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# BGSU NEWS

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## USG demands president explain actions

Shumaker accused of ethics violations, USG will require him to write an apology

By Andrea Slivka  
REPORTER

Aaron Shumaker, Undergraduate Student Government president, must write a clarification statement to The BG News that accounts for his support of Gordy Heminger, candidate for Ward 1, as an individual and not as a representative of USG.

The letter sent to Shumaker that included the ruling made by USG's Procedures and Appeals was read by Josie Miller, chief administrator, at last night's USG meeting.

Last Monday, Jim Wasil, president of College Republicans, spoke for about 40 students who attended that night's USG meeting in asking Shumaker to apologize or resign as either USG President or as Treasurer for Heminger's campaign.

The letter read by Miller states: "After careful consideration of the situation, we have decided to require a clarification statement to the BG newspaper. This will include a simple statement explaining your support as an individual of Gordy Heminger and not as USG's support."

The letter did not include the charges against Shumaker.

But afterward, Miller said the



Jenni Boebel BG News

**MAKING HIS CASE:** Jim Wasil, president of College Republicans, told Undergraduate Student Government last night he wants to first see USG make a decision about President Aaron Shumaker's actions, but if students are unhappy with the decision, they will take further action against him.

Board had investigated charges that some students thought that Shumaker had represented them and USG when supporting Heminger.

After the meeting, Shumaker gave his opinion of the ruling. "I'm pretty OK with that," Shumaker said.

In reference to an appeal made by Maria Khoury, presi-

dent of College Democrats and former senator, that the senate give Shumaker a second chance, Shumaker said he believes the senator did that with the ruling.

Other senators are also satisfied with the ruling.

"I believe the ruling is fair. It satisfies the concerns of the constituents without doing anything too drastic," said Johnnie

L. Lewis, at-large senator.

Michael Rejent, off-campus senator, also thinks the Procedures and Appeals Board did a good job in making the ruling.

"I think they did what they needed to do," Rejent said.

Wasil, who spoke during open-forum at the meeting later said that he hopes the matter

will end with a well-written letter by Shumaker.

"If it's good and comprehensive and I feel that it really clarifies things, then it's settled," Wasil said.

But if Wasil and the students who are upset with Shumaker are unsatisfied, Wasil says they have options for further action. The students could go back to

USG or go to the "top brass" and ask for an ethics investigation.

Earlier in the meeting, Khoury made a passionate appeal to the senate to give Shumaker a second chance.

Khoury referred to a case last year in which USG voted against censuring Wasil and gave him a second chance instead of revoking his voting rights for missing meetings when he was a senator.

Khoury asked whether Shumaker should also be given a second chance.

"Even if you believe he has done something wrong as was stated earlier, doesn't he deserve a second chance?" Khoury said.

After the meeting, Khoury said she doesn't personally think Shumaker has done anything wrong.

Khoury also said that while the appeal was addressed to senators at the meeting, "it's something I would address to students."

After the meeting, Miller said she could not comment on how the decision was reached by the Procedures and Appeals Board.

"Our decision is public, but our deliberations are private," Miller said.

Other members of the Board were advised not to speak to The BG News. Amanda Furnas, board member says.

Also at the meeting, USG also passed legislation to promote the creation of a 24 hour quiet study space on campus.

## New civil code approved

City council passes ordinance for officers to give lesser charges

By Laren Weber  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Bowling Green and University police now have options when charging individuals with misdemeanor crimes.

Police have the power to charge violators with a civil infraction — rather than a misdemeanor — which is a lesser penalty.

And council members believe this option will help police enforce laws.

"If it's not a criminal charge, [the] officer is more likely to charge them," said John Zarfardino, Ward 2 councilman. "It creates a different and lesser level of offense."

Bowling Green city council

members adopted the ordinance at last night's meeting with no opposition.

Due to its potential impact on citizens and students, council members held three public hearings, including one at the University, prior to the approval of the ordinance.

"This is a major change," Zarfardino said. "The public hearings helped shape things."

And some changes even occurred accidentally, Zarfardino said.

Four University students attended one of the public hearings under the assumption council members were addressing the bicycle laws, which prohibit individuals from riding on sidewalks in the downtown area.

The students voiced their concerns at the hearing.

And though council was pre-

pared to vote on the ordinance, they considered the student's input and delayed voting.

The ordinance was amended to include bicycle laws, and now police can charge violators with a civil infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

"It is phenomenal that those who show up have input, even their accidental arrival," Zarfardino said.

BJ. Fishcer, council president, pointed out that most misdemeanors, such as jaywalking or littering in a public place, are minor offenses.

The option of civil infractions allow city officials to more quickly take care of those minor nuisances, Fischer said.

Though misdemeanor charges appear on individual's perma-

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### WHERE TO VOTE

Among other issues, today's voting will determine who's on the on the City Council over the next term. Here is a partial list of voting precincts and locations. Other locations can be found at [www.co.wood.oh.us/boe](http://www.co.wood.oh.us/boe)

All addresses are in the city of Bowling Green.

- 010, 020, 100: Ridge St. School, 225 Ridge St.
- 030: Smith Lounge, Bowen-Thompson Student Union
- 040, 070: S. Main Street School, 437 S. Main St.
- 050, 072, 090: St. Mark's Church, 315 S. College Dr.
- 060: Crim Street School, 1020 Scott Hamilton Dr.
- 101: BG Jr. High School, 215 W. Wooster St.

- 102: Peace Lutheran Church, 1028 Pearl St.
- 104: Kenwood School, 710 Kenwood Ave.
- 110: Parks and Rec office, 1291 Conneaut Ave.
- 120: Veterans Building City Park, Conneaut Ave.
- 141: BGHS, 530 W. Poe Road.
- 144: Coneaut School, 542 Haskins Road
- 146: First Christian Church, 875 Haskins Road



Source: Google Maps, City of Bowling Green, Wood County Board of Elections

Patrick Maynard BG News

## Students to protest against suspected terrorist camps

WHINSEC challenged because of suspicious army training

By Jacqueline Rabe  
REPORTER

Several BGSU students along with members of St. Thomas More University Parish will travel to protest and pray for victims of what they say is a U.S. Army terrorist training camp. The group will travel later this month to Georgia to peacefully demonstrate against the

Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

WHINSEC's stated purpose is to provide education and training for civilians, law enforcement and military to "enforce democratic principles, respect for human rights" and peace for nations in the Western Hemisphere, according to Congressional approved legislation.

But the School of the Americas Watch thinks WHINSEC has a different motive.

A SOA Watch flyer distributed

at the church reported the purpose of WHINSEC "is to control the economic and political systems of Latin America" by training Latin American militaries to become assassins, dictators and death squad leaders.

"Countries with the worst human rights record have consistently sent the most soldiers to be trained at WHINSEC," the flyer reported.

SOA Watch accuses the 64,000 trained Latin America

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## Do humans pumping iron bring cleaner skies? Prof says 'maybe'

Lecturer: Adding iron to oceans might cut greenhouse gases

By Ashley Lumm  
REPORTER

Michael McKay delivered the first College of Arts and Science Distinguished Faculty Lecture of the 2005-2006 academic year at the Bowen-Thompson Union Theater yesterday.

The lecture, "Bioengineering Our Climate," explained how the use of iron fertilization in the ocean can affect our climate's

temperature. This is done by removing carbon dioxide from our atmosphere.

According to McKay, implanting iron into the ocean can actually reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This is possible because the ocean is 50 percent more efficient in trapping carbon than the atmosphere.

"Over the past century, since the industrial revolution, the atmospheric carbon levels have increased about 30 percent," McKay said. "We can attribute this to the emission of human activities. It is not just carbon

dioxide, but other greenhouse gases as well."

McKay added that it has a direct effect on global warming. The rise in the temperature is because gases, like carbon, trap energy from the sun. The burning of fossil fuels has put more of these gases into the atmosphere. As a result, there is an increase of the climate's temperature.

Before the industrial revolution, there was one billion metric tons of carbon in the atmosphere. It is now up to three billion metric

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### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from [weather.com](http://weather.com)

#### WEDNESDAY

Isolated T-Storms High: 67° Low: 37°

#### THURSDAY

Few Storms High: 51° Low: 28°

#### FRIDAY

Sunny High: 54° Low: 37°

#### SATURDAY

Mostly Cloudy High: 61° Low: 39°

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# U.S. foreign policy protested

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soldiers to have violated human rights on several occasions — Bolivia during the reign of General Banzer, Nicaragua during the Somoza dictatorship and El Salvador during a bloody repression and currently Colombia.

WHINSEC failed to respond to The BG News after several attempts to reach the institution by deadline.

A movie shown at a SOA Watch meeting last Thursday showed several people testifying on their encounters with WHINSEC, most of which were negative.

SOA Watch has also accused WHINSEC graduates of preventing the formation of unions and public oppositions to Latin American governments.

Erin Battistoni, social justice educator for the church, said WHINSEC does not help to promote democracy, and the U.S. Army has the wrong solution.

"We are not there to protest the U.S. Army, we are there to protest U.S. foreign policy," Battistoni said.

Battistoni will be traveling to protest WHINSEC with four students from the University — Tom Brennan, Vanessa Garlock, Cara Hanson and Kathryn Tucker.

Hanson, freshman, said she is joining the protest to show her support of the SOA Watch movement to close WHINSEC.

"This injustice is horrible," she said. "It is only fair [that] the people who have lost their lives get three days of prayer dedicated to them."

Every year more people are

joining the prayer vigil and protest. Last year, the bus traveling to the protest for the Northwest region had 26 people compared to this year's 46. This increase in participation has grown every year to peacefully protest WHINSEC, which is located at Fort Benning. Battistoni credits the increase to successful awareness campaigns.

This year marks the 15-year anniversary of the first protest against the camp. The first year of the protest less than 300 people joined compared to the 15,000 people last year.

The school's motto is "Libertad, Paz y Fraternidad," which means freedom, peace and brotherhood. It is apparent with the increased protesters that many see the school as doing the exact opposite of their motto, Battistoni said.

# Couple accused of abusing mentally ill

Owners of home charged with forced labor, federal fraud

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The married owners of a group home for the mentally ill were convicted yesterday of enslaving its residents, forcing them to work naked and perform sex acts, and illegally billing their families and the federal government for therapy.

Arlan Kaufman, 69, and his wife, Linda, 62, were convicted of 30 federal charges, including health care fraud, Medicare fraud, forced labor and holding clients in involuntary servitude at the Kaufman House Residential Treatment Center. Arlan Kaufman was also found guilty of making a false representation.

The convictions could put the two in prison for the rest of their lives.

The couple showed little emotion but briefly hugged and kissed before being led from the

courtroom to jail. The jury is to return today to hear arguments on the prosecution's request the couple forfeit \$289,727.

Federal prosecutors contended the Kaufmans controlled the lives of the mentally ill residents, including forcing them to work on their farm and deciding who could wear clothes.

The couple was accused of forcing residents to masturbate, fondle each other and shave each other's genitals — activities Arlan Kaufman videotaped.

The Kaufmans claimed that nude therapy sessions and other treatment methods had therapeutic value for schizophrenic patients, and that having residents act out problem behavior helped them avoid repeating it. Arlan Kaufman insisted at trial that the residents' behavior was voluntary.

Prosecutors called it abuse and said it spanned more than 20 years while the couple billed Medicare more than \$216,000. The Kaufmans incorporated their unlicensed treatment cen-

ter in 1980 and ran it until their arrests in October 2004.

Justice Department lawyer Kristy Parker told jurors the residents were turned into "uncompensated actors in a never-ending pornographic movie."

The defense had portrayed them as respected professionals who had raised three children of their own.

"It was therapy. No one was harmed. They were helped," Arlan Kaufman's attorney, Tom Haney, told jurors.

Linda Kaufman's attorney, Steve Joseph, argued prosecutors had no solid evidence against her. He noted that in one videotaped session, she was reading a newspaper and didn't even look at the nude resident.

The Kaufmans face up to 20 years in prison for each of the conspiracy, forced labor and involuntary servitude charges; up to 10 years for each health care fraud charge; and up to five years for each of the other charges. No sentencing date has been set.

# McKay recognized for job record

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tons. Without the ocean, the carbon percentage would be 50 to 60 percent higher, McKay said.

McKay has taught at the University for eight years. He received his doctorate at McGill University in Canada and has participated in numerous research activities. McKay was recently awarded a fellowship to continue his bioengineering research in Germany.

McKay returned a few months ago from researching this worldly problem.

"I started a position at a lab and this is what they were researching," said McKay. He "was not particularly drawn to it," but just happened to get into the subject.

Donald Nieman, dean of the College of Arts and Science, said he chose McKay for several reasons.

"We chose Michael McKay

because of his distinguished record of scholarship and teaching," Nieman said. "Our purpose is to recognize top faculty. The work he is doing addresses important contemporary questions."

Nieman was pleased with the outcome and the overall success of the lecture.

"He [McKay] did a really nice job. The science was good but it was also accessible to non-scientists like me."

# Democrats examine Issues 3, 5

Today's election could hurt Democratic Party despite their support

By JOHN MCCARTHY  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A slate of issues designed to change how elections are conducted in Ohio has the backing of most Democratic officials, although a handful believe at least two of them are shortsighted attempts to bring instant help to the party.

Issues 3 and 5, which would bring new limits to campaign contributions and transfer the

election duties of the secretary of state to a nine-member board, might be of immediate help but could hurt Democrats down the line, Athens County chairwoman Susan Gwinn said yesterday.

Issue 3 lowers the limit on individual contributions from \$10,000 to \$2,000 for statewide candidates and \$1,000 for legislative candidates. It also puts assorted limits on the contributions of political action committees and political parties.

However, Gwinn's complaint is a provision that removes the ability of an opponent to lift the caps in a race in which candidates give

themselves money and don't take contributions. The self-funded candidate has no limits on what he or she can spend.

Under current law, an opponent can raise money above the limits but is not allowed to carry any surplus over from a primary to a general-election campaign.

Some Democrats fear a self-funded millionaire, such as Cincinnati financier Carl Lindner, a Republican, or talk show host Jerry Springer, a Democrat, could buy an election, Gwinn said.

"It's just one of those things that does not make any sense," Gwinn said.

# Laws enforced less severely

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ment records, civil infractions don't.

And that's a tremendous benefit of the ordinance, said Mike Frost, Ward 4 councilman.

"It still gives us enforcement capabilities without somebody getting a huge criminal record," Frost said.

Though some people have

expressed concern over the authority the police now have, Fischer said police almost have less power now.

"It gives them an option, but it's an option that's a less serious charge than what they already have the power to do," Fischer said.

"We'll have to watch and see how it gets enforced and if council feels like there's problems then it can always be

addressed."

Zanfardino said council members modeled the ordinance after civil infraction ordinances that exist in both Oxford, Ohio, home of Miami University and Cincinnati.

"Miami is just a lovely little town, so that's what we're shooting for," Zanfardino said. "It's just a way to have a more enforceable quality of life."

# Wal-Mart execs knew of aliens

Document proves VP knew about housing illegal employees

By Marcus Kabel  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A pair of senior Wal-Mart executives knew cleaning contractors were hiring illegal immigrants, many of whom were housed in crowded conditions and sometimes slept in the backs of stores, according to a federal agency's affidavit.

The affidavit, unsealed last week, was part of an investigation of Wal-Mart by federal immigration officials that led to the 2003 raid on 60 Wal-Mart stores in 21 states, and the arrests of 245 illegal workers. The retailer agreed to pay \$11 million in March to settle the case. It has maintained that top executives neither knew of nor encouraged the practice, but that is contradicted by the

newly released documents.

The affidavit was filed by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to secure search warrants for a 2003 raid on Wal-Mart Stores Inc. headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.

The document was unsealed Nov. 2 by a U.S. district judge in Fayetteville, Ark. at the request of a New York attorney representing more than 200 former employees in a civil lawsuit against the world's largest retailer.

In the affidavit, investigators said testimony and taped conversations from 2003 showed two executives at Wal-Mart headquarters knew that contractors and subcontractors cleaning its stores in several states employed illegal immigrants from eastern Europe and elsewhere.

The lawyer who asked that the affidavit be unsealed said it shows Wal-Mart knew it had

illegal janitors in its stores.

"The sworn testimony [in the affidavit] establishes that top Wal-Mart executives conspired with contractors to exploit undocumented immigrants," said James L. Linsey, a New York attorney leading a class-action lawsuit on behalf of former janitors.

Wal-Mart denied there was any incriminating evidence in the affidavit and said the comments by executives that it contained were "bits and pieces of information from larger conversations."

"As we have maintained all along, no company senior official had any direct knowledge that undocumented workers were working in our stores," Wal-Mart spokesman Marty Heires said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

According to the affidavit, one cleaning contractor, Christopher Walters, told INS investigators that his company, IMC Associates of St. Louis, had been dropped by Wal-Mart in 1997 after INS raids in the St. Louis area found illegal workers cleaning the retailers' stores.

Federal raids later found immigrants crowded into small apartments or trailers in sleeping bags and, in some cases, sleeping in the backs of Wal-Mart stores, carrying their personal belongings from job site to job site.

# Ashley Harlett for First Ward Council

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If you have any questions, please contact the 2005 Homecoming Director, Sam Kuntz at [samueltk@bgsu.edu](mailto:samueltk@bgsu.edu) or Homecoming Graduate Advisor, Marisa Adelman in the Office of Campus Involvement at (419) 372-2343.

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Registered voters who live on campus may visit the polls today in the Multicultural Lounge in the Union. Polling locations in Bowling Green are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Off campus students can find their assigned voting location on the Web <http://www.co.wood.oh.us/boe/votersearch.htm>

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# CAMPUS

## Schools to lower thermostats

Ohio schools will save money this winter by keeping temps low

By Carrie Spencer Ghose  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Some students will be asked to wear more sweaters and more janitors will be double-checking thermostats as Ohio school districts struggle with the high cost of heat.

The average expected increase over last year was about \$100,000 for about 190 small to large districts that responded

to a statewide survey by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, said Thomas Ash, director of government relations.

Some tiny districts predict heating bills three times what they were last year, Ash said. The eight largest urban districts did not respond to the survey about the cost of fueling buses and heating buildings.

Prices for both natural gas and heating oil are expected to double this winter, prompting many states to expand home heating assistance for poor residents. But

schools are saddled with a triple whammy: heating bills and high gasoline prices for bus fleets on top of budgets already strapped by flat state aid and a tough time getting voters to approve additional taxes.

In Toledo Public Schools, facilities crews have been told to keep the buildings heated enough only to prevent freezing on weekends. Strict guidelines dictate when boilers can be turned on and off.

Other districts are replacing doors, windows, thermostats and weather-stripping to improve energy efficiency.

## Foreign-born scientists face limits on research

By Lisa M. Krieger  
KRT CAMPUS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — New federal proposals would significantly change how research is conducted at universities, placing tough restrictions on foreign-born scientists and tightening access to equipment and computers.

Universities are exempt from most federal controls on their work because they conduct what the government calls "fundamental research" — work that is taught in open classrooms, published in journals and shared openly with the vast scientific community.

But to bolster national security, the Department of Commerce and Department of Defense say stricter standards are needed. If adopted, the proposals would restrict access to some information and technology that is not "classified" to prevent its export to foreign countries.

"We wouldn't be able to operate," said Robert Price, associate vice chancellor for research at University of California-Berkeley. "It runs counter to the essence of our operation here."

Specifically, the Department of Defense is considering proposals that would require some foreign students to work in segregated laboratories and wear special badges, coded to restrict access to labs.

The Commerce Department would require universities to apply for a license before allowing some foreign-born faculty members, staff members or students — even those who are U.S. citizens — to use common scientific equipment such as GPS systems, cell-growing fermenters, the mass spectrometers used to measure concentrations of atoms and molecules — even high-end computers such as Mac laptop and desktop computers. The universities would need to identify students to the government by their country of birth, not where they hold citizenship.

"I don't think I would come here if I'm not allowed to do

what I need to do," said Arjun Gupta, a 19-year-old engineering student at UC-Berkeley. A native of India, he gained admission to the leading universities of India and England — but chose UC-Berkeley for its technical excellence.

"Being an engineer, I need to use labs and equipment," said Gupta. "If I'm restricted from doing that, what is the point of coming?"

The proposals are still preliminary. The public comment periods recently closed, and decisions are expected in the winter or spring of 2006.

Tightened security restrictions put in place after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks already limit foreign students' ability to participate in sensitive projects for companies or the government.

The new proposals were triggered by a 2004 fact-finding mission by federal officials to major U.S. research institutions, including Stanford and UC-Berkeley.

*"If I'm restricted... what is the point of coming [to study in America]?"*  
ARJUN GUPTA, STUDENT

# get a life

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

**8 a.m.**  
Art Gallery: "Sculpture Club" Union Galleries

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
Wood County Corps Information Days  
Wood County Corps invites you to learn more about the national community service opportunities in Wood County! Stop by to talk about available positions and their financial and educational benefits!  
South Hall 204

**10 a.m.**  
26th Annual New Music & Art Festival  
DNA (Do Not Assume)  
Since the completion of the first deciphering of the human genome the molecular design of human beings and its assurance that an individual's most basic essence can be identified and manipulated, a tumult of controversy has ensued. The artists in this exhibition have created works that examine this controversial issue from a variety of positions.  
Dorothy Ueber Bryan Gallery

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Peter Gourfain Exhibition  
Gourfain's stylized black and white woodcut and linoleum prints portray the human condition and make vivid comments on social justice in America. This exhibition is free

and open to the public, and is made possible with support from the Ohio Arts Council.  
Willard Wankelman Gallery

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Alpha Gamma Delta will be selling T-shirts as a fundraiser  
Union Lobby

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
Pamper Your Heart Fundraiser  
Delta Chi Phi will be selling tickets and T-shirts for Pamper Your Heart, their annual fundraiser with Make-a-Wish Foundation.  
Union Lobby

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
The India Student Assoc. will be selling tickets for their annual Mela event.  
Union Lobby

**10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Cheer/Dance Crew Card Sale, Sponsored by Student Life  
Union Lobby

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
LDSSA Info. Table, Sponsored by the Latter-Day Saints Student Association  
Union Lobby

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Dance Marathon Promo Shirts Sale  
Union Lobby

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Max & Erma's Fundraiser Info, Sponsored by Dance Marathon  
Union Lobby

**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Veterans Week of Service Table, Sponsored by Campus Involvement  
Union Lobby

**2 - 4 p.m.**  
UPS Recruiting, Sponsored by the Career Center  
Union Lobby

**8 p.m.**  
Hubble Vision - the best from the Space Telescope  
Multi-media show in the Planetarium, \$1 donation suggested, lasts approximately 1 hour.  
BGSU Planetarium - Physical Sciences 112

**8 p.m.**  
Trivial Pursuit Night - prizes and snacks!  
HSA and AQT team up to sponsor TP night! Come test your Trivial Pursuit skill; bring a team of three or join one when you arrive.  
Harshman Community Room

**9 p.m.**  
Students for Organ Donation  
Learn more about organ donation and about how this immensely important decision affects others.  
Life Sciences 112

## THE BLOTTER

**Friday, Nov. 4**

Todd Murray of Bowling Green, Ohio was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol at 12:07 a.m. on Pike Street.

Todd Hunkler of Phoenix, Ariz., was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol at 12:55 a.m. in Founders Hall. Hunkler was held at Wood County Justice Center.

At 1:09 a.m., Theodore George of Rosford, Ohio was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol in McDonald North.

Ashley Zech of Berea, Ohio was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device at 3:33 a.m. on Wooster Street.

Jacob Darau of Star Prairie, Wis. was cited at 11:58 a.m. for failure to obey a traffic control device outside of Harshman

Quadrangle. He also received a warning for not wearing a seat belt.

Complainant advised loud music and drinking in McDonald East at 6:40 p.m. The students will be referred to Student Discipline.

Bradley Connor of Findlay, Ohio was cited for failure to yield at a cross walk on Mercer Road at 6:43 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 5**

Two ill females were transported to Wood County Hospital at 12:56 a.m. by BGF from McDonald North.

Kathleen Gibbons of Rocky River, Ohio was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia in McDonald North at 1:37 a.m.

BGF was requested to Anderson Arena at 1:42

a.m. for a subject who was assaulted. The subject refused medical treatment.

At 2:59 a.m., an ill male was transported to Wood County Hospital by BGF from McDonald East.

Complainant reported at 6:05 p.m. that his wallet was stolen in McDonald West.

At 10:47 p.m., an officer spoke with a male who dumped a case of beer outside of Commons.

**Sunday, Nov. 6**

Joe Balas of Toledo, Ohio was struck by an unknown vehicle while parked in Lot 7 at 1:22 a.m.

BGF transported a student who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol from Anderson Arena to Wood County Hospital at 1:24 a.m.

David Parker of Leetonia,

Ohio was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol at 2:07 a.m. outside of Commons.


An ill male was found passed out in a bathroom in Kreischer Quadrangle at 7:26 a.m. The male refused transportation to Wood County Hospital.

Matthew Roudebush of Bowling Green, Ohio was cited at 3:13 a.m. for OVI and failure to use turn signal on Fraternity Row. He was also cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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# OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

## A vote is a voice in local politics

Have you voted yet? Today is election day, and the clock is ticking nearer to the poll closing time at 7:30 p.m. You must be rolling your eyes right now. You might think your vote doesn't matter. And besides, why bother when your vote won't send anyone new into the White House? Right? Wrong. The people that you elect to sit on city council will affect you more than anyone elected to sit

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on Capitol Hill. City council makes decisions about your trek to campus. Since last election year, the city council people decided to

enforce where you can ride your bike to campus. Bikers who don't ride in the streets now face stricter penalties. The council also decides where students can or cannot live. After all, you won't move into one of those swanky, new apartment complexes until city council OK's the project and zoning. And you've heard of the 3-person rule: that no more than 3 unrelated people may live in a house in a residential area. City council has the power to

maintain or change those rules, and other rules that affect students just as closely. With local officials influencing students' lives in such ways, one could argue that a vote in a local election is more important than a one in a national election. Your vote is your voice in local politics. The person that you elect will speak on your behalf about issues like these. There are state issues that need to be addressed as well, including

Issues 2, 3, 4 and 5. These issues will affect state politics for years to come. This year could be your last chance to give input on these issues. Whatever the outcome of this vote, it may be permanent. If nothing else, keep in mind that people in other countries die for the rights that you have, including the right to vote. Women have not even had the right for a full century yet. And voting can become a habit. Once you begin to exercise their

right to vote, you may develop a lifelong habit, one which can encourage and inspire friends, family and perhaps someday your own children to do the same. As a young person, too much is at stake to opt not to vote. These people and policies will be affecting your life and the lives of your children for years to come. So let's send a message to city officials that students will continue to be an overpowering voice in local politics.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Controversy deserves a rest from publicity

I want to say that it is with leaden fingers that I write this letter. Both my desire not to throw my hat into the ring, and my opinion that the issue itself is nothing but an ad hominem attack on Aaron Shumaker's character, make me reluctant to say anything, but here I go. Gordy Heminger is a responsible choice for students on Election Day. I say this having worked with him and knowing that he is responsible, prompt and earnest in his concern with student affairs.

Is he a student? No. Does it matter? No. Why? Because we as individuals in America have the right to endorse whomever we choose when it comes to an election of any kind. That's why Mickey Mouse gets written in on ballots. (He does get many votes but God help us if he did.) Shumaker is making a responsible choice in his personal endorsement of Heminger, someone who he and I both know from personal experience cares about the needs of students. You don't have to be an Alpha Sigma Phi or USG President to know that. Furthermore, why waste your time accusing someone of abus-

ing his or her power by endorsing a candidate? There may be some obscure rule in the USG constitution, but that rule cannot supersede the law of the land, that Shumaker is free to express any opinions he may hold. Lastly, this issue has become a battle of words that really don't mean anything. No one on either side has said anything profound one way or the other. Please report the news, not the storm Jim Wasil has created. I think I speak for the majority of students when I say, Shumaker and Wasil can endorse whomever they choose, just stop printing it. LEO SVOBODA STUDENT [leors@bgsu.edu](mailto:leors@bgsu.edu)

### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What issue would you like to see on the ballot?



**AIMEE DUBOIS**  
SOPHOMORE,  
MECHANICAL DESIGN  
"More funding for libraries and public schools."



**TOM KIRK**  
SENIOR, PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION  
"A unified national health care system."



**GUY BATTERSON**  
SENIOR, MUSIC  
EDUCATION  
"A repeal of the party ordinance."



**DELORA BROOKINS**  
SOPHOMORE, SUPPLY  
CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
"More government-funded programs for public schools to get kids active."

## State issues stamp out special interests

It's time to pull the rug out from underneath Ohio's corrupt politicians and practices. To put it in more meaningful terms, today is the perfect day to vote in favor of Issues 2, 3, 4 and 5, otherwise known as the Reform Ohio Now amendments. These issues don't just happen to be on the ballot today. The time is much more than just ripe for these amendments to be made; it's rotting. And while Democrats and Republicans can't agree upon much of anything, many have come together both to praise these amendments and to push their passage. With the results — and wait lines — of the November 2004 election lingering in voters' minds, the first of these amendments, Issue 2, should get a warm reception. Issue 2 proposes that Ohioans be able to send in ballots by mail. While people already have the option of mail-in ballots, they are currently expected to present a legitimate reason for why they cannot vote on election day. So while military service or a trip abroad could qualify as "reason" enough to skip out on election day, there is no guarantee that "I have work," or "I have class," will grant you the privilege of mailing in your ballot. But what can't be denied is that all different people have all different schedules. Some allow for standing in line during that fleeting 12-hour window of enfranchised opportunity; some do not. But it doesn't matter, because Issue 2 allows everyone's vote to be counted. You could vote up to 35 days in advance. I can't think of one downside to this amendment. Everybody wins. The stress of fitting voting into your day is lifted and meanwhile, turn-out increases. Because voting shouldn't be discouraging or frustrating. It shouldn't be hard. Anything that helps to pump out the highest number of participants in an election — that gets the largest number of people's opinions accounted for on actual ballots — should be done. The only people who oppose Issue 2 are those who want to continue in the trend of low voter turn-outs because they



**MEGAN SCHMIDT**  
Opinion Editor  
like the results. These are the people who are comfortable with the way things are — i.e. incumbent politicians. It goes without saying that this is selfish and shows complete disrespect for what democracy is all about. The same politicians who despise Issue 2 probably don't want you to vote for Issue 3 either, because that elite group of people who never miss a vote are also the ones who contribute the most money to campaigns. But Issue 3 puts a limit on excessive donations. Right now, an individual can donate up to \$10,000 to a campaign. This gives the few people who have the means to donate outrageous sums of cash a disproportionate say in who gets elected. I don't have \$10,000 to give to my favorite politician, but I don't think someone who does should have more political influence than I do. Issue 3 limits the amount any individual can give to a campaign to \$2,000 for a state-wide candidate and \$1,000 for legislative candidates. If this amendment passes, the special interests that have such a firm grip on our government would weaken, putting power back into the hands of all voters — not just a select wealthy few. The ability to silence the masses would sink into further jeopardy with the passing of Issue 4. This amendment creates a 5-member independent board, entrusted with wiping current districting lines clean and starting over with a fresh slate. The new districts would be drawn up by that board in time for the 2008 election and re-evaluated every ten years. The process for selecting those board members is complicated, but ensures no corruption. The state appeals court judge who has the longest amount of service chooses the first member of that board; the second

## Issues no good for state of Ohio



**DANIELLE WINTERS**  
Opinion Columnist  
We have some "issues" in Ohio — or haven't you heard? The first Constitutional amendments to test Ohio's rocky political waters since the dramatically controversial Issue 1, the new issues — predictably called 2, 3, 4, and 5 — are also promising their fair share of excitement. Since every issue has a major support system, you are probably asking yourself which interests these issues gain their support from, and who they cater to. Good news! Ohio finally has issues on the ballot that are being supported by a "non-partisan" group called Reform Ohio Now, or just "RON" — kind of like that unassuming friendly next door neighbor. The one that pretends to be your friend with nothing but good intentions, but turns out to have different motives that are more impure on the inside. The top of Reform Ohio Now's Web site says "End the Corruption." In reality, RON's propositions would open Ohio up to new corruption. Now to the issues RON claims will reform the state into a better place and make for a brighter future for Ohio... Issue 2, which calls for "no-fault absentee, early voting" supposedly would allow voters to

vote absentee up to 35 days early without providing a reason. Early voters who mailed ballots and decide to show up at polls on election day and vote anyway would still be allowed to vote — and these votes will only be counted, God willing, once it is confirmed that no absentee ballot was returned. The huge problem with Issue two is the wide door it opens for voter fraud, not to mention, human error. People try to cheat the system — the residents of the local cemetery have been known to try to vote, and so has Mary Poppins. People who work at the local Board of Elections are not fool-proof, and duplicate ballots could pass through even in complete honesty. Issue 3, otherwise known as "Revising Campaign Contribution Limits" would cap the contribution limit of committees and individuals to campaigns, including a per-individual yearly limit of \$25,000 "for all state election purposes," according to the Blade. Small Donor PACs for those contributing \$50 or less would be created, and if you are under 18 contributing to political campaigns would become illegal! Money should have nothing to do with the constitution, because limits on campaign contributions would be hideously difficult to change later on, when contributions are generally a variable issue. Like previous campaign contribution limits, this one would allow

loopholes — like the small donor PACs, which would be easy ways for the labor unions to gain yet more enhanced stature in the world of political giving. Issue 4, or "Redistricting Reforms," takes the power of redrawing districts after each census right out of the hands of elected officials and would give the ability instead to a new "bipartisan panel" that would contain no elected officials. This issue would allow a new redrawing before the next census, and in leaving the redrawing up to a mere panel of people, voters lose the ability to hold officials accountable. Finally, issue 5, which is in all likelihood the most controversial issue, would strip the Secretary of State of the authority he or she has to manage state elections. Again, a 9-member "bipartisan" statewide board of elections who would hire their own administrative leader, would be appointed by the governor and leaders of the opposition party. This board would become the object of political agendas and strifes, and in all likelihood much would be avoided instead of accomplished. Voters would be unable to pinpoint the accountability on a chief elections officer. An unelected board takes power away from voters. So when you vote today, make sure you vote with the constitution in mind — vote no on Issues 2, 3, 4 and 5! Send comments to Danielle at [dwinter@bgsu.edu](mailto:dwinter@bgsu.edu)

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# Bringing the truth into the open

JAMES HERSCHBERGER

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After months of being a Republican punching bag, the Democratic Party finally has given its rival a good hard one right in the face. The GOP is bewildered, angry and most of all embarrassed that the Democrats are stepping up and calling them out.

Tuesday, in the midst of debating a budget bill, Democratic Minority Leader Sen. Harry Reid invoked the rarely used Rule 21, forcing the Senate into a closed session. All cameras were turned off, everyone who was not a senator had to leave the chamber and the lights were dimmed (for dramatic effect, I guess).

The U.S. Senate was left alone for three and a half hours to discuss intelligence findings leading up to the war in Iraq. The Republicans were furious.

To understand what drove the Democrats to such drastic action, a little background information is necessary. As we all know, Saddam Hussein did not have weapons of mass destruction despite what the president and his team said.

When Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld confidently spoke about WMDs being "in the area of Tikrit and Baghdad," he was not speaking the truth. When then Secretary of State Colin Powell presented the U.S. case to the United Nations, he offered inaccurate information.

When President Bush said in his 2003 State of the Union address, "Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa," he was neglecting a report he received stating Saddam actually had not tried to purchase nuclear material from Niger.

The campaign leading us to war was fueled by false infor-

mation.

After it came out the reasons for us invading Iraq were untrue, we needed to know why the intelligence errors had occurred. The Senate Committee on Intelligence, led by chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and vice-chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., began an investigation in June of 2003.

Phase one of the report was released in July 2004. It detailed the many incorrect statements made by President Bush and other White House officials about Iraq and al Qaeda. The report concluded there were many failures in U.S. intelligence, including a lack of good inside sources within Iraq and analysts being improperly supervised.

The committee said a second phase of the report was to follow shortly with information about whether the Bush administration intentionally misled the public to gain support for the war.

Senator Roberts said phase two was a priority he was committed to completing.

Yet by March 2005, the report was still not finished, and Roberts told reporters it was "on the back-burner." Rockefeller was upset by what Roberts said and asked that his commitment be fulfilled and the report be finished.

Last week, with the report being 20 months overdue, the Democrats had enough of Republican procrastination and excuses. Reid ambushed the Senate with the call for a closed session where the Democrats demanded to know what the intelligence committee had done.

The Senate left the session having established a panel of three Democrats and three Republicans with the purpose of conducting a progress check on the report and relaying the information to the Senate by Nov. 14.

The Republicans were

enraged by the surprise and derided it as a political stunt. Democrats called it a win for the American people.

It is increasingly clear that the president and his White House are hiding something from the public and their Republican cohorts in Congress are trying to keep whatever it on the down low.

Though the voters of the United States awarded the president's blunders with re-election, the Democrats in Congress are fighting to find out if the war that has left more than 2,000 American soldiers dead was necessary.

They are demanding to know why members of the administration spoke with confidence about matters that did not warrant confidence.

It's possible the war in Iraq, which was planned before the

Sept. 11th attacks occurred, was sold to us using information the White House knew was faulty. The Democrats in Congress are boldly asking to find out the truth and, rather than nobly joining in that effort, the Republicans are getting pissy.

About this time last year, I said Bush's backing depended on which portrayal of him more people believed. If the majority bought into the damning evidence about corruption in his ranks, then they would vehemently oppose him.

If they favored the portrait of a heroic president who takes a hard-line approach to terrorism, then they would ardently support him. With his approval rating falling to 35 percent, it seems more people are beginning to believe he's in over his head.

Whether you think Bush makes Nixon look like a saint or believe he's the victim of a liberal smear campaign, thanks to Senate Democrats, the truth about what he knew will soon be in the light and in the headlines.

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is selected by the next longest-serving judge affiliated with a different party from the first judge.

Then, those two appointed members choose the remaining three, one of whom must be independent of any party ties altogether.

Issue 4 dismantles the power incumbent politicians have to gerrymander to re-elect both themselves and their own kind again and again. They could no longer draw illogical districts, splitting cities and towns with the goal of crowding many voters from one party into a district.

Instead, an independent board would dispassionately redraw those lines and would have no collective motivation to accomplish this.

Issue 5 also calls for the formation of a bipartisan board — but this one would ensure a fair and accurate election process.

This is a necessary step to take as confidence in Ken Blackwell's handling of last year's election in Ohio waned as he simultaneously contributed his efforts to the George W. Bush campaign.

Ohio was a state which not only helped make the final call for Bush in '04, but also in which every ballot ought to have been painstakingly counted.

Voters cannot afford to let so much responsibility rest in such partisan hands.

Issue 5 proposes the installation of a 9-member body similar to a county Board of Elections to oversee election day duties for the whole state of Ohio.

This board would include 4 members appointed by the governor, 4 members appointed by the general assembly of the second-largest governing party that does not include the governor and 1 member chosen unanimously by the Ohio

Supreme Court.

Like the one detailed Issue 4, this board would also not boast the collective motivation to favor any particular candidates, as they would be a true "mixed bag" of party affiliations.

It's true that all 4 of these amendments may seem difficult to comprehend, which may deter the average voter from learning enough to making the right choices.

But with a little patience and knowledge, the urgency with which Issues 2, 3, 4 and 5 must be passed becomes clear.

So despite how involved the amendments may seem, trust with research that they are necessary for the survival — or, perhaps, the revival — of democracy in Ohio.

They are worth taking the time to understand — and what's more, worth taking the time to vote for today.

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# Financial burdens of college continue

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U-Wire Columnist  
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As to be a college student in 2005.

Some are lucky enough to have family funds to help pay for the rising costs of school. Others work one or more jobs to pay tuition, which for many is the fast lane to burnout.

The government isn't helping in all of this. In Washington, in an effort to keep the deficit from spiraling further out of control, keeps tightening the purse strings on higher education.

It's not that our representatives in the federal government don't understand the importance of an educated population. Some are pushing for rewards for those who major in math

and science disciplines. Part of what has made America so powerful during the last century has been its strong scientific community, but that dominance is threatened by increasing numbers of math and science grads coming out of Asia.

Providing incentives and financial aid for math and science students is a solution for that problem. Still, students in other disciplines will remain under pressure if the current round of cuts becomes a pattern.

A College Board report issued Oct. 18 revealed that tuition is actually rising faster than inflation. The cause, believe it or not, is insufficient funding from state and federal government.

With an expensive war in Iraq and a string of costly natural disasters, it's logical to expect that everyone will feel the effects of a sputtering economy.

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# WORLD

## African student combines religions

Kwesi Brown balances his traditional African beliefs with the Christian faith

By Meghan Durbak  
REPORTER

Like many Africans, BGSU graduate student Kwesi Brown spent much of his life torn between his Christian religion and the traditional beliefs of his ancestors.

Brown remembers that when the Christians left the churches on Sunday they turned to Abokoma — chief priestess of a traditional religion of Ghana, Africa — to solve their problems.

Abokoma turned to the spirit of water, of trees, of nature and the ancestors, and asked these helpers of God to give the faith-

ful a cure for their problems. She would come back with a prescription for a woman's dying daughter, a charm for the young man seeking a bride and instructions to the man seeking vengeance on his transgressor.

The priestess' young grandson beat on the drums as she said her prayers in the sacred shrines. The singing and dancing was synchronized with his rhythms. His percussion touched the souls of the Akan people. And just as he was hitting his peak, a Methodist preacher intervened and took his son away; angered the boy was taking part in a hea-

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*"When you come down to it all religion is one. All of them tend to want to communicate with a divine force..."*

LILLIAN ASHCRAFT-EASON,  
DIRECTOR OF AFRICANA STUDIES

spiritual terms differently than Westerners do.

What many Westerners call "tribal religion" is a way of life that "permeates the entire [African] culture," Ashcraft-Eason said. While there are several multiple denominations of religion across the continent, there are strong similarities among most of them.

Followers of indigenous religions believe in one supreme being and spirits are his helpers, Ashcraft-Eason said. The spirits have been likened to "lesser gods and goddesses" by some.

As for reincarnation, deceased

ancestors continue to influence the African people's lives for better or worse. Africans respect their elders because they are going to die soon, and will become a force in their lives after they pass on. They believe the energy of the deceased stays with them and recycles into heaven.

This recycling of a spirit's energy is reincarnation, Ashcraft-Eason explained. In African religion, reincarnation is not about coming back to life in another form. For example,

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## Australia foils terrorist attack

Authorities arrest 17 they suspect were planning a bombing

By Mike Corder  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYDNEY, Australia—Australian authorities arrested 17 terror suspects today — including a prominent radical Muslim cleric sympathetic to Osama bin Laden — and said they had foiled a major terror attack on the country by men committed to "violent jihad."

The Australian Federal Police said eight men were arrested in Sydney and nine in Melbourne in coordinated raids that also netted evidence including weapons and apparent bomb-making materials.

"I was satisfied that this state was under an imminent threat of potentially a catastrophic terrorist act," said New South Wales Police Minister Carl Scully.

Police commissioner Graeme Morgan said one of the men arrested was shot and wounded by police in the raids, which followed a 16-month investigation.

An Associated Press pho-

tographer saw a bomb squad robot examining a backpack the man was wearing when he was shot. Morgan said it contained a handgun.

Police declined to give details of the likely target of the attack, but Victoria state police chief Christine Nixon said that next year's Commonwealth Games, to be staged in Melbourne, were not a target.

Among the men arrested was the outspoken radical Muslim cleric Abdul Nacker Ben Brika, also known as Abu Bakr — an Algerian-Australian who has said he would be violating his faith if he warned his students not to join the jihad, or holy war, in Iraq.

Abu Bakr was among nine men who appeared Tuesday morning in Melbourne Magistrates Court charged with being members of a terror group.

Prosecutor Richard Maidment told the court the nine formed a terrorist group to kill "innocent men and women in Australia."

"The members of the Sydney group have been gathering chemicals of a kind that were used in the London Underground bombings," Maidment said. He said Bakr was the group's ringleader.

"Each of the members of the group are committed to the cause of violent jihad," he added.

Rob Stary, a Melbourne lawyer who said he represents eight of the nine men arrested there, including Abu Bakr, earlier had emphasized that the charges involved only membership in a terror group.

"They are not charged with being involved in the planning or preparation [of a terrorist act]," he said.

In an August interview with the ABC, Abu Bakr said that although he is against the killing of innocents, he could also not discourage his students from traveling to Afghanistan or Pakistan to train in terrorist camps.

Abu Bakr told the ABC he is not involved with any terror cells in Australia. However, he said he supports al-Qaida's aims and praised the group's leader.

"Osama bin Laden, he is a great man," Abu Bakr said. "Osama was a great man before 11 September. They said he did it and until now nobody knows who did it."

Australia has never been hit by a major terror attack, but its citizens have repeatedly been targeted overseas, particularly in neighboring Indonesia.

Last year, the country's embassy in Jakarta was badly damaged by a suicide bomber, and dozens of Australians were killed in bombings in 2002 and last month on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

Prime Minister John Howard's opponents say his strong support for the U.S.-led war in Iraq and decision to send troops there and to Afghanistan have made an attack on Australia inevitable.

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# International court will not try Hussein's case

By M.R. Kropko  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The leader of an international court the United States has refused to join said yesterday that the court cannot try Saddam Hussein because of the court's rules.

Philippe Kirsch told The Associated Press that the International Criminal Court can consider only major crimes that have occurred since the court began in 2002, and so it could not try Saddam for war crimes that were allegedly committed before then.

A point of controversy around the world is whether Saddam's trial should proceed before the Iraqi Special Tribunal or in an international court such as the ICC. That trial started Oct. 19 in Iraq.

In a rare appearance in the United States, Kirsch initially declined to discuss the Saddam trial and would not go into detail

about it when pressed.

"There's no need to discuss it in any event, because there's a tribunal in Iraq and because the [international] court's jurisdiction starts on the 1st of July 2002," he said.

Kirsch, a Canadian, also said in a brief interview with the AP that the court will be successful but needs greater international cooperation and understanding. Kirsch plans to report today at the U.N. General Assembly on the progress of the ICC, based in The Hague, Netherlands.

"As the court develops and shows that in practice it is a judicial institution and does not feed any misconception about it, it stands to reason to me that the support for the court is going to increase," he said.

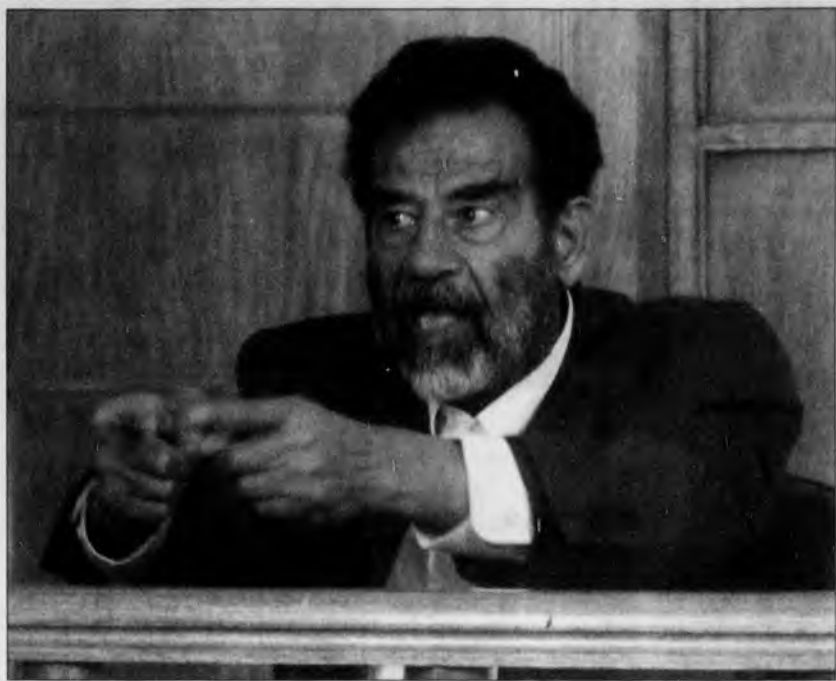
The ICC is designed as a permanent, international criminal court to prosecute heinous crimes against humanity, such

as genocide.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Kirsch about a year ago signed an agreement clarifying the working relationship between the U.N. and the war crimes tribunal. Although the court is an independent judicial body, the agreement provides for a permanent relationship between the two organizations and information sharing.

"One of the purposes of the ICC's creation is indeed to encourage states to take their own steps to deal with those crimes so that no international involvement would be necessary. We're not quite there yet," Kirsch said.

President Bush, during the 2004 presidential campaign, opposed U.S. involvement with the ICC. The Bush administration has said the ICC could be used for frivolous or politically motivated prosecution involving American troops or diplomats.



AP Photo  
**KEEPING IT LOCAL:** In this image released by the U.S. military former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein gestures in a courtroom at Camp Victory, a former Saddam Palace, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq in this July 1, 2004 file photo. Hussein's case will not be tried in International Criminal Court, and will proceed in Iraq.

# African, Christian beliefs blend together

RELIGION, FROM PAGE 6

the Yoruba religion teaches that the soul goes back to the supreme being and its energy is passed to a baby born to their descendants.

A fully grown Brown said he can see the similarities in the traditional beliefs that his grandmother held and the Christianity that his father preached. He said that both believe in one God.

Ashcraft-Eason added to the similarities. She pointed to the belief in life after death held by both groups. She also said predestination beliefs held by some Christian religions resemble the beliefs held by indigenous religions.

She notices parallels between the Roman Catholic Church and traditional African beliefs.

In traditional African religions, "diviners", which are priests, use the spirits as a pathway to the supreme being. These diviners do not worship these spirits, but do pray to them to ask for guidance and to intercede to the supreme being on their behalf.

Similarly, Catholics pray to saints in the same way. The traditional African believers wear amulets for protection from evil, while Catholics wear scapulars to protect their souls from harm.

Also the Catholic mass has several rituals, which Africans may identify with.

The many parallels between these two religions made it eas-

ier for some Africans to convert to Catholicism as compared to other Protestant religions.

Ashcraft-Eason considered religious conversion of the enslaved Africans in the Americas.

"The nature of Roman Catholicism was conducive to enabling them to appreciate old ideas and rituals they had in Africa," said Ashcraft-Eason.

"When you come down to it all religion is one. All of them tend to want to communicate with a divine force, and to have it intervene in their lives in positive ways. That is the bottom line."

Ashcraft-Eason said many Africans claim Christianity or Islam publicly in order to get a job or a government position. But many of those same people returned to traditional beliefs once they retired from positions as politicians, postal officials, or university presidents. Other countries, like the Republic of Benin, recognize traditional beliefs. Benin made Voodoo an official religion once it gained independence.

Mariam Deme, an ethnic studies instructor, is a native of Burkina Faso, Africa. A follower of Islam, Deme backs Ashcraft-Eason's findings.

"Although Africans might be Christians or Muslims with the belief in one God," Deme said, "they still, as a last resort, fall back on their indigenous religions when faced with difficult problems."

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## VOLLEYBALL

# More than just teammates

BG's Chelsey Meek and Elizabeth Simon share a common bond on and off the court

By Jason A. Dixon  
REPORTER

In freshman Chelsey Meek and sophomore Elizabeth Simon, the Bowling Green Falcons have two players who bring more than just different strengths to the volleyball team.

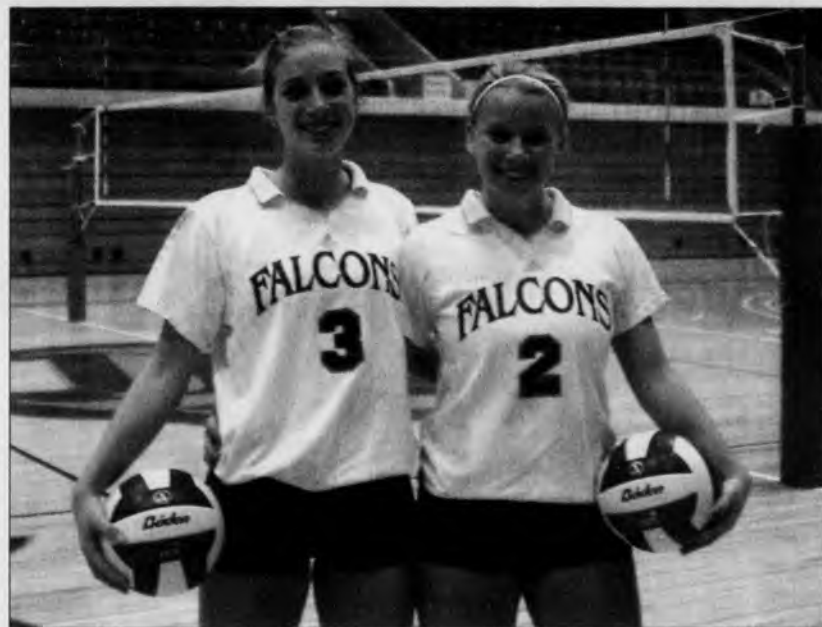
They have childhood friends, former club volleyball teammates and a duo that brings with them a following which extends out into the community from their playing days at Bowling Green High School.

"I've never had two BG kids in the history of this program," said Denise Van De Walle, who is in her 23rd season as the Falcons coach. "It's wonderful to have players on the team from the area, because it increases the fan base and the excitement about what's going on."

"This is a situation now where we have two local players who are both very good and ... I like it," she continued. "Chelsey and Simon are both great kids from top to bottom. Their work ethic on the court is awesome, their academic background is terrific."

Before the two could ever reunite, Meek had to choose to continue her volleyball career at either BG or defending Mid-American Conference Champion, Ohio.

According to Simon, a freshman for the Falcons at the time, the decision wasn't easy for Meek.



Julie DiFranco BG News

**FALCON FRIENDS:** Elizabeth Simon (left) and Chelsey Meek grew up together in Bowling Green and now are teammates on the Falcon volleyball team. The pair played five years of club ball before coming to BG.

"She came up to me and she was like 'I don't know what to do,'" Simon said. "I just told her 'It's something you have to decide. It'd be great to play with you ... But you have to go somewhere where you're going to be comfortable and you're going to enjoy it.'"

Meek, 18, acknowledges that

Simon's advice had a big impact on her, but said other factors also played a role in the final decision.

"I felt really comfortable being around the girls, and a big reason why I decided to come to Bowling Green was the chemistry I had with the girls," Meek said.

Ironically, chemistry is some-

thing Meek and Simon both shared growing up in Bowling Green.

Both had an interest in other sports prior to being introduced to volleyball for the first time in the backyard of Simon's home as sixth and seventh graders.

"I played soccer with her [Simon] younger sister Christine,

and she and I were like 'Let's just give it a try,'" Meek said.

"I was all about basketball, until I got to high school and developed a passion for volleyball."

Once Meek arrived at BGHS, Simon was already playing on varsity, but said it was beneficial having someone there she could look up to.

"We had combined practices sometimes," Meek said. "We had Big Sis' and Little Sis' programs in high school, and she was my Big Sis'. We were very supportive of one another."

The two didn't get the chance to play with one another in high school until Simon's senior season, when they finished second in the league.

Simon recalls a lot of good memories from her final year at BGHS.

"I just remember it being a lot of fun," she said. "You're playing with your best friends that you've known since kindergarten, and the whole community comes to watch."

The second-place finish served as motivation for Meek during her senior season and helped lead the Bobcats to a league title.

Meek and Simon agreed their bond developed even more last year through attending one another's games to give support, despite one being in high school and the other in college.

FRIENDS, PAGE 8

# Owens an idiot, so are Eagles



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Sports Editor

Was there any doubt to how the Terrell Owens saga would end? The petulant receiver has been banished from the Philadelphia Eagles, four games being an unpaid suspension and the rest a paid vacation.

But if you think Owens is the only one that deserves blame for this situation then you're sorely mistaken. Of course he's not absolved of all blame, but in this case there is plenty to go around for everybody.

The Eagles knew what they were getting into.

OWENS, PAGE 8

## SWIMMING

# BGSU falls in final event

Falcons lose close meet with OU, but gain confidence

By Heather Riedel  
REPORTER

It was down to the final freestyle relay at Cooper Pool and the score was tied.

The winner of the 800-yard freestyle relay between BGSU and Ohio University on Saturday would be the winner of this intense Mid-American Conference meet.

In the end, Ohio won by almost six seconds, winning the meet 153-144.

"We knew that Bowling Green is a very good program," OU coach Greg Werner said. "This team is very talented and both teams are very evenly matched. It's a complete team effort when it gets down to the final relay."

BG coach Keri Buff felt the same way about the visiting Bobcats.

"It was a team effort completely," Buff said. "It took every last swim and dive to get it down to a tie. It was everybody."

Even though this was a tough loss for Bowling Green, it was one of its best swims of the season. Throughout this meet, BG shined in every swimming and diving event and gave OU some dangerous competition. BG seniors, Dana Schultz and Stephanie Buckner, were among the top finishers in every event they competed in.

Schultz took home two individual wins in the 100 and 200-yard Butterfly events and Buckner took first place in the 50-yard Freestyle event and second in the 100-yard Freestyle. Werner said there really wasn't one individual his team was looking for when they faced BG, but these two did stand out.

"Dana Schultz is doing very well this season and Stephanie



Jordan Flower BG News

**GLIDING:** Kimberly Albin swims against Ohio University on Saturday at Cooper Pool. Albin was part of the sixth-place 200-yard medley relay.

Buckner is the defending freestyle champion," Werner said. "But we look at the championships, and the dual meets are here to prepare us for the MAC's."

Buff also sees these meets as stepping-stones to the MAC Championships.

"We both have similar philosophies," Buff said, referring to Werner. "This is a step in our season, one of many. Both teams train their tails off."

BG freshman, Alisha Yee, who won five individual events previous to this meet, also had top finishes in the events she competed in. Yee, who is from New Mexico, knows the high standards that her team has for this season and has really made an impact on the

team's performance.

"I think the team did really awesome," she said. "There were a lot of wins and everyone put their heart into it. 'We have really big goals and with the way we train, I'm really looking forward to the end of the season.'"

Added Buff: "She is awesome. Yee is an incredible addition to our program. We are very lucky to have her."

In this meet, BG gained the motivation it needs for the MAC Championships. OU is a solid program and BG showed its strength as well on Saturday.

"I think this [meet] is a huge confidence booster. It shows we can do it, we can swim against these teams," Yee said.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Falcons avenge loss to MU

BG faces distractions in loss to Western on following evening

By Jason A. Dixon  
REPORTER

With their backs against the wall, the Bowling Green Falcons went to Oxford and put their purpose-driven pursuit of perfection into practice by defeating Miami, 3-1.

"It was a great win for us to go down to Miami and beat them on their home floor with the type of season they've been having," BG coach Denise Van De Walle said before yesterday's practice.

"Really, the two middles were hard to stop," she continued. "Kendra [Halm] and Stephanie [Swiger] had two great offensive and defensive nights and I think

*"It was one of the saddest games I've seen as far as momentum, distractions, and things that have nothing to do with the players."*

DENISE VAN DE WALLE, COACH

that's really what sealed the deal for us to beat Miami."

BG's match against Western Michigan was shrouded in drama and disappointment the following night, culminating in a 3-1 loss.

"Something happened in that match that I've never seen in my entire career of coaching, and that was the official called an

eight second call on our server when she never heard him blow the whistle or saw him beckon for service.

"So he took the ball from BG, gave Western the ball and the point," she said. "It was one of the saddest games I've seen as far as momentum, distractions and things that have nothing to do with the players."

Van De Walle said the questionable call, which took place during the third game while the score was tied at 29, and the loss to the Broncos didn't de-value the team's weekend.

The Falcons — 15-12 overall and 7-7 in the Mid-American Conference — still managed to secure a first-round home match for the Mid-American Conference Tournament begins

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## HOCKEY

# CCHA back on track in 2005-06

After poor season last year, CCHA returns to prominence

By Kevin Shields  
REPORTER

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association has always been known for being one of the top hockey conferences in the country.

Season after season the CCHA has turned out great talent and great teams as it has produced seven national championship teams, five Hobey Baker Award winners and 141 All-Americans, starting with BGSU's own Ken Morrow in 1978.

Last season however, the CCHA saw other conferences

challenge them as the Eastern College Athletic Conference and Hockey East had great seasons and the CCHA saw only two teams make the 16-team NCAA field. That's down from the five teams the CCHA had in the tournament the year before.

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association continued its dominance over the country as it fielded five teams in the tournament and became the first conference in college hockey history to have a clean-sweep of the four regions of the tournament bracket. Denver won its second national championship in a row as the Frozen Four belonged to the WCHA with Colorado College, Minnesota and North Dakota joining the

Pioneers in Columbus.

The ECAC fielded three teams while Hockey East had four.

This season though, the CCHA has fought itself back into the race as the league has seen plenty of early season success.

As of this past week, the league had five teams in the top 15 of the USA Today/Hockey Magazine poll and six in the top 20 of a poll run by United States College Hockey Online and College Sports Television.

One of these teams is Alaska-Fairbanks, who surprised many people around the country on opening weekend by earning a 4-3 win and a 3-3 tie at top-ranked Minnesota.

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## Philadelphia made mistake when signing Owens

OWENS, FROM PAGE 7

When you trade for a receiver who has been suspended for mocking another team (his infamous celebration on the Dallas star) you know what you're getting.

When you trade for a receiver who openly criticized his coach and quarterback in San Francisco, you know what you're getting.

When you trade for a receiver who has refused a trade to the Ravens and bad mouthed the organization in the process, you know what you're getting.

And finally, when a player, with all of the above in his past, says that if he does not receive a new contract he will be unhappy, then you should be able to anticipate what unhappiness entails.

Owens is a jerk, and probably more, but that is the most suitable word for a public newspaper.

However, if the Eagles didn't think they were trading for a jerk then they are fools. If they thought that things would change because, "they said so," then they are fools.

No, what they thought was that Owens was worth the trouble if it meant winning a Super Bowl.

People will do anything to win and Owens knows it. Do you really think he was born such an egomaniacal jerk?

Of course not.

It was something that has been building in him his entire life as everyone has looked the other way if it meant success.

Perhaps this should be looked at as the comeuppance due to every sports franchise that has helped foster these sorts of attitudes in athletes.

Owens is just doing what he's always done, and the Eagles knew it when they signed him to a contract. They should have known to expect that he wouldn't be satisfied with the contract, his role, his teammates or pretty much anything else.

Now they are ridding themselves of the headache that is Terrell Owens. Pardon me if I don't shed a tear.

And don't expect me to cry for the next team that falls for the trap that is Owens. But hey, maybe they'll win the Super Bowl and it will all be worth it.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# AWAITING AND RELAXING



Eric Steele BG News

**PATIENTLY WAITING:** Members of the BGSU women's soccer team watch a TV at the Ice Arena to find out their draw in the NCAA tournament. The Falcons will play Michigan State for the second time this year on Friday in Notre Dame, Ind.

## Locals were friends before teammates

FRIENDS, FROM PAGE 7

Throughout this season Van De Walle said it has been difficult to get Meek and Simon on the floor at the same time, because they play similar positions.

Nevertheless, both said they have continued to grow closer despite playing together sparingly.

Meek, a 5-foot-5 libero, has played in all 28 matches for the Falcons averaging a team-high 4.24 digs per game. Simon, a 5-foot-7 left-side hitter and defensive specialist, has appeared in 14 matches this season.

"It's nice having Elizabeth here, because she also plays my position and it's just nice talking to her and learning things from her, because she was in my shoes last year," Meek said.

"I think I could talk to her about pretty much anything and we talk about everything," Simon said. "When you come into a sport you're faced with a lot of things. You're no longer the best on the team, because everybody else is just as good as you."

"Not only that, but just getting used to college life is hard sometimes and it's nice to have someone here to just reassure you that everybody does go through this or that."

BG sophomore Stephanie Swiger said it's nice to have Meek and Simon, because they have played together for so long — including five years of club volleyball.

"They're two great players and it's just very convenient that they're from the town that this university is in," said Swiger, who played with Meek and Simon for the Premier Volleyball Club coached by current BG assistant Sean Huiet.

"It's always nice to pull in people from the town. They having a following from Bowling Green High School, and it's always nice to bring in those people."

Van De Walle said she is excited about having Meek and Simon for the next few years together.

"It's been nice," she said. "They seem to be very good friends. They're very easy to coach. I love having them on the team."

## Hockey league flooded with parity

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That was followed by Nebraska-Omaha winning its Maverick Stampede over nationally ranked New Hampshire and Michigan State winning the Lefty McFadden Tournament in Dayton with a win over national runner-up North Dakota.

Then in pretty evenly matched games at top of the polls, Ohio State earned a win at Colorado College and Michigan won a home match with Boston College the night before BC played the Falcons.

The Buckeyes and Wolverines were favored to be the top teams in the league coming into the season, but they know it's not going to be an easy road.

"Any one of these teams is one hit away from having a tremendous year," OSU coach John Markell said at the CCHA Media Day prior to the season. "You better respect your opponent in the CCHA."

Respect was something Western Michigan was looking for this past weekend as they upset the preseason favored Buckeyes two nights in a row after being picked by many to

finish last in the CCHA. The wins gave the Broncos the early CCHA lead as they are tied with Ferris State, Miami and Northern Michigan which all have four league points.

"Not many scores surprise you," Falcon coach Scott Paluch said. "Western is an extremely tough team at home and they beat a very good Ohio State twice. They came from behind both nights to do it."

"The league sets itself up to so many parameters," he continued. "Goaltending, the ability to score a puck and a lot of different things go into it."

Goaltending was big in the league last year and once again it will be a key this season as the league returns a lot of proven scorers.

Gone are players like Jeff Tambellini, Jim Slater and Jeff Legue, but back are players like OSU's Tom Fritsche, U of M's T.J. Hensick, Falcon's Jonathan Matsumoto, NMU's Darin Olver, UNO's Scott Parse and WMU's

Brent Walton.

Though the CCHA and college hockey haven't adopted the new rules of the National Hockey League that has seen an increase in scoring and excitement, the league has made strides in recent years to better the play.

"With the initiative that Tom Anastos (CCHA Commissioner) has pushed in our league, the hockey is much improved at the college level," Michigan coach Red Berenson said. "It's more exciting for the fans and more interesting and more chal-

lenging for the players, and I think overall we have a better product than two years ago."

Once again, the league is shaping up to be a race to the finish as any team is capable of winning the league as no one has stepped up as the dominant team. The CCHA also hopes with all the success and excitement created so far that it can put a good number of teams in the NCAA field again.

"Each and every game is going to be tight — it's a battle," MSU coach Rick Comley said. "There used to be a day in college hockey where you could look at the schedule and plot how your season was going to go, those days are long gone right now. I think it's going to be a great season in the CCHA."

*"Any one of these teams is one hit away from having a tremendous year."*

JOHN MARKELL, OSU COACH

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**AIRBORNE:** BG sophomore Maggie Karges serves the ball in a match earlier in the year against Central Michigan.

## Falcons motivated to finish on strong note

VOLLEYBALL, FROM PAGE 7

Nov. 15.

There is a sense of relief among the Falcons, according to Van De Walle, now that they accomplished they set back in August.

"We've made some great strides this season with this young of a team ... especially being picked fifth in the East and we're third," she said. "I think right now, the goal of hosting a first-round and realizing that we've played well enough to have that happen just speaks to what the team set out to do."

Beginning with tonight's 7 p.m. non-conference match

with Oakland — at Anderson Arena, BG sets its sights on "finishing strong."

The Grizzlies (5-24) will be the first opponent during a three-game home-stand as the Falcons end the regular-season.

Stephanie Swiger, who was named MAC East Player of the Week, said BG is motivated to finish the season with some strong performances in front of the home crowd.

"Playing well in front of your home crowd is a huge, huge deal," she said. "We're just excited to have the opportunity to host, and we're looking forward to use these games as preparation for the MAC Tournament."

# Duke tops preseason poll

Defending champion Tar Heels not among the Top 25 teams

By Jim O'Connell  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke is back at No. 1 in The Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll while defending champion North Carolina failed to even make the Top 25.

Kansas, the preseason No. 1 last year and another regular in the poll, also was not among those teams ranked Monday.

The Blue Devils were a runaway choice for No. 1, the sixth time they have started the season atop the rankings.

North Carolina becomes the first defending national champion not to be in the preseason poll the next season since Kansas in 1988-89. The Tar Heels lost their top seven scorers from last season, three to graduation and four underclassmen as NBA lottery draft picks.

Bolstered by the return of All-America guard J.J. Redick and all-conference center Shelden Williams from a team that went 27-6 and reached the third round of the NCAA tournament, Duke received 61 first-place ballots and 1,785 points from the 72-member national media panel.

Texas, which has four double-figure scorers back from a 20-11 that was beaten by Nevada in the NCAA's opening round, was second with six first-place votes and 1,652 points. It matches the highest ranking in school history.

Duke and Texas meet Dec. 10 in East Rutherford, N.J.

Kansas had been in the preseason poll every year since 1991-92, being out of the top

10 only three times. North Carolina was in all but one of the last 20 preseason polls, only three of the rankings out of the top 10.

*"I do expect us to be the best team in America. I expect that every year. That is just the confidence and mentality that we have to have."*

J.J. REDICK, DUKE

lowed by Michigan State, which had four first-place votes, and Villanova, which was No. 1 on one ballot.

Oklahoma was sixth and

Louisville, which moved from Conference USA to the Big East, was seventh. Gonzaga, Kentucky and Arizona rounded out the top 10.

Boston College, which left the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference, was 11th followed by Memphis, Stanford, West Virginia, Alabama, Syracuse, Illinois, Wake Forest, UCLA and Iowa.

The last five ranked teams were George Washington, Nevada, Indiana, Maryland and Iowa State.

The preseason poll started with the 1961-62 season. UCLA has the most No. 1 rankings with eight, followed by Duke's six and North Carolina's five.

The Blue Devils have been ranked for 167 consecutive polls, dating to the preseason poll of 1996-97 season. Kansas had the second-longest streak but the Jayhawks are out of the rankings for the first time since the preseason poll of 2000-01, a

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## Browns continue to make strides

Cleveland overcomes off field problems to show improvement

By Tom Withers  
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BEREA, Ohio — At the season's halfway point, the Cleveland Browns aren't playing half bad.

Romeo Crennel isn't ready to say they're half good, though.

"When you're 3-5," the rookie coach said in typical simplicity and candor, "You don't have many strengths."

Maybe not, but the Browns (3-5) are showing signs of improvement in nearly every facet of the game. On Sunday, the club emerged from a week of assorted distractions with a 20-14 victory over the Tennessee Titans, a tight win that has renewed the faith of many of Cleveland's players.

"It gives us hope," said running back Reuben Droughns, who rushed for 116 yards on 20 carries and added four receptions for 73. "We still believe we can make a little run and get some wins in the next few games. We can't give up right now, and I don't believe this team is ready to give up."

Only a few days ago, the Browns had enough soap opera-like storylines that it seemed they were on the verge of seeing another season spiral out of control.

Quarterback Trent Dilfer's starting status was becoming less certain as Cleveland fans clamored for the club to play rookie Charlie Frye. Rookie wide receiver Braylon Edwards then compounded the QB issue by chiming in that Frye could spark the Browns before later saying he was taken out of context.

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REUBEN DROUGHNS, BROWNS RB

arrested on drunken driving charges, and wide receiver Dennis Northcutt wondered aloud why he wasn't getting the ball more. And on top of that, punter Kyle Richardson nearly lost his job after two shanks in a loss to Houston prompted the Browns to sign a punter to the practice squad.

But just as the Browns were

beginning their accustomed descent into dismay, they managed to make just enough big plays to edge the rebuilding Titans and snap a three-game losing streak.

For offensive tackle Ryan Tucker, the season has started over.

"I'm trying to forget about the past, the beginning of the season," said Tucker, who kept Titans defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch, one of the AFC's top pass rushers, off Dilfer. "I'm just starting at each week and I was going to wait until we got that first win to start my new season."

In recent weeks, Crennel criticized an overall lack of enthusiasm and energy in his players, whom he felt weren't playing with as much emotion in the practice squad.

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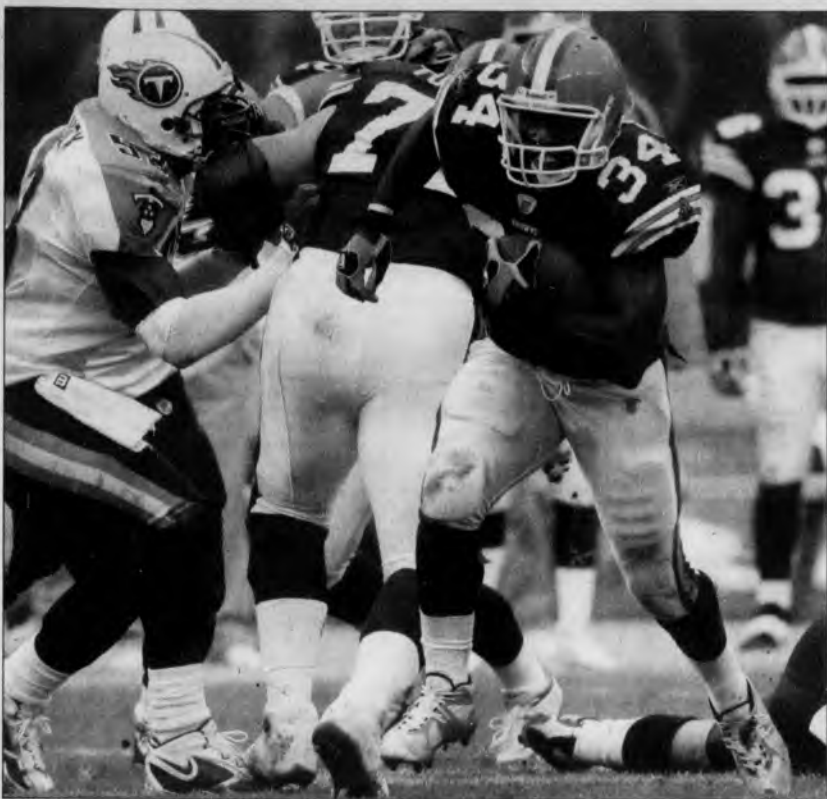
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**LOOKING AHEAD:** Cleveland Browns running back Reuben Droughns (34) breaks through the line past Tennessee Titans linebacker Keith Bullock, left, on Sunday. Droughns rushed for 116 yards on 20 carries.

# Crennel likes team's effort

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second half as at the start of the game. But Sunday, Crennel liked his team's effort for all 60 minutes.

"At times, in trying to win the game, I've felt like maybe we were too tight. During the course of the week, I talked to them about positive things, about making plays. Let's do what we have to do to make plays. Let's not play not to make a mistake. Let's play to make a play. Whether it did any good or not, I'm not sure, but we seemed to play looser. We weren't as tight."

There has been one constant for the Browns this season. Through eight games, Cleveland's defense has emerged as the team's most improved and dependable unit, a group that came into the season expected to struggle while learning a new 3-4 system.

But as the club's offense has sputtered and been inconsistent, the defense has been able to keep games close.

"I don't think people felt like we would keep teams from scoring

the way that they have done at this point," Crennel said.

Cleveland's defense is giving up just 17 points per game, and before allowing the Titans to score two TDs, the Browns had tied a club record by not giving up more than one TD in five straight games.

"We were talking about that (record) on the sideline," linebacker Andra Davis said. "We definitely wanted to break it."

Crennel, who won three Super Bowl rings as New England's defensive coordinator, credits the defense's success with an ability to keep the opposing offense from ripping off huge chunks of yardage.

"They try not to give up the big play," he said. "If you don't give up the big play, other teams have to run more plays to gain yards and there are more opportunities for mistakes."

Truth be told, the Browns haven't had to deal with many of the NFL's higher-ranked offenses, facing Houston (No. 31), Detroit (No. 28), Chicago (No. 26), Baltimore (No. 25) and Tennessee (No. 15) thus far.

Still, there is a noticeable upgrade from last year, further proof that Crennel's system is taking hold.

"We're better," Davis said. "But there's still a lot of room for improvement."

# Big East has five ranked

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span of 93 polls.

Kentucky now has the second-longest active streak at 80, dating to Feb. 12, 2001.

The record streak for consecutive polls is 221 by UCLA from the preseason poll of 1966-67 through Jan. 8, 1980.

Texas was ranked No. 2 for one week in December 2002.

"We don't talk about it," coach Rick Barnes said of the lofty ranking. "I think it's a compliment to our program and these players. But we realize it's pre-

season."

The Big East leads the conferences with five ranked teams — Connecticut, Villanova, Louisville, West Virginia and Syracuse — the first three in the top seven.

The ACC and Big Ten each had four teams in the preseason Top 25.

Four of the teams in the Top 25 weren't ranked at all last season — Stanford, UCLA, Indiana and Iowa State. This is Iowa State's first time in the poll since the final poll of 2000-01.

Kansas, Wake Forest and

Illinois were ranked No. 1 last season. The Illini ran the last 15 weeks and were a unanimous pick six times.

The season starts Tuesday night with No. 16 Syracuse playing Bethune-Cookman in the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

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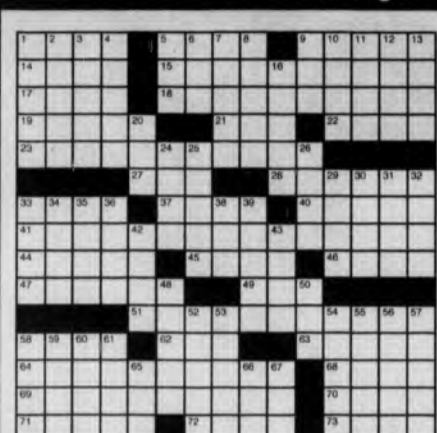
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