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Senate shoots down Pell Grant Amendment to raise money for award, restore cuts fails by 50-50 vote

By Johnny Payne
REPORTER

Like many university students, sophomore Gary Washington is able to pursue a college degree by working, learning and studying hard. He also receives help in the form of a combination of scholarships and loans.

Washington, 18, graduated early from a high school in Harlem, and is chasing a cornucopia of dreams while enrolled at the University as a liberal arts major.

But he will be the first to tell you

that he wouldn't be able to be in Bowling Green if it weren't for student aid funds like the Pell Grant award, a federal loan that doesn't need to be repaid.

On March 14 this year, the U.S. Senate failed to pass an amendment that would have:

- Raised the maximum Pell Grant award from \$4,050 to \$4,500.
- Restored \$1.2 billion in cuts proposed by the Bush administration.
- Provided an additional \$6.3 billion in student aid funding.

The amendment, offered by Senators Kennedy, Collins, and Menendez, was defeated in a 50-50 vote.

The Pell Grant's static worth poses a problem for some people, particularly the lower-income students for which the Pell Grant is designated.

"Increasing the Pell Grant is critical as students face higher college costs across the country," said Luke Swarthout, the higher education associate of the State Public Interest Research Groups. "As costs

go up, the Pell Grant unfortunately stays the same."

The day after the amendment was shot down, the Senate passed a separate amendment that gave \$7 billion to the budget for education, biomedical research, and workforce programs.

But while the amendment restored the president's proposed budget cuts, it didn't increase the maximum Pell Grant award. It also failed to provide a substantial addition to student aid funding, as it restored higher education funds

to Fiscal Year 2005 levels.

Both amendments were proposed after the largest cut in student aid history — \$12 billion — was approved by the House of Representatives.

Craig Cornell, director of student financial aid, said that the Pell Grant has potential to be even more useful to college students than it is now.

"Ultimately, the more federal money that's used for the Pell award will benefit those who take it, because they are the students

with the higher need," he said.

These students, Washington among them, rely heavily on federal loans.

"Grants are the next best things to scholarships," Washington said. "Every little amount helps to keep my behind in college."

According to Swarthout, about 5.3 million students receive Pell Grants every year, making it the nation's largest student aid program. But the award has been set

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Conserving energy easy, vital for University

Education, alternative sources would have huge benefits for BG

By Kara Ohngren
REPORTER

Perhaps the easiest use of alternative energy that can be implemented quickly is conservation, according to Gary Silverman, director of environmental health at the University.

He said it is often overlooked as a solution to this problem, however, conserving the total use of energy allows for a reduced use of conventional energy sources.

"As a societal leader, it is important for the University to employ alternative energy sources," he said. "It's doing our part in dealing with our country's energy problem that is basically threatening the stability of the planet."

Naturally, the University needs energy to function properly; however, where the energy comes from may be fairly invisible to students, staff and the members of the community.

The University's efforts to conserve could be increased simply by educating people to shut off lights and computers, installing lights and toilets that are controlled automatically and having better control of heating and cooling systems thus enabling more efficient operation, Silverman said.

"In order for this to occur we need to have full commitment from upper-administration," Silverman said. "I know we have maintenance people who are interested in making these physical changes to the buildings but they can only fuse it in slowly because of financial constraints; it's all about where we prioritize."

Jessica Guinness, senior, said the use of alternative energy is important for the University to consider.

"For the future of the University in a financial sense, and for the future of the world in an environmental sense, alternative energy seems pretty vital to me," she said. "I think that anything BG can do to decrease our country's dependency on oil should be done."

Switching to alternative energy sources is only substantial if there is cooperation from everyone involved, said Don Scherer, professor of philosophy. Without a strong conservation effort and an appreciation of clean, renewable energy, nothing will be accom-

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Sunny smiles

Students on cloud nine when weather gets warm, studies say



STORY BY NIKKI JARDINE • ARTWORK BY WAYNE SILASI
BG NEWS STAFF

Boosts in mood, memory and cognition are some ways spring weather can potentially affect the mind, according to recent studies conducted by the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics.

