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**ANOTHER WIN:** Strong second half propels Falcons to home victory over Ohio U.; **PAGE 10**

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## Watch your back

### Student muggings raise safety concerns

University student Kara Stewart was a bit nervous walking home from the bar by herself early Sunday morning.

By Lisa Halverstadt  
REPORTER

Repeatedly checking over her shoulders, Stewart, a junior, was talking on her cell phone near Fourth and Elm streets at about 2:55 a.m. when a white male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt appeared and grabbed her purse.

Initially she clutched her bag, refusing to give it up, but that didn't stop the young

man from stealing her purse.

"I was in heels so it was kind of hard to keep hold of my purse, and I fell ... still holding onto my purse — and he dragged me for what seemed like forever," Stewart said. "He did one hard tug at my purse, got it and [then he] was gone."

About an hour and a half earlier and just a block away, near Fourth and High streets, Mandy Ruse, another University junior, was mugged by a white male with a similar description. In the report, Ruse described the suspect as roughly 5-foot-9 and as wearing a white hooded sweatshirt.

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Illustration by Amy Dehring, BG News

## Factory farms a stinky issue

Residents discuss risks of improper manure disposal

By Dan Myers  
REPORTER

About 35 northwest Ohio residents gathered last night to talk about bull crap — literally.

Cow manure that seeps into the ground poses a number of environmental and health risks, said Dave Housholder, vice president of Wood County Citizens Opposed to Factory Farms.

Factory farms, such as the one located in Wood County near Weston, raise several hundred dairy cows and dump their manure on the ground, Housholder said.

He then passed around a schematic of the drainage tile buried under Wood County's surface, describing its inability to properly handle liquid manure.

"If you've ever had a woman show up on your back door crying because her house has been declared lost — and she and her husband have declared bankruptcy — you understand the importance of drainage," Housholder said.

Among the health risks posed by standing manure include e-coli, listeria, salmonella and other organisms capable of causing disease in humans, according to materials distributed by WCCOFF.

The materials also give detail on environmental pollutants found in bovine waste, such as phosphorus and nitrogen entering the water — chemicals that are toxic to fish.

The manure also releases hydrogen sulfide, which could cause brain damage in humans, according to the New York Department of Health's

Web site.

Housholder is also the trustee for Portage Township, where another factory farm has been proposed for construction.

"Should I go to my constituents and ask for money to bring in an operation they don't want to come in?" Housholder asked his audience.

Patrick Ng, one of the founding members of WCCOFF when it formed about five years ago, said he is in the activist group to work toward change in factory farms' practices.

"Right now, we try to stop them from coming in," Ng said. "We want to have a moratorium because there are not enough studies on manure."

Ng said he joined the WCCOFF while he was on Bowling Green's City Council.

"At that time, I was concerned with the pollution entering the Maumee River," he said. "The manure [from the Weston factory farm] could overflow into the Maumee, which is one mile west of the Bowling Green water intake."

Last night's discussion was part of the Wood County Public Forum series of talks organized by a group called Democracy for Northwest Ohio.

According to Lee McLaird, coordinator for the organization, the Public Forum series is a place where the public can discuss issues that are important to them as informed voters.

Katie Hartwell, a senior education major at the University, attended the discussion last night.

"All I know is that a lot of people have a lot of very strong opinions [on this topic], especially in this area, and I want to educate myself on why I should care," Hartwell said prior to the presentation's start.



DAVE HOUSHOLDER  
WCCOFF

## Clinic attracts musicians

Directors, students from around Ohio in BG to develop skills

By Maggie Timlin  
REPORTER

Beginning today, close to 2,000 high school student musicians and band directors from all parts of Ohio will flock to Bowling Green for three days to stimulate their musical growth.

This growth will be developed by pushing them to develop and build on their instrumental performance and music-reading skills.

These musically-graced visitors have come to town with their

instrument of choice in tow to attend the yearly Band Music Reading and Directors Clinic put on by the College of Musical Arts.

This marks the clinic's 48th year, and it appears to only be gaining momentum as the years go on, said Bruce Moss, director of bands at the University and a twelfth year organizer of the event.

"This clinic has been around for a long time, so I've tried to give it some different directions over the years, a new philosophy and a new look," Moss said. "We try to tweak it up and make it a little more contemporary and a little more visionary every year."

While its festivities may only

stretch until the evening of Jan. 21, the clinic is crammed full of challenges and opportunities for those present to take advantage of.

Whether a participant is a visiting band director or a high school student musician determines what lessons they take part in at the clinic.

For the band directors, many of whom bring their own students along too, the focus of the clinic is to listen to different bands' live performances of new music publications showcased at the clinic.

They are able to look at music that has been released in the last year, then sit in a band and play the music that their students will

ultimately perform. They can decide what they like and what they do not as a result of this musical "test drive."

But the event holds something completely different in store for the attending high school students who are missing a few days of school to attend the clinic. Soon after they settle in on campus, they take an audition and are put into one of two bands, which are called honors bands.

After that, the pressure is on said Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts. The students must learn new music right as they come, he said.

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## ADMIRING



Jenni Boebel, BG News

**TAKING IT IN:** Jake Wilder, sophomore, admires a painting by Gordan Ricketts at the 53rd Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition.

## Award-winning author to speak

By Kara Ohngren  
REPORTER

Samrat Upadhyay, the first Nepali-born fiction writer writing in English to be published in the West, is set to speak tomorrow night as part

of the College of Arts and Science's Visiting Writers Series. Also sponsored by the Creative Writing program and Mid-American Review, the event will be held in Prout Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Upadhyay's first book, the short story collection *Arresting God in Kathmandu* (Houghton Mifflin) is recipient of a Whiting Writers' Award and a selection in the Fall 2001 Barnes & Noble Great Writers Program. Upadhyay's novel

*The Guru of Love*, appeared in 2003 with Houghton Mifflin and was named New York Times Notable Book of the Year and a finalist for the 2004 Kiriama Prize, which is awarded in "recognition of outstanding books that promote greater understanding of and cooperation among the peoples and nations of the Pacific Rim and South Asia."

Upadhyay's stories have been read live on National Public Radio and published widely as well as in Scribner's Best of the Writing Workshops, edited by Sherman Alexie, and Best American Short Stories 1999, edited by Amy Tan.

He now teaches creative writing at Indian University.



SAMRAT UPADHYAY  
WRITER

**BUSTED:** Couple accused of scheming Wendy's is sentenced to time in prison yesterday. **PAGE 7**

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

FRIDAY



Few Showers

High: 49°  
Low: 37°

SATURDAY



Snow

High: 37°  
Low: 24°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 36°  
Low: 26°

MONDAY



Snow Shower

High: 34°  
Low: 24°

# Gish film series opens with a hit

By Stephanie Spencer  
REPORTER

Try to imagine a film with all of the glitz of "Kill Bill," but a little more heart and 19th century Japanese culture.

Zatoichi is premiering tonight as the first film in the International Film Series in the Gish Theatre at 7:30 p.m. and has already received great reviews from around the world. The festival has been going on at the University for three decades with around twenty movies a year.

And considering how large the crowds have been for Japanese films at the University lately, it would be a good idea to come early. Last Halloween the theatre was so packed for "Ringu," the Japanese predecessor to "The Ring," that they had to turn people away.

Timothy Pogacar, chairman of the Department of German, Russian and East Asian languages, selected the films for this semester with help from other faculty and outside influences.

"We tried to combine aspects of traditional Japanese culture with a modern setting," he said.

"This helps students to get an idea of other cultures and social issues going on outside America."

But the film festival will be showing more than just one cultural genre. Continuing through March 30th, the theatre will show movies from Slovenia, Germany and Armenia.

In previous years, the films have been selected on the basis of how relevant they were, or if they reflected any economic conflict going on in the particular countries at that time. For the first time, recent Armenian and Slovic films are being shown in the festival to encourage people from around the area to immerse themselves in a different point of view for around ninety minutes.

University senior Nicole Daniel looks at it from a pop culture perspective.

"A lot of people only talk about American pop culture, it's important to see that other countries are making contributions to these art forms," she said.

All of the films in this series are free to the public and should make for an eye-opening night.

# DNA may link worlds

## Wood found in Midas tomb may tell history

By Alison Kemp  
REPORTER

The legendary King Midas turned everything that he touched to gold. Scott Rogers, a University biology professor, and Zeki Kaya, a plant geneticist from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, are searching for answers about ancient wood, their own gold, in Midas' tomb.

Rogers and Kaya are testing ancient DNA — searching for a link between the Lebanon cedar presently in Turkey and the wood found in the tomb. There is no Lebanon cedar near the tomb, so what kind of wood was used in the tomb and where it came from is of interest to Kaya and Rogers. The inside of the tomb, discovered in 1959, is lined with timber.

There is a real King Midas, who ruled Phrygia, now present-day Turkey. It is believed that he lived from 740 to 696 B.C. — that is over 2700 years ago.

Kaya wrote to the Anatolian Civilization Museum in Ankara,



Photo Provided

EVERYTHING IS NOT GOLD: DNA from timber lining inside King Midas' tomb may allow researchers to connect ancient wood to today's forest and where the tomb was made.

