, I simply do not care to fork over that much cash.

I'm not interested in why it is this way. I just want it to stop. The good news is that you have other options available which can save you money, time and a lot of frustration if you do some thinking ahead.

It's possible that you already picked some of them up during your requisite run through the Union with your parents during orientation.

This is a horrible mistake on your part and one for which you will be savagely ridiculed on the opinion page of the BG News right now.

How do you know you won't end up dropping the class? What if your roommate is taking it too and you guys can share? What if you win a Xerox machine in a raffle and it just so happens you also have the free time to make your own copy?

The key to the book purchasing process is this: you must think of any possible scenario in which you could avoid buying the book altogether, and tell yourself it is going to happen.

Tell yourself this right up until the professor is preaching in front of the class going, "okay, I'm serious, you guys really have to get the text because the exams

are open book." (Even then, ask if you could maybe borrow hers that day).

If buying your own copy is inevitable, there are ways to suck it up but still maintain your pride. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or another online bookstore. Look up the titles there. Stare in awe at the fact that you can save \$10, maybe \$15 on each book. You don't even have to leave your dorm room!

I realize some of us are master procrastinators and don't think enough in advance to allow time for shipping. For those people, all I have to say is learn make good use of your return policies at the Union bookstore. You can figure out the rest.

If you find yourself with no other option than to succumb to on-campus purchasing, fear not. It isn't all bad, especially if you have your BG charge bill sent to your parents.

In this case, who cares how much you spend, right? Go nuts. And while you're at it, can you pick me up one of those day planners?

No matter where you end up deciding to buy from, there are a few more tips to know.

Don't buy the "recommended" books. You won't impress anybody by wasting your money on these. Make sure you're only getting the ones listed as "required."

Always go for used books first. If books with highlighting and marks by the previous owner

bother you, flip through the stack to find the cleanest one.

Sharing a book with a friend in the class sounds like a good idea, but think twice if you live in Mac if she's in Bromfield. Once she has the book, you are never seeing that thing again.

If a book comes with plastic wrapping on it, don't take it off until you're sure you won't be returning it. Or at least wait until you can't get a full refund on it (which is Sept. 6 this semester).

Even those English 111/112 folders should be kept wrapped up until you absolutely need them. I know you're all dying to know what glorious contents must be contained within that overpriced pocket folder, but I assure you it's only papers.

Returning your books at the end of the semester is a real treat. You will be horrified at how their worth has dissolved into thin air.

You turn in a \$70 book and the lady counts back your change in dimes. Sick. It's just sick.

They will tell you that some of your books can't be returned at all. There will be tears and wailing sobs. You will feel hopeless and sad. Please visit the student health center of these symptoms persist more than three days.

Buying your books isn't a picnic, but it's part of your academic responsibility now.

It's one you should try to shirk off wherever possible, but ultimately, you must acquaint yourself with its delicate process.

If you're smart, you may actually get to graduate college at least a little bit above the poverty level.

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HOLLYWOOD'S BOX-OFFICE SLUMP CONTINUES



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## Grad school, BG style



**J. MICHAEL BESTUL**  
Humor Columnist

**P**sst. Hey. First-year grad students. Over here. So you've finished the orientation week, and have picked up this "freshman issue" of the BG News either for nostalgia or laughs (Seriously, when was the last time you had to worry about getting caught with a bottle of Natty Light in your dorm room?). No, those days are long over. And that column about skipping classes? Forget it. Skipping class is no longer for fun and recreation, but to finish a big project for something else. Oh, and your absence will be noticed. Trust me on that one. To help you out, I've compiled this guide to your first year of graduate school. You may wonder why such a guide is in the "Not News" section. Why, that's an obvious one. It's hilarious when you read Schechner's theory of performers as both "not themselves" yet "not not themselves" simultaneously, and all you can think of is Homer Simpson saying, "I'm not not licking toads." No? Is that just me? I guess grad school warps your sense of humor. Take note: pretty soon, your laughter will be a signal to others of an impending breakdown. Just go with it. It'll be fun. Perhaps, then, this column is "Not News" because we're "not

freshmen." Your new name is "Oldie Q. MacElderton." Sit back, read this list, and get used to the burden of using only definitions from the Oxford Dictionary.

- Have a life outside school. Sounds reasonable, right? About a month from now, however, you'll think back to this tip and laugh. It'll be a hollow, manic laugh... Just go with it.
- But having a way to relieve school stress is more necessary now than it ever was. Bowling Green offers plenty of ways to enjoy one's self.
- If you want to catch a good indie flick—wait, no, the Cla-Zel closed. How about some cards, or a game of paintball?
- Nope. R&B Games moved out. Maybe you want to read a good book or comic? You're a couple years too late; Pauper's Books and Ground Zero Comics closed.
- What about the City Park? It has horseshoe pits, therefore it directly follows that the park is a great place. As long as it's not winter, of course.
- Did I mention that you're going to be in Ohio? Where it's freezing and windy for half the school year?
- That leaves us with cafes, bars, and clubs. There's plenty of those. And if caffeine and alcohol aren't your thing... why are you in grad school?
- Get to know the undergrads. If you're a TA, perhaps you should be reading through this issue. There's a multitude of skipping, drinking, procrastinating, and disinterested students. But enough about my undergrad;

you TA's are going to have to teach them.

The plus side is that there'll be the occasional brilliant and fun student. You'll be pleasantly surprised by their insights and energy, and you might even recommend they look into grad school. They'll do so, read some poorly-written guide to the first year of grad school, and wonder: "What have I gotten myself into?"

Thus, the cycle of academic insanity continues and thrives.

- Get a hobby. No, seriously. Not because you'll have the time to collect, clean, and arrange antique tea strainers. Eggads, no. Hobbies make a great carrot on a string. When you're on the last couple pages of a lengthy paper, you'll want to give up, but a good hobby will keep you motivated.
- Tell yourself that you'll hobby it up once you're done. And when you do finish, you'll promptly pass out and wake up eight hours later, groggy and confused about the "QWERTY" etched on your forehead. But the paper is done, and done is good.
- After a few semesters, you'll be proudly showing off all two of your antique tea strainers.
- Get a car. Not to knock Bowling Green more than I have, but Toledo and Detroit have a lot more to offer.
- Speaking of... my girlfriend's at work, and I wanted to see Murderball. Um, could I bum a ride?

*J. Michael Bestul (best@bgsu.edu) will finish his thesis within a year. In theory, at least.*

## Freshman: worry no more



**JIM LEVASSEUR**  
Humor Columnist

**H**ello there, and congratulations. You've finally made it to college, and although you haven't even been here a full 24 hours, your parents are already in Las Vegas partying their little hineys off.

In fact, they're probably renting out your room to a total stranger and renovating the entire house, so when you come home for Fall Break the only place you'll be able to sleep is a spot of concrete where the couch used to be.

But I'm not bitter or anything. At least your parents still love you, and Fall Break is so far away it might as well be next week.

So, despite being overqualified—three years as a freshman will do that to a person—without further ado, allow me to present my freshman guide to college.

Rest assured that this advice is better than all those "guide books" written by "professional writers" who "know what they're talking about."

In fact, throw those books away, because what I'm about to tell you will help make your freshman year better than all my freshman years combined.

**ROOMMATES:** I'm guessing that approximately 427 people have already told you that the key to solving disputes and

maintaining a good relationship (i.e., ignoring each other as much as possible) is communication.

Talking things over is all well and good, but the real key is showering regularly. Perhaps you think you can get by with only one shower a week, but trust me: you can't.

Your roommate will be silently cursing you every time he has to breathe. You do the math—that's a lot of B.O.

**CLOTHING:** You're probably wondering what to wear around campus. I'm not really a fashion guru or anything, but here's a list of some clothing items that you should definitely wear all the time to make yourself seem "cool" and to "blend in with the crowd":

- Any kind of T-shirt from your old high school, especially if it is football related or says "SENIORS" on it. Don't let the fact that you're now a freshman at another school stop you.
- Polo shirts with the collar popped. Seriously, this never gets old. Girls will be fawning all over you and every guy in the room will wish he could be half as cool as "that guy."
- Lanyards. Chances are you received 15 free lanyards during OReg and BGeX, so pick out the most garish one you can find and attach all two of your keys to it, then walk around campus swinging it in wide circles as if you were a trained samurai.
- CLASS:** Forget everything you've ever heard about people skipping class every day. No one does it. Seriously.

**NAVIGATING:** There are a lot of large buildings around, so I recommend carrying at least two maps at all time and using them as much as possible. Really.

Also, you're not "cool" if you don't travel around in a pack of fifteen or twenty people who have no idea where they are.

**FOOD:** Try not to eat at all, if possible—otherwise the freshman 15 is inevitable. It's a long time until Thanksgiving, but remember the secret mantra: What would Gandhi do?

**PARTIES:** I'm sure most of you have no intention of doing any partying whatsoever, and that if you do partake in any such festivities, it will be in a legal, controlled, and responsible manner.

But if you do, you must obey the ground rules (which some of us learned the hard way):

- Every hippie stereotype you've ever heard is true.
- Contrary to popular belief, hippie parties are not that fun.
- If a friend is on you to go to a party, make sure that A) he is not a hippy, and B) neither are you.
- If you check out a board game from your dorm's front desk, do NOT borrow "Barbie Dream Date."
- That's all I have; I hope that now you'll be able to swagger around campus proudly with your collar popped and lanyard in hand. And for everyone's sake, PLEASE take a shower.

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# Conformity is key to happiness



**D.J. JOHNSON**  
Opinion columnist

The purse, believe it or not, has been around for nearly a millennium. The first documented use of the purse came in the 1400s, when it was common to see men and women alike sporting them across the world. Some purses belonging to the wealthy were decorated with gold and other elaborate embroidery. Three hundred years later the purse was out of style. But history tells us that after the French Revolution, women's clothing became so elegant that there was no way they could have something as unsightly as pockets. The women donned purses once more, proving that fads always go in cycles. Fast forward a couple of centuries later, and one will notice that little has changed. France is hardly a world power and Joan of Arc is a brand company, but all in all it's not too different. Moreover, the purse is still an accessory whose usage is only acceptable by women. Just like after the revolution, it is simply one of society's rules that men are not to have purses. But think of how practical it would be if men were to have purses. A man could carry around his checkbook and a pen, making tithing at church much easier. A cell phone wouldn't bunch up against his leg as it rarely fits inside of a jean pocket. And think about all the girls' numbers that could be tucked away inside of the

leather pouch for easy access after a wild night at the club. But along with millions of self-respecting men across the country, I am happier when we aren't aiming for practicality. Instead of donning the purse and succumbing to efficiency, we submit to a value that's much more prevalent in our world today, and that's the value of conformity. Society gives us two very clear options. You can either break all of society's norms to live in a world where you are identified as an outcast or a misfit. Or you can assimilate to society's (often questionable) rules and live happily with all of the other conformists around the world. Right now, you might be thinking to yourself that this goes against everything Barney sang to you back in your prepubescent days, which raises two distinct points. One is why you are listening to a purple dinosaur, but also that life is hardly a utopia where expression is truly free. Whether you agree with it or not, conformity is an integral part of everyone's lives. Coming to college is tough. Independence from the parental unit for the first time after two decades of rules and curfews is intoxicating. There are more people of the opposite sex than you have ever seen in your life, and all of them are working out (or binging and purging) just for you. To an extent, you can capitalize on this somewhat

nauseating freedom by (finally) doing what you want to do. However, if you stray too far outside of the predetermined social rules of college life, then you're asking for glares and pointed fingers for the next four years of your life. That's not to say that every freshman male should conform to such an extent that you've replaced your entire wardrobe with acid-washed jeans and pink collared shirts. (Although, if you do have some money to spend, it might not hurt to buy one or two). Social conformity is more of a list of don'ts, so believe it or not, it's still possible to be yourself. If you're not yourself, you may start to feel a social anxiety and sink into a depression, and that's taking conformity too far. Collegiate conformity is a lot subtler than that. The rules are simple. Don't skip workouts. Don't cheat on papers. Don't walk faster or slower than the rest of the walking traffic. Don't overeat. Don't be racist. Don't raise your hand to answer every question. Don't arrive early to a party. Conformity isn't meant to boost your popularity. Adolescent popularity is a juvenile ideology. For more tips on how to be popular, Nada Surf had a good song on the radio years back for those of you who are still concerned. Instead, by adhering to these simple rules will make your college experience one worth having and not worth regretting.

*"But think of how practical it would be if men were to have purses."*

# Really, it's okay to be undeclared



**TAYLOR COPELAND**  
Opinion columnist

So, you've arrived at the University and you still have no clue what to major in? Well, relax! The truth is you're not alone. It's common for freshmen to enter college undecided about what to study. There are hundreds of career options available to students today. Finding your perfect fit may take some time. You may not even get it right on the first try, but fear not. When you finally do find the right major, you'll know it. The first step to declaring a major lies in knowing yourself. Try making a list of likes and dislikes. Focus on what you want out of a job. Knowing where you want to go brings you one step closer to getting there. Ask yourself questions. What types of activities do you enjoy? What talents do you possess? What are your goals in life? The answers to these questions can point you in the right direction when it comes to finding the ideal major. Also, taking electives that appeal to you is helpful in the decision process. Don't fill your schedule entirely with boring general education requirements. Choose classes that pique your interest. Who knows, maybe horseback riding will inspire you to become a veterinarian. Or perhaps ice

skating will encourage you to give sports management a try. You'll never know if you don't give it a shot. Stick to what you enjoy. But don't be afraid of leaving your comfort zone. Trying new and different things is important. If you're a math and science whiz, why not attempt a creative writing class? Even if you don't enjoy it you'll come out learning something else about yourself. There are tons of clubs and activities on campus that you can take part in to aid you in your decision. However, you may find that you need some help along the way deciding where and how to invest your time. That's where the faculty and staff come in. The professors and academic advisors are there to help you. Don't be afraid to approach them. Talk to the professors about what they do when they're not teaching. Their answers may surprise you. They are people too, you know. Many of them have worked in their field for years before they began teaching. Their knowledge can undoubtedly assist you in your search for a major. And by all means, go see your academic advisor! You all have

one and helping you declare a major is their job. It really is okay to go see them more than once a semester. And if you still just can't make up your mind, there are others you can turn to. For example, upperclassmen can also offer some great advice. They've got a few more years under their belts and can relay their experiences. And dare I mention you could confer with your parents? Yes, that's right. The people who raised you just may be able to offer some constructive suggestions. Declaring your major can seem stressful and overbearing at times. But it should be a fun experience. Although such a decision seems so final, there's no need to burden yourself with unnecessary pressure. Remember to relax. As a freshman, you have plenty of time to decide what you want to do. Spend your first semester or two taking in all the different options out there. Use the next summer to reflect on your experiences, and perhaps then you can declare your major. So you don't know what you want to do with the rest of your life? Well, good. Join the thousands of others just like yourself and take pleasure in discovering your calling.

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**READY FOR LEISURE:** Jen Krinov, left, helps Cristy Bowman study for a final during summer semester. Bowman is studying for her Ethics exam.



**YOUR LEISURE, MY LEISURE:** (Above) Krissy Radke, senior, enjoys herself on the slip-n-slide one hot summer night. (Left) Sean Duffy, senior, relaxes in his new Copper Beech townhouse while playing his favorite video game, Madden NFL 2006.



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# Dorm décor not a challenge

By Candice Jones  
REPORTER

One room, a few beds and a window make a dorm room, but decorations and personality make it your dorm room.

An individually-designed space can be achieved with some decorations, colors and a little imagination. There are many approaches to transforming a drab dorm room into a personalized and comfortable pad.

For the avid BG fan, the falcon-themed room may fit well.

The University bookstores provide plenty of orange and brown décor. Items like a stuffed Freddi the Falcon, BG wall clock, and University picture frames will show off your school spirit for sure.

An artsy theme could be the perfect fit for a free-spirited resident. Artwork and accessories like live plants can give a dorm room a relaxed mellow vibe. Useful accent colors like purple and white give off a creative and open feel for a room.

Entertainment junkies may feel at home amongst celebrities. Movie and music posters along with magazine clippings can give a dorm an exciting feel and display the interests of the resident.

The Shed, located on West Wooster Street just a few min-

utes from campus, has a variety of posters on sale. A shoebox covered in clippings can add storage and flare as well.

Some party animals may fit best in a festive décor.

Rope lighting, bold colors and party decorations make for a celebration atmosphere. A couple yards of inexpensive, tropical fabric would make a fabulous futon cover.

Jo-Ann Fabrics, located next to Kroger on North Main Street, offers all kinds of crafts-related products that students can buy to create their own original theme.

Individual style and personality are important things to pay attention to when decorating.

It is also extremely important to pay close attention to the University's policies.

The University has decorating guidelines, not meant to rain on a student's parade, but to prevent danger to both residents and school property.

Items like hot-plates, George Foreman Grilles, other cooking devices and bean-bag chairs are considered a fire hazard, and are banned from residence

hall rooms.

Residence Hall Director Claire Wetterau stresses the importance of "balancing the comfort of a living space against the need for a safe living space." She added that it is up to the hall director and resident advisors to enforce university policies.

Wetterau emphasizes the importance of fire safety and offers some ways to be comfortable, as well as safe.

Because candles and incense are strictly forbidden, a plug-in air-freshener can be used to achieve the same aromas.

For electronics, surge protectors are required by the University in place of extension cords. Decorate your room walls, but never the ceiling.

Items on the ceiling can help a fire spread if it travels up the walls.

These precautions will help protect each resident in the building.

Through the decorating process it is important to consider your friends and neighbors in the room as well.

Emily Berens, sophomore,

recalls her biggest concern when decorating as a freshman.

"I was worried my decorations would bother my roommate," she said.

It is a good idea to collaborate with your roommate on some design issues to prevent an argument, Berens said.

Emily's advice is to be open-minded about compromise and be willing to share the space with your roommate.

There are also future residents to consider.

By taking care of the residence halls while decorating the rooms they will stay nice for years to come.

In order to keep the rooms nice, and avoid damages that may result in fines, there are simple things that can be done.

When hanging your decorations, use white sticky tack. The use of thumb tacks in the walls is prohibited because it leaves holes, and students can be fined for holes in their walls.

Beware of colored sticky tack, because it can stain the wall, and double-sided tape can be hard to remove.

Laying down a rug can add to the design, and also protect the carpet in the room and keep the room looking clean.

"It's a community," Wetterau said.

# Water is key to safe, comfortable moving

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water are also things a person can do to prevent injury.

Hoffman explained that in order to stay hydrated, a person should drink one glass of water an hour before working, and one afterwards.

How much water a person needs depends on how long the move takes. For a move taking three to four hours, water should be drunk during the activity, not just before and after, Hoffman said.

By doing what Hoffman calls "common-sense things," a person can easily avoid minor injuries such as dehydration and exhaustion.

But if someone didn't want to report to the emergency room for minor injuries like a twisted ankle or pulled muscle, it can be treated at home.

Ice should be applied to swelling within the first 24 hours, but never heat, Caprara said.

Heat will open up blood vessels, allowing more blood to flow into the swollen area.

Ibuprofen or Tylenol should also be used as directed on the bottle. If pain persists, a doctor should be seen immediately.

"If it's going to be fine, it'll be fine in 24 hours," said Caprara.

## PROPER LIFTING TECHNIQUE

A BGSU staff member takes a break from helping with freshmen move-in to display proper lifting technique. Lifting with your legs, and keeping your back straight, will help avoid injury.



For anything more than a minor injury — like chest pain or dizziness — emergency help should be sought immediately.

# Sleep schedules, locations of food can influence weight

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easier," Kozlosky said.

But Christine Hines, sophomore, didn't gain any weight in her freshman year.

She kept it off by "walking everywhere" and by trying to keep the same eating habits that she had at home.

Hines advises freshman worried about weight gain to only drink alcohol in moderation and to pace themselves, because "...we have four years here to have fun."

"According to Rebecca Pobocik, associate professor of nutrition at the University, there are many benefits to maintaining a

healthy lifestyle at college.

She cites higher test scores and boosted energy levels as positive side effects of good nutrition and an active lifestyle.

"[Fitness] is a good foundation for your future when life gets even more challenging," Pobocik said. "College is a time in life when you can shape your future with action and habits."

She suggests that students practice "moderation, balance, and variety" in both their lifestyles and their daily calorie intake.

Danielle Myers, junior, saw too many of her then-freshman peers drinking without realizing the heavy calorie punch alcohol

packs. "With 300 empty calories [in two beers], you're bound to gain weight," said Myers.

She advises underclassmen to consider that every beer consumed is like a snack or a small meal.

While consuming empty calories directly affects weight gain, good sleeping habits are also important for weight management. According to Christine M. Haar, M.S., R.D., L.D., program director of the undergraduate dietetics program at the University, "Sleep deprivation can lead to obesity.

If you stay up late enough, you will start to feel hungry -- normally you would sleep through

that period of low blood sugar -- but if you are awake you are likely to eat."

Not only is it important to make time for sleep, but students should also make time for exercise.

Teena Weitzel, junior and resident adviser in Kriescher Ashley suggests that students work visits to the gym into their class schedules.

"Physically block out time to go work out at the rec," she said. Pobocik, associate professor of nutrition, agrees and encourages students to exercise almost every day.

Pobocik also tells students to eat vegetables with their lunch-

es, dinners, and snacks.

"These are filling and provide essential vitamins and minerals with limited calories," she said.

While good nutrition is important, limiting junk food calories is essential to prevent freshman weight gain.

Jill Hankins, sophomore, suggests hiding certain foods in the dorm room. Hankins recommends using cupboards, closets, and Tupperware containers to store unhealthy items and putting healthy items in the refrigerator for easy access.

"When I opened my refrigerator all I saw were water and fruit," Hankins said. As a result, she

wasn't tempted to eat when she wasn't hungry. This habit helped Hankins fend off the "freshman 15."

Although Margarita Barry gained weight in her freshman year, she has since acquired healthier eating habits.

She's lost about two pounds a week since joining Jenny Craig and has added exercise to her daily routine.

But Barry emphasized that until she changed her lifestyle, she never saw a change in her dress size.

"Don't think that the freshman 15 can't happen to you," Barry said. "But if it does, [know that] you can lose it."

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# 'Penguins' is a visual treat

'March of the Penguins'  
Grade: A-  
By Dan Myers  
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

Imagine a sea of shiny, black heads huddled together as a fierce blizzard rages against their shiny feathers.

They are male penguins, and they are not only cooperating to keep each other alive: they are maintaining the warmth of their eggs, which they shelter under flaps of skin under their stomachs.

These starving fathers anxiously await the return of their eggs' mothers, who are on a month-long trek across the forbidding ice to reach the water's edge and catch enough food to feed themselves, their mates and their soon-to-be-born young.

This is the picture painted by "March of the Penguins," a documentary filmed in Antarctica by a French crew.

The 85-minute feature chronicles the nine-month mating cycle of penguins in Antarctica.

Seemingly boring on the surface, this yearly ritual is told in dramatic and entertaining fashion by the accompanying narration.

"Penguins" features lots of great close-up shots of its bowling-pin-like subjects, from heartwarming images of baby penguins sliding across the ice to a harrowing look at a mother penguin tenuously sliding her egg to its father, exposing it to the elements for a few dangerous seconds.

Just as amazing is the awe-inspiring views of single-file penguins stretching on into the distance, "marching" to their mating grounds.

The movie is a visual treat from beginning to end.

"Penguins" certainly doesn't shy away from the grimmer side of a penguin's life, including scenes of exhausted penguins collapsing on the ice, babies getting attacked by predators and young penguin couples — ahem — procreating.

All of these scenes are handled somewhat gingerly for the sake of any young'uns in the audience,

but nonetheless, the documentary does not ignore any part of the circle of life.

Sure, it's a little like a glorified episode of National Geographic (the company that, ironically, also distributed the movie in North America).

But who cares? "Penguins" is narrated by Morgan Freeman — a man who, based on his more-than-auspicious film career, doesn't know what a bad film is.

As a former editor of mine once said, "I could listen to Morgan Freeman read the phone book." It's so true. Freeman's warm, animated voice keeps the film — which is thankfully more interesting than a phone book, I might add — moving along at all times.

The only moviegoers who might be disappointed by "Penguins" are those who don't find animals either cute or interesting.

All others will find this flick endearing, fascinating and funny, making for one of the more positive experiences to be found at theaters this summer.

# Shumaker encourages students to get involved on their campus

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discussions between campus organizations and also students and faculty/staff members.

We additionally hope to review academic policies, making sure that they are fair for students as well as faculty members.

**What is your major?**  
Applied Health Science

**What advice would you offer to a freshman?**

Get involved with something. I know that my experience here at Bowling Green has been unbelievable because of my involvement with different organizations. I've made friends, but more importantly I've been challenged and have become a better person because of my involvement.

**What is your favorite aspect of being a student at BG?**

By far the best aspect of being a student at BG is all the oppor-

tunities that are provided for students here.

It seems like there is a student organization for every interest out there.

BG sporting events are also fun and we have several athletic programs that receive national attention.

**What is the best kept secret in town?**

I think the best kept secret in town is the BG Quarry. It's a great place for students to hang out and go swimming, but not many students go there.

On campus, the best kept secret is probably our mascots and spirit group, Freddy and Frieda and Sic Sic.

The identities of each of these groups remain secret until their unmasking.

**Are you involved in other activities other than USG and what has your experience with**

these groups been like?

I have been a member of my fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, since as long as I've been on campus.

This experience has been great as, it has opened me up to numerous other opportunities.

I've gained leadership experience from my fraternity, but more importantly I've gained friendship and brotherhood from my experience.

I became involved with Dance Marathon through my fraternity, and now I am a Steering Committee member for this organization, as I am the Faculty and Staff Relations Chair.

I also serve on the Interfraternity Council, as the Treasurer.

USG meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Olscomp

Ways to get involved on campus - see GetALife, PAGE 3

# Credit cards can be a strong asset, when used cautiously

Slip-ups can bring debt from which it is difficult to recover

Josh Comer  
REPORTER

Credit cards can be either a headache or a lifesaver for new University students, depending on how well they understand the system and how responsible they are with their new financial freedom.

Appealed to by people on campus offering free T-shirts or other items in exchange for filling out a short credit application, many new students are compelled to

create the first record on their credit reports impulsively.

In a report released in May 2005 by loan provider Nellie Mae, which analyzes the previous year's credit card statistics, more than half of all college students surveyed obtain their first credit card at school their freshman year.

This hastily taken first taste of financial independence can have a far reaching effect on a student's life, both during and after college, according to Vanessa Stopes, a representative of Citibank, a leading provider of student credit cards.

"The importance of building and maintaining a strong history is crucial in today's credit-driven world," Stopes said.

In spite of the critical role student's credit history can play in their financial futures, some fail to understand the responsibility having a credit card places upon them.

More than 1 in ten undergraduates fails to pay their minimal monthly payment towards their balance, which are highest at midwestern schools like BGSU, according to the Nellie Mae report.

This is a result of students viewing their credit card balance, which averaged more than \$2,000, as a "drop in the bucket" compared to the substantial student loans their college education requires, Stopes said.

On the other side of the statistics, one in five undergraduates pay their full account balance each month, avoiding any additional charges from their card provider.

In the hands of those students who understand the terms of their credit card agreement and the compounding effects of interest on their balance, credit cards can be a powerful tool to simplify their lives on and around campus.

"I don't even carry cash anymore," said Chad Mikret, senior, after putting food on his Visa in the Union on Wednesday.

His behavior reflects a growing trend on many of the nation's campuses.

Seventy-one percent of students charge food and other minor purchases to their credit cards, rather than go through the trouble of carrying cash with them.

Removing the need to carry money — and the risk of loss that comes with it — is only one of the important benefits credit cards offer.

Automatic bill payments to assure cell phone service isn't turned off, and cash back on textbook purchases are among the perks offered by credit companies to help students make their time at school easier.

Points that can be redeemed for Spring Break airfare or other forms of entertainment are awarded by

some card offers in exchange for prompt balance payment and a high grade point average.

This is done to encourage responsible behavior in student card-holders, and to leave a good impression of the card provider with the student.

"We know by experience that if we provide convenient services to people while they are in school, they will keep accounts with us long after they graduate," Stopes said. "And if we offer clear rewards for good academic and credit practices we will have a better prepared customer base in the future."

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# FRESHMEN MOVE-IN DAY

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**MOVE-IN CHAOS:** (Above) vehicles wind around McDonald Hall waiting for a place to park and unload during peak move-in hours yesterday. (Right) Dan McDonough, left, and Mark Dreifke, both freshmen, assemble their futon in the fourth floor lounge of McDonald East.



**MOVE-IN CHAOS:** (Above) Freshman Kelley Crocker's sister waits in their truck with her belongings outside McDonald Residence Hall. (Below) On the left, Mick Gail, junior, and graduate student Ryan Minnich take a break from move-in with their chocolate lab, Patton.



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## BRIEFING

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### Murphy named BG's asst. swimming coach

Former Arizona State Sun Devil coach Rich Murphy has been named BGSU's assistant swimming coach.

"He is the missing piece of the puzzle," said coach Keri Buff. "With Rich on staff I believe we have the best coaching staff in the MAC."

### Asst. hockey coach accepts position at Univ. of Wisconsin

Kevin Patrick, an assistant coach with BGSU for three seasons has accepted a job as an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin.

The Falcons improved under his watching going from eight wins his first year to 16 wins last year.

## Falcon athletics soaring, few taking notice



SEAN CORP

Sports Editor

If an athletic program is successful and no one is there to see it, was it ever actually successful? That is the question I hope that we don't have to answer as we embark on a new semester here at BGSU.

Bowling Green has a renowned football program, probably the best in the entire MAC conference. The men's basketball team is a winning franchise with a lot of young talent on the way. The women's basketball squad went to the NCAA tournament for the first time in a decade and looks to build on that success this year.

Falcon softball captured the MAC championship in 2004. BGSU baseball's Nolan Reimold was recently drafted in the second round of the MLB draft. He became the fourth highest Falcon ever drafted and the highest non-pitcher drafted in school history when the Baltimore Orioles selected him with the 61st overall pick.

Jordan Sigalet overcame personal adversity, being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, to dominate the goalie position within the conference, and became a finalist for the Hobey Baker award given to the nation's top college hockey player. Sigalet's younger brother, Falcon defenseman Jonathan Sigalet, was recently drafted in the fourth round by the Boston Bruins (the same team that drafted Jordan) and became the highest drafted Falcon hockey player since 1996.

What it boils down to is a winning program with a winning tradition. To be fair, the Falcons have a group of devoted fans that ooze orange and brown through rain or shine, but this University deserves more.

It's a shame that while the football team is in the Doyt, blistering a foe with one of the most proficient passing attacks in the nation, that some students would rather stay home or in their dorm rooms watching the Buckeyes on television. I mean, c'mon, the Buckeyes?

However, the apathy extends beyond the confines of campus. We have a city full of alums, and long-time members of the community, who just don't come out in enough numbers to support their Falcons.

Trust me, there are worse ways to spend your free time than enjoying collegiate athletics that are usually among the top of the MAC. And the trick is, as more people come the more exciting the experience will be.

Too many people are missing the golden opportunity of seeing an athletic program performing at a level higher than its been in years.

We are all Falcons, and we are all sports fans, and we should live up to the Universities core values. Those values include respect, cooperation and pride in a job well done. The athletic department has done some damn fine work and its about time we show them we are proud of the job they have done.

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## FOOTBALL

By Ryan Autullo  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Depending on who you ask, computers are never wrong.

But it's reasonable to suggest P.J. Pope was a bit surprised at what he saw when he popped in EA Sports' NCAA Football '06 over the summer.

"I think they did me justice on the game," the underappreciated BG running back said about his rating of 89.

It remains to be seen if defensive coordinators from around the Mid-American Conference finally follow suit in understanding the value of the stand-out double-threat.

Often an afterthought when people think about the Falcons' prolific pass-oriented offense, Pope, a senior, has been overlooked by opposing defenses during his stellar career. A career which will likely be culminated in the breaking of several school records.

"I think the running game is underestimated at times," said Pope, a second-team All-MAC selection last year and first-team member in 2003. "I think people see us as a good offense and see that we throw the ball a whole bunch, but they don't realize that every year we're usually in the top-five in rushing in the conference."

Pope (5-foot-9, 212-pounds), rushed for 1,098 yards and 15 touchdowns last year and became only the second Falcon to exceed the 1,000-yard plateau in consecutive seasons.

If he continues the trend, Pope will shatter the school career rushing mark of 3,423 yards set by Dave Preston (1973-76). Pope merely needs to duplicate last year's rushing touchdown total to overtake former teammate, Josh Harris, for most in program history. Pope's 5.7 yards-per-carry is already the highest average in school history.

Harris is playing for the Cleveland Browns, and his successor, Omar Jacobs, will eventually join him in the NFL ranks. Simply put, Pope has snuck under the radar since arriving at BGSU.

"A lot of teams spread out trying to defend against the pass, it leaves - in the box - maybe only five people because they're spread out trying to cover our receivers," said Pope, a physical education major. "That just opens up running lanes for our running backs."

But to refer to Pope as a running back, although true, is almost misleading.

Last year, he caught 50 balls for 490 yards and six scores out of the backfield as well as the slot. Those are pretty gaudy stats



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**VERSATILE:** Running back P.J. Pope has spent his entire Bowling Green career not getting noticed as he quietly ran for thousands of yards and been an exceptional receiving tailback.

# P.J. Pope

BG's most complete player runs under radar

for any running back, especially one who wasn't a primary option in an offense featuring a spectacular receiving corps, which included current teammates Charles Sharon and Steve Sanders and the Atlanta Falcons' Cole Magner. Incidentally, dur-

ing his career at Wyoming High School, Pope's duties were relegated to only running the ball in an I-formation offense.

"That's a lot of yards, and a lot of running backs don't do that," said quarterback Omar Jacobs, who considers Pope his

best friend on the team. "He's a running back, and if you put him on a linebacker, most linebackers can't cover him. He has great hands so he made a lot of great catches during the season. Some of the receivers were like, 'stay in the backfield and let the

## THE POPE FILES

**RUSHING:** 2,680 career yards on 470 carries

**RECEIVING:** 106 career receptions for 975 yards

**TOUCHDOWNS:** 36 combined career touchdowns

**ACCOLADES:** Two time Mid-American Conference selection; nominee for the 2004 Doak Walker Award

**RANKED:** Fourth in the nation in 2004 with 10.5 points per game

receivers catch the ball."

Jacobs, who is being whispered about everywhere as a potential Heisman candidate, undoubtedly receives the majority of the publicity circling around the program and the university. A stat line of 4,002 yards passing and 41 touchdowns against only four interceptions warrants that. But it's Pope and his versatility that allows offensive coordinator Greg Studrawa to orchestrate one of the most feared and complex offenses in college football.

"P.J. might be our best offensive football player," head coach Gregg Brandon said. "Now, Omar might be our most valuable, but P.J.'s probably our best overall player because he's so skilled in his running abilities as well as receiving. When we leave him in the backfield or if we put him in the slot, he's going to stretch the defense. I like that in a running back."

Pope began last season slowly, topping 100 yards just once in the team's first seven games. During that stretch, he was giving way to Jacobs, who was putting up video-game-like passing stats.

Pope's mild start eventually subsided beginning Oct. 30 when he racked up 128 yards and a score during the Falcons' 41-20 drubbing of Eastern Michigan. That performance kicked off a torrid second half of the year for Pope, who followed with rushing totals of 205, 117, 98 and 151 yards respectively. He scored three touchdowns — two rushing and one receiving — in BGSU's 52-35 win over Memphis in the GMAC bowl.

"We work hard on teaching the backs to catch the football and develop receiver skills," Brandon said. "What we need to do is figure out more ways to get [Pope] the ball via runs or throws."

Then, just maybe, Pope will get the credit he deserves.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Coach warns opponents to 'lookout' for 2005 Falcons

Falcons looking for more validity after breakthrough season

By Jason A. Dixon  
SENIOR REPORTER

It's official: The 2005 Bowling Green State volleyball team will be starring in their very own episode of "The Young and the Underrated."

Despite returning nine players from a team that finished 17-14 and 8-8 in the Mid-American Conference — the first winning season since 2001 — the Falcons were picked to finish fifth out of six in the MAC's East Division.

Head coach Denise Van De Walle said the reason for the pick may lie in the fact that 10 of the 13 players are underclass-

men, but her only response to those doubting BG is "look-out."

"I don't mind being picked to finish fifth in the East," said Van De Walle, who is entering her 22nd season as the Falcons' coach. "That means everytime we take the floor people are going to think of us as the underdog and that's fine with me."

"I can see where some of the coaches would have thought that," she said. "The three players we lost were very instrumental in our success."

Gone is setter Amber Mareski, along with Melissa Mohr and Taylor Twite. Mohr and Twite combined for 677

kills last season. Junior Chrissy Gothke is expected to take over the reigns at setter, where she finished the last four games of 2004 after Mareski broke her leg.

Seniors Emily Manser and Ashlei Nofzinger combined for 358 kills a year ago and look to lead a balanced attack at the net, which also includes sophomores Maggie Karges, Corrie Mills and Stephanie Swiger.

Nofzinger is entering only her second season at BG after transferring from Loyola-Chicago last year, but said still

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Consistency is vital for Bowling Green

Falcons looking to be more steady in effort to retain MAC title

By Danielle Tanner  
SPORTS REPORTER

With the 2005 soccer season just around the corner, BGSU women's soccer coach Andy Richards is busy preparing a talented combination of veterans and newcomers for competition this fall.

The team went through a fitness test Aug. 10 before beginning practice a day later.

As reigning 2004 Mid-American Conference champions, the veterans of the squad hope to mix with two incoming transfers and six freshmen to improve on consistency and continue a tradition of excellence. The Falcons were 10-12-2

last year, including a mark of 5-5-2 in the conference.

"Obviously, we were delighted with the success we had last year, but we were a little disappointed with our level of consistency," Richards said. "Our goal is to be more consistent throughout the season and try to repeat what we did last year." Graduated senior Kristy Coppes accounted for a large percentage of the team's offense last year and has left some big shoes for the returning players to fill. However, with the proven talent of returning squad members, Richards believes stepping up on offense should not be a problem.

The team's wealth of experienced players will be a main source of strength for the Falcons. The senior class, led

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# Volleyball high on youth and talent

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is trying to assume more of a leadership role.

"It's my second year here," she said. I still feel like ... I'm trying to show I can be a leader.

"I think everyone wants to be the one to carry the team, everyone wants to be the go-to hitter and have all the kills," Nofzinger said. "But I think it's going to be neat with no real go-to player. It's just going to be whoever's having a good night and it'll be fun to see who steps up."

The Falcons are expecting the addition of four freshmen and the return of sophomores Mandeline Means and Elizabeth Simon, along with redshirt freshman Kendra Halm to provide added depth.

"I think that's the most surprising thing ... I know we have two or three people for each position, and you could use any of those people for that position," Gothke said. "It's just amazing, I have no idea what the lineup is going to be because everybody is stepping up."

"Some of the sophomores are stepping up like seniors ... so they've done a great job," she added. "I think the freshmen are just helping push those sophomores to a higher level and to perform at a higher level than last year."

Mansersaid the team has been excited and focused throughout practice to use the preseason prognostications as motivation.

"We really, really want to do good this year, and I think we are going to be making an impact



BG News file photo

**DIG:** Emily Manser goes down low for a dig. Manser expects good things out of the volleyball team this season. It will be up to her and fellow senior Ashlei Nofzinger to provide leadership this season.

in the MAC East," Manser said. "Our goal is to get in the top three in the east and I think that's definitely attainable if we keep focusing and working hard."

The task won't be easy for BG, because the MAC East is home to the two-time defending MAC Champion Ohio Bobcats and has more depth from top to bottom than the MAC West, according to Van De Walle.

Manser, however, still sees the opportunity for a fresh start.

"We had some tough seasons a few years back when we were in the west," she said. "Now we're back in the east and I think we're ready to show everyone that BG

is here and we're going to win."

"Obviously, we're young," Manser continued. "We have a lot of freshmen, a lot of sophomores, and only two seniors. So I think a lot of people will think we won't have as much experience and talent, but I think we're definitely going to surprise people, because we look really good so far."

Van De Walle's says the team has to be ready for the challenge of moving to the east, but her expectations remain high for a team which lost to eventual MAC Tournament runner-up Marshall in the quarterfinals.

"When we went to the west

[in 2001] it was the tougher division ... You don't have a say in it and you don't have a choice," she said. "Right now, we want a 20-win season."

"We also want to finish in the top three in the east and finish high enough overall that we host a first-round game and win it to get up to (the) Seagard Centre in Toledo for the MAC Tournament," Van De Walle added.

The Falcons will open up the season Sept. 2 at the UIC Invitational against Denver. Van De Walle will leave Chicago with win No. 400 if BG takes all three games.

## FOOTBALL

# Falcons hoping to be new 'Beast of the East'

BGSU returns to East after three year stint in the MAC West

By Kevin Shields  
SPORTS REPORTER

The BGSU football team's stint in the West division of the Mid-American Conference lasted just three seasons.

During that time, the Falcons enjoyed their most success in nearly a decade while treating fans to big-time match-ups with division rivals Northern Illinois and Toledo on a yearly basis. The three teams were annually involved in a battle royale for the division crown. The Falcons were able to beat both teams at home in 2003 to capture the title, while the Rockets and Huskies shared the honor in 2002 and 2004, defeating the visiting Falcons, who ultimately finished third.

BGSU's match-ups against NIU and UT garnered national attention the past two seasons as ESPN2 covered all four games and College Gameday made its first-ever visit to a MAC school for the BGSU-NIU showdown in 2003 at Doyt Perry Stadium. It was a game that marked the beginning of a new MAC rivalry — one that will now be seen less frequently as the Falcons get ready to open another chapter in their storied history.

Their new role is to play "filler" in the depleted MAC East, which

lost both Central Florida and Marshall to Conference USA.

Gone may be the annual game with NIU, but the Falcons can look forward to reacquainting themselves with old MAC rivals Kent State, Miami and Ohio University as BGSU will join the East for the second time after being an original member for the first five seasons since the MAC split into two divisions before the 1997 season. The annual battle of I-75 has also been saved as Toledo remains a fixture this season as the Rockets and Falcons face off in the final game of their schedules.

It's a move BGSU coach Gregg Brandon says won't really change the way his team plays and prepares for each season.

"We've enjoyed competing as a member of the West division, but where we are is not really concern of mine," he said. "Since we have been nationally ranked the last three years, we have been fortunate to play in front of several spirited crowds on the road in this league. I don't see that changing much because of this move, so it won't get any easier than it's been the last three seasons."

Two of those road crowds will be Akron and Kent State, which are located in Falcon-friendly Northeast Ohio. The region has been a good recruiting ground for Brandon and has had a

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FOOTBALL

# Big play offense focuses on ring, not numbers

Jacobs not the only playmaker in Falcons' high-scoring offense

By Matt Riddle  
SPORTS REPORTER

Can Omar Jacobs win the Heisman Trophy this season?

It may depend on the supporting cast that surrounds the phenomenal junior quarterback.

It is no secret BGSU has one of the most talented players in the nation, and a potential NFL first round draft pick in Jacobs. The Jacobs-led Falcons outscored opponents 184 to 34 in the first quarter last year.

Jacobs led the nation last season with a touchdown to interception ratio of 41-4, besting this year's first pick of the NFL Draft, quarterback Alex Smith of the San Francisco 49ers. Jacobs is the field general, running BGSU's spread offense nearly to perfection.

But Jacobs could not have accomplished this all by himself. He is surrounded by numerous returning starters on offense, setting the stage for another potential record breaking season.

With BGSU's explosive receiving corps, all Jacobs has to do is hit the right spot. Losing Cole Wagner to graduation was a key

loss, but there is still a solid group of receivers returning, including Charles Sharon and Steve Sanders. The seniors could prove to be one of the nation's best one-two combos.

You should see a mixed variety of players at the third and fourth receiver slots. Senior Derrick Lett, junior Kenneth Brantley, freshmen Luke Alexander and Marques Parks should all see time at the position.

The tight end spot will be taken over by sophomore Sean O'Drobinak and junior Ruben Ruiz. They both have great size and hands and should make great targets for Jacobs in the red zone.

Despite the finesse at the skill positions, BGSU coach Gregg Brandon believes the offensive line is the most important factor of the Falcon offense.

"I think one of the keys to our offense is to protect the quarterback," Brandon said. "By design, we try to get rid of the ball within three seconds. The offensive line can not block forever. The nature of the spread offense allows the quarterback to have good throwing lanes and find open receivers."

The offensive line is returning only two starters, the biggest loss being Scott Mruzckowski, a seventh round draft pick of the San



**NUMBER ONE:** Charles Sharon will be one of the primary targets for quarterback Omar Jacobs in 2005. He enters his senior season with career totals of 158 receptions, 2,422 yards and 28 touchdowns at wideout.

Diego Chargers. However, the line will be very deep on the left side with senior tackle and team captain Rob Warren and sophomore guard Kory Lichtensteiger.

The question is, will the young guys step up on the offensive line? Warren thinks they are ready.

"I think our young guys have done a great job," he said. "Our

philosophy is to play together until the whistle blows."

Warren also talked about the importance of the offensive line continuing to build chemistry.

"We have to continue to grow as a family again after losing Scotty, [Andrew] Hart and [Andy] Grubb, so I think meshing together and trusting each other as much as we did last year will be the main thing," Warren said. "We have to work together as a unit."

At running back, the Falcons are very deep and talented. Along with the play of the line, the running game may be the most important factor on the offense this season. If the Falcons cannot run the ball it will make it that much harder to pass. Senior running back and returning starter, P.J. Pope, was fourth in the nation last year with 10.5 points per game.

Even with all the attention on Omar and the spread offense, P.J. and the backs don't feel left out.

"From a running-back standpoint, we stay kind of low-key, but we are an effective part of the offense," Pope said. "If we are overlooked, that can be good for us. We just try to produce steady numbers while the passing game gets most of the attention."

The Falcons offense looks to be the strong point of the team this season. The big four on offense — Jacobs, Pope, Sharon and Sanders — will look to put up scary numbers like they did last

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## Temple takes steps toward MAC entry

The Owls have four MAC opponents in arduous schedule

By Ryan Autullo  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Hopefully, BGSU students don't greet their roommates this year in the same manner the Mid-American Conference is welcoming newcomer Temple.

Relationships could become strained very quickly.

The Owls, formerly of the Big

East, will be thrown to the fire in the first season of a two-year trial period, facing three MAC teams which are regarded this year as the league's best.

Temple, which finished just 2-9 in 2004, will square off against West front-runner, Toledo Sept. 17; East favorite, Bowling Green Oct. 1; and Miami, last year's winner of the East on Oct. 29. The Owls will also play Western Michigan Sept. 24.

That list doesn't read like a

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## Falcons join RedHawks atop MAC East

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large Falcon fan base for years as many alumni, as well as current students, reside in the greater-Cleveland area.

"I like the fact that we are going to get to play every year in Northeast Ohio, which is a strong area for us in recruiting and an area where we have a lot of fan support," Brandon said. "We are a fun team to watch and this will give us the opportunity to let those people see that."

The Anniversary Award has been given out to the winner of the BGSU-Kent State game since 1985 and the people of Northeast

Ohio will be hoping the move can help rekindle an old MAC rivalry dating back to 1920.

Miami and Ohio University have also been conference rivals in the past for the Falcons, dating back to the inception of the conference. Though OU has struggled of late, the Falcon-RedHawk rivalry is still very much alive after the teams met in the 2003 MAC championship game and the RedHawks were picked to finish second behind BGSU in the East pre-season poll.

A move east also sets up the possibility for a BGSU-Toledo match-up occurring twice in the matter of a week as the MAC

Championship game in Detroit is scheduled just nine days after the annual game at Doyt Perry Stadium. This could open up a new chapter in what many consider to be the MAC's equivalent to the game between Ohio State and Michigan in the Big Ten.

Could fans see BGSU's Omar Jacobs and UT's Bruce Gradkowski air it out in both an outdoor and indoor setting?

Well, that may well be the case, as well as the possibility of getting to see BGSU try to slow down NIU's Garrett Wolfe twice in the same season.

But for the players, as much as the possibilities are endless for

this upcoming season, they know it's business as usual.

"Every game counts toward our goal," BGSU running back P.J. Pope said. "We have to go out there every game and play it like it is the big game no matter if we are in the East or the West. We have to approach every game as if it is the same."

With BGSU moving to the East, the West will now consist of Ball State, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, NIU, Toledo and Western Michigan. The East Division will include Akron, BGSU, Buffalo, Kent State, Miami and OU.

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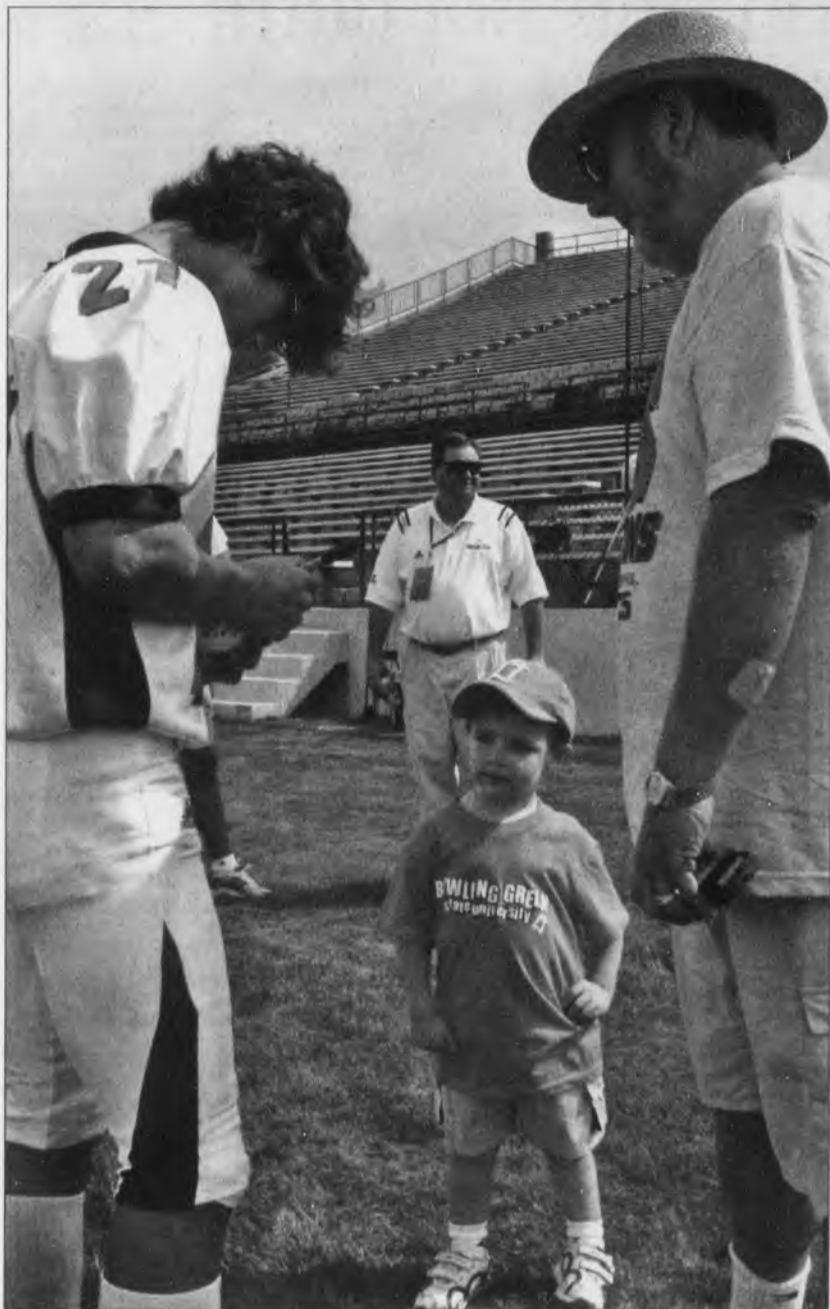
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# FALCON FAN



Jen Paal BG News

**PRECIOUS MEMORIES:** Trevor Locknane gets an autograph from Rhett Magner as he and his grandfather visit their favorite football team during media day. He also was able to get an autograph and picture from coach Gregg Brandon and his favorite player of the moment, Omar Jacobs.

# Temple faces brutal schedule

TEMPLE, FROM PAGE 15

pleasant housewarming gift. Temple, which announced its move to the MAC on May 17, won't gain full membership until the 2007 season.

"We're very excited about our future in the MAC," Temple coach Bobby Wallace said. "It plays a little bit of a factor in this coming season. We only play four MAC teams this year and three are the top teams in the league."

That's not even including the rest of the Owls' brutal schedule, which includes games against Arizona State, Wisconsin, Maryland, Miami (Fla.), Clemson, Virginia and Navy. All but Western Michigan and Maryland had winning records in 2004. Those two and Clemson are also the only teams on Temple's schedule that didn't advance to a bowl game last year.

"For the future, it's a very exciting moment," Wallace said about his team's new home. "It's kind of the final piece of the puzzle to make us a competitive Division I program."

You've got to hand it to Wallace. Most coaches wouldn't share his upbeat sentiments if they experienced what's he's gone through against MAC teams.

On Oct. 2, the Owls were destroyed 70-16 by visiting BG, a week after they were beaten 45-17 by Toledo. In the former contest, BG's Omar Jacobs threw for an amazing 367 yards on 21-of-26 passing. Temple was

*"[Bowling Green] annihilated us and embarrassed us at Lincoln Financial Field and I will say this, the coach tried hard not to, but at the same time, we couldn't do anything right that day."*

**BOBBY WALLACE,**  
TEMPLE HEAD COACH

down 42-9 at the half.

"They annihilated us and embarrassed us at Lincoln Financial Field," said Wallace, who is just 19-60 since taking over the program in 1998. "And I will say this, the coach tried hard not to, but at the same time, we couldn't do anything right that day."

"Of the teams we played last year, Bowling Green was as good as anybody," he continued.

A lesser team would have mailed in the season after getting beat by more than 50 points by a MAC school, but Wallace's squad rebounded the following week and nearly knocked off eventual Big East champ, Pittsburgh, falling 27-22.

"We had two opportunities on fourth-and-goal against Pittsburgh and didn't score either time," Wallace said. "But we outplayed them up and

down the field and lost in the fourth quarter."

Following the pounding from BG, Temple was never blown out again. The Owls even upset Syracuse, 34-24, at home Nov. 13.

Wallace will be especially attentive to detail when his team travels to BG this season. He wasn't timid about discussing his mission of trying to solve the Falcons' pass-happy offense, which has destroyed secondaries from around the league over the past few seasons.

"Their ability to line up and change plays - I think it started with [former BG head coach] Urban Meyer, and Gregg's carried it on," he said. "It's been very successful whether it's been in Bowling Green, Utah, and it will be successful in Florida, too, you watch it. Someone has to figure it out - and they will - but it takes time. Defensive coaches all over the country talk to each other about how to figure out what to do, and I think we've got to figure that out."

In addition to trying to duplicate BG's vertical assault, Wallace believes the Owls must become more physical to compete with the top-level MAC teams.

"The MAC is a very physical league of the teams we've played," he said. "I don't think as far as systematically we'll do anything different than what we've been trying to do."

A change of scenery may help the Owls do those things right.

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# MAC will install instant replay system on trial basis in 2005

Instant replay system based on one used in Big Ten Conference

Sean Corp  
SPORTS EDITOR

Following the lead of the Big 10, the Mid-American Conference has decided to implement an instant replay system for the 2005 football season.

The system will be used in every conference game and at the discretion of non-conference visiting opponents.

It is identical to the one that was used on a trial basis last season in the Big 10, but with one exception, instead of using the popular TiVo system to rewind the television feed, the MAC will assign a technical advisor and a communicator to all games viewing instant replay footage. In the instance a game is not televised, the MAC has agreed to have a video crew on hand solely for the purpose of handling instant replay footage. The choice to use instant replay will be up to the technical advisor. Neither game officials nor coaches are allowed to request that certain plays be reviewed.

Upon the announcement



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**ADVOCATE:** Coach Gregg Brandon strongly supports the decision to use instant replay. He wants to make sure the right calls are made.

of the instant replay system at the MAC Media Day in Detroit, BGSU Coach Gregg Brandon was particularly excited about the news.

"I think it's a great thing," he said. "If you play on TV and you have a chance to get a call right, why wouldn't you take advantage

of that?"

Another supporter of the new replay system is Miami of Ohio coach Shane Montgomery. "It is a good thing for the conference," he said. Montgomery then paused and noted, "It really can come down to a couple plays." Montgomery also thought that

it will be advantageous to officials, who he said have one of the hardest jobs there is. "To know that (instant replay) is there gives the officials a comfort zone," he said.

However, critics insist even though instant replay can occasionally be beneficial, it often ruins the pace of a hard-fought football game. "The only thing that worries me is the flow of the game," said first-year Western Michigan coach Bill Cubit.

According to MAC officials, the use of instant replay did not significantly slow down games in previous years. Between the 57 games that utilized instant replay in 2004, replay only accounted for three hours and 16 minutes. There was also less than one stop per game in 2004, so the system was not abused in the Big Ten.

The program implemented for the 2005 season will be on a one-year trial basis. Following the season, the NCAA Football Rules Committee will review the success of the rule and decide whether it should be added as a permanent rule change.

The MAC is among the nine of 11 Division I-A conferences to utilize an instant replay system in one form or another for the upcoming season.

## REPLAY GUIDELINES

### REVIEWABLE:

1. Plays governed by Sideline, Goal Line, End Zone and End Line:

- Scoring plays, including a runner breaking the plane of the goal line
- Pass complete/incomplete/intercepted at sideline, goal line, end zone and end line
- Runner/receiver in or out of bounds
- Recover of loose ball in or out of bounds

### 2. Passing plays:

- Pass ruled complete/incomplete/intercepted in the field of play
- Touching of a forward pass by an ineligible receiver
- Touching of a forward pass by a defensive player
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- Illegal forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage
- Illegal forward pass after change of possession
- Forward or backward pass behind the line of scrimmage

### 3. Other detectable infractions:

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- Touching of a kick
- Number of players on field
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## Potent offense looks to inflict damage in MAC

OFFENSE, FROM PAGE 15  
season.

In addition to their MAC schedule, the Falcons will play at Big Ten powerhouse Wisconsin and visit a very dangerous Boise State squad.

The Falcons have played some great competition the past few seasons, including Ohio State, Oklahoma, Northwestern, Memphis and Purdue. So how important will the season opener be at Wisconsin?

"It's a big game, and I think it is going to be fun," Pope said. "Camp Randall is a tough place to play. We always love a challenge, and it is always fun to go in and show what we can do."



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**HOLDOVER:** Holdover Teddy Piepkow returns on a Falcon defense that features many holes to fill and many doubters to prove wrong.

## Falcons aim to show skeptics they aren't one-dimensional

Defense vital to BG's quest for a MAC Championship trophy

By Matt Deighton  
SPORTS REPORTER

If there's one thing the Bowling Green Falcon defensive unit learned last season, it was not to let the cushion of a 20 point lead be enough, and that there is no such thing as a guaranteed win.

The entire Falcon football team learned that lesson the hard way on a fateful November night last fall against their 1-75 rivals.

Toledo rocketed past the Falcons after trailing 27-7 at halftime and scored 35 unanswered points to come back and win by a final score of 49-41. The second half meltdown by the defense resulted in Toledo's entry in the MAC championship game, and ultimately lost a shot at the title.

With that loss still lingering in the minds of returning players and coaches, the team — and more specifically the defense, — has stepped it up big time at camp this summer.

Coach Greg Brandon along with Defensive Coordinator John Lovett just doesn't want to see another meltdown like the one a year ago that may have cost the team a MAC championship crown.

In the past few years, the orange and brown have been spoiled on offense by players like Josh Harris and Omar Jacobs, not to mention one of the nation's best receiving units. This has given the defense a cushion to fall back on when they haven't played their best.

This year, however, will be different.

The Falcons once again return this season with one of the nation's top offenses, though they are still on a quest for the elusive MAC title, so with the offense producing enough to get them there, the improvements on defense will either make it or break it in 2005.

With those expectations comes discipline, and the Falcon "D" is feeling the heat thus far in summer camp.

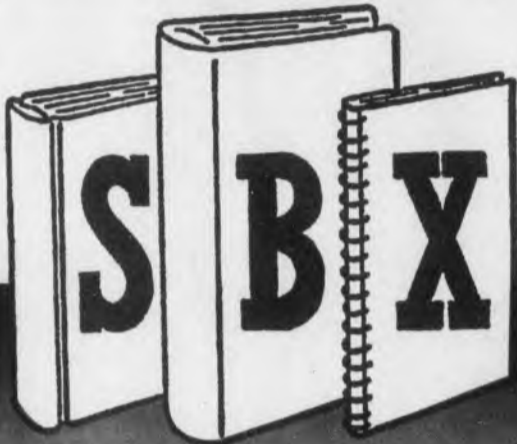
With two-a-days now in full-swing and soon to be over, the guys are working extra hard on bringing this defense to a championship level.

Lovett is pleased with the level of effort and overall progress so far in camp and feels like his defense is already coming together and working more as a group.

"I feel pretty good about our defense. (They) are starting to grasp the concepts that we are teaching. (They are) going to get better as we go along."

The Falcon defense is indeed something to watch this year.

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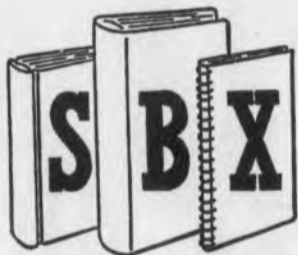


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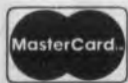
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## Pressure felt by football program



**RYAN AUTULLO**  
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If we're to take The Champ at his word — as if he ever gave us a choice — the BGSU football team should be considered a fresh set of treads waiting to embark on foreign territory.

Not long ago BGSU was scheduling games with big-time programs to earn a bit of publicity, but more importantly, a fat paycheck. Now, the most important factor concerning money is how many points the Falcons will be favored to win by.

"I heard Lloyd Carr make a statement about Michigan. He said people come to Michigan to win football games," Brandon said about the veteran Wolverine coach. "They want that pressure. I think our program's at that level now."

It's not unreasonable to suggest BGSU will be the odds on favorite when they travel to play

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# Team looks to rebound after 2004 season

## MEN'S SOCCER

After winless 2004 campaign team looks to wipe slate clean

By Matt Deighton  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green men's soccer team will begin fresh this season and try to get into the winning column for the first time since 2003.

Head Coach Fred Thompson, in his second year and assistant Tony Economopoulos lead the team of 21 players into the 2005 season where they will try and wipe the slate clean of a terrible 2004 campaign.

The team finished last season with a record of 0-18 (0-21 including the preseason and postseason tournament), which is the worst record in school history.

"Last year was just the beginning of the process for us," Thompson said. "Now that we've got that year over and done with, we have to learn from it, build for the future and we're not going to let last year's record change the process."

Thompson believes last year's learning experiences have already begun to show their effects on his team's development. He has seen many improvements in his team's play including an increased level of leadership, understanding, teamwork, and commitment.

"We had a good spring season and saw some great things

from our guys. Now we've got to incorporate the new guys in with what we're working on."

The Falcons added 10 new freshmen in this year's recruiting class, hoping to begin rebuilding the struggling program.

Thompson couldn't be happier with the players coming in.

"Recruitment was excellent," he said. "They're all good students, good players, and have great character."

Thompson said he's really going to rely on some of the freshmen to do some important things this year on the field.

"They're all potentially great soccer players who [can] do a lot of things, and they're only going to get bigger and stronger."

"The only issue is how quickly they will get there."

Thompson specifically mentioned defenseman Kyle Williams and midfielder Cameron Hepple as two guys who have had great summers and will compete for considerable playing time this season.

The young guys will be looking up to several returning players who were important team leaders in 2004, including top scorer Omari Aldridge and other key players such as Matt Yanick, Gregory Hennelly and Albiola Sandy.

"We've got a couple guys coming back who are going to set a very good example for our young



BG News file photo

**BOLD LEAD IN:** Men's soccer team hopes to put the past behind them and return to past glory with a successful 2005 campaign.

guys and who will teach them some aspects of the game at the college level," Thompson said.

Omari Aldridge, senior, is projected to start at forward along with sophomore Albiola Sandy. Aldridge is a fierce attacker who

started almost every game last season and led the team with six goals and 14 points on offense. He was also named to the Kelme Classic All-Tournament Team in 2004.

The midfield unit is led by

Matt Yanick, senior, and Gregory Hennelly, sophomore.

The defense is led by Robert Aouad, senior, alongside John MacKenzie, sophomore, Kyle Williams, freshman, Jason Lopez, freshman, and Kyle McNayr, freshman.

However, the Falcons still have yet to decide on a starting goalkeeper.

Coach Thompson believes it will be a matter of time before he picks one of the five competing for the spot.

"Last year we went back and forth at keeper," he said. "No one really grabbed the position, and this year may come down the same way."

Brandon Decker and Tyler Dollins will most likely challenge for the starting nod come opening day. Other competing goalkeepers include sophomore Brent Petkus, and freshmen Mark Scholz and Paul Shoemaker.

"They're all solid keepers, and it's good to have that depth with that kind of talent," Thompson said.

BG begins their 2005 campaign with two home exhibition matches against the Oakland Golden Grizzlies this Saturday, followed by the Michigan Wolverines on Friday, Aug. 26. The Falcons will then go on the road for their first six games of the regular season before returning home for a Sept. 11 match against Evansville.

The Falcons' head coach

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| 2. | Northern Illinois | 220      |
| 3. | Eastern Michigan  | 133      |
| 4. | Central Michigan  | 111      |
| 5. | Western Michigan  | 103      |
| 6. | Ball State        | 73       |

### East Division

|      |               |          |
|------|---------------|----------|
| 1.   | Bowling Green | 241 pts. |
| 2.   | Miami         | 221      |
| 3.   | Ohio          | 125      |
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| Miami             | 6       |
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# New and old faces



### Akron Zips

Now that offensive focal point and team leader Charlie Frye is lining up under center for the Cleveland Browns, a new identity needs to be forged for the Akron Zips.

"You're talking about a great football player that was on the field for four years," said Akron coach J.D. Brookhart. "We have a whole new set of leadership. They had one voice for four years in Charlie," Brookhart said. Now, the coach is looking for new leaders to emerge from his veteran squad.

After some surprising success in the 2004 campaign, Brookhart, the reigning MAC Coach of the Year, enters his second season relying on veterans like wideout Domenik Hixon to carry much of the load, both on the field and in the locker room.

Hixon led Zips wideouts last season with 66 receptions for 882 yards.

Hixon has taken a lot of the responsibility of making sure new quarterback Luke Getsy has an easy transition under center.

"He's just a competitor. [The transition] isn't going to happen overnight," said Hixon on getting used to the new quarterback. "He's just a competitor. He wants that leadership role."

Akron hopes that he grows into that role and they continue to take steps toward being a power in the MAC East.

In order to do that they will have to rely on a green quarterback and an inexperienced offensive line so that experienced players like Hixon can get the ball in the endzone.

-Sean Corp



### Ball St. Cardinals

There are a couple of things going against Ball State entering the 2005 season. First is the fact that a team that went just 2-9 last year is attacking its most difficult opening schedule in school history.

Their opponents for the first four games of the '05 season went a combined 40-8 last season including games against Bowling Green in week two and an undefeated Auburn team the week after.

They then have to face an improving Boston College team two weeks later.

Also a factor, the Cardinals will be missing their star running back and MAC Freshman of the Year Adell Givens. Givens was dismissed from the team for academic reasons.

The good news is that the MAC West is up in the air as teams will be fighting for third place after mainstays Toledo and Northern Illinois.

Ball State has some continuity and experience on their roster that Central Michigan, Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan lack.

"Winning is a process that takes time," said third year coach Brady Hoke. "We have made progress in each of the last two seasons, and we are really excited about the 2005 campaign."

If they manage to squeak through their first six games with more than just one win against Western Michigan to show for it, they have a chance to secure third place in the West and keep building toward more success.

-Sean Corp



### Buffalo Bulls

Every year Buffalo hopes this is the season they take that vital step toward respectability. Every year they seem to be disappointed. Since 2000 they are 9-48. However, they believe they have found the man for the job in Jim Hoffer who was recently given a contract extension through 2006.

Buffalo has spent years going through what Western Michigan is about to begin. Throwing underclassmen on the field before they are ready so they can get valuable game experience.

Buffalo is hoping all those lumps on the field finally equal wins for the 2005 campaign. Buffalo has 16 returning starters from last year with a combined experience of 369 starts under their belts.

"We've got to become a much better-scoring offensive team," said Hoffer when assessing his offense. "And that will happen when we perform the fundamentals better — blocking, catching and passing the ball as well as rushing. If we're going to be good, we have to be good in all things."

One of the necessities of a successful season is stability at quarterback. It is something Buffalo has lacked for years. Unfortunately, this year things seem to be as cloudy as ever as four players are vying for the starting job. If consistency and leadership emerge, then perhaps this is the year Buffalo takes a big step forward. But then again, there is always next year.

-Sean Corp



### Kent St. Golden Flashes

After a rough start out of the gate for first-year coach Doug Martin, the Golden Flashes showed a lot of promise in their last four games of the '04 season.

However, if Kent State expects the kind of success they experienced in the second half of last season they will have to rely heavily on their defense, which surprised many when they ranked as the number one defense in the conference.

In defensive coordinator Pete Rektis' first year the Golden Flashes utilized speed and big plays to dominate opposing teams. They set a school record in 2004 by sacking the opposing quarterback 34 times. They also led the MAC with 15 interceptions.

The biggest question for the team lies at the quarterback position where they will have to rely on a group of signal callers who have a combined total of four snaps under center at Kent State.

All four of those snaps were taken by sophomore Tom Sitko, who sat out most of spring drills recovering from a knee injury.

The Golden Flashes will be relying on the unproven Michael Machen, a junior college transfer who has spent the last few years playing minor league baseball in the Atlanta Braves' and Baltimore Orioles' organizations. Kent State is hoping this inexperience doesn't force them to have a similarly painful start to the season as they had last year.

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# headline '05 MAC



## Miami (OH) RedHawks

If Bowling Green is considered the number one team in the MAC East, then the Redhawks are 1A.

They have a good balance of superior offense and superior defense that make them one of the continual powerhouses in the MAC.

Miami hopes to follow the successful path set by Gregg Brandon of the Falcons as Shane Montgomery transitions from offensive coordinator to head coach of a winning program.

"Gregg's doing a great job over there," Montgomery said of his biggest competition for a division crown. "Very similar situation to me in that he was a coordinator when he took over when Urban left, and he's kept them going, and I hope I can do the same at Miami."

"There's no substitute for experience," Montgomery said.

He has quite an initiation as head coach as the first game of his career will be down in "The Horseshoe" in Columbus, as the RedHawks face off against Big Ten powerhouse Ohio State.

Quarterback Josh Betts is eager to get the season started in Columbus and is focusing on improving over his 2004 campaign when turnovers sullied an otherwise impeccable season. "Personally, I want to limit my turnovers," Betts said of his season goals. "All I want is to get us back into the MAC championship game, come out with a victory there and get a ring."

To do that, they have to face off against the Falcons Nov. 15. It could be the game that decides the MAC Championship.

-Sean Corp



## Ohio University Bobcats

Don't blame Frank Solich if he chose to pass out nametags at the first team meeting upon being hired as head football coach at Ohio University.

Even though the former Nebraska coach spent last season watching college football from home, he never got a chance to check out his new team.

"I didn't know very much about Ohio University," said Solich, who took the job in December. "I never saw Ohio University on TV. And there's a reason for that — they never were on TV."

Until now. With a coach who brings with him a resume that includes two Big 12 Coach of the Year honors, a trip to the national title game in 2001 and a winning percentage that ranks sixth among Division I-A active coaches, OU will now be known for more than just wild Halloween parties.

"I'm excited to be there and it's a little embarrassing to have gotten as much recognition around Athens because I haven't done a thing there yet," said Solich, one of three new head coaches in the MAC.

Keeping the fans interested, though, will certainly be a challenge for Solich.

The Bobcats finished just 4-7 last year and were tied for fifth in the East division of the Mid-American Conference. They will kick off the season with a rigorous non-conference slate, which includes games against Northwestern, Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech.

"What our intent will be is to maximize our abilities and to play the very best we can play in every one of those non-conference games, and then see how that plays out," Solich said.

-Ryan Autullo



## Toledo Rockets

If he hadn't already found his niche as a quarterback, Bruce Gradkowski may have recently tried his hand — literally — on the baseball diamond.

Comparing himself to Henry on the cheesy 1993 baseball film, "Rookie of the Year," the senior quarterback said he's confident he will return to his record-setting ways after undergoing off-season surgery on his right (throwing) hand.

"It's a bionic hand now, so I can zing that ball around even better," said Gradkowski with a smile.

That's a tough thing to ask of someone who threw for more than 3,500 yards and 27 scores while leading his squad to a conference title. Gradkowski suffered the injury — and a dislocated shoulder — during the Rockets' 35-27 win over Miami in the MAC championship game. Gradkowski, the only Division I-A to complete 70 percent of his passes in consecutive seasons, was amazingly named MVP of the title game despite obviously being hindered.

"I think it's just the way I was brought up," Gradkowski said of his resiliency. "My parents brought me up to be tough and just to work hard."

Gradkowski, who re-injured the hand during a bowl game loss to Connecticut, is the main reason why Toledo was picked by the media to win the West again.

"I sleep better at night knowing I have a quarterback who's a leader and a competitor," Rocket coach, Tom Amstutz said. "When your quarterback steps on the field and ready to go, that makes the other players respond."

-Ryan Autullo



## Western Mich. Broncos

Bill Cubit has returned to his beloved Broncos after a five-year hiatus as offensive coordinator at Stanford. His mission is to return pride and honor to a franchise that has taken a beating the last few seasons and hit rock bottom in 2004 with a 1-10 record, including 10 losses in a row.

"My main responsibility," Cubit said, "is these kids and making them feel good."

Cubit then talked about trying to build up the confidence of a clearly shaken team.

"To hear that some of these kids didn't want to wear their letter jackets around campus because they were embarrassed," he said, "to hear that kids didn't want to go out because their self worth was so low, that's not right; that's wrong."

To right these wrongs, Cubit plans on building from the ground up.

"I'm looking for the kids to do the right job in the classroom, the right job in the community, the right thing in the weight room, things that give us a chance to go out there and win," he said. "Last year, they had no chance because they didn't do all the things leading up to the first game."

After building up their self respect, Cubit has been building up their toughness so his young players will come out of this season's growing pains with the right attitude.

"We're going to make it as hard as we possibly can so that hopefully down the line it's going to be so hard for them to surrender that they won't do it," Cubit said.

While the pains are inevitable, the important part for Cubit is the growing.

-Sean Corp

## USA Today/ESPN Preseason Top 25 poll

|     |                |           |
|-----|----------------|-----------|
| 1.  | USC            | 1547 pts. |
| 2.  | Texas          | 1405      |
| 3.  | Tennessee      | 1259      |
| 4.  | Michigan       | 1242      |
| 5.  | Oklahoma       | 1223      |
| 6.  | LSU            | 1109      |
| 7.  | Virginia Tech  | 1090      |
| 8.  | Miami (FL)     | 1080      |
| 9.  | Ohio State     | 1033      |
| 10. | Iowa           | 1014      |
| 11. | Florida        | 910       |
| 12. | Florida State  | 879       |
| 13. | Georgia        | 838       |
| 14. | Louisville     | 758       |
| 15. | Auburn         | 723       |
| 16. | Purdue         | 616       |
| 17. | Texas A&M      | 366       |
| 18. | Arizona State  | 304       |
| 19. | Boise State    | 303       |
| 20. | California     | 293       |
| 21. | Texas Tech     | 247       |
| 22. | Boston College | 237       |
| 23. | Virginia       | 210       |
| 24. | Alabama        | 194       |
| 25. | Pittsburgh     | 193       |

### Others Receiving Votes:

Fresno State 188, Oregon 145, Utah 103, Georgia Tech 88, Wisconsin 79, North Carolina State 69, **Bowling Green 63**, Penn State 44, Colorado 40, Minnesota 34, UCLA 24, UTEP 22, Nebraska 21, Kansas State 20, South Carolina 16, Notre Dame 13, Wyoming 12, West Virginia 12, New Mexico 9, Clemson 9, Arizona 8, Northern Illinois 8, Southern Miss 7, **Toledo 7**, Washington State 7, Michigan State 6, Iowa State 6, Memphis 5, Washington 4, **Miami (OH) 3**, Maryland 2, Kansas 1, Duke 1, UAB 1



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**FINISH:** Jamie Rowflow hopes to follow up a successful freshman year with an equally successful sophomore season this year.

## Healthy season a goal for Wells

Coach Cami Wells believes the Falcons will benefit from a clean bill of health

By Ryan Autullo  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Cami Wells was able to extract a plethora of positives from what she saw during the first week of cross country practice. What was missing, though, made the veteran BGSU coach even happier. Conspicuously absent from the Falcons' first practice Monday were injuries — a common trend that has impeded Wells' squad in previous seasons.

"There's a fine line between pushing yourself and pushing yourself past where it's healthy to do so," said Wells, who will begin her seventh season as women's coach and fourth on the men's side. "I think they've learned from their injuries and are more careful."

Returning from injuries on the men's side are Edgar Ramirez and Jeff Wright. Wells will also welcome back Caroline Hillman, Bridget Dalic, Andrea Pollack and Kim Settle on the women's side.

Wells said all of the team's injuries were leg-related. "You're pretty lucky if you make it through four years

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# Piepkow, Jordan lead Falcon defense

DEFENSE, FROM PAGE 18

With six returning starters and many vital holes to fill in the lineup, camp has been both extremely competitive and enjoyable to watch.

Returning starters include Mike Thaler, Brad Williams, Devon Parks, Ted Piepkow, Jelani Jordan and Terrill Mayberry.

All six will return to lead a veteran starting lineup and a young bench.

The defensive line, which helped allow 132.4 yards per game on the ground last year, will line up with Thaler, senior, at nose guard, Monte Cooley, senior, at defensive tackle and juniors Williams and Parks at defensive end. Thaler is expected to have another NFL-worthy season, while Williams and Parks are expected to step up considerably and have impact seasons for the Falcons in 2005.

Starting at linebacker will be Teddy Piepkow, senior, at the weakside, Jamien Johnson, senior, in the middle and Terrel White, junior, on the strongside. Piepkow will continue to be a force again this year with his 160 career tackles, and Johnson and White will step up and start for the first time in their careers.

The backfield, which was nationally ranked 104th in pass defense in 2004 according by The Associated Press, will be put to the ultimate test this season, after losing Keon Newson and T.J. Carswell from their starting lineup. At corner, the Falcons will start Jelani Jordan, senior, and Terrill Mayberry, senior. The starting safeties will most likely be Tim Arnold, senior, and Mike Crumpler, senior. Jordan and Mayberry return to their same positions, while Arnold and Crumpler will start for their first times and attempt to fill some

big shoes at safety.

With much-needed depth coming out of camp this summer, the defense will be able to continuously rotate players on and off the field, a common method used by Brandon in past seasons. Last year the Falcons rotated nine defensive linemen, and some even moved to defensive end.

"These guys want to play, and they're working very hard," said Coach Brandon, following the Falcons' Aug. 13 scrimmage.

"We've got several (young) guys who have shown up and are starting to show some signs," Lovett said about the younger players. "There are certainly some freshmen who could get into the mix. Those guys have shown some real promise."

The young guys will need to prove themselves right away in 2005, with upcoming battles with Big Ten power Wisconsin,

and Boise State.

Both coaches feel like the defense is fully prepared and will be ready to play against their opening day Big Ten challengers.

Both agree that the size of the Wisconsin front line will not be a factor, and that the only challenge will be coming mentally prepared and focused on shutting down an offense that accumulated 328 yards and scored 21 points per game.

"We just have to go out there and play tough," Coach Lovett said. "We have to be committed and have pride in stopping the other team."

"We have shown real commitment. And that's what really excites me."

The Falcon defense will be ready to take the field Sept. 3 when they play Wisconsin.

# Falcons no longer underdog in NCAA

PRESSURE, FROM PAGE 19

Sept. 3. That's the same Badger team who embarrassed BGSU, 39-18 in 1992.

A win over Wisconsin won't send shockwaves through campus in the same way the Falcons upset victory over Purdue two years ago nearly forced area cardiologists to be on alert. Nor should it. BGSU is ready more than ever for the big time.

There was probably only one team who could beat Oklahoma last year, and the Falcons were not it. Still, Mid-American Conference teams aren't sup-

posed to lose by only 16 points to the eventual Big 12 champion or outscore it in the second half. If Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops didn't care who BGSU was before that day, he definitely wasn't alone. A few years ago, powerhouses scheduled early games against teams like BGSU for cheap laughter and as an avenue to get ready for "real games." The Falcons had nothing to lose in those contests. You'll never hear such words come from Gregg Brandon.

"Kids come to Bowling Green because they want to play in the big game," Brandon said.

"You're going to play in the big game here."

In Brandon's two years, the Falcons have defeated the always-tough Boilermakers, an ever-improving Northwestern squad and nearly silenced The Shoe, taking an unflappable Ohio State team down to the last play. It's never been realistic for a major program to play at Bowling Green, but it's a situation worth addressing if BGSU continues its stellar play in non-conference games.

BGSU will head west for a Sept. 21 game with Boise State on its blue turf. That's a Broncos

team who was four points away from finishing last season unbeaten. We'll get a solid indication of what Boise has when it travels to meet SEC power Georgia in the season opener.

My former boss and good friend, now an editor at a paper in UGA's hometown, is predicting a Boise win. He wasn't so sure about the Broncos' chances against BGSU, though.

"I think the pressure to win — we've created that," said BGSU coach Gregg Brandon. "We've raised the bar here. Those expectations, we want."

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# Sophomore class is the present and future

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without some sort of injury," she said.

The groundwork for the future of the Falcon women's program was set in 2004 by promising freshmen Stephanie Hillman and Jamie Roflow. Now sophomores, the duo will be asked to lead a young BGSU squad which finished seventh in the Mid-American Conference last year — its highest finish at the meet since 1998.

Hillman, the twin sister of fellow runner Caroline, finished in the top-five for the Falcons in three meets last year. Her best showing came at the most opportune time when she was second on the team (21st overall) at the league meet. Roflow was the top Falcon runner in four meets, including the All-

Ohio meet in which she was number 11 overall.

"We have a strong team back, and I knew we would," Wells said. "We had a very good freshman class last year and our sophomore class did well, also. Roflow and Hillman look very good at preseason practice. They had good summers and had good times in road races."

Wells expects this year's team to be better than the 2004 squad despite losing three key contributors to graduation. Niki Sutor, Melissa Krueger and Elise Gould each led the Falcons during at least one meet last year. Sutor also holds the school record in the 6K.

"It's kind of a shock not having them there," Wells said. "They did a nice job running for us."

Replacing the trio from a

*"There's a fine line between pushing yourself and pushing yourself past where it is healthy to do so."*

CAMI WELLS, COACH

leadership standpoint will be co-captains Settle and Emily Jackson.

They'll mix with a group of five freshmen, who Wells said are talented, but will need to make an adjustment from the high school ranks. Wells said Kylie Korsnack and Colleen Moran appear to be the leaders of the class early on.

"We'll see down the road as far as where they'll end up in

the lineup," she said. "There certainly could be [freshmen] who are vying for spots in our top seven."

A string of injuries has forced one Kenyan runner to quit the men's program, while another is hoping to fully recover from leg problems that dampened his late-season performance. Edwin Cheriuyot, the team's No. 2 runner for most of last year, unfortunately is done running because of "too many injuries," according to Wells.

"It happens so I'm not too worried about that having too much of an effect on the team," she said.

Rogers Kipchumba, the Falcons' top runner last year, appears to be recovered from a nagging injury he sustained in soccer when he was younger. The injury hindered Kipchumba

in the latter stages of the season as he finished a dissatisfying 64th at the regional meet.

"He's pretty disappointed not to do as well, especially at regionals," Wells said. "So far, he's put in a good summer and is ahead of where he was last year. Hopefully, he's first-team All-MAC and in a position to qualify for nationals."

"Hopefully, he's gotten over [the injury]," she said.

Seniors Steve Vairetta and Bryan Jackson were selected to captain a team which finished last in the 2004 MAC meet.

"We had a hard time last year with big gaps between the top three and the four and five runners," Wells said. "We need to close that gap and obviously improve on our finish in all the meets — especially our conference meet."

# Soccer looks for rebound season in '05

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believes that this season will bring more success than disappointment.

"A year ago now we weren't really sure what we were doing and what exactly we wanted to accomplish with the season," he said.

"It should be a turn-around year for us. We should surprise some teams."

Thompson looks for an exciting year and calls on everyone to come out and support the team.

"The more support we get for these young guys the better, because the more comfortable their environment, the easier it is for them to excel."

# Coach believes spending time together off field helps on field

W SOCCER, FROM PAGE 13

by captains Natalie Sampiller and Ashley Wentzel, has already established plenty of match experience and team chemistry. Seniors include goalkeeper Ali Shingler, midfielders Molly Bremen, Leah Eggleton, Julie Trundle, Samantha Meister, defender Megan Rapp and forward Britt Anderson.

"From those nine seniors, we have an awful lot of experience,"

Richards said. "They have the ability to play together well. We're looking to their talent and leadership."

Lindsey Carter, a strong midfielder and established starter, will be the lone returning junior.

A hardworking sophomore class will bring additional experience to the squad. Defenders Danielle Cygan and Rachel Ross, forward Tiernay Tilford and midfielder Janie Babich return

this year. Gina Rossi, a standout freshman last year, will be sidelined for the season with an ACL injury.

Joining the BGSU veterans will be junior goalkeeper Katie Kopf, a transfer from Long Beach Community College, and sophomore defender Karie Sahly, a transfer from Valparaiso.

A strong freshman class will also bring depth to the squad.

"They're all just finding their

*"We're excited about the level of recruits we've brought in."*

ANDY RICHARDS, WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

feet right now," Richards said. "We're excited about the level of recruits we've brought in."

Richards, who is in his sixth season at the helm, had been

working on offensive attacks through the first few days of practice and will also focus on defense throughout the pre-season.

"On the field, we're trying to be very structured and make sure we're learning and keeping positive," he said. "Off the field, we encourage [the players] to spend time with each other. That's never been a problem, their very welcoming to new

faces." Richards hopes, the Friday night bowling trip during the first week of practice helped the team mix fun with the hard work required to prepare for a tough season.

The squad will have nine non-conference contests it begins MAC play. The Falcons will open the season with an exhibition match against Tiffin at 4 p.m. Aug. 23 at home.

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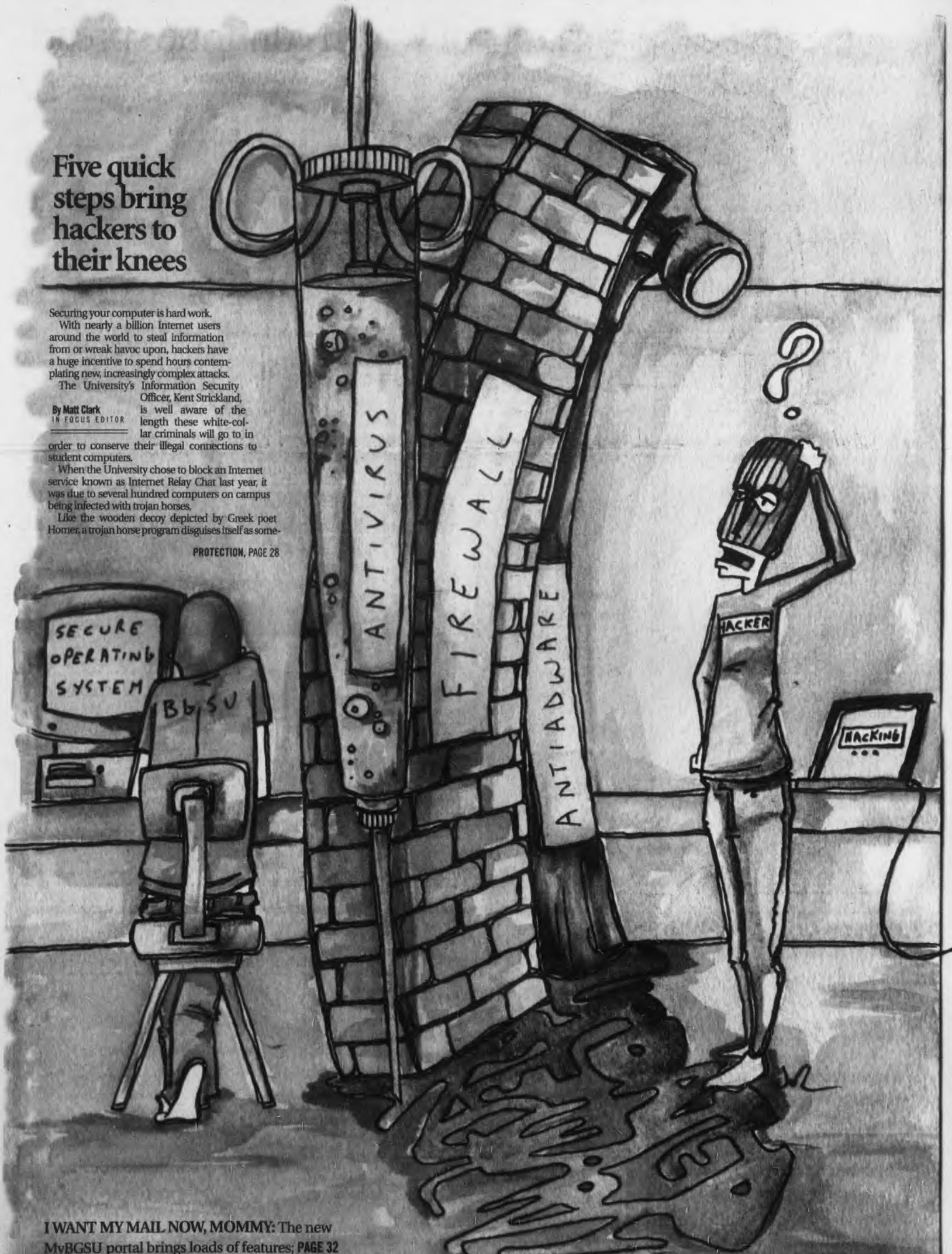
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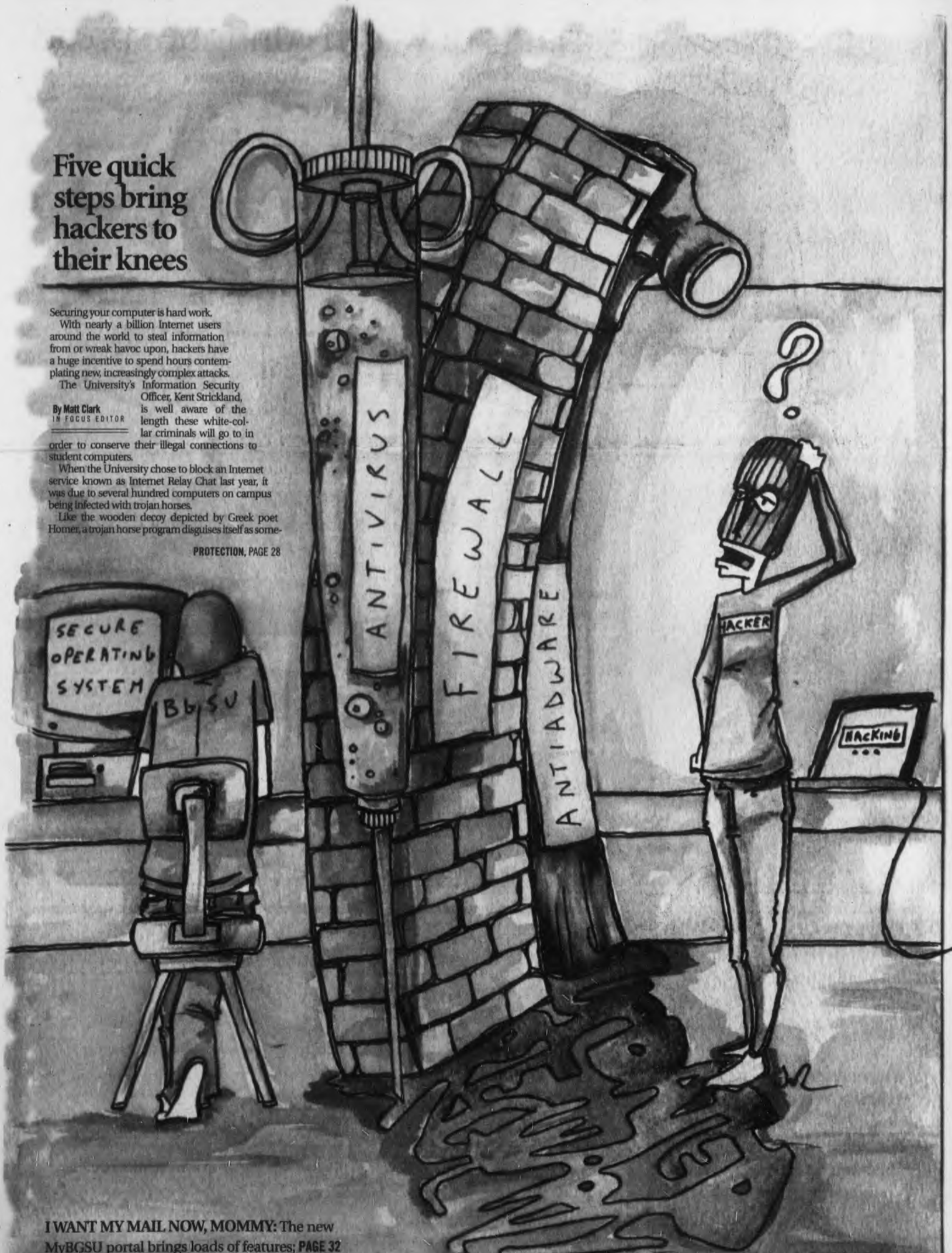
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# Stanford work enhances password security

Browser extension fools hackers, phishers by replacing legitimate passwords with decoy data

By Rose Jenkins  
U-WIRE

STANFORD, Calif. — Aware of the rampant growth of high-profile online information thefts, a team of Stanford University computer science researchers said they feel that there is clearly a need to make Internet users' passwords more secure.

These researchers — Colin Jackson, a computer science doctoral student; junior Nicholas Miyake; sophomore Blake Ross; and computer science professors Dan Boneh and John C. Mitchell — have created a browser extension that helps protect passwords and is free and open to the public.

Ross started PwdHash during a project for a Freshman Introductory Seminar taught by

Boneh in 2003-2004, and the others joined the effort later. Jackson presented a paper that the team wrote about the product at the 14th annual Usenix Security Symposium in Baltimore, Md., on Aug. 3.

Many Internet users employ the same password at a variety of sites, Miyake explained. This is a problem because hackers can steal passwords from low-security Web sites, such as dating Web sites and then use them to circumvent the security systems at other, more sensitive Web sites, like those of a bank, he said.

Therefore, rather than focus on the secure storage of passwords, PwdHash creates new passwords that fool hackers. When PwdHash users visit a Web site that demands

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NICHOLAS MIYAKE, RESEARCHER

a password, they either "choose a password that starts with the

special prefix '@@' or press a special password key (F2)," according to the research team. This prompts PwdHash to jumble the actual password and mix it with text from the site's Web address, Jackson explained. If hackers try to take the password, they will see the scrambled code rather than the actual password.

"Our solution is somewhat different than others in that we focus on protecting the password itself rather than informing the user about whether or not they are at a legitimate site," Miyake said.

PwdHash is available as both a "plug-in" version, essentially a download, for Internet Explorer (at <http://crypto.stanford.edu/PwdHash/>) and Mozilla Firefox (at <http://addons.mozilla.org>), and as

a Web-based version that doesn't need to be downloaded (<https://www.pwdhash.com/>).

The security technique used in PwdHash also makes it a useful defense against phishing, the common hacking strategy in which hackers set up fake Web sites to look like their authentic counterparts, collect users' passwords, and then use them at other, more secure sites, Jackson said.

Because PwdHash creates scrambled passwords, hackers will unknowingly collect false passwords which they will not be able to use at other sites.

Though it was not originally designed to prevent phishing, the PwdHash team has also investigated and attempted to thwart other common phishing tech-

niques, like Javascript codes that would detect the users' keystrokes and thus the actual password.

"Almost all of these are scenarios that we thought about ourselves — we would brainstorm ways that one might attack the plug-in, implement samples of such techniques if necessary and then figure out how to defend against it," Miyake said.

Notably, PwdHash is not completely foolproof. Users have reported incompatibility with certain browsers and with certain Web sites, but its creators have been working hard to address those problems.

While an older version of the extension is available for Internet

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## Welcome to the In Focus, readers



MATT CLARK

In Focus Editor

Wonderful readers, say hello to In Focus, the newest edition to the BGNews.

We are proud to bring you a new section that every month will focus on a fresh topic of particular interest to you.

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## Variants of worm continue spread

ABC News producers forced to use electric typewriters for scripts

By Greg Sandoval  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Several new variants of a computer worm emerged Wednesday to attack corporate networks running the Windows 2000 operating system, just a week after Microsoft Corp. warned of the security flaw.

As experts predicted, the Windows hole proved a tempting target for rogue programmers, who quickly developed more effective variants on a worm that surfaced over the weekend and by Tuesday had snarled computers at several large companies.

Among companies affected by the worm and its variations were ABC, CNN, The Associated Press, The New York Times and Caterpillar Inc. In California, officials in San Diego County said it needed to cleanse 12,000 computers of the bug. ABC

News producers had to use electric typewriters Tuesday to prepare copy for their "World News Tonight" broadcast, according to spokesman Jeffrey Schneider.

On Wednesday, four new variants of the worm had been detected by F-Secure Corp. in Finland, bringing the total to 11, said Mikko Hypponen, the company's manager of anti-virus research. He said the variations apparently had been programmed to compete with each other.

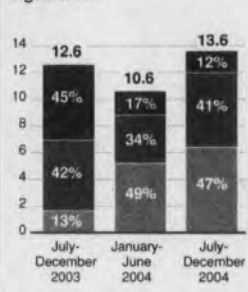
Estimates of how many computers are affected are difficult to come by because the worm travels directly over Internet connections rather than through e-mail. Hypponen said reports of problems were isolated in Europe and Asia, and it appeared the worst damage was happening on U.S. computers.

That means this worm will likely create far less havoc than other notable exploits in recent years, such as Sasser or Blaster, he added.

Most anti-virus companies

### CATCHING THE WORM

Worm attacks were on the decline last year, according to Symantec Corp., the top maker of network security software. Computer attacks per day on an average organization:



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stabilized despite the appearance of new variants. He said most companies, by now, have applied the necessary software fixes to address the underlying vulnerability.

"The vast majority of the big infections have taken place," he said.

The worms caused the most problems at companies with large, networked computer systems, rather than among individual computer users, David Perry, a security analyst at Trend Micro Inc., a computer security company, said Tuesday. The worms can attack a system without needing to open any software, so some users would be infected without knowing it.

Microsoft Corp. released a "critical" patch Aug. 9 for the vulnerability, which is most severe on Windows 2000 systems. Those computers can be accessed remotely through the operating system's "Plug and Play" hardware detection feature. Protective patches, plus instructions for fixing infect-

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# Firefox writer drops out, follows vision

Former Stanford student streamlines new software geared towards normal people

By Ellen Lee  
KRT CAMPUS

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Blake Ross is sprawled in a chair at a coffee shop near Stanford University, his long legs, clad in baggy Tommy Hilfiger jeans, stretched underneath the table. He looks like any other college student who happened to stroll off campus.

Yet as much as Ross blends in with the Stanford scene, the 20-year-old has also become a stand-out in the technology industry. At 17, he helped create the Firefox Web browser, which has since grown into the biggest threat to Microsoft's Internet Explorer since the Redmond, Wash., company battled and defeated the Netscape browser for Internet supremacy.

Now three years later, Ross has dropped out of college to build an Internet software company — just as Bill Gates, whom Ross is often compared to, did to start Microsoft Corp. His goal is modest, motivated by his mother and 81-year-old grandfather: to make software less clunky, more people-friendly. And it's clear he possesses at least the vision and technical skill to pull it off.

"I don't see the point in making software if you're not making software that people like to use," Ross said. "I think people feel responsible for their failings with the computer, but it's really not as easy as it could be."

As a child, Ross was a voracious reader. Before he had turned 10, he created a Web site devoted to the popular "Goosebumps" book series. At 11, he designed his first Internet-based software, a simple online game called the "Scrambler." He then moved on to create an online version of tic tac toe.

By the time Ross, a Miami native and the youngest of three siblings, had started high school, he had stumbled across a project calling for volunteer developers to help design Netscape's latest browser. He began by reporting bugs, then suggesting how to fix them. At the end of his freshman year, when he was 14, he was hired as an intern at Netscape. He moved to Mountain View, Calif.,

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JOE HEWITT, ROSS' PARTNER

for the summer with his mother, who drove him to work each day.

Despite the age gap, he fit right in. "We all acted like teenagers," said Joe Hewitt, a 22-year-old developer at Netscape at the time and now Ross' partner for their startup. "I think that's the secret in the software industry. It's like a frat house in a way. (And) as long as you have the technical proficiency, nothing else really matters."

### On their own time

But over time Ross, who also worked on a contract basis during the school year, and a small group of developers became increasingly frustrated with Netscape's direction with its browser. So Ross and another engineer, David Hyatt, now at Apple Inc., decided to start a Web browser project on their own time. They took the code that had already been written, copied it and started tweaking it, stripping it of complicated features and simplifying it.

Calling the project Phoenix at the time, they aimed to create a consumer-friendly browser, which, among other features, could block out pop-up advertisements and viruses. Soon others joined the cause. They hashed out details during midnight outings to a local Denny's.

Now, since Firefox launched version 1.0 in November, its share of the Internet browser market has climbed to 7 percent, according to WebSideStory, which tracks the industry. Microsoft's share, meanwhile, has fallen from 95 percent to 89 percent in the past year. More than 75 million copies of Firefox have been downloaded, and hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts have rallied around the Firefox cause.

"The main problem is Microsoft has completely abandoned its

users," Ross said. "I think it's a little irresponsible to completely drop development of a product that people use more than any other software on the computer. People were not happy with their online experience. The reason for Firefox is to give people a browser that will always be moving forward."

For its part, Microsoft said in an e-mailed response to questions that it has continued to update Internet Explorer, including adding new secure features. It also suggested that Firefox could become more vulnerable to attacks as it grows in popularity. "Microsoft welcomes competition because it drives innovation which benefits customers," the company said. "Ultimately, customers will choose the browser that best meets their needs, and we are confident that most will continue to use Internet Explorer."

With the rising number of Firefox users, most of them average, non-techie Web surfers, Firefox could also face an overwhelming demand for technical help, said Rob Enderle, principal analyst at the Enderle Group. Though Firefox is produced by the Mozilla Foundation, the unit that Ross worked for that has since spun out of Netscape into a nonprofit, the browser is largely a product developed and maintained by volunteer software engineers.

"I don't think a handful of volunteers can handle that kind of support load," Enderle said. Asa Dotzler, Mozilla's com-

munity coordinator, concedes that Mozilla underestimated demand when it released Firefox 1.0 in November. But Mozilla has addressed those problems and is fully prepared for the widespread launch of Firefox 1.5 this fall. "It's our No. 1 priority," Dotzler said.

Ross' energies have shifted since he started attending Stanford as a freshman in the fall of 2003. By then, the Firefox project had amassed support from developers around the world, and became the flagship product of Mozilla.

At Stanford, Ross juggled Firefox on top of courses in computer science and creative writing, his other passion. During his first quarter, he blew away the other 150 students in his computer science class and was asked to come back as a teaching assistant.

The year Ross took the course, Stanford computer science lecturer Jerry Cain gave his students "the hardest (exam) I'd given in the five years I'd been teaching," he said. Ross "scored better than I would have if I had taken it."

But school, Firefox and Firefox-related book deals, speaking requests and media interviews took their toll. He pulled a lot of all-nighters, was often holed up in his dorm room and didn't get to experience a full college life.

Ross also had begun thinking of his next project, a startup in which he and Hewitt could call the shots. Timing was essential. "Firefox might not have happened at the most convenient time for me, but it happened," he said. "Now is the time people are willing to listen to what I have to say next."

### Supportive 100 percent

Ross, a sophomore, dropped out of Stanford in April, though he plans to return as early as this fall. It was a difficult decision for his parents, but they are "supportive 100 percent," said Abby Ross,

his mother, who is so proud she sports a Firefox license plate on her PT Cruiser. "Of course I want to see him go back," she said. But "everybody is telling me, 'Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard.'"

Ross is mum on the idea behind the startup. Something to do with Internet-related software and solving software's problems, he teases. He and Hewitt, a 27-year-old who dropped out of college to work at Netscape, are hunting for office space, employees and investors. They have secured funding from Sequoia Capital, the same venture capital firm that seeded Yahoo Inc., Apple Inc. and Oracle Corp.

He also imagines a day in the future when he won't be focused solely on software. He plays the piano, enjoys Broadway musicals like "Les Miserables" and "Jekyll and Hyde" and dreams of writing a screenplay someday, both a comedy in the style of "Old School," the comedy starring Will Ferrell, Luke Wilson and Vince Vaughn, and something else "with meaning." Or else children's fiction, a fantasy along the lines of the popular "Harry Potter" series. Or a television sitcom.

"It's a chance to break free of the very rigorous and structured style of coding, and just write anything," he said. "I don't have too much time for (it) right now."

Incidentally, his Firefox project has opened a few doors to his dream of screenwriting. One of the producers of the "American Pie" movies, a Firefox fan, flew him to Los Angeles, took him to a private cigar bar ("Jean-Claude Van Damme was at the next table") and introduced him to a screenwriter. And he had lunch with an actor who will star in the thriller "Pulse," about students who discover an evil Web site, and who wanted to meet a young tech wizard. ("I didn't know if I should be flattered or not," said Ross, who eschews the geeky, techie stereotype.) The actor plans to wear a Firefox T-shirt in the film.

"It was a very surreal to be in the company of these people," Ross said about another encoun-

# Worm is a minor threat

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ed systems, are posted on Microsoft's Web site.

Companies that were slow to bolster their systems when Microsoft issued its security alert about the flaw may have left themselves vulnerable to the worm, said David Maynor, a security researcher with Atlanta-based Internet Security Systems Inc.

He said some IT professionals who considered their networks safe because they run Windows XP or 2003 were mistaken. The worms are automated Internet "bots" that need find only one unprotected computer running Windows 2000 within a network to propagate in the system.

Perry said the worm copies itself and then searches networks for other unprotected machines, causing no damage to data but clogging networks and rebooting its host computer.

"We did not see a widespread or fast spread of this in the first 24 hours," said Debby Fry Wilson, director of Microsoft's Security Response Center. "Over the last 24 hours, we've seen variance, where other hackers will take the worm and try to unleash a variant of the worm. So the worm continues to take on different forms."

Caterpillar worked Tuesday to clean up effects from the worm, which disrupted computer operations at several plants and offices over the weekend, the Peoria Ill.-based heavy equipment maker said.

The problem was controlled by Monday afternoon, company spokesman Rusty Dunn said.

San Diego County officials assembled a 200-person team to mend the computers and said it could fix about 3,000 a day.

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# Hackers release new attacks, but continue using old

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thing the computer user believes is harmless, even useful.

But once installed, the program allows a hacker to take control of the system, usually unbeknownst to the user.

Utilizing several infected computers around the world connected to the IRC service, the hackers coordinated an attack on a university in Sweden, placing that institution's network in a standstill.

The trojan horses were also logging every key pressed on infected computers, allowing them to steal students' identities.

They were even sniffing around the University network — a network that contains sensitive student data — finding open ports and infecting other computers.

The University began blocking IRC servers utilized by the hackers one by one at first, but the hackers were working together and automatically changed to another server.

When virus scanning companies caught up with the nasty programs, the hackers would mutate them to remain undetectable.

"When you have that many systems, with that many problems, security staff, the network staff, the Residential Computing Connection staff — all busy in an incident response mode trying to take care of all of these problems ... there is an opportunity cost there," he said.

The moral of the story is that no computer system is ever com-

pletely invulnerable to attack.

No virus scanner, firewall, or armed guard can stop all the attacks perpetrated by hackers around the world, but completing the following five basic steps will ensure that you are protected from the thousands of known attacks floating around on the information superhighway.

By doing so, you protect yourself and others connected to your computer from theft and data loss.

And as long as you are running the most recent version of your operating system — Microsoft Windows XP for PC users and MAC OS X for Apple users — none of the following steps will cost a dime.

## Use Common Sense

After the hard work of getting your computer set up with the latest security applications, the best defense against hackers is common sense.

If your Web browser asks permission to download and install a program, and you have no idea why it is doing so, then always click no.

If clicking no causes the Web site that you trust to display incorrectly you can always go back and install the program later. If you don't trust the Web site, it could be trying to deliver you a trojan horse or virus.

The same goes with programs or other unknown files sent as an attachment to an e-mail message or downloaded from a peer-to-peer file sharing program.

Any file downloaded to your computer may contain a malicious program, so if it is not trusted do not run it, just delete it.

Other e-mail attacks are perpetrated by a special group of hackers known as "phishers," who trick Internet users into revealing their personal information.

They do so by sending out e-mails or instant messages disguised as trusted financial institutions, online retailers, and other companies that conduct business on the Internet.

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Examples of what these vicious e-mails look like are available on the Web at [www.bgsu.edu/its/security/alerts/](http://www.bgsu.edu/its/security/alerts/).

Clicking on the link contained within one of these e-mails will lead to a bogus hacker-developed Web site that appears identical to the legitimate company's.

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The same goes with e-mails from EBay, PayPal, and other online accounts.

As a result of the increase in phishing attacks, EBay only communicates with its users through the EBay Web site. Internet companies rarely ask for a user's password.

Creating passwords that are easy to guess, such as words that are found in a dictionary, is another way computer users become vulnerable to attack.

Passwords should be more than 8 characters. They should contain numbers, uppercase letters, lowercase letters and special characters like an exclamation point.

They should not be in any dictionary, in any language, not even slang, swear, or obscure words. Never use the same password twice.

When a user's password can be found in a dictionary, all hackers need to do in order to gain access to that account is create a computer program that will attempt to log in using every word in an electronic dictionary.

They just sit back, and let the identities roll in.

## Use an Alternative

Use a different Firewall, Web Browser, and E-mail Client.

Macintosh users are lucky when it comes to security. There are fewer Macintosh computers out there, and, therefore, fewer attacks aimed at them.

A hacker looking to attack a computer will not waste time developing an attack that will work on only a fraction of the computers out there.

On the other hand, there are hundreds of millions of PC users running the same operating system, Microsoft Windows XP.

The result is a ton of attacks aimed specifically at it, and this article, therefore, will focus almost entirely on XP.

Another reason Macintosh computers see fewer attacks is because they come with a good, built-in firewall, and an alterna-

tive browser named Safari.

Safari is safer than its PC cousin Microsoft Internet Explorer also due to a game of numbers, but there are many features and vulnerabilities included with Explorer that open it to attack.

Internet Explorer is embedded within XP. If an attacker cracks Explorer, then they have cracked the entire system.

Explorer also includes ActiveX, which is a programming language used to develop applications for the Web. These applications can do very bad things to a computer system if used for the wrong purpose.

Of course, a few Web pages require ActiveX, and it is not recommended Explorer be uninstalled in order for these sites to be viewed properly.

However, an alternative browser for the PC known as Mozilla Firefox ([getfirefox.org](http://getfirefox.org)) is a favorite among many computer professionals, is free, and is much less vulnerable to attack.

According to Web consultation company ScanIT, Internet Explorer was 80 percent unsafe during 2004, whereas Firefox was only 14 percent unsafe. The numbers were determined by tests run on the company's Web site by 195,000 users.

Firefox also imports all settings, bookmarks, and other information from Explorer during installation.

There is even an e-mail client included, Thunderbird, which is less vulnerable than Microsoft's Outlook Express, and can serve as

a replacement.

After replacing Microsoft's vulnerable browser and e-mail client, the next step is to replace XP's less-than-desirable firewall.

A firewall protects a computer by acting as a traffic cop. It will allow "trusted" traffic, such as Web browsing to access your computer, but block intrusions, such as "port sniffers," a tactic used by hackers to gain access to a system.

A good firewall will also prevent programs on a computer from accessing the Internet.

If a trojan horse, for instance, attempts to access the Internet the firewall will ask the user if he/she wishes to allow such traffic.

By denying access, the user effectively disables the trojan horse. The Windows XP firewall does not have this option.

The most highly recommended firewall on the Internet — and an excellent replacement for XP's — is ZoneLab's ZoneAlarm, which is also free. It can be downloaded at [www.zonealabs.com](http://www.zonealabs.com).

In denying outgoing Internet access, be sure not to deny a trusted application.

## Install Virus Protection

After installing a decent firewall, computer users should protect themselves against viruses by installing a virus scanner that protects them by detecting files as they are downloaded. Once again, these utilities are also free.

The University provides an active virus scanner to all students

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# Not updating regularly is like having no protection at all

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living on campus. McAfee anti-virus has consistently been rated one of the top scanners out there, and can be downloaded from software.bgsu.edu/applications.htm.

Student computers may have come pre-installed with another top rated scanner, Norton anti-virus.

According to Mike Hachtel of the Residential Computing Connection, it's best to use McAfee for one very important reason: free updates from the University.

"McAfee isn't always the best one, but Norton isn't always the best one either," he said. "There are several others out there. They get really good and they're at the top of the industry and then somebody else kinda edges them out. McAfee has been purchased by the university, is supported, and we also offer free updates."

However, if you are located off-campus, there are several free anti-virus applications available on the Internet that get the job done, and

they too have free updates.

The most consistently recommended freeware anti-virus scanner is Grisoft's AVG. It can be downloaded from grisoft.com. Another good scanner is Antivir, available at free-av.com.

Because the anti-virus programs are active and will constantly be monitoring the system to see if downloaded or installed files contain a virus, it is only necessary to scan a computer for viruses once a month.

## Use Anti-Spyware Tools

A group of applications known as spyware have easily become the most annoying side effect of the Internet.

Spyware applications install themselves, sometimes without permission, and create pop-up advertisements on computers even when a browser is closed.

They run in the background and therefore slow a computer down, modify browser settings such as the start page, and monitor a user's surfing habits so they can sell it to marketing companies.

And recently, Computer World Magazine reported a massive identity theft ring utilizing spyware on an unknown number of computers.

The browser hijacking software known as CoolWebSearch was stealing passwords, usernames, bank account numbers, and other data amounting to a treasure trove of information for identity thieves.

Thankfully, protecting a computer from such attacks is relatively easy, and is usually free.

There are paid for applications out there, including Webroot Software's Spy Sweeper and Sunbelt's CounterSpy. But who wants to pay, especially when the best way to protect a computer is by utilizing more than one spyware removal tool?

Every anti-spyware program has a different database of signatures used to track down the nasty applications. Using more than one ensures that a computer is protected against a larger number of threats.

Two well recommended, free programs include Lavasoft's Ad-

Aware SE (lavasoftusa.com) and Safer Networking's Spybot Search and Destroy (safer-network.org).

Microsoft's anti-spyware Beta (Microsoft.com) has been found to detect more instances of spyware than either of the other two applications, but is still in the testing phase.

An application that is still in the testing phase may not be as stable, but several users have reported excellent results with this application.

When running two anti-spyware applications, it is important to ensure that they do not overlap each other.

Similar to anti-virus programs, these utilities also utilize active protection. It is important to disable active protection on at least one of the anti-spyware applications installed.

Spybot's Tea Timer active protection application ensures that unknown programs on a computer do not modify settings by asking the user to approve or disapprove

such changes. It is recommended that all other such programs be disabled. Once installed, anti-spyware applications should be run at least once a week.

## Update it all regularly

There is no step to protecting a computer that is more important than updating regularly.

As mentioned before, hackers are constantly changing their attacks and creating new ones, and without updated security software protecting a system a user is basically as vulnerable as if no security software was installed at all.

The most important application to keep updated is the operating system of a computer.

The Residential Computing Connection has established recommendations for operating systems on both Macintosh and PCs.

For Macintosh users, this means Mac OS X version 10.4 updated with the most recent patches available from Apple.

For Windows users, the recommended operating system is Windows XP Service Pack 2 with

all automatic updates available by running the automatic update application found in the Windows start menu.

Operating system updates protect a computer by filling in security holes that in some cases would give a hacker total control of a system.

After the operating system, all other security applications should be updated regularly as well. Most applications, including firewalls, anti-virus, and anti-spyware will automatically remind users if an update has been released.

Not downloading and installing such an update in a timely manner will leave the door wide open for attack.

Users of the University-provided McAfee anti-virus program can find updates at: [www.mcafee.com/us/downloads/updates/superdat.asp](http://www.mcafee.com/us/downloads/updates/superdat.asp).

When setting up a brand new computer, make sure to activate the Windows firewall before connecting to the Internet and then immediately downloading, installing and updating antivirus software.

# Young Firefox co-creator often compared to Bill Gates

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ter, when he attended a red-carpet gala alongside Donald Trump, Martha Stewart and Nicole Kidman. "The next day I went

back to coding."

Coding, that is, and getting the startup off the ground and preaching the gospel through the Spread Firefox movement. Even his grandfather, who sports a cap

reading "I'm Blake's Grandfather," has gotten into the spirit.

Developing Firefox is now largely carried out by a growing team of designers at Mozilla and volunteer engineers. One who

has taken up the cause is 17-year-old Zach Lipton, a senior at San Francisco's University High School, who began contributing to the project at the age of 12. An intern at Mozilla this summer, he

has developed programs to test Firefox and make sure it operates as it's supposed to.

"I've been jokingly called the next Blake Ross, but I don't see myself following in his footsteps,"

Lipton said. Nevertheless, Lipton plans to study computer science in college and go on to develop some sort of consumer-oriented software. "I look up to what he's done and think it's great."

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# College students team with profs in creating program

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Explorer, most of the updates are being made to the plug-in for Firefox. Also, the software cannot completely prevent the original password from being deciphered. Hackers could still use the "offline dictionary attack" method to hash all possible passwords until they find a match for the one they've stolen, thus identifying the password, Miyake explained. The feasibility of this technique depends on the strength of the original password.

"Under this scenario it would be possible for an attacker to recover the user's password, but if the user wasn't using PwdHash their password would have been exposed without the attacker even having to do a dictionary attack, so it does provide more protection," Miyake said.

Users have recognized the additional protection provided by PwdHash. According to Jackson, thousands have downloaded either the Internet Explorer version posted on the team's Web

site about a year ago, or the Mozilla version made available there in mid-July.

And Miyake said that more than 250 people downloaded the Firefox plug-in from the Mozilla Web site on July 29, the first day it was posted.

The researchers say they intentionally left the software's source code open and free, even for commercial use, because they hope anyone who wants to will take it up and incorporate the extension's strategies into browsers and a broader Internet security package.

"It hasn't gone through the kind of quality assurance process that commercial products do," Jackson said. "We're hoping that someone bigger than us with more marketing muscle will pick up the project and put it in the hands of the average user."

Miyake noted, "If our methods of hashing passwords to protect them are adopted by major browser makers, password authentication on the Internet would become much more secure."

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Visit Stanford's Web site featuring Miyake's PwdHash, a program developed to secure password authentication, at: <http://crypto.stanford.edu/PwdHash/>.

# Microsoft cuts off deal

## Agreement severed, causing price increase at bookstore

By Laura Hoesman  
SENIOR REPORTER

University students, staff, and faculty are shelling out more money at the Bookstore this year for their Microsoft software, including Windows XP Professional, Office 2003 Professional, and Visual Studio .NET 2003 Professional.

For the second year in a row, software prices have increased at the University as the result of a licensing agreement between Microsoft and Ohio's 15 public universities.

The Bookstore's price for each Microsoft software application is \$39.99 plus tax, up from \$29.99 a year ago.

The latest price is still heavily discounted from the average retail prices of Microsoft software applications. For example, Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003 sells for \$499 on the Microsoft Web site.

"The price is moving up somewhat," said Chief Information Officer Bruce Petryshak. "But it is not expected to approach the academic price of \$180."

Before the agreement ended June 30, 2004, Microsoft software sold for \$10 plus tax at the bookstore for more than six years.

This low price was the result of the special agreement Microsoft

had with the 15 public universities in Ohio.

According to Dale Schroeder, budget analyst in the office of the Chief Information Officer, Microsoft decided to create standard agreements for all U.S. public universities to replace special agreements held by universities in different states.

"The 15 four-year public universities got a real good deal with Microsoft," Schroeder said.

"At some point, Microsoft said, 'We're not doing those special agreements anymore. We're moving everyone over to standard agreements.' We're removing everyone over to standard agreements."

The University said, "But the standard agreement is going to cost a lot more than what we're paying right now."

After nine months of negotiations, Microsoft and Ohio's public universities reached a compromise.

Each university would be given a choice among three options. They could choose the

Campus or Select Agreement, or they could opt for no agreement at all, which would force them to charge a set academic price well over \$100 for each piece of software.

The University chose the Campus Agreement, which allows it to purchase Microsoft software licenses at an annual price increase of 23 percent.

The Campus Agreement was designed to ease students up to standard pricing for software, according to Dishon Bell, Microsoft spokeswoman.

"Microsoft didn't want to hit customers with the whole price increase all at once," said Bell, adding that with the Campus Agreement

prices will continue to rise at the rate of 23 percent each year through 2010.

According to Schroeder, the Campus Agreement currently allows the University to sell software at a lower price than the Select Agreement, which allows students to buy their own software licenses.

Under the Campus Agreement, software licenses are owned by the University until students graduate, at which point full ownership of the licenses is handed over to students.

"For students, what you buy at the bookstore is the media, the right to use the software as long as you are associated with BGSU, and once you graduate from BGSU, then the license becomes yours," Schroeder said.

While the Campus Agreement is currently less expensive, Schroeder warned that it could eventually surpass the pricing for the Select Agreement.

If this does occur, the University will switch to the Select Agreement to save students money, he said.

While disappointed by the rising cost of software at the Bookstore, Erin Vader, junior, likes still saving money by purchasing her software through the University.

"I think the price increase is a little bit much," Vader said. "At the same time, I don't think \$40 is too much to pay for the software. It's really expensive in stores. Being able to buy it for so little money is really a help for college students who are struggling to make ends meet."

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# ITS works to keep campus net secure

Proposed system will check for anti-virus software before allowing campus computers Web access

By Patrick Maynard

GRAPHICS EDITOR

Fifty six seconds is long enough for a hacker to turn your computer into a weapon.

That's the time it took for an unprotected test computer to start spewing viruses after University officials plugged it into the campus network, and it's why Information Technology Services is still pursuing a better network security system, despite some speedbumps.

"If you can raise the patch level or the version level of the operating system, your system is going to have a better chance of sustaining attacks," said Kent Strickland, University network security officer.

He said the new system, called a self-defending network, has a

component that makes sure all security software is current.

That component, known as the Cisco Trust Agent, doesn't allow Internet access from a student's residence hall computer unless it knows the student has made regular updates to their safety software.

Strickland said that's important, since many students arrive on campus with outdated or non-existent virus protection — which puts the whole campus at risk if a virus, hacker "Trojan horse" or "bot" (aggressive, harmful programs) starts using that computer to attack others.

"Last fall we had an incident like that that overwhelmed our Internet connection going off campus," Strickland said. "Our university and other large net-

works around the world were all coordinating an attack on a university in Sweden last fall, which totally disrupted their network."

That incident — when bots took over many campus computers — was one of several worst-case scenarios ITS is trying to avoid.

Others involve "phishing" scams where hackers steal personal identity information, and send out viruses that destroy sensitive data.

In an effort to prevent those scenarios, ITS tested the Cisco Trust Agent in the Harshman-Anderson residence hall during spring 2005.

ITS personnel said the results were good, but that the software could not be implemented for fall 2005, and that more testing

is needed.

"We will continue to evaluate and test the solution," said Cindy Fuller, communications director for the chief information officer. "If the testing and evaluation supports the decision, we will proceed with deployment at that time."

Quickness could be a virtue, but even with programs like spyware — that monitor web surfing habits — continually surfacing, some students view the Trust Agent as an invasion of privacy.

Mike Smith says that's ludicrous.

"It just passes information about versions and patch levels to a server," said Smith, the University's network administrator. "It's not looking at any other personal information or their

## WHAT DOES BGSU DO TO PREVENT I.D. THEFT?

- ITS offers awareness presentations on identity theft and maintains a Web site of information at [bgsu.edu/infosec/advice/](http://bgsu.edu/infosec/advice/)
- ITS acts on identity theft bulletins from the FBI.
- ITS erases hard drives to Department of Defense standards, and is implementing encryption technologies, including leading the way in the use of electronic signatures. A firewall protects all residence hall computers.

files on their computer.

"It's just passing information about their windows patch level and their version of McAfee that they are running."

Strickland agrees, saying the only programs that steal information are the ones ITS is working to stave off.

He says the Trust Agent makes sure computers are equipped to fight viruses before allowing it to

get on the Internet.

"Basically it is determining if that system has a fighting chance of surviving on the network," he said.

One reason Trojan horses invade is for access to financial information, Strickland said.

"There's a lot of organized crime behind a lot of the virus raid-

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## Identity theft hits at home

Father's information leaks lead to negative effects for his family

By Dagan Josephson

U-WIRE

LOS ANGELES — It was only a few years ago that Rebecca Soll and her family went through an ordeal that they said they wish never happened.

"He knew where we lived ... it was really creepy," the fourth-year UCLA political science and history student said.

The Solls would get messages from delivery people confirming that packages had been shipped to their house — packages they had never ordered.

"He would have packages delivered to our house; he would come by at night and get them," she continued.

Soll's father was a victim of identity theft. Because her father's address was linked to his credit card, fraudulent purchases with the card would be shipped to the Soll home.

Eventually, a police report was filed, and her father cut off the

account.

Soll's father is only one of many Americans who have faced identity theft, which has increased over the past couple years.

Identity theft has become an important issue in the United States. It is one of the fastest growing crimes in America, according to the California Attorney General's office. Individuals can nevertheless take action to protect their identities.

The Federal Trade Commission received over 635,000 complaints

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## Despite its dry riverbeds, Los Angeles becomes mecca for criminal phishers

In UCLA scam, e-mails pretended to be from the local credit

By Lauren Raab

U-WIRE

LOS ANGELES — E-mails purporting to be from the University Credit Union filled the University of California-Los Angeles inboxes this month, offering UCU customers the chance to sign up for protection

from fraud and identity theft.

But these e-mails themselves were a scam.

The messages were part of a trend in bank fraud called "phishing," in which third parties pose as trusted companies and send fraudulent messages to customers, directing them to Web sites and asking them to enter personal information.

Phishing scams routinely target customers of large companies such as Citibank, PayPal and eBay. UCU, which offers

banking services mainly to the UCLA community, was first targeted in February.

Two different fraudulent e-mails targeted UCU customers in the past month, said UCU spokesman Steve Sercu. Both messages were written as if they were from the credit union and featured UCU logos.


UCU customers were not the only people who received these e-mails. The messages were

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## ICANN says 'nix' to www.yourpornsite.xxx

Specialized domain for adult content put on hold for a month

NEW YORK (AP) — The Internet's key oversight agency agreed Tuesday to a one-month delay in approving a new ".xxx" domain name after the U.S. government cited "unprecedented" opposition to a virtual red-light district.

Michael D. Gallagher, assistant secretary for communications and information at the Commerce Department, had stopped short of urging its rejection, but he called on the Internet Corporation for

Assigned Names and Numbers to "ensure the best interests of the Internet community as a whole are fully considered."

The department received nearly 6,000 letters and e-mails expressing concerns about the impact of pornography on families and children and objecting to setting aside a domain suffix for it, he said.

"The volume of correspondence opposed to creation of a .xxx TLD (domain name) is unprecedented," Gallagher wrote to Vinton Cerf, ICANN's chairman.

Gallagher said ICANN should take more time to evaluate

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## Cisco Trust Agent just one of ITS' tools

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ings and the bot networks, and they're trying to get at your personal data so that they can do identity theft," he said. "That's why you see e-mail spam and phishing attempts."

Strickland said that despite an existing campus-wide e-mail filter, some phishing attempts get through, and that many web sites are also insecure, inviting identity theft.

Bowling Green Police Lt. Brad Biller welcomes whatever software changes may come from

ITS, but cautions that there are other ways to leak personal information.

He cites incidents of criminals stealing credit card applications out of mailboxes as a common example.

"The term identity theft is pretty global," he said. "If I take something of yours that I have to use your name to gain benefit from ... that could be termed identity theft."

"For as long as there's been credit, there's been people accessing other people's stuff," Matt Clark contributed.

## New MyBGSU allows customization

New interface allows e-mail, Meeting Maker, PeopleSoft HCM integration

By Holly Abrams  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

BGSU community members will now be able to log into their MyBGSU accounts and Web mail simultaneously, as a new enterprise web portal debuted Monday.

The portal, now located at the top of the University's Web site, will allow students and staff to access Web mail, blackboard and eLearning services, PeopleSoft HCM, registration services, financial services and meeting maker (a calendar feature utilized by University employees) by signing in only once.

When users sign in, they will see a welcome page and two tabs, each labeled blackboard/eLearning and administrative.

The blackboard tab features course information, as well as a "my services" tab. The administrative tab links users to the latest edition of the faculty and staff newsletter, the Monitor.

Being coined a "traditional blackboard environment," users will be able to customize their portals to show what features they want and how.

There are several advantages of implementation of MyBGSU as an enterprise portal, said Cindy Fuller, communications coordinator in the department of information technology services.

"These include access to multiple applications from one environment, single sign-on access to multiple resources, options for each user to customize and configure how content is viewed, and the ability to use university affiliation information to customize delivery of information and services," she said.

Features students and staff will now see on their MyBGSU welcome screen include a MyPortal search, favorites search, BGSU weather, campus news and events, daily announcements and a global navigation feature.

Unlike the old MyBGSU, the new portal will not have access to the New York Times news.

"CNN News will be available in the Top Stories portlet," Fuller said.

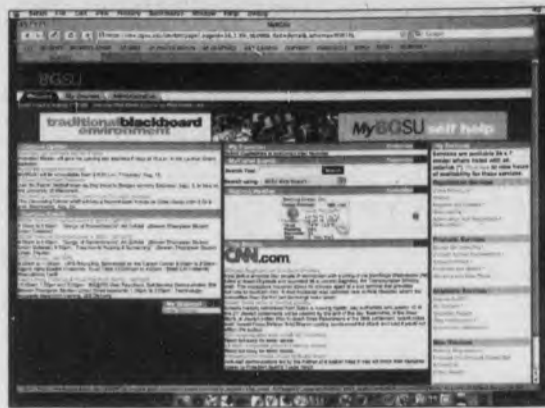
When students log into the new portal, a summary of their Web mail will be available at the bottom of the page.

"The e-mail portlet is designed to provide access to e-mail in an 'At-A-Glance' format," Fuller said. "The full features of Web mail are accessible by clicking on the 'Enter Web Mail' link at the bottom of the portlet."

Students and staff will no longer need to use their student I.D. number to log in to MyBGSU, Fuller said.

*"I'm not sure if I will like it until I use it for a while first. With so much text, it looks like it might be difficult trying to read everything."*

RACHEL HESS, JUNIOR



Screen Shot

READY TO GO: MyBGSU has new features, including integration of payroll and human resources software used by the University.

"Each user will need their username and password to obtain access to MyBGSU," she said.

The security of the portal is dependent on users being responsible, Fuller said.

"Each user is reminded to be diligent in remembering to log out of the portal," she said.

Students have mixed reactions to the new portal, with time being a determining factor in how they become accustomed to it.

"I'm not sure if I will like it until I use it for a while first," said Rachel Hess, junior. "With so much text, it looks like it might be difficult trying to read everything."

The new location of the portal on the BGSU Web site and simultaneous log in are appealing, added Jenny Weichel, junior.

"I like the idea of having the log in for MyBGSU at the top of the screen," she said. "Being able to log into blackboard and my e-mail at the same time should be convenient. I think having the campus events listed at the top of the page is a good idea."

Students and staff first saw the portal format when blackboard was introduced in 2001.

The enterprise portal features many benefits that prior portals have not.

These include unified access to multiple systems and personalization, which provides students and staff with the option of modifying their portal to suite their needs.

In addition, an enterprise portal gives added security, advanced search tools and navigation.

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**STAMPEDE:** Richmond, Va. residents cram in for a sale.

## Richmond sale results in trampling

By Kristen Gelineau  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — All in the name of getting a bargain.

People being trampled, beaten with a folding chair. A woman urinating on herself. The police being called, then having to call themselves for backup.

The stampede erupted Tuesday when thousands showed up at the Richmond International Raceway to purchase \$50 used laptops. The Henrico County school system was selling 1,000 of the 4-year-old Apple iBooks to county residents. New iBooks cost between \$999 and \$1,299.

"I could not move, I could not breathe," said Latoya Jones, 19, who lost one of her flip-flops in the ordeal and later limped around on the sizzling black-

top with one foot bare. "This is total, total chaos."

Officials opened the gates at 7 a.m., but some already had been waiting since 1:30 a.m. When the gates opened, it became a terrifying mob scene.

People threw themselves forward, screaming and pushing each other. Witnesses said an elderly man was thrown to the pavement, and someone in a car tried to drive his way through the crowd.

Seventeen people suffered minor injuries, with four requiring hospital treatment, Henrico County Battalion Chief Steve Wood said. There were no arrests and the iBooks sold out by 1 p.m. Police estimated around 5,500 people

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## Portal adds CNN, other news niceties

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advanced search tools and navigation capacity and greater accessibility, where users can enter the system anywhere and at anytime via the Internet and Web browsers.

The new MyBGSU portal is in

response to a five year grant of \$1,087,450 given to the University last year by Campus Enterprise Application Integration.

CampusEAI is a non-profit organization that aids educational institutions in software development and digital content distribution.

# Fast, cheap and spread all over

### Company, city, team up on test of new wireless broadband service

By Matt Clark

IN FOCUS EDITOR

About a decade ago, a computer connected to the Internet had to sit near a phone jack. The connection was slow and expensive.

Then, broadband internet and wireless routers came along.

The computer could be anywhere in the house or the backyard and the connection was 25 times faster than dial-up.

The cost more than doubled.

Now, a local company is testing an Internet service that would be 50 times faster than dial-up, could be tuned in like a radio station anywhere in the Bowling Green area, and is significantly less expensive than competing broadband services.

It may even lower the cost of electricity.

The technology that Internet service provider Dacor Computer Services is currently testing along West Wooster Street, North Grove and Evers Streets is known as Broadband over Power Lines.

After turning the city's power lines into network cables, the BPL system wires Dacor's Internet connection to a series of wireless routers placed periodically along the lines.

All residents within approximately 750 feet of a router can communicate with the Internet using standard wireless — or wifi — transceivers, available almost anywhere electronics are sold for about \$50.

According to Stossel, even though the network's signal is present anywhere in the test area, security is no more of an issue than it would be with any other Internet service.

The equipment used comes equipped with all standard security technologies.

"The manufacturer of the equipment has gone to reasonable lengths to make sure that administrative access is quite secure," he said.

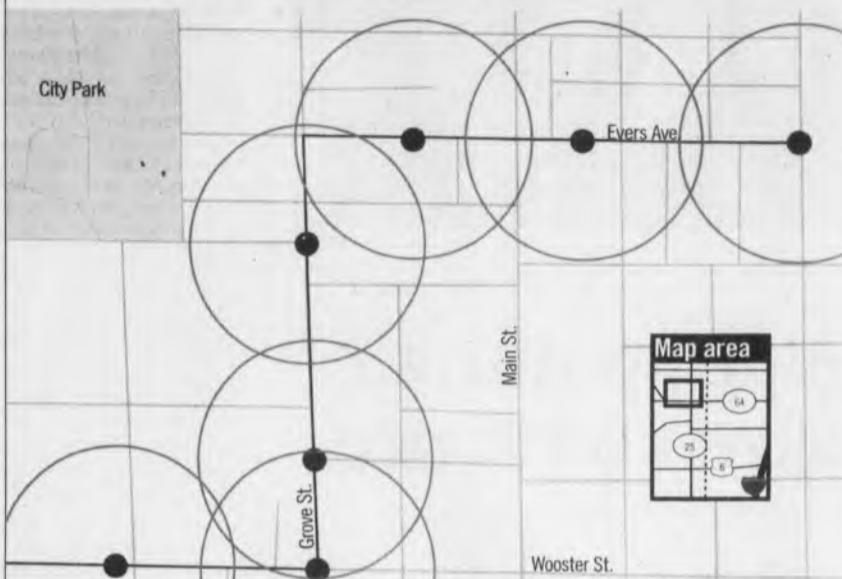
Several residents in the test area are currently paying to receive the connection.

Anyone living in the current service area who'd like to connect to wifi from Dacor can contact them at 419-352-3568.

### CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

This map shows the service area of the broadband-over-power-line test being conducted by Dacor Computer Services in cooperation with the City. Dacor can be reached at 419-352-3568.

● = hub (range is approximately 750 ft.)



Source: Wood County Auditor's Office

Mike Metzger BG News

Currently, rates are \$19.95 a month for speeds ranging from 9mbps — or six times the speed of cable internet — to about 768kbps, which is similar to DSL internet.

According to George Stossel, president of Dacor, the fluctuation in speeds is the result of "noisy" power lines, and is one of the reasons the project is currently on hold.

"We deployed the pilot in one of the oldest areas in town infrastructure-wise, and it turned out, sort of to our surprise, to be quite a noisy place. It has gotten to the point where we're reduced to levels equal to DSL, for instance, which isn't bad, but it's not as good as we want it. We prefer to be at or above cable modem levels at all times," he said.

The noise originates from various problems with the lines themselves, but according to Stossel, it is easy to locate the source of the problem. Dacor notifies the city utility department, which then

comes out and fixes the problem.

Since the power lines and poles are owned by the city, the first person Stossel went to when starting the BPL test was Utility Director Darrel Stockberger.

The city laid out standards that Stossel's system would have to meet if it was to use the lines.

First, it had to use only medium voltage power lines to reduce the risk of damaging low voltage lines running to homes. Running wirelessly into the home solved this.

Second, the system could not disrupt HAM radio operator's communications.

Working with Amperion, Inc., which manufactures the equipment used in the test, and HAM radio operators within the city, Stossel was able to fine tune the system's frequencies so they would not interfere with HAM communications.

In fact, as the BPL system requires removing noise on the power lines, the radio operator's

situation was helped more than it was hurt.

Customers involved with the test, according to Stossel, have even been able to distribute the Dacor signal via a wireless router in their home.

Another standard set by the city on the system was that it needed to be able to work with the city's wireless electric meters.

"Wifi is one of the technologies that can be used to access the data collection units for our automated meter reading system," Stockberger said. "If it is a system that gets us close to 100% remote read, then it reduces the amount of personnel required to read the meters everyday."

He added that the number of utility accounts that open, close, and change hands each year also requires a serious number of man hours, especially in a city like Bowling Green where more than

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**LOGGED OFF:** Jason Smathers, 25, exits Manhattan federal court following his sentencing, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, in New York.

# AOL spammer given sentence

Former online service employee sold 92 million addresses

Larry Nemeister  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A 25-year-old former America Online employee who admitted he became a cyberspace "outlaw" when he sold all 92 million screen names and e-mail addresses to spammers was sentenced Wednesday to a year and three months in prison.

"I know I've done something

very wrong," the soft-spoken and teary eyed Jason Smathers told U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein as he apologized for a theft that resulted in spammers sending out up to 7 billion unsolicited e-mails.

"The Internet is not lawless" was the lesson of the case, said Assistant U.S. Attorney David Siegal.

"The public at large has an interest in making sure people respect the same values that apply in everyday life, on the Internet," Siegal said.

Smathers' lawyer, Jeffrey

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# \$547 million lost to identity theft

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of identity theft and fraud from January to December 2004. Of these complaints, 39 percent were identity theft and 61 percent were fraud, which includes catalog sales, Internet services and foreign money offers. The amount of losses from these complaints totaled more than \$547 million.

UCLA has worked to minimize identity theft, and there are many ways students can take it upon themselves to protect their identity and their money.

"It's important to always talk about it. ... It affects students and non-students alike," said Scott Stane, vice-president of marketing at University Credit Union.

Identity theft is now particularly important to students as they begin to have greater financial responsibilities.

"As students become more involved with their finances, these are issues they are going to deal with," Stane continued.

Identity theft and fraud occur for a number of reasons. Documents containing sensitive information, such as bank state-

ments and receipts, can be used to open new credit cards and bank accounts.

"It's important that if you throw away receipts and statements that you shred them," said Stane. He recommends that every student purchase a paper shredder.

Identity theft can also be caused by phone and e-mail solicitations. Individuals may pretend to be calling from a bank to "verify" a customer's information. In these cases, the person may ask for a social security number, credit card number or bank account number.

"Always be suspicious if someone calls and asks for your information," Stane said.

The e-mail equivalent of these schemes is known as "phishing." Individuals may receive e-mails with a link to a Web site, asking them to verify their information. Though the e-mail may appear to be from a financial institution, it is really a scam.

Stane tells students to "protect your information" and "be aware of when people ask for information about you."

UCLA has worked to protect campus servers, which have sensitive information. Servers have anti-virus services and firewalls in place, according to Kent Wada, director of information technology at the Office of Information Technology.

"It's clearly something very real," Wada said. He advises students to "be careful who you do transactions with."

One way for students to check their credit is going to www.annualcreditreport.com. The Web site allows students each year to access one free credit report for each major credit agency.

Though students cannot get their credit score for free, they can check how many accounts they have opened in addition to the activity in each account. And while many students on campus are not too concerned with identity theft, they still take measures to prevent it.

"I don't really think about it that much," said Jojo Lagace, a second-year mechanical engineering student.

"I'm not very worried about it," echoed Emily Shoji, a first-year undeclared student. "I just tear it up," she said about her old credit card statements. "My mom tells me to throw away the pieces in different trash cans."

A California law has been put into place to better protect consumers. Since July 1, 2003, businesses and government agencies have been required to notify consumers when computer hackers access consumers' private information.

Senator Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., has proposed national legislation based on California's law. Her proposal is known as the Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act.

Regardless of what laws are put into place, many students on campus can continue to protect themselves on an individual basis.

Soll has a friend who writes "See ID" on the back of his credit card where the signature box is located. This forces merchants to check for identification when taking the card.

# New technology not ready yet, city says

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10,000 residents move every year. Those man hours could be eliminated by the BPL system.

The final concern of the city was that the system could be used by all the city's Internet service providers, not just Dacor.

According to Stossel, all ISPs, including Dacor, would be required to pay fees to the city, but added that this would all depend on if the city chose to

have ownership of the entire BPL system.

That is the crux of the system's expansion.

If the city decides to own the broadband equipment, it may be entering itself into a legal battle with other broadband providers.

"There's been some discussion from the telecom companies of blocking government entry into the broadband business, and if that happens then we're looking at proceeding privately with

it," Stossel said. "And that would be a matter of getting funding together to pay for the infrastructure."

So far, the city has only invested in the portion of the project required to test the system's ability to read utility meters.

According to Stockberger, discussions on the city's ownership of the system are "preliminary."

Legal issues aside, customers are happy with the wifi Internet service provided by the test.

Larry Nader, whose home is

on West Wooster Street directly across from one of the BPL system's wireless routers, is pleased.

"I like it. It's a really neat service. We were on DSL previously, but now service is \$30 cheaper," he said.

For Stossel though, it's all about the wireless.

"That's the beauty of it," he said. "I've actually taken my laptop down to City Park and logged on to the network and surfed the net in the park."

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# U.S. government puts the clamp on porn site

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those concerns.

The chairman of ICANN's Government Advisory Committee, Mohd Sharil Tarmizi, also wrote ICANN officials last week urging delay and expressing "a strong sense of discomfort" among many countries, which he did not name.

ICANN's board decided Tuesday to reschedule the matter for Sept. 15.

Approval had been expected as early as Tuesday, five years after the domain name was first proposed and two months after ICANN gave it a tentative OK.

Gallagher's letter, sent last

week and made public Monday, had particular resonance because his agency has veto power over ICANN decisions given the U.S. government's role in funding early developing of the Internet and selecting ICANN in 1998 to oversee domain name administration.

But ICANN also was swayed by an agreement to a one-month delay by the chief backers of ".xxx," ICM Registry Inc. of Jupiter, Fla.

Two in five Internet users visited an adult site in April, according to tracking by comScore Media Metrix. The company said 4 percent of all Web traffic

and 2 percent of all surfing time involved an adult site.

ICM proposed ".xxx" as a mechanism for the \$12 billion online porn industry to clean up its act. All sites using ".xxx" would be required to follow yet-to-be-written "best practices" guidelines, such as prohibitions against trickery through spamming and malicious scripts.

Use of ".xxx" would be voluntary, however.

Skeptics note that porn sites are likely to keep their existing ".com" storefronts, even as they set up shop in the new ".xxx" domain name, reducing the effectiveness of any software fil-

ters set up to simply block all ".xxx" names.

Conservative groups such as the Family Research Council also expressed worries that creating a ".xxx" suffix would also legitimize pornographers.

But ICM chairman Stuart Lawley, in a response to ICANN, pointed out that the agency already offered ample opportunity to raise objections.

"We are, to say the very least, disappointed that concerns that should have been raised and addressed weeks and months ago are being raised in the final days," he said.

In an interview, ICM founder

Jason Hendeles suggested the criticism stemmed from a misunderstanding of the proposal, and he said its executives would spend the next month trying to clarify its intent.

ICANN on Tuesday also delayed approval of a less controversial domain name, ".cat" for sites devoted to Catalan language and culture, citing a need to further clarify terms of a proposed contract with its sponsors.

More than 260 domain name suffixes exist, mostly country codes such as ".fr" for France. Recent additions include ".eu" for the European Union and ".mobi" for mobile services.

# Shoppers go crazy in melee over laptops

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turned up for the sale.

"It's rather strange that we would have such a tremendous response for the purchase of a laptop computer. . . and laptop computers that probably have less-than-desirable attributes," said Paul Proto, director of general services for Henrico County. "But I think that people tend to get caught up in the excitement of the event. . . it almost has an entertainment value."

Blandine Alexander, 33, said one woman standing in front of her was so desperate to retain her place in line that she wet herself.

"I've never been in something like that before, and I never again will," said Alexander, who brought her 14-year-old twin boys to the complex at 4:30 a.m. to wait in line. No matter what the kids want, I already told them I'm not doing that again."

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# Online 'outlaw' put behind bars for web spamming

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Hoffman, called the theft a "dumb, stupid, insane act" that his client feels terrible about.

Smathers apologized to a half dozen members of his family who had flown from California and Indiana to attend the sentencing as Hellerstein credited the former Harpers Ferry, W. Va., resident for his contrition and efforts to help the government.

Earlier this year, he had pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in a plea deal which had called for a sentence of at least a year and a half in prison.

In a letter from Smathers to the court that was read partially to the record by Siegal, Smathers tried to explain the crimes that AOL has said cost the company at least \$300,000 and possibly millions of dollars.

"Cyberspace is a new and strange place," Siegal said Smathers wrote. "I was good at navigating in that frontier and I became an outlaw."

The judge imposed the reduced sentence of one year and three months, saying he recognized Smathers cooperated fully but lacked information to build other criminal cases.

He said leniency was appropriate for "someone who tries hard to bare his soul but doesn't have the information the government needs."

In December, Hellerstein said he was not convinced Smathers had committed a crime, but he accepted the plea in February when he said prosecutors had sufficiently explained why he had.

Smathers admitted accepting \$28,000 from someone who

*"Cyberspace is a new and strange place," Smathers wrote. "I was good at navigating in that frontier and I became an outlaw."*

DAVID SIEGAL, ASST. U.S. ATTORNEY

wanted to pitch an offshore gambling site to AOL customers, knowing that the list of screen names might make its way to others who would send e-mail solicitations.

The judge has recommended that Smathers be forced to pay \$84,000 in restitution, triple what he earned. He delayed the order to let AOL prove the damages

were higher. The judge suggested the \$300,000 damage figure was speculative.

Prosecutors said Smathers had engaged in the interstate transportation of stolen property and had violated a new federal CAN-SPAM law, short for Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act, which is meant to diminish unsolicited e-mail messages about everything from herbal penile enlargement pills to mortgages.

In December, the judge said he had dropped his own AOL membership because he received too much spam.

America Online Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Time Warner Inc., has since launched a major assault on spam, significantly reducing unsolicited e-mails.

Smathers was fired by AOL in

June 2004.

Authorities said he used another employee's access code to steal the list of AOL customers in 2003 from its headquarters in Dulles, Va.

Smathers allegedly sold the list to Sean Dunaway, of Las Vegas, who used it to send unwanted gambling advertisements to subscribers of AOL, the world's largest Internet provider. Charges are pending against Dunaway.

The stolen list of 92 million AOL addresses included multiple addresses used by each of AOL's estimated 30 million customers. It is believed to be still circulating among spammers.

The judge refused a Probation Department recommendation that Smathers be banned from his profession as a software engineer, saying he trusted Smathers had learned his lesson.

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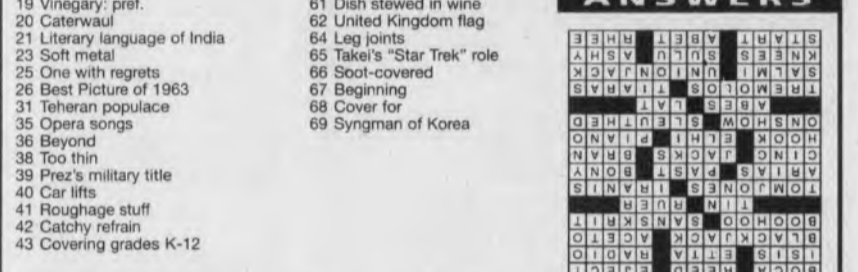
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