A series of three studies from 2001 through 2003 found the amount of time people spend outdoors and the mild warmth of spring has an effect on mood and cognition, or openness to new ideas. The people that spent 30 to 45 minutes outdoors during the spring reported having a better mood than those who spent less time outdoors.

Mike Zickar, associate professor of psychology, said that the sunlight triggers our biological clock that determines when we get up and when we go to bed.

"A lack of sunlight throws off our internal biological clock," Zickar said. He said he's heard about some connection between mood, weather and region.

"I know Seattle has some of the smallest amounts of sunlight and some of the highest suicide rates," Zickar said.

Azita Afsharzadehyazdi, a post-doctoral faculty fellow in psychology, said the amount of exercise and movement a person gets in the spring can also affect moods.

"When you're up and about, it releases [lactic acid] that builds up in the muscles and causes tension," Afsharzadehyazdi said.

Exercise also releases endorphins, the feel-good chemicals naturally produced in our bodies, which we may tend to get more of in the spring and summer, she said.

The studies were led by Matthew C.

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Road Rules star pays a visit to BG

Former student visits English class looking at reality television

By Kelly Day
REPORTER

MTV reality star and former BGSU student Cara Zavaleta remembers hating her English 112 class. But yesterday, she braved the classroom one more time for the sake of research.

Students of Mitch Raney's English 112 class were surprised when the MTV star and Playboy Playmate walked through the door.

Having received an e-mail just half an hour before class,

many of the students didn't realize they would be putting aside their Scott Foresman handbooks to spend an hour with a celebrity.

When the class decided to do their final research papers on reality TV, Zavaleta's cousin, freshman Jennifer Lane, took advantage of Zavaleta being in town.

Lane invited Zavaleta to speak to the class to help her and her classmates with their research.

Zavaleta let the students

in on the reality of reality television from her experience on MTV's Road Rules and The Gauntlet.

Some students in the class said they are skeptical of reality TV. Brent Barton, freshman, thinks television networks are focused more on ratings than reality.

"I've always heard it's manipulated," he said. "That's how you get ratings."

While Zavaleta said many reality shows, like The Bachelor, script the cast members, MTV keeps it real.

"In my opinion, it was very accurate," she said.

Though everything on the show actually happened, the footage is often edited to create a good story.

But Zavaleta says it is obvious to viewers when part of the plot is pieced together.

"If it doesn't really make that much sense, you can assume it's a goofy messed up story," she said.

When agreeing to be on the show, Zavaleta realized she wouldn't always be portrayed accurately.

"You're giving them the

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CULTURAL STUDY:

Doctoral student at Rutgers University does study of African-American males in college, finds them behind in terms of graduation percentages compared to females; **PAGE 3**

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

THURSDAY



PM Showers High: 56° Low: 47°

FRIDAY



Scattered High: 60° T-Storms Low: 33°

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 46° Low: 30°

SUNDAY



Sunny High: 54° Low: 36°

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Temperatures affect student behavior

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Keller, postdoctoral fellow at the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics and factored in not only the temperature, but the pressure, or how clear the day was. The first study found that the higher temperatures and pressure were associated with higher moods in the participants that spent more than 30 minutes outside.

While the exposure to higher temperatures in the spring showed an improvement in mood during the spring, the higher temperatures in the summer had an opposite effect on emotions.

Another study done in 2001 by Craig Anderson, a professor at Iowa State University, showed a link between temperatures and behavior. The higher tempera-

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MIKE ZICKAR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

tures increased the occurrence of violent behavior.

BG feels the effects

Laura Lengel, associate professor of communication studies, said she notices a significant change in her emotions when the weather gets nicer. The changes in the weather that come during spring show a positive effect on her mood.

"I've always very much welcomed the coming of spring and the longer days — I've always felt better," Lengel said. "I see spring as almost a spiri-

tual awakening after the long, dark winter days."

Though Lengel is an Ohio native who has experienced the Lake Erie winters, she said she's never gotten used to the dark, cold days of winter.

The difference the warmer weather makes in her mood is very obvious to her when she travels to warmer regions.

"I do a lot of research in the Mediterranean region," Lengel said. "When I go there, I feel so much more emotionally and spiritually at home with the warmer weather, blue

skies and azure waters of the Mediterranean sea."