WOOD, PAGE 6

# Dean in Ohio to promote reform

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — National Democrats promoted their ethics reform package yesterday in battleground Ohio, which party Chairman Howard Dean called the center of Republican corruption scandals.

Dean outlined a package of measures to bar members of Congress from accepting gifts from lobbyists, pointing to a federal investigation of GOP

Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio, who is accused of taking bribes from former Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Abramoff has pleaded guilty to bribing members of Congress and other charges.

"The cost of corruption is real to Ohioans, and it's real to Americans, and we're going to put an end to that," said Dean, standing just a few feet away from the ceremonial Statehouse office of Gov. Bob Taft.

The Republican governor pleaded no contest in August to failing to report golf outings and other gifts he was treated to, becoming the state's first governor convicted of a crime.

The event, at which Democrats signed a petition in support of ethics reform, was the first outside Washington in support of the reform proposals.

Dean's visit gave a national stage to an argument Ohio Democrats have been making for months: voters should end 12 years of Republican domination of state government because of pervasive GOP corruption.

That includes a scandal involving \$300 million in investment losses at the state insurance fund for injured workers.

Democratic candidates for several statewide offices including governor are sounding similar themes as they try to win back seats in the state that has failed to

DEMOCRATS, PAGE 6

# Musical event boasts hard work, guest conductors

CLINIC, FROM PAGE 1

"They have only four or five rehearsals to master it before they have to give a full performance," Kennell said. "That makes it really exciting, but also, very fast pace."

Kennell said the goal of this clinic is to perform at a higher level and accomplish something in a short period of time.

While the clinic involves a lot of work, there is one very big payoff. Participants are given the chance to work with world-renowned guest composers who will teach the students and provide them with helpful feedback.

This year's guest conductors are David Gillingham, a professor of composition at Central Michigan University, and Paula Holcomb, director of bands at

the State University of New York.

Additionally, this year's special guest is well-known writer and broadcaster Jamie Bernstein, who is the daughter of legendary composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein.

Bernstein is scheduled to talk to students and directors directly at an event coined "A Conversation with Jamie Bernstein," to take place at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in Kobacker Hall. Bernstein will then narrate Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait" in a Symphonic Band performance tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Kobacker Hall, where the band will be accompanied by the Toledo Symphony's brass section for three songs.

Being able to meet and discuss elements of musical performance with such accomplished guests is a huge highlight of the

event for participants, and the payoff for all the effort the students put into the clinic.

"For high schoolers and college students alike, the reading clinic allows us to simply meet a famous person," said Felecia Tchen, a Symphonic Band oboe player and a second year clinic participant. "If you were going to acting school, it would be the equivalent of meeting Steven Spielberg or someone of that caliber."

But the excitement the clinic has to offer is not limited simply to those with a knack for musical comprehension. The clinic's performances are open to the public.

All events are free with the exception of tomorrow's Symphonic Band concert. Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

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**MAN CHARGED FOR SHOOTING IN OKLAHOMA**

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) — Karras Harrison could face the death penalty if convicted of killing a University of Oklahoma student at a party early Sunday. Harrison was arraigned Tuesday afternoon at the Payne County Courthouse and charged with first-degree murder and three felony charges of shooting with intent to kill.

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# CAMPUS

## Victims' hesitance, shame can be stalkers' powerful ally

Stalking, preceding a third of male-female murders, gets ignored

By Laura Collins  
REPORTER

In honor of January being Stalking Awareness Month, this week's Brown Bag Luncheon, "Every Breath You Take," dealt with stalking and its many forms.

Presenter Mary Krueger, director of the Women's Center, said songs like "Every Breath You Take" by The Police and "Invisible" by Clay Aiken, help to romanticize the issue of stalking.

"We often misinterpret 'I need

you, I can't let you go' as romantic, but it's not," Krueger said. "It can be dangerous."

According to Krueger, approximately one in 12 women will experience stalking in their lifetime, and a third of all women who were murdered by men were stalked prior to their murder.

Most stalking begins as a result of a relationship ending, Krueger said. While most of the time the relationship is romantic, it happens with non-romantic relationships as well.

"These stalkers are called obsessional stalkers. They've had a relationship with you, you don't want one anymore, but they can't let

go," she said.

While stalking behaviors can vary between perpetrators, Krueger said, some more common behaviors include: Annoying, repeated phone calls, following the victim, vandalizing the car, home or property of the victim, harassing friends or family members of the victim and threatening or killing the victim's animals.

Since there is a fine line between persistence and stalking, some victims are reluctant to do something about it.

"Sometimes it takes stalking victims awhile to realize they are being stalked, especially if the people around them think the stalker

just has a crush," Krueger said.

Cynthia Mahaffey, a writing instructor at the University, agrees that women can often be hesitant to go to the police about a stalker.

"Sometimes women are afraid to do something before it becomes dangerous because we think that being stalked reflects on us and our choices," Mahaffey said.

Erik Wade, a doctoral student at the University, attended the presentation because he had an experience with someone sending him stalking e-mails. He advises others to be cautious when meeting new people, especially ones that are overly persistent or aggressive.

"If someone is stalking you, let

someone else know in case something does happen," Wade said. "If you don't talk about it, that's when it can become dangerous."

Krueger encourages women to be cautious and to not misinterpret stalking for caretaking and romance.

"Stalking is not about the victim, it is about the perpetrator," Krueger said. "If they did it before, they'll do it again."

Krueger advises those who are being stalked to document it by getting a protection order from the police. After one has been issued, any contact by the perpetrator is illegal. That includes everything from e-mail to getting in contact

through a mutual friend.

Stalkers who violate the protection order are usually fined, and in rare cases jailed. While the lack of severe penalties for stalkers can be daunting, Krueger said there have been advancements made by police departments concerning stalking.

For example, some police departments have mutual aid agreements. Meaning, one police jurisdiction will accept stalking records from another police jurisdiction. That way, if the victim moves, the protection order will still apply. For more information on stalking or Brown Bag Luncheons visit [www.bgsu.edu/offices/women](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women).

# get a life

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

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Kappa Delta Colonization Info Table  
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Volunteer Project Info  
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11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Jane Elliott Event Advertising  
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11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
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11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Camp Adventure Info and  
Recruitment  
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Noon - 4 p.m.  
Raffle — Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
will be raffling off a snowboard  
and 2 footballs signed by Omar  
Jacobs.  
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Noon - 3 p.m.  
Sigma Nu Recruitment  
Union Lobby

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Kappa Delta Recruitment  
Union Lobby

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Beating your fears can save lives

What if someone told you that you can save the lives of people around the world within an hour? What if you were told that you could literally be that beacon of life for someone in a life or death situation, and you can be that beacon right before your 2:30 class?

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Green, OH.

According to the official Web site of the Red Cross' blood donation branch (givelifelife.org), someone is in need of blood every two seconds. To quote the Web site,

“that's a lot of blood.”

But the Web site puts a damper on the reader's mood by noting that only one out of 20 possible donors give blood in a given year. So after the ineligible donors are weeded out of the target population, only five percent are willing to help.

Even worse, certain metropolitan areas of the country (including Cleveland) have a shortage of blood and aren't always able to help to meet the needs of those who require it.

There is a large number of people who are eligible to give blood, but whatever their reservations are, won't step up to the plate and do their part.

Perhaps the greatest reservation is that the American population suffers from aichmophobia, or the fear of needles (and other pointy objects). And we're not condemning aichmophobics, either; conquering your fear of having a needle stuck into your arm is a big step.

But two seconds of your pain

could be the difference between happiness and despair for a family. You will instantly become a savior (literally) to someone who will be forever in your gratitude without ever knowing your name.

The next time the blood drive comes to Bowling Green, try something new. Memorize all of the countries in Africa or all the prime ministers in Canada. When the blood drive worker attempts to put a needle in your arm, focus on the countries or

prime ministers (or anything else that you can) to take your mind on the impending agony. Do this, and you'll hardly even notice that the needle has penetrated your skin.

Whatever your fear, whatever it takes, overcoming your reservations can mean so much to so many people. As a national community, we rely on one another for things that we can't do ourselves. It's encouraging that saving a life can be this easy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hockey fans have lost class and dignity

Like many others who were in attendance for the Monday night hockey game against Ferris State, my ears have not stopped ringing (nor my stomach churning) from the multiple volleys of vulgar remarks directed at the opposing team, the officials, and even (from time to time) our own players. As a result, many others in the student section and I have been left wondering what happened to the class and tradition of the Bowling Green hockey fans.

Unfortunately, some fans have recently taken it upon themselves to turn what was once a wonderful and storied tradition into a mash of vulgarity and blatantly offensive remarks. If the Falcon fans of BG Hockey's heyday saw this, they'd surely be sick to their stomachs as well.

What our hockey program needs is not a group of inebriated morons screaming homophobic remarks at the officials and opponents; it should be a group of respectful and responsible fans who will represent the university in a positive way. Witty, clean chants have more effect on opposing teams than the cookie-cutter (ripped off from Michigan and Miami)

vulgar chants.

Many families attend the games and bring children with them, and hockey fans need to be mindful of this fact. It's OK to get loud to support your team, but please, do so with the image of the University and its students in mind.

That being said, everyone should come out Saturday and support the Falcons against the University of Michigan. Let's keep it clean and rock the ice arena and send the Wolverines packing just like we did the Buckeyes!

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Chuck Norris is a god amongst men



GEORGE VALKO Humor Columnist

Those students trying to hide secret information beware: Chuck Norris knows all!

Through an act of God, Chuck Norris has been able to maintain cultural importance and popularity throughout his career. Recently his popularity has soared, especially among college students, and as an avid Chuck Norris fan, I thank God every night for Chuck Norris' existence.

This recent rise in popularity can be attributed to many things. The usage of the "Walker, Texas Ranger Lever" by late night talk show host Conan O'Brien is one example. When released, this lever would cause clips of Walker to be shown in inappropriate moments on Conan.

But probably the most influential reason for Charles' recent popularity surge is the "Top Thirty Facts" Web site. This Web site has the top 30 rated "facts" on Chuck Norris' life. For students unaware of this historically important site, please check out the following: http://www.4q.cc/chuck/index.php?topthirty.

Some of these facts include: "The chief export of Chuck Norris is pain." Or, "Chuck Norris is not hung like a horse... horses are hung like Chuck Norris."

Some non-believers might call these tidbits of information cheap comedic musings. But, in fact, this information was obtained by the Bush administration through top secret wiretaps. These very same wiretaps are being scrutinized for possibly being slightly unconstitutional. However, if the Bush Administration is anything like me, they don't care about what's actually "legal" or possibly being a violation of so called "civil liberties."

Cats like me and Bush? All we care about is getting our daily dose of Chuck Norris facts at whatever cost necessary, but now Chuck Norris has learned about the intrusion into his personal affairs and is out taking names and kicking butt!

Luckily, on Mr. Norris' personal Web site (chucknorris.com), he has at least given us fair warning. In an obvious front used to hide his real motives, his message on said site reads, "I'm aware of the made up dec-

larations about me that have recently begun to appear on the Internet and in e-mails as 'Chuck Norris facts'... and I neither take offense nor take these things too seriously."

To the un-Norrisified student, this may appear as though the Chuckster is simply brushing off the joke — but those of us loyal to the Chuck Norris way of life know better. Chuck does not simply let things slide. As one Chuck Norris fact states, "They once made a Chuck Norris toilet paper, but it wouldn't take shit from anybody."

This sets the stage for the greatest event in modern history, The Chuck Norris War, or "Operation Roundhouse Kick to the Face in Slow Motion" as it is known underground. It will be filmed and released in theaters following the obvious triumph of the greatest kung-fu/Wild West/action star ever to grace the face of the Earth.

The operation, which is already underway, will involve Norris hunting down all those who have knowledge of his past and those with contacts with the NSA and their wire-tapping program.

You don't have to be a genius to predict the obvious Norris victory, which will culminate in Chuck taking on the NSA single-handedly until he reaches the mastermind behind the plot to destroy Norris, President George W. Bush. Of course, they are both "Texans", but Bush was actually born up in northeast America alongside despicable people like liberals and Democrats. And Norris only played a Texan on TV. (Well I guess Bush only plays one on TV as well, though he's spent a lot of work on his accent.)

Students might be wondering if Norris is out wreaking havoc, how is it that this loyal investigative reporter has been able to escape unharmed? The truth of the matter is that I am in U.S. protective custody and spending my days lounging around the same secret sites that Vice President Dick Cheney uses.

In fact I have run into the vice-president several times, and despite the paralysis of the right side of his face and constant threats of hooking my nipples up to a car battery, he can actually be quite a pleasant roommate and an accomplished backgammon and pocket pool player.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you were face-to-face with Mother Nature today, what would you tell her?



SARA SPENCER SENIOR, EDUCATION "So what happened to 50 degrees and sunny?"



ANDI CLAYCOMB JUNIOR, EDUCATION "I hate you."



STEVE MILLER JUNIOR, ECT "Did you forget to take your Midol today?"



GINO GEORGETTI SOPHOMORE, ACTUARIAL SCIENCE "Go back to your home on Whore Island."

iPod trumps social interaction



TAYLOR COPELAND Opinion Columnist

The holiday season has come and gone. After all the leftovers have been thrown out and the relatives have returned home, only one thing remains... the iPod.

Today it is difficult to look anywhere without seeing or hearing about one of Apple Computer's top-of-the-line digital media players. Whether it is in advertisements, in the news, walking around campus or now even in the courtroom, iPods are everywhere. And why wouldn't they be?

According to an article in USA Today, Apple Computer has sold a total of 42 million iPods since first introducing the product in 2002. Of this total, 32 million iPods were sold in 2005, 14 million of which were sold during the 2005 holiday sales quarter alone.

That's a lot of iPods, and the sales show no signs of slowing down. Instead, Apple continues to increase demand of the iPod by releasing newer models that are faster and have even more capabilities.

The newest iPods on the market are the Nano and the video iPod. Now, not only can people download endless hours of their favorite songs onto their iPods, but they can also download their favorite television shows too.

But the iPod is just one of many electronic devices that

have seemingly unlimited abilities these days. Cell phones, PDAs and computers are also among the machines able to perform a number of tasks never before thought possible. Oh, the technology.

While such advancements in technology are important, they do come at a cost.

As a result of devices such as the iPod, conversation and human interaction are suffering. And this is simply unacceptable. Technological development should add to our conversation, not take away from it.

It is easy to see how communication has been drastically altered in just the last decade.

Today, it is common to see two friends walking across campus to class with one another. Sadly, it is just as common to see the two not immersed in conversation, but rather, both busy listening to their iPods.

I guess I just don't understand it. I mean, what is the point in walking together in the first place if you're not going to interact? You might as well be walking by yourself.

Is it that hard to take out those little, white ear buds and actually talk to someone? It must be harder that it would appear, because I don't know how many times I've seen people talking to others with one earphone in. This is often typical of people who are ordering fast food, and it's actually quite rude.

Can't you take about 30 seconds to give the fast food employee your full attention

while ordering that number one with cheese?

What exactly do you think you're going to miss in that short time that you can't simply replay? They don't make a pause button for nothing. It's frustrating to try to get an order from someone who is only half listening to you.

Meredith Dixon, a junior at the University, works in dining services at the Union and agrees.

"I never feel like I have their full attention because they're so absorbed in their tunes," Meredith said.

Still others would disagree. When asked about iPods, sophomore Adam Rosengarten said, "I don't think they're that bad."

But if you ask me, additional advancements in technology will only continue to isolate us unless we do something about it.

If you disagree just answer one question for me. When is the last time you sent an instant message to your roommate who was only sitting a mere 10 feet away?

While technology is wonderful, we can't let it completely replace our personal communication with others around us.

If we do, we may start thinking like a classmate of mine who was overheard saying, "Socialization is so pre-9/11."

There's nothing wrong with owning an iPod. We just need to make sure that we don't get caught up in the iPod epidemic.

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# Sharpton sullies King's legacy



**DANIEL LIPIAN**  
Opinion Columnist

Al Sharpton used to be someone I truly respected. The current civil rights leader was once a man of conviction whose unflappable charisma and poetic renditions commanded the utmost respect. An ardent advocate of civil rights in every sense, he avoided political gain so that he could help forward the proliferation of peace and equality for all people regardless of color. Al Sharpton could accurately delineate his cause in its simplest components and take appropriate action when necessary. He was a man of decisiveness and an emboldened leader. That was then. Today the Al Sharpton of "equal rights and fairness" has been replaced with a bitter hate monger who spews false political rhetoric and uses the race card for political gain. In a recent Martin Luther King Jr. speech to the Young Democrats of Dartmouth College, the Rev. Al Sharpton said that President Bush is "probably the most renowned Dr. King dream-buster that we've seen in the last 20 years." Sharpton vehemently decry that the president "has stood against everything Dr. King represented." With just a few words, Rev. Sharpton put the president in the company of some of the biggest bigots and haters of the last 20 years! Sharpton's statement, as usual, is meaningless tripe and is so absurd that even he has to have a hard time believing it. The reverend makes Bush sound like a man who hates black people so much that he would gladly turn back the clock on civil rights if he had the chance. I find it sad that instead of focusing on paying homage to Dr. King, who would never have given such a hate-filled speech, Rev. Sharpton saw

fit to provide a bitter and misleading commentary about the leader of the free world. Sadder is that he did it for political purposes. This should come as no surprise to those who truly know him. Ever since his status within the Democratic Party was elevated, Sharpton has been one of the poster boys of smear tactics in the name of politics. Leaders of the party love having him around because nowadays, it seems like anytime they disagree with the policy of the Republicans, the good reverend is there to remind us that men like Bush are "white interlopers" and "dream-busters." But Rev. Sharpton knows better. The reverend can spot true "Dr. King dream-busters" because he has supported them! He has stood by Khalid Muhammad whose favorite pastime is bashing Jews, gays and Catholics. Not only did Sharpton break bread with this nut, he actually called Muhammad "an articulate and courageous brother." Let's not forget about the famous Freddy's Fashion Mart incident either. In 1995, Al Sharpton stood outside the fashion mart, decrying that the Jewish shopkeeper was a "white interloper." The effect of these words propagated a riot, resulting in the burning down of the store and several people being killed. Of course, this occasion isn't the only time Sharpton has been heard voicing such hateful words. It is alleged that throughout his career he has called whites "crackers" and Jews "diamond merchants," "white interlopers," and "blood-sucking Jews" ... but all in the name of racial equality, I'm sure. Rev. Sharpton is the quintessential hypocrite. If he wants to preach about racial injustice, then he should look in the mirror. If Dr. King were alive today, he would probably weep at this sad state of affairs. Civil rights

is still a very relevant issue in today's social fabric much as it was 40 years ago. So when Al Sharpton spouts falsehoods, uses racist language, but then himself turns around and plays the race card for political gain, he helps to destroy everything the good Dr. King stood for. Sharpton would rather not remember when Dr. King argued: "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline." I think Al remembers those words, he just chooses to ignore them because he has become a hateful political ideologue. Jeff Jacoby, conservative writer for the Boston Globe, said it best: "If Sharpton were a white skinhead, he would be a political leper, spurned everywhere but the fringe. But far from being spurned, he is shown much deference. Democrats embrace him. Politicians court him. And journalists report on his comings and goings while politely sidestepping his career as a hate-mongering racial hustler." So, fellow students, in light of Martin Luther King Day, remember that there is a clear distinction between the passions of Dr. King, which were used to gain equality, and those of Rev. Al Sharpton, which are used for his own gain. Perhaps one day Rev. Sharpton will wake up, stop playing politics, and once more follow in the footsteps of the great Dr. King. So should all Americans. If we don't, and if we shrink to accepting everything we hear as gospel without question and put politics before principle, we will be no better than men like Al Sharpton. I don't think that is what any of us want.



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# Objective learning in jeopardy

**MIKE WOODALL**

Guest Columnist

It may just be my bad luck, but it seems like every semester I am stuck with the ranting and raving professor that uses the classroom as his or her opportunity to preach an ideology or bash politicians on a soapbox, or in the case of those with tenure, from an ivory tower. It is no surprise that on a college campus, where liberal ideas are prevalent and often fostered, it is President Bush and other conservatives that receive such harsh commentary. This abuse of power is limiting the ability of students (liberals included) to learn objectively. Often this banter occurs in classes that have a political aspect, but lately, much of it has occurred in those with little relevance to politics. 21st century politics have little or no relation to classes such as Basic Calculus, Roman Revolution, and Modern Astronomy. I am not arguing that liberal views should not be expressed. In fact, I am arguing that professors (and the University as a whole) should foster an education system that teaches as many views as possible. Oh wait, isn't that what the University's "core values" are meant for? For example, if I am expected to read what I have deemed as the Bible of the liberal college campus: Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States," I expect to read Paul Johnson's "A History of the American People." If a professor wants to take part in expressing an off-topic opinion, he should allow for a section of the class to be used for uninhibited debate. Believe me, there is nothing a conserva-

tive college student loves more than watching a liberal scurry away with their tail between their legs after finding out their debating skills are lacking because they are not used to anyone disagreeing with them. The University has regulations to combat this activity, though much of it is being ignored. In the Ethical Responsibilities Handbook (the handbooks given to teachers to set forth the rules for teaching at the University) states that it is the professor's responsibility to "assure the student's freedom to learn through maintaining an atmosphere conducive to free inquiry" while avoiding the "persistent intrusion of material irrelevant to the established course definition." This policy is often grossly ignored. Academic Freedom and The Academic Bill of Rights, terms coined by author and students' rights advocate David Horowitz, have become hot topics on college campuses. Academic Freedom is the protection of the "intellectual independence of professors, researchers, and students in the pursuit of knowledge and the expression of ideas from interference by legislators or authorities within the institution itself." Therefore, the Academic Bill of Rights protects professors from being "hired or fired based on ideology or political stance." More importantly, it protects students from "the imposition of any orthodoxy of political, religious or ideological nature" not related to the subject. Ohio is one of the few states to take a stance on this issue. The Inter-University Council of Ohio, headed by University President Sidney Ribeau, passed a resolution, based on the Horowitz model, insuring the rights of students to learn in an environment free from irrel-

evant political and ideological band standing. This action was taken in response to Ohio Senate Bill 24 that would have made this mandatory by state law. Had concessions not been made by the IUC, Ohio may have been the first state to implement such a law. Nevertheless, the Graduate Student Senate believed Bill 24 would "stifle the exploration of opposing viewpoints and discourse on controversial subjects" and sent a resolution to the Senate against this bill. It isn't surprising that the GSS, run by liberals, made such a decision. It also is not surprising that they were dead wrong. I suppose it is better than the stance taken by our own Undergraduate Student Government, who has chosen to completely ignore the issue. It isn't a surprise that USG would ignore issues that involve students' rights at the University. Any decision made (for or against) could have set a precedent. Way to drop the ball, USG. Allowing students to receive an objective education while nurturing an atmosphere of equal and non-discriminatory debate will stimulate one's First Amendment rights. Liberals prevail because they get the opportunity to learn something new. It will also allow all students to be graded fairly and solely on the quality of their writing and the proof of their assumptions, not on their views. This will permit students to make objective opinions, not obey the agendas of professors, allowing the teaching system to work. Students will also be given a grievance policy in which they can file complaints against professors refusing to follow these agreements. It is important to receive a diverse education and it is the responsibility of the University, its professors, USG, other governing bodies, and the representatives of the school to foster our right to do so. Send comments to Mike at [mwoodal@bgsu.edu](mailto:mwoodal@bgsu.edu)

# Extreme fascination with the lives of celebrities drains national IQ



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MNM (whose members are Joey Mercury and Johnny Nitro) are currently the World Wrestling Entertainment Tag Team Champions. They've been champions three times, and their popularity is soaring. It's possible that by the time they inevitably breakup, MNM will be the most popular WWE tag team of the decade. It's MNM's gimmick that makes them popular. With the aid of their gorgeous manager

Melina, Mercury and Nitro are supposed to be the "it" men of Hollywood whose social lives are comprised of daily A-list parties. During their WWE interview segments, they frequently name drop different celebrities, making the audience believe that MNM are the country's greatest socialites. Whereas MNM's gimmick is more of an exaggeration, there is much to be said about our society's infatuation with the personal lives of celebrities. For some reason, the careers of actors, singers and other famous people are overshadowed by what they do off the clock rather than onstage.

If a doctor were to find a cure for AIDS, it seems like his airtime would be cut short by the incoherent Scientology ramblings of Tom Cruise. No longer are we concerned with things that can make our lives (and our world) better; now, we concern ourselves with superficial drama, and irrelevant nonsense. Sadly, celebrities have become more important than the roles they play. Ask anyone who the main character of "A Beautiful Mind" was, and I'd bet you everything in my pocket that the answer you'd hear would be Russell Crowe, not economist John Nash. The biggest focus of the match-up between the Los

Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat was the rivalry between Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, not how a win or a loss would have positioned them in their respective divisions. And the fact that Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown remain in the news without having had a song on the radio in years is the perfect example of how we, as a society, are watching our lives go by without anything really happening. Why should we care? Are we so lost in the search for meaning in our lives that the lives of media celebrities are more interesting than our own? Are we so bored with the monotony of

our daily routines that Brad Pitt's affair is the most exciting thing we have to talk about? There is nothing that you can do with your time that would be worse than listening to the gossip of Hollywood. Let's start boycotting venues like MTV. Specifically, MTV hasn't produced anything of quality in about a decade and has become nothing more than a Nickelodeon for teenagers. If MTV, E!, tabloids and other sources of worthless popular culture start losing their audience, hopefully, our focus as a country will be on more worthwhile issues and the national IQ will go rise once again.

Maybe the funniest aspect of MNM is that the wrestling move they use to completely incapacitate their opponents is called the Snapshot, which is a perfect representation of our society's infatuation with flashing cameras, autographs and superstardom. But just like every victim of the Snapshot, the fame and fortune of each celebrity will eventually fade away. And once they do, you can look back and see how much of you've spent obsessing about a cute actor or singer, knowing that you'll never be able to get that time back. Send comments to D.J. at [davidj@bgsu.edu](mailto:davidj@bgsu.edu)

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# SAVING A LIFE



Jenni Boebel BG News

**DOING HER PART:** Folasade Oladokun, freshman in the political science program, donated blood during the blood drive.

# Students start to take precaution

MUGGING, FROM PAGE 1

A third mugging in Bowling Green was also reported in early January, but further details could not be obtained.

Despite similarities in the descriptions and the closeness in occurrence, Bowling Green police are investigating the crimes separately.

But city residents and University students aren't the only ones dealing with crime.

Students at Miami University faced four off-campus incidents in the past week — the rape and robbery of a student Jan. 9, an armed break-in Jan. 11, the abduction, robbery and beating of a student walking home by himself Jan. 13 and an attempted break-in Monday.

Capt. Jason Willis, a Miami University police officer said he and his fellow officers have tried to increase their visibility to help students feel safer despite a greater awareness of the potential for crime.

"They're a lot more conscious of things," he said.

Kristyn Childs, a junior at Miami University who lives

*"On Saturday, my friends saw a freshman girl walking by herself at 2 a.m., noticed that she had been drinking, offered to take her home and then called one of her friends to come pick her up."*

KRISTYN CHILDS, MIAMI (OH) STUDENT

just five minutes from where two of the incidents occurred, said this new awareness inspired her to take more precautions.

When her roommates left this past weekend, she stayed over a friend's house to avoid being alone.

Childs and her friends are also watching out for other students.

"On Saturday, my friends saw a freshman girl walking by herself at 2 a.m., noticed that she had been drinking, offered to take her home and then called one of her friends to come pick her up," she said.

Sgt. Tim James, who has been a BGSU police officer for almost 20 years, said steps like these may seem simple, but that they can make a difference.

"If you don't take necessary

precautions, you're asking for trouble," he said.

Sgt. James said students should never walk alone, especially when intoxicated and should hold purses or belongings in front of the body to prevent theft.

He also said students should always keep their apartment or dorm room doors locked.

Students who feel threatened by unknown intruders or threatening visitors at their door are encouraged to contact the police.

"Call 911 if you don't recognize someone they'll send an officer. Officers will be there to help right away," James said.

**Delve into the mind of a stalker, read about the Brown Bag Lunch. PAGE 3**

# Dean's arrival is an insult to state senator

DEMOCRATS, FROM PAGE 2

elect a president just twice in more than 100 years.

Rep. Ted Strickland, an eastern Ohio Democrat running for governor, describes "a state that has lost its way" in campaign materials.

Sen. Marc Dann, a Democratic candidate for attorney general, referred to a "culture of corruption" yesterday as he said, "People are really going to be ready for office holders in 2006 that are willing to stand up to that historic way of doing business."

Dean's appearance didn't resonate with all Democrats. State Sen. Eric Fingerhut of Cleveland, also running for governor, said he was insulted by a Washington politician coming to Ohio to talk about corruption.

"People know what's happening in the Statehouse. They don't need Howard Dean to come and tell them that," Fingerhut said.

Republicans dismissed the event as a publicity stunt and said GOP leaders have moved quickly to address problems.

"The people of Ohio and all Americans would be better served if Howard Dean and the Democrat Party focused less on partisan grandstanding and more on working with Republicans to change how business is done in Washington," said Jo Ann Davidson, co-chair of the Republican National Committee.

However, Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted said yesterday that lawmakers plan to introduce a bill soon that would respond to issues raised by the state's corruption scandal.

Husted disclosed the proposed legislation while giving no details.

"You have some people that probably do the right thing and err on the side of caution, and some people don't," said Husted.

# First ancient wood sample to be tested for DNA

WOOD, FROM PAGE 2

Turkey, asking for a sample of the wood from the tomb.

Rogers explained that after cutting through wood to find fresh material, he could extract and blow up the DNA. Human, mice and fungal contaminations had to be removed from the wood.

Finally in this past summer, 46 sequences were extracted from the wood. Two of these strands were conifers, which is the closest relative of the Lebanon cedar.

The cedar in Turkey today is 200 kilometers to the north and south of the tomb. Researchers do not know if the wood was brought from somewhere else or if it was grown near the tomb.

"We may find a tie between the ancient and historical trees and a recent cedar sample. The [research] can determine where the wood came from in the tomb," Kaya said.

With this research, more variations can be made to forests.

"We can improve the forest and make it more genetically diverse," Rogers said.

This DNA research can also show what the trees looked like at the time of King Midas.

"I don't know how far to take it [the research]," Rogers said. "It took all of six months to get the sequences. I wonder if it is worth

is." Rogers continued, saying that this research is interesting.

"No one has done this. This is the first ancient wood [to be tested]," he said.

The research first came about when Kaya made a proposal to the Fulbright Program to receive an educational grant to do DNA research in the United States. He received this fellowship and came to the State University of New York's College of Environment Science and Forestry where he worked with Rogers in 2000.

Kaya invited Rogers to lecture at METU where he spoke about

the DNA research he is doing with ice. "Rogers brought lots of past experience and stimulated interest," Kaya said.

Rogers made improvements for testing DNA when he was a graduate student. The methods that he developed are used today. Now very small amounts of plant tissue and ancient organisms can be tested, when previously large, fresh samples were needed. The biological molecules that are needed for testing are still in dead plants.

"DNA is not so fragile," Rogers said. "It is pretty resilient."

Rogers is currently completing an article about his and Kaya's findings. They plan to continue testing DNA, searching for a better link to current Lebanon cedar.



SCOTT ROGERS PROFESSOR



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**VIEW INSIDE:** The inner tomb of King Midas was lined with timber from an unknown area.



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**HIGH WINDS IN NORTHEAST CAUSES DEATHS**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — High winds knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of customers in the Northeast yesterday. More than 440,000 homes and businesses lost power, and several airports reported delays of two hours or more. The wind was blamed for at least two deaths when trees fell on cars.

**Money schemers get prison**

**Couple sentenced after putting finger in Wendy's chili**

By Kim Curtis  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A couple who planted a severed finger in a bowl of Wendy's chili in a scheme to extort money from the fast-food chain were sentenced yesterday to at least nine years in prison.

Anna Ayala, 40, who said she bit into the digit, was sentenced to nine years. Her husband, Jaime Plascencia, 44, who obtained the finger from a co-worker who lost it in a workplace accident, was sentenced to more than 12 years.

"Greed and avarice overtook this couple," said Superior Court Judge Edward Davila, adding that the pair had "lost their moral compass."

The two pleaded guilty in September to conspiracy to file a false insurance claim and attempted grand theft with damages exceeding \$2.5 million.

Although authorities suspected a hoax — in part because the finger was not cooked — word of the stomach-turning find quickly spread around the world. The Dublin, Ohio-based fast food chain claimed it lost \$2.5 million in sales because of the bad publicity, and dozens of workers at the company's Northern California franchises were laid off.

Denny Lynch, Wendy's senior vice president, asked the judge to send a message that "consumer fraud is a serious crime that demands a severe penalty."

In a tearful plea for leniency, Ayala apologized to the courtroom gallery and said the scheme was "a moment of poor judgment."

Earlier, she watched news footage of herself describing how she sat down March 22 with her family at the Wendy's in San Jose, put crackers in her chili and started eating until she chewed on something "kind of hard, crunchy." She said she spit it out and realized it was a human finger.

"There's no words to describe



**PAYING THE PRICE:** Anna Ayala's sister, Mary, left, and Anna Ayala's daughter, Genesis Reyes, right, leave a Santa Clara County Superior Court in a San Jose, Calif. after Ayala and her husband were sentenced.

what I felt. It's sick, it's disgusting," she said in a clip played before sentencing. "Just knowing there was a human remain in my mouth is tearing me apart inside."

Other interviews showed an increasingly agitated Ayala denying to reporters she put the finger in the chili. "Where would I get a damn finger?" she asked on camera.

Forensic tests later showed Ayala never chomped down on the finger.

The sentencing followed a 90-minute hearing in which several Wendy's employees testified, including the man who made the chili and the cashier who helped Ayala on the day she made the claim.

"I felt so bad for the fear of what people would think of me," said Hector Pineda, who made the chili and initially came under

suspicion. "We are the ones that have suffered."

Cashier Jose Pacheco said he bore the brunt of Ayala's tirade after complained about the chili. "She asked me who I killed to get the finger," Pacheco said.

No Wendy's employee was missing a digit at the San Jose restaurant, and no chili suppliers reported finger injuries at their plants.

The couple must pay about \$170,000 in restitution for work-

ers' lost wages. A judge also ordered them to pay nearly \$21.8 million to Wendy's International and JEM Management, which owns the restaurant. Both corporations agreed not to collect from the couple, provided they never benefit from the ruse.

In April, Ayala was arrested at her suburban Las Vegas home. Investigators found a pattern of legal claims she brought against businesses in her name or for her children.

**NATION**

**Major AIDS therapy at halt as patients worsen**

International study stopped as poor results are revealed

By Lauran Neergaard  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A major international study of a drug-conserving AIDS therapy has been halted because patients trying the on-again, off-again strategy got sicker than those who never took a break from the high-powered drugs, U.S. researchers announced yesterday.

The study had enrolled more than 5,000 HIV patients in 33 countries before it was abruptly stopped by the National Institutes of Health after a routine safety analysis.

Researchers concluded that those who took their medicine only when their immune systems waned were more than twice as likely to get sicker or die as people who took the drugs every day.

The finding is a blow to AIDS advocates who had hoped that drug-conserving therapy would reduce side effects — and save money on the expensive medications, particularly in the world's poorest countries, where AIDS is skyrocketing.

"All around, it's disappointing news," said Jose Zuniga, president of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care.

He cautioned that the idea of drug-conserving therapy shouldn't be shelved permanently. It might work one day, when there are newer, even more potent anti-HIV medicines to choose from.

"It should signal us to invest even more in developing the next generation of anti-retroviral drugs that may make this a possibility," Zuniga said.

Combinations of potent anti-HIV drugs help patients live longer, and slow their progression from HIV infection to full-blown AIDS. But the combinations can cause serious side effects; it's inconvenient to take

numerous pills a day, and the drugs are expensive.

While treatment guidelines back continuous therapy, earlier small studies had suggested it might be possible to take medication breaks and still control the virus while reducing side effects and cutting costs. So the NIH funded a bigger study — one of the largest ever done with HIV therapies — to see if those early results were real.

Called the SMART trial, for Strategies for Management of Anti-Retroviral Therapy, volunteers were randomly assigned to take their medicine continuously or only when key immune cells called CD4s dropped to a certain level.

Not only did that strategy not control the HIV virus, but there actually was an increase in side effects affecting the heart, kidney and liver in patients taking the drugs only episodically, NIH said.

The side-effect increase was counterintuitive, and researchers so far can't explain it, said Dr. Sandra Lehrman of NIH's AIDS division.

NIH officials last week notified doctors participating in the study to begin contacting their patients about the results, and to recommend full-time dosing for everyone who had taken intermittent therapy.

For such a large international study to so quickly find an answer is important, Lehrman stressed.

"This large international study showed the benefit of the viral suppression strategy," she said. The main message for HIV patients is if you're taking the drug cocktails, "it does not appear prudent to get off them."

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# Recipient back on the wagon

French face transplant survivor returns back to old smoking habit

By Marilyn Marchione  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — The world's first face transplant recipient is using her new lips to take up smoking again, which doctors fear could interfere with her healing and raise the risk of tissue rejection.

"It is a problem," Dr. Jean-Michel Dubernard, who led the team that performed the pioneering transplant in France on Nov. 27, acknowledged yesterday.

The woman's French surgeons made their first scientific presentation on the partial face transplant at a medical conference here this week.

The news about her smoking came even as American surgeons said that they were growing more comfortable with the French doc-

tors' decision to try the operation and that they hoped to offer such transplants to more patients.

The 38-year-old Frenchwoman received a new nose, chin and lips from a brain-dead donor after being mauled by her dog last spring. The woman has been identified only as Isabelle because of French privacy laws.

The woman suffered a tissue-rejection episode last month but is now doing well, her doctors said. However, they said she has resumed smoking, which besides being bad in general for health is especially a problem after surgery because it impairs circulation to tissues and could raise the risk of rejection.

Some doctors have questioned the woman's psychological fitness for the operation because of reports that she had taken sleeping pills in a possible suicide attempt when the dog attack occurred — an alle-

gation Dubernard repeatedly has denied.

He said she received extensive psychiatric evaluation and counseling before the operation.

Some American doctors at the conference said it is time to stop debating whether the French operation was ethical or wise and focus now on making such transplants as safe and widely available as possible.

"Face transplants can be done and should be done," said Dr. Warren Breidenbach, the surgeon who did the first hand transplant in the United States, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, in 1999.

Another Louisville transplant expert, Dr. Suzanne Ildstad, said: "A number of us here are interested in making this a widespread procedure available to the public. It's the future, and could benefit millions of people."

Doctors have been encouraged that success rates were roughly 90 percent among the 24 hand transplants performed to date, but a Chinese surgeon surprised the conference by reporting

that up to half of the nine or so patients in his country have since rejected the new organs because they couldn't afford immune-suppressing drugs.

One patient even asked to have the new hand amputated after the one-year period during which the hospital provided free medication ended, said Dr. Guoxian Pei, chief of orthopedics at Nanfang Hospital at Southern Medical University in Guangzhou, China.

Dr. Frederic Schuind, a surgeon at Erasme Hospital in Brussels, Belgium, revealed that a hand transplant recipient in his country had made "a mild suicide attempt." The patient had been deemed psychologically stable enough to undergo the operation even though he had attempted suicide as a teenager.

The incidents prompted several surgeons to say that no such transplants should be done unless surgeons first make sure patients are psychologically healthy and prepared to take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of their lives.



DUBERNARD SURGEON

# Power outage halts NASA launch to Pluto

By Mike Schneider  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — For the second day in a row yesterday, NASA scrubbed the launch of an unmanned spacecraft on a nine-year voyage to Pluto — this time, because a storm in Maryland knocked out the power at a laboratory that will operate the probe.

NASA officials planned to make a third attempt to launch the New Horizons probe today after electricity was restored to the lab.

High winds at the launch pad kept the spacecraft from lifting off Tuesday, the first day the launch window opened.

Scientists have been working 17 years on the mission, and they were unfazed by the back-to-back postponements.

"Two or three days doesn't mean a hill of beans," said Alan Stern, principal investigator for the mission.

A storm in Laurel, Md.,

knocked out power early yesterday at the John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

"The air conditioning was off. The flight controllers were sitting there wiping sweat," Stern said. "If they were dealing with any spacecraft issues, which first day out of the box a lot of spacecraft have, you can't concentrate like that."

The space agency has until mid-February to send the spacecraft on its way, but a launch in January would allow the spacecraft to use Jupiter's gravity to shave five years off the 3-billion-mile trip, allowing it to arrive as early as July 2015.

The spacecraft is about the size and shape of a concert piano. It will study Pluto as well as the frozen, sunless reaches of the solar system known as the Kuiper Belt. Scientists believe that studying the region's icy, rocky objects can shed light on how the planets formed.

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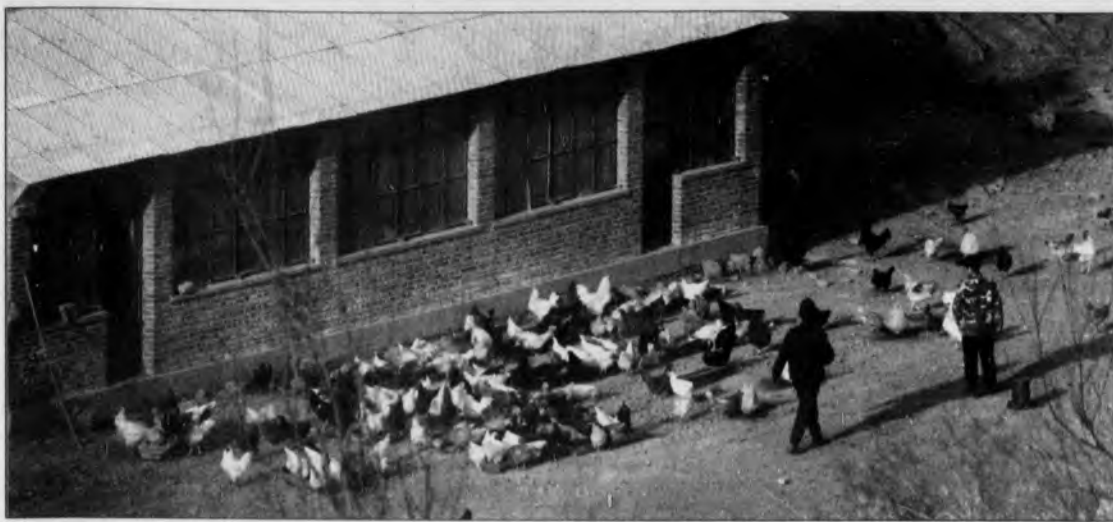
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SOURCE OF DANGER: A Chinese man and woman tend chickens outside of their pen near Nanshan Ski Resort on the outskirts of Beijing Monday. The World Bank has said that up to US\$1.5 billion (euro 1.4 billion) is needed over the next three years to fight bird flu and prepare for a pandemic.

# Flu battle nets \$1.9 billion

Donations to research against H5N1 include American \$334 million

By Margie Mason THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING—After a year of unprecedented appeals for money to cope with the Asian tsunami and the South Asia earthquake, the world dug deeper yesterday, pledging \$1.9 billion to fight bird flu and prepare for a potential pandemic.

The United States alone came up with \$334 million that will largely be used to help poor countries in Southeast Asia, such as Vietnam and Indonesia, where the H5N1 bird flu virus is endemic. The European Union pledged another \$261 million, responding with a renewed sense of urgency after the disease killed four children in Turkey.

As the two-day donors conference wrapped up in Beijing, participants were again reminded of the risk as China reported its sixth human death.

"Nobody's wishing for more tragedies or more crises, but if the world has a better ability to respond to those, I think that's a good thing," said Jim Adams, head of the World Bank's bird flu task force, who said the \$1.9 billion in pledges over three years was a proactive step for the international aid community, which often responds to major disasters after they happen.

The World Bank had estimated \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion would be needed to prepare for a poten-

tial global pandemic and to fight bird flu, which has killed or forced the slaughter of an estimated 140 million domestic birds since it began ravaging poultry stocks across Asia in late 2003. The virus has also jumped from poultry to people, killing at least 79 people in east Asia and Turkey.

Experts worry the virus could mutate into a form easily spread from person to person, possibly sparking a global pandemic that kills millions. So far, human cases have been traced to contact with sick birds.

David Nabarro, the U.N. coordinator on avian and human influenza, said the international outpouring of support

at the conference attended by more than 100 countries showed a determination to try to avert disaster.

"What we've seen today is that the world really does care and wants to respond effectively to the threat of avian influenza and a possible human pandemic," he said, describing the response as "quite extraordinary."

About \$1 billion of the money came in the form of grants, while the other \$900 million will be distributed as loans — including \$500 million from the World Bank.

# Four al-Qaida may be among 22 dead

Master explosive maker among killed by missile strike

By Riaz Khan THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PESHAWAR, Pakistan—Pakistani intelligence agents hunted yesterday for the graves of four al-Qaida militants believed killed in an airstrike near the Afghan border — including one authorities suspect was a high-ranking al-Qaida figure.

ABC News reported that a master bomb maker and chemical weapons expert for al-Qaida was killed in the attack on the village of Damadola last week. He was identified as Midhat Mursi, also known as Abu Khabab al-Masri, who ran an al-Qaida training camp and has a \$5 million reward on his head.

A Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he's not authorized to speak to journalists, said authorities still did not know the names of the dead foreign militants but suspect one was a ranking al-Qaida figure.

"We have no names. We know one of them had value in al-Qaida. He had intelligence value in the network, but we are still checking his name," said the official.

However, Pakistani Interior Minister Aftab Sherpao told The Associated Press the govern-

ment does not know the identities of the foreigners believed killed in the missile strike Friday, which officials have said targeted Osama bin Laden's top aide, Ayman al-Zawahri.

"We are still investigating. There's a possibility that some foreigners were there, but we still do not know," said Sherpao, who was in New York with visiting Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz.

Sherpao said the government had not retrieved the bodies of any of the four foreign militants reported killed in the raid. He said the bodies may have been taken by a local pro-Taliban cleric, Maulana Faqir Mohammed, who also is being hunted by authorities.

The U.S. government refuses to discuss the airstrike, which has been condemned by Pakistan.

Provincial authorities say the attack killed 18 residents of the Pashtun village, and they also say they believe sympathizers took the bodies of four or five foreign militants to bury them in the mountains, thereby preventing their identification.

"Efforts are under way to investigate further," said Shah Zaman Khan, director-general of media relations for Pakistan's tribal areas bordering Afghanistan.

Associated Press writers Munir Ahmad and Matthew Pennington in Islamabad contributed to this report.

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**Men's b-ball tops Eastern on road**

Martin Samarco scored a career-high 35 points — 23 in the second half — as the BGSU men's basketball team defeated Eastern Michigan, 79-72, last night in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Steven Wright added 17 points for the Falcons, who improved to 7-8 overall and 3-2 in the Mid-American Conference. BG trailed 32-31 at halftime but used a 12-0 run in the second half to take a 54-46 lead.



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## Browns look for players



**MATT RIDDLE**  
Columnist

The majority of NFL analysts picked the Cleveland Browns to finish with the worst record in the NFL in 2005. To the surprise of many, the Browns were competitive in almost every game and fought hard, finishing 6-10 overall.

This upcoming off-season is the most important in the "new" Browns era, mainly because the Browns can build off the success of this season and, most importantly, they have \$30 million to spend. The Browns will need to address the offense and defense through free agency and the draft.

### Offensive Needs

Third down back: The Browns need to include a premier, third down back in their offense. Reuben Droughns is a tough between-the-tackles runner, but the Browns like to keep him fresh and use him on first and second downs. Free agents to be that will intrigue the Browns are Baltimore's Chester Taylor and DeShaun Foster from Carolina.

In the NFL Draft, Cleveland should take a good look at Wisconsin's Brian Calhoun in the second round. Just ask the BGSU football team how good he is. Do not count the Browns out of taking a running back in the first round. Laurence Maroney, LenDale White and DeAngelo Williams could all be available at pick No. 12.

Receiver: Antonio Bryant, the Browns' most recent 1,000-yard receiver, is a free agent, and if the Browns do not give Dennis Northcutt his bonus, he can and will opt for free agency. This would leave the Browns with Braylon Edwards, who is coming off surgery, Josh Cribbs and Frisman Jackson. Cleveland is committed to re-signing Bryant, but if it doesn't, here is a list of possible future Browns: David Givens from New England, "Hometown boy" Joe Jurevicius from Seattle, San Diego's Reche Caldwell and Koren Robinson from the Vikings. The Browns will also take a look at the draft for help with this position. The Browns could get Oregon State's Mike Hass in the second round as he would bring them the possession receiver they so badly need. Derek Hagan from Arizona State could also be available in Round 2.

Offensive line: This year the Browns had the best offensive line since 1999. They should resign L.J. Shelton and let this line develop as a unit. In the draft, get young talent to groom. Andrew Whitworth from LSU and Winston Justice from USC should be available in Round 2. It may be hard at the No. 12 spot for the Browns to not draft mammoth D'brickshaw Ferguson — don't be surprised if they take him.

Quarterback battle: There is no battle, even though Romeo Crennel is saying there is. Charlie Frye is the starter and Trent Dilfer is one of the best backups in the league. The draft has many talented quarterbacks (Matt Leinart, Vince Young) but they should be gone when the Browns draft at No. 12. Let Frye develop and take a chance on Virginia Tech's Marcus Vick in Round 3.

### Defensive Needs

Speed, speed and more speed: The Browns desperately need to make this defense faster: The D-Line is slow and the lineback-

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Falcons respond after break

BG gets inspiration from Ohio's halftime chant and wins 77-63

By Jessica Ameling  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Trailing by three at halftime against a mediocre Ohio University team, the BG women basketball players were hanging their heads on the way to the locker room.

And then they heard the Bobcats chanting, "We want them and we want more." That was all it took for the Falcons to realize how much more they wanted to remain alone atop the East division of the Mid-American Conference.

After scoring just 23 points in the first half, the Falcons poured in 54 in the second, en route to a 77-63 victory at Anderson Arena.

"It got a little heated in the tunnel," said BG's Ali Mann (17 points) about the Bobcats' chanting. "It was like a championship game environment almost — they wanted this game."

After a big victory Saturday over Kent State in a rematch of last year's MAC championship game, BG coach Curt Miller was afraid this game would be a let-down for his team.

"We had to remind the kids that if we lost tonight to OU it would be a quick three-way tie in the league," Miller said. "Essentially, right away again we were playing a game for first place."

BG, which improved to 13-2 overall (3-0 MAC), jumped out to a 14-2 lead with 12:33 remaining in the first half, in what looked to be another routine win. But the Bobcats (5-10, 2-2 MAC) turned it into a game with 10-of-20 shooting in the first period, including 3-of-4 from behind the arc. Meanwhile, BG shot a paltry 27 percent in the half and went 3-of-16 from 3-point land.

"I think we had a lull in the first half against their zone and got a little trigger-happy from the three," Miller said.

But once again the Falcons' defense pulled through and the difference in the game was turnovers — 27 for the Bobcats compared to just nine for the Falcons. BG had 15 steals, including four each from Kate Achter and Casey McDowell.

"We take pride in our defense, and after being down three at halftime it was a rallying cry to come out and really put on the stops," said Achter, who also had 14 points and nine assists.



Julie DiFranco/BG News

**TAKING CONTROL:** Kate Achter looks to drive the lane during BG's 77-63 win over Eastern Michigan last night at Anderson Arena.

Mann, the reigning MAC Player of the Week, led the Falcons in scoring with 17 points. Carin Horne added 16 on 6-of-10 shooting.

Both teams traded baskets for the first six minutes of the second half until BG went on a 20-3 run to pull ahead 51-37 with 9:35 remaining. Liz Honegger drained two 3-pointers in a little over a minute during that span, for six of her 13 points. Freshman Jessica McKenzie added four of her career-high

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CURT MILLER, BGSU COACH

seven points.

"Runs are the name of the game," Miller said. "We've been a team over the past few years that really has runs, and we

depend on those runs."

BG never let the Bobcats get closer than nine the remainder of the game.

Ohio's Rachel Frederick led

all scorers with 18 points and teammate Quintana Ward added 16, including 3-of-3 from behind the arc. The Bobcats shot 61 percent from behind the arc, but only 56 percent (9-of-16) from the charity stripe.

The Falcons' next chance to prove how much they want the MAC title will be at 1 p.m. Saturday against visiting Miami (6-9, 1-3).

"We can't overlook anyone," Miller said. "We're the hunted and we're wanted by everyone."

# Rodriguez to play for USA in classic

By Mike Fitzpatrick  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez finally chose a side: He wants to wear stars and stripes.

His allegiance torn between the Dominican Republic and United States, A-Rod made up his mind at last Tuesday night and decided he will participate in the World Baseball Classic as a member of the U.S. team.

"In recent weeks, following dialogue with caring friends and players, both Dominican and American, I reached the conclusion that if I played in the Classic, I would play for the United States and honor my American citizenship," Rodriguez said in a statement on his Web site.

"I appreciate the support and

understanding of my fellow Dominican players and friends who aided me in making this decision. The World Baseball Classic offers baseball and its fans an exciting new forum and I look forward, if selected, to representing the United States in what will be baseball's greatest international competition."

Rodriguez vacillated until the very end. After speaking with the New York Yankees third baseman earlier Tuesday, players' association chief operating officer Gene Orza thought the two-time MVP was leaning toward not playing at all.

Later in the day, Rodriguez made his decision to participate, according to agent Scott Boras.

"The guy is one of the best

players on the planet. He's finally made up his mind on a very difficult decision. If he wants to play for the U.S., we're definitely glad to have him," U.S. general manager Bob Watson said.

Eric Chavez, Oakland's Gold Glove third baseman, also was among 10 players added to the U.S. roster Tuesday along with pitchers Ben Sheets, Dan Haren, Brett Myers and Gary Majewski; and outfielders Luis Gonzalez, Jeff Francoeur, Matt Holliday and Randy Winn. Forty-two players were announced Monday.

While A-Rod made his choice, tournament organizers remained unsure whether the Bush administration will allow Cuba to participate.

The U.S. Treasury Department

last month denied baseball's application for Cuba to play in the United States. A permit is needed because of laws governing certain transactions with Fidel Castro's communist country, which generally isn't allowed to receive U.S. currency.

"We aren't afraid of anything," Castro said in a speech late Tuesday. "It's very difficult to compete against us in any area ... Not even in baseball do they want to compete with Cuba."

After Cuba promised to donate any money to victims of Hurricane Katrina, baseball reappplied for a permit and was still awaiting a decision on that second application.

"We are very hopeful that ... Cuba will be allowed to partici-

pate on the terms that have been negotiated," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer. "It is critical that Cuba participates. Cuba is an important international program, the defending Olympic champion, and ought to be in the World Baseball Classic."

Treasury Department spokeswoman Molly Millervise said no decision had been made.

Puerto Rico has threatened to pull out as a host for the event if Cuba isn't allowed to play. And baseball's world governing body, the International Baseball Federation, says it would withdraw its sanction of the tournament.

Ever, home run king Hank

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# Elyria's Mahone a triple threat

All-state first-teamer played receiver, safety and running back

By Matt Deighton  
REPORTER

The BGSU football team continues its quest for Mid-American Conference championship this upcoming season, but with many different faces in the lineup and on the depth charts.

And though as difficult as it has been, fans must say goodbye to Omar Jacobs and the other key components who have decided to move on, wish them luck, and focus on building the program into one that doesn't always have to lose talent like that every other year or so.

This year Falcon coach Gregg Brandon and the Falcon, football program hasn't wasted any time bringing in recruits to fill some crucial vacancies, despite the painful losses of Jacobs and other standouts like 2005 team MVP Charles Sharon, Steve Sanders, P.J. Pope, Mike Thaler and Ted Peipkow. Losing such talent can considerably influence where recruits decide to play at the next level.

One such recruit instantly became the most popular of them all when he committed to the Falcons last month.

In one of the biggest recruitment battles of the offseason, with several MAC rivals in

the sweepstakes, the Falcons snagged first-team All-Ohio triple-threat P.J. Mahone out of Elyria High School.

"You guys got yourselves a good one," said Elyria coach Mark Solis, before questions about his star could even be asked.

The six-foot, 200-pound senior gave the Falcons his verbal commitment on Dec. 12, just a few days after touring several other interested schools. Mahone can officially become a Falcon Feb. 1 — the National Signing Day for senior football players. Unfortunately, Mahone could not be reached for comment on this story.

Mahone, ranked No. 30 among senior safeties in the country by rivals.com, was recruited by teams like Miami (OH), Ohio, Kent State, Cincinnati, West Virginia and Iowa — some of which were turned away by his small frame.

Solis believes Mahone's size is just a misconception of his pure athletic ability.

"He's just one of the most talented athletes I've ever seen come out of high school and for his size he is capable of exceeding expectations," Solis said.

During his high school career, Mahone started games at tailback, wide receiver and safety.

He scored 30 touchdowns his senior season — 23 rushing, six receiving and one on defense



**EARLY CATCH:** Elyria's P.J. Mahone breaks a tackle during a game this past season. Mahone committed to BGSU on Dec. 12.

on a fumble recovery in the end zone.

In Elyria's regional semifinal loss to Canton McKinley, Mahone burned the Bulldogs for a 62-yard touchdown run.

On defense, he led the team in solo tackles with 35, was second with 46 assisted tackles and also intercepted three passes, helping the Pioneers to a 9-3 record.

"He knows what to do in every situation and simply knows how to win games," Solis said.

The Falcons have recruited Mahone as a safety, although they may experiment with him at receiver.

Mahone will bring speed and athleticism to the Falcons defense. If lined up on offense, he could be a valuable target for Falcon quarterback Anthony Turner.

"P.J. characterizes true athleticism, and I am confident that he will be utilized to the most of his potential at BGSU," Solis said.

# Yankee chooses U.S.

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Aaron thinks that would be a shame.

"I hope that these kids are given an opportunity to play, because whatever happened before, they had nothing to do with it," Aaron said in Washington at an event to promote the World Baseball Classic and celebrate 130 years of Japan-U.S. baseball history. "I just hope they have an opportunity to compete. They really deserve to. They have some great ballplayers in Cuba."

Rodriguez, perhaps baseball's best all-around player, is eligible to play for the U.S. team and the Dominican Republic because he was raised in the United States but his parents are Dominican.

He said last month that he intended to play for the Dominican team, then said he wouldn't play at all because he didn't want to offend either country.

"He spoke to the commissioner and the Major League Baseball Players Association last week and they talked about the benefits of his participation in advancing baseball both nationally and internationally," Boras said Tuesday night.

A-Rod was included on the Dominican Republic's preliminary roster.

"I feel a little disappointed with his announcement," Dominican general manager Stan Javier said yesterday. "We never counted on Alex. We have Adrian Beltre and Aramis Ramirez at third base. We do not need more."

Provisional rosters of up to 60 players for each country were due at midnight EST on Tuesday and were to be announced yesterday. The final 30-man rosters for the 16-nation tournament will be chosen from those 60-player pools shortly before the start of the event, scheduled for March 3-20.

Any player not on a provisional roster cannot participate. A player can be on multiple 60-man rosters but only one 30-man roster, union spokesman Greg Bouris said.

As expected, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Derek Jeter and Ken Griffey Jr. were the biggest names among the 42 players picked by the U.S. team.

Rodriguez joins Yankees teammates Jeter and Johnny Damon on the preliminary American roster.

# Cleveland needs help

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ers are even slower. Please, can somebody get linebacker Ben Taylor off the field. At least once a game you saw Taylor either get run over or trip over his own feet in coverage. The Browns also need to cut Kenard Lang, Lang is a beast but not in the 3-4 defense, and he is set to make 4.5 million dollars in 2006. Chaun Thompson and Andra Davis are solid linebackers.

Nose tackle Jason Fisk should be replaced by somebody faster and younger. The free agent market is pretty thin on defense, but these names stand out: Hunter Hillenmayer from the Bears, San Diego's Matt Wilhelm and Antwan Peek from Houston. In the draft, the ideal pick would be A.J. Hawk, but he will no longer be available at No. 12. With their first pick, the Browns can draft Chad Greenway from Iowa, Demeco Ryans from Alabama, Michael Huff from Texas and Jimmy Williams from VTech. Ohio State's Bobby Carpenter

would be a sensible pick in the later rounds.

More athletic Safety: Brian Russell is not talented enough to be in the NFL yet alone starting. Cleveland must find another starting safety. With the emergence of Leigh Bodden as a solid corner, Gary Baxter could move to safety, pairing him with the promising Brodney Pool. Pool, the Browns' second round pick last year, is the most athletic player on the team and should make a significant impact next season. Free agency could bring Tampa Bay's Dexter Jackson and Omar Stoutmire from Washington. USC's Darnell Bing could be Cleveland's first round choice.

Sign Orpheus Roye: If the Browns fail to sign Roye, they will lose a team leader and a great talent. The draft could fill the defensive line need with Rod Wright from Texas or Haloti Ngata from Oregon. Free agency brings Anthony Weaver from Baltimore and Robert Mathis from the Colts.

# Butler and Foster lead OSU over Wisconsin

By Rusty Miller

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jamar Butler and Je'Kel Foster took turns making critical shots down the stretch to lead No. 19 Ohio State to a 77-67 victory over No. 15 Wisconsin yesterday night.

The loss ended Wisconsin's seven-game Big Ten winning streak and dealt a defeat to the last unbeaten Big Ten team.

The Buckeyes (13-2, 3-2) had a balanced attack, with Terence Dials scoring 15 points and Ron Lewis, Butler and Matt Sylvester each added 14.

Kammron Taylor and Alando Tucker each scored 21 points for the Badgers (14-3, 4-1), with

Tucker shooting 9-of-22 from the field.

With the Buckeyes on top 44-43 and 14 minutes remaining, the Buckeyes ran off eight straight points. Butler hit two free throws, seldom-used sub Ivan Harris hit a 3 from the left corner and Butler made a 3 early in the possession to push the lead to 52-43.

Ohio State, which beat a ranked team for the first time in three tries this season, never trailed again.

The Badgers pulled to 65-61 with just under 6 minutes left on Brian Butch's 15-foot jumper, but then Foster came out of his slump. He hit the second of two free throws.

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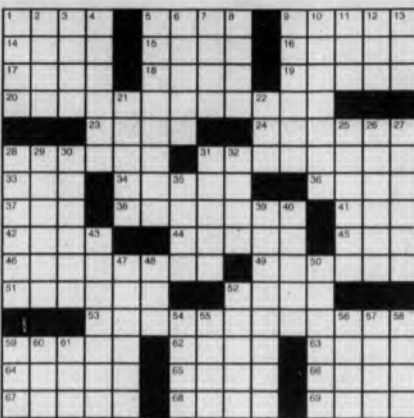
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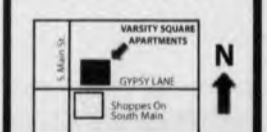


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