Derek White, freshman, said that his mood gets better in the spring, but mostly due to the fact that school is almost out.

"It's just in winter, you can't do certain things," White said.

Jennifer Schulte, freshman, said her mood is better in the spring due to the nicer weather and the end of the school year.

"I have an urge to be outside more," Schulte said.

She said her mood gets better, not only during warm weather, but when it's sunnier out.

Skipping classes during the warmer weather to catch some rays isn't something White or Schulte said they would typically do.

"I'm more likely to skip when it's cold out because I don't want to walk [to class]," White said.

Alternatives save money in long run

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plished, he said. To some extent, the University has moved in the direction of operating in a cleaner manner.

When working as a part of the utility board at the University, Scherer was instrumental in obtaining numerous grants for the 2004 installation of photovoltaic cells, or solar panels, on the roof of the ice arena.

"If you can get machines that are very good at making energy when the sun is shining, in the middle of a summer afternoon, when energy is at its highest demand, those machines are very valuable to you," Scherer said. "That's why the municipal utility has gone ahead to pay full price for the photovoltaic cells which then allows the University to use them in the ice arena."

The lights in the hall-of-fame area and the binders that create the ice are all powered by the solar cells located on the roof. The direct current that is collected through the power of the sun can then be used without conversion, thus less energy and a lower cost are at work.

Though alternative energy sources may cost more upfront, both Silverman and Scherer agree in the long run that more money will be saved. As new buildings are built, Silverman sees it as essential that the University invests in the best energy systems available.

"It comes down to when do you want to pay for it? Do you want to pay a little more now or a lot more down the road?" Silverman asked. The lights in the ice arena that are currently run by the solar panels are approximately 50 percent more efficient than conventional lighting systems, Scherer said.

The municipal utility is pay-

ing for those panels with funds collected from city customers who are willing to pay a surcharge now, knowing that their electricity will come from renewable sources. The utility expects that within 15 years, with the energy that is being saved through the use of the solar panels, the customers will be fully repaid, Scherer said.

The solar panels on the ice arena are nice but the University isn't in a place to generate tremendous amounts of electricity. It could make a bigger difference through what universities do — serving as models in terms of research and education, according to Silverman.

The University is, in a sense, owned by the citizens of Ohio, Silverman said; thus the University has every reason to act in the best interest of the citizens of Ohio, which he believes means investing in the long term and liability of all campus buildings.

"The University has a very long life," Silverman said. "It's different than if you're deciding to use alternative energy in your home since you may not still be around for the payback."

In addition to solar energy, the University has also employed alternative energy in the form of bio-diesel fuel. All previously run gasoline motors used by the grounds department on campus now run solely on a 20 percent bio-diesel fuel, Scherer said.

"After an environmental studies class collected all of the information and presented it to the University, the decision was made to switch to a much cleaner-burning fuel," Scherer said. "Whether it's those little golf carts, hedge clippers or snow blowers, these small changes at one University make things a little better for the environment as a whole."

BG NEWS CORRECTIONS

Adobe operating officer incorrectly titled on Friday

In the March 31 issue of The BG News, Shantanu Narayen was incorrectly referred to as Adobe software's chief executive officer in the headline, "Adobe CEO has big ideas for the Web." Narayen is Adobe's chief operating officer.

Group receives honor

By Addie Curtis
REPORTER

Another plaque was added to the awards case outside the marketing department last week.

After a long awaited trip to Orlando, Florida, a student organization not widely known on campus placed in the top ten out of 150 collegiate chapters at the national conference from March 23-25.

The Bowling Green chapter of the American Marketing Association was recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout this school year.

Faculty adviser Earl Boatwright said, "The important point is that our group out-performed at least 96 percent of the chapters worldwide and for that we are extremely proud."

This is the highest award received from the chapter since the mid-1980s when they were ranked number one in the world.

Boatwright said the award is based on two documents submitted by the organization: a beginning of the year plan for what the chapter wants to accomplish called a Chapter Plan and an end-of-the-year document called the Annual Plan.

The judging is on the basis

of how effectively the chapter planned and how well the chapter plan was implemented throughout the year.

Boatwright explained the six criteria used for judging were chapter operations, community service, professional development, fundraising, membership and communications.

"As faculty advisor, I mainly help recruit good people and then act as a coach on the sidelines, so the majority of credit should go to the students themselves," said Boatwright.

On top of placing in the top ten of outstanding AMA chapters, the BGAMA received the most educational booth award.

The theme for the booth was "The BGAMA Lounge" serving as a networking session includ-

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CAMPUS

Urgent birth control available

'Plan B' pill easy for students to obtain at Student Health Center

By Lisa Early
REPORTER

Getting emergency contraception on campus is easier than many students may think. Women who have been raped, whose regular birth control fails or who simply forgot in the heat of the moment now have an alternative.

According to Mary Johnson, nurse practitioner in the Student Health Center, emergency contraception, or EC, is available in the health center and is easy to obtain. The most commonly prescribed EC pill is called Plan B, which costs around \$22.

All students have to do is call and indicate that they want EC, Johnson said.

"I feel it's important for students to know it's available," she said. "So that they know that they have a choice."

EC is a method of birth control that can be used within three days of unprotected sex.

There are two types of EC available to women in the U.S., according to the U.S. Dept. of Health's Web site on women's health.

Emergency contraception pills, also known as ECPs, are 99.9 percent effective in preventing pregnancy if taken properly — in two doses, twelve hours apart, the Web site says. They work best if taken within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse.

The other type of EC is Copper-T IUD, a T-shaped device that's placed inside the woman's uterus by a health care provider. In order for this method of EC to be effective, the IUD must be

inserted within seven days after unprotected sex.

EC works by preventing an egg from being released from the ovary and by stopping an egg from being fertilized, or reached by sperm.

"Plan B is the most commonly prescribed emergency contraceptive," said Glenn Egelman, director of Student Health Services said.

According to Planned Parenthood, Plan B is a brand of ECP designed and approved by the FDA specifically for emergency contraception.

Some students believe that emergency contraception should be available to those who need it.

"I think that it is a good source for young adults," said Brittaney Johnson, freshman. "Specifically because young adults in college tend to slip up very easily."

Johnson also said that since students are already paying so much

money to attend the University all sources should be available to them when necessary.

Octavia Johnson, freshman, agrees with being in favor of EC's availability at the Student Health Center.

"I believe emergency contraceptives are O.K. because it is better than waiting three or four months only to get an abortion," she said. "It would drastically drop the rate of dropouts due to pregnancy."

University of Toledo joins BGSU among Ohio state schools that offer Plan B for emergency contraception.

Although emergency contraception is a good alternative to pregnancy or abortion, Egelman admits it's not for everybody.

"People should learn more about it," he said. "It's a personal opinion."

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calendar of events

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Union Lobby

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Student says black men are getting left behind

Doctoral research looks into gender gap among college grads

By Paul H. Johnson
KRT

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Chris Catching says that African-American men are being left behind.

A doctoral student in education at Rutgers University, he doesn't think higher education knows what to do with black men. So he wants to show them.

He's studying his fellow students and learning why they are staying in school.

"So much of the research focuses on the pathological," Catching said. Instead, they should find out what works, he added.

Nationwide, women earn the lion's share of college degrees among African-Americans. The gender gap has been growing for years, and educators have been grasping for ways to close it.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 68 percent of all baccalaureate degrees awarded nationwide to African-Americans are given to women. In New Jersey, the figure is 67 percent. African-American women graduate at a higher rate than their male counterparts. In addition, 52 percent



FINDING WHAT WORKS: Chris Catching, a doctoral student in education at Rutgers, feels that African-American men are being left behind.

of African-American women graduate from college within six years in New Jersey, compared with 40 percent of black men, according to statistics collected by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

BG NEWS BRIEFING

Service to be held
A memorial service for Z. Michael Nagy, a former University professor, will be held this Saturday at 11 a.m. in Proulx Chapel. Nagy, a retired professor emeritus in the psychology department, passed away on Nov. 2, 2005. The service is free and open to the public.

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QUOTE UNQUOTE

"I think I could have won this seat but it would have been nasty. It would have cost a fortune to do it."

Majority Leader Tom DeLay, on his decision to resign from Congress.
(abcnews.com)

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL | IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Look at real immigration issues

More than 10,000 people walked from Brooklyn to Manhattan in New York City on Saturday chanting and carrying banners reading "We are all American" — in English and Spanish.

This protest, as well as many others across the country, was in response to an immigration bill that would result in the criminalization of more than 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States. Last December the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4437, the bill that if

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passed by the Senate and signed by the president would make all illegal aliens, as well as any citizens who assist them, felons and green-light the construction of

a 700-mile fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The thousands of protesters on the streets of cities across the country are quite right to march; this bill will do little to address the serious issue of illegal immigration into the United States.

For one thing, a felony is a big deal.

If all 11 million — likely a low-end number — illegal immigrants were charged with a felony and jailed, where would we keep them? Just as important, most

of these 11 million individuals are currently working — overwhelmingly in the low-skill, low-paying, high-risk jobs that even high-school dropouts are loathe to take.

There is little doubt that suddenly taking undocumented laborers out of the workforce would be devastating for the economy.

On the other hand, if we were to allow these immigrants to work legally, both citizens and immigrants could see gains. As

undocumented workers, immigrants are often poorly paid, work in sub-par conditions and depend on social services for their health care.

Illegally recognized, two things would happen: Employers could no longer treat them as second-class citizens and workers would have to pay taxes to support their reliance on social services and public schools — good things for immigrant and citizen alike.

A bill currently being debated in the Senate outlines a guest

worker program that could recognize workers in this way — and eventually allow them to become citizens — while simultaneously strengthening border security. This makes infinitely more sense than the misguided, xenophobic and unrealistic House bill.

We expect deal-making and haggling over the bill this week, but we sincerely hope the bill that emerges recognizes the reality of immigrants in America and allows them to become citizens — not criminals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Both sexes should think about the risks

Jon Bosscher addressed sexual equality in his column on Monday, relating such to gender and the consequences of unintended pregnancy.

Perhaps sexual equality has less to do with gender and more to do with informed involvement.

Both those who are active and those who abstain will agree that sex is a responsibility. Its means and ends are complicated.

When men and women become sexually engaged, no matter how protected, no matter how sterile, they open themselves to a new world of undeterminable variables, a world in which they are susceptible to pregnancy and disease.

Matt Dubay, the man suing the mother of his child, his ex-girlfriend, is involved with an exceptional court case and should be ashamed for both his lack of mindful sexual practice and his lack of courage when faced with a born and functioning offspring.

Such men should never be exemplified in a society for the purpose of inspiration.

What is clear is that pregnancy is a sensitive issue.

While some women terminate

their unintended pregnancies, others do not.

Any man engaging in sexual intercourse with a woman for means other than procreation must not only be willing to touch the abortion issue, the STD issue and the rights and responsibilities issue with a ten-foot pole, they must be willing to accept the point-of-view of their partner before, during, and after pregnancy.

A man will never have equal rights to pregnancy in comparison to a pregnant woman. This is not meant to degrade or oppress. This is reality.

No law or personal agreement can ultimately determine any woman's desire to control her own body and the contents within it.

For men who have trouble with any of the possible outcomes, I strongly suggest abstinence.

ELISABETH SOWECKE
ALUMNA
bethiebird@yahoo.com

BG taxpayers shouldn't have to support plan

I am writing in response to your staff editorial about State Senator Lynn Wachtmann's efforts to

remove abortion as an option on Bowling Green State University's health plan. You state, in error, that he is trying to "limit the availability of abortions in Ohio."

This bill, according to your newspaper's news story, says nothing about limiting the availability of abortions. It simply says that the state will not offer, sponsor or endorse a plan that pays for abortions.

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While abortion may be legal in this state, it is certainly NOT "the obligation of the [college's] administration to protect women's rights..." as you state, when the "rights" you talk about mean using state-paid workers' time and state-paid facilities to arrange for a health care plan that will pay for those abortions.

If you choose to murder a child through an abortion, as long as it is legal in the United States, unfortunately, you cannot be stopped. However, there is no reason to expect taxpayers to support it by sponsoring coverage of this act through a health plan provided by a state-run university.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

How does the warm weather affect your mood?

So easily we forget to use our blinker



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"Nice weather makes me want to dance."



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SOPHOMORE, POLITICAL SCIENCE
"All the girls start wearing skirts."



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SENIOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE
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BRIANNA BRYANT
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"It gets me in the mood to go on vacation and spend time with my boo."

be easy for anyone to get a license. You should have to score 100 percent on every test you take. Nothing should be just "acceptable" when it comes to driving.

While my situation is surely different from others, I could tell so many sad stories, including sharing with you the fact that the last four or five fatal collisions in my home town have been directly related to students who have had their license less than two years.

During my four years of high school I had to attend three classmates' funerals. Two were a direct cause of speeding.

Beside speed, blinkers are the biggest problem on the road today. Mostly when they aren't used.

Now, I may be going back to my driver's training here, but blinkers are your way of telling other people on the road that you need to get over or turn. We cannot read minds, that's why we need blinkers.

If I'm going 75 and you're going 65 and you swerve into my lane without using a blinker, what is going to happen? Here's a hint: it won't be my fault and you won't get where you're going on time.

Now I've seen a lot of people who do remember to use their blinkers, but they use them incorrectly.

A blinker says to me "excuse me, I need to get into that lane soon." It should be used well in advance so the person in the other lane can decide whether to speed up and get around you before you get over, or slow down and let you in.

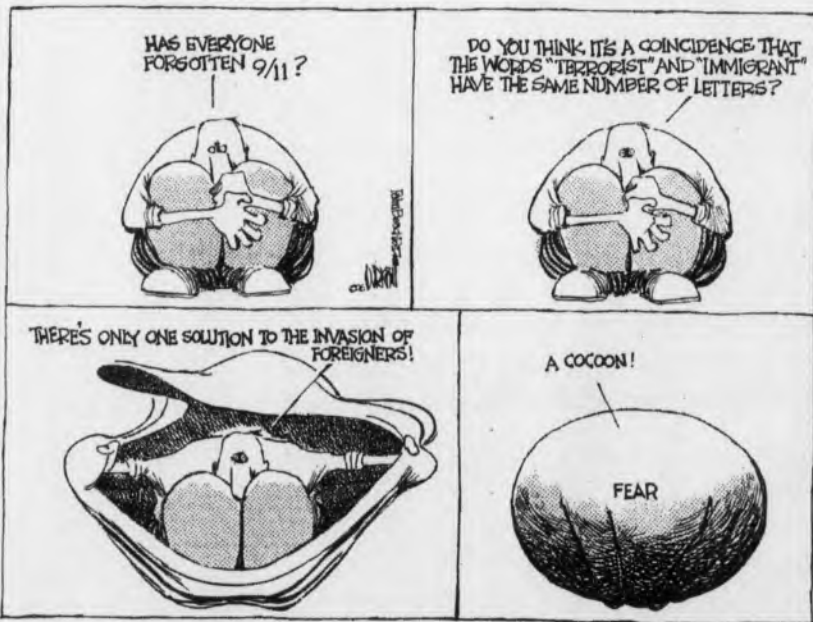
If you throw on your blinker as you're swerving into my lane, it doesn't count as using your blinker. And the cops will agree with me.

Now I know what you're thinking: "but what if I just realized I have to get off at that exit?" Then you've missed your exit. Go to the next one and turn around. Better yet, get directions next time so you will know where you are going.

I urge all of you who drive on the expressway to leave in plenty of time to get to your destination. Bring some good music and lots of snacks and follow the road signs.

Crashes on the expressway are deadly. Don't be one of those 42,000 people who becomes just another statistic.

Send comments to Amanda at hoovama@bgsu.edu.



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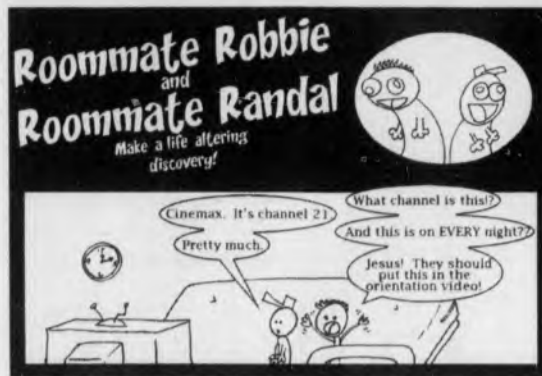
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Written and Illustrated By Jed Davis, jadavis@bgsu.edu

French riots don't make sense

Writing a weekly column, it's important that I keep up with the news.

And one thing that I always notice when I'm searching for stories, is that when I read about European news, there is literally always a strike going on in France. It never fails.

Recently there have been huge strikes. We're talking over a million people protesting and rioting. For a country that's so pacifistic, you wouldn't think they'd be violent rioters, but sure enough, they are.

If they could fight wars like they could leave work, they probably wouldn't have lost World War I or World War II. Or for that matter, the wars they lost to England, Russia, England, Thailand, England, Haiti, and Prussia.

If they could fight a war with Narnia, they would lose — and Narnia isn't even a real place.

Come to think of it, maybe that's the reason why they are so anti-war — they're just tired of losing. I know that's why I don't compete in dance contests anymore.

You have to get to a point where you fall off of the horse and realize that it's a moot point to get back on. Now I sound like a Frenchman.

Now, I hope I'm not sounding overly harsh. If you're from France and are reading this, je suis désolé, but I think it's ridiculous that they have to protest EVERYTHING over there.

With all of that said, as a way of sort of getting you up to speed (as I know this is a topic that fas-



JOSH BENNER
Humor Columnist

cinates each and every one of us, I thought I would give you a sort of French riot 101 tutorial today.

The first thing to understand about protests is the numbers. I said a million people protested, which is the police estimate. There have been estimates as high as three million people, according to the BBC.

People always overestimate how many people came to their riots. We all sort of do that. How many times have you talked to someone who was like, "Yeah I went out to Junction last night and did like 54 shots in 9 minutes." And you know the person is full of it.

It's pretty much the same thing with protest estimates. They round way up.

Same way when they have the Million (insert grass roots cause) March. They never actually have a million people there, but it sounds good.

Many of the people protesting in France right now are students, because the cause they are against is a new law which makes it easier to fire someone under the age of 26.

The unemployment rating for this group is 40 percent according to the BBC, and a big part of this is because places are reluctant to hire younger workers because if they suck, then it's extremely hard to fire them in

the heavily unionized country.

Basically the only way a French company can fire a person is if they are bankrupt, or if the person makes a lot of mistakes, but even then, it can be appealed, and judges usually rule in favor of the workers, according to Fox News.

So basically you can't be fired, even if you're completely incompetent, and some people see this as a good thing.

In the mean time, the protests keep going and going and going in France. It'll eventually stop, but another one will take its place with a new group of people. As I said, it's the college students who are largely disputing the new law. Some of them have even gone as far as having sit-ins in their classrooms.

Staying in a classroom when you don't have to? And to imagine French people call us weird.

Greek life never fails to amaze

Ah, Greek Week — a long and storied tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, when groups of hairy men known as "crusaders" ran around in packs and volunteered to build straw huts for the less fortunate.

And by "build straw huts," I actually meant "burned witches and heretics and asparagus," because, as everyone knows, if there's anything people in the Middle Ages hated more than witches, it was asparagus.

Sadly, this cruel tradition continues today. At any given time, several fraternities on campus can be found indiscriminately burning large piles of tasty vegetables.

Sound horrible? It most definitely is, but it's nothing compared to the recent actions of several sororities. Thanks to an anonymous tip from my



JIM LEVASSEUR
Not News Editor

roommate's brother George, this investigative reporter has uncovered some shocking news: just a few days ago, an unknown number of sorority girls did the unthinkable — they went to a club and (gasp) partied.

I know, I know, it's hard to believe, but I saw it with my own two eyes, and these suckers are as good as gold. Plus, I was wearing my glasses.

But let's not be too hasty in condemning these respectable and time-honored associations. As any fraternity or sorority member is quick to point out, Greek communities do a lot of community service, like

Dance Marathon, and, um ... well, Dance Marathon. They do Dance Marathon.

They also volunteer their time for other worthwhile pursuits. Recently I was made aware of a new organization founded by several fraternity brothers: the Save-A-Keg Foundation. Basically what these kind, considerate souls do is go around town on the weekends collecting half-empty kegs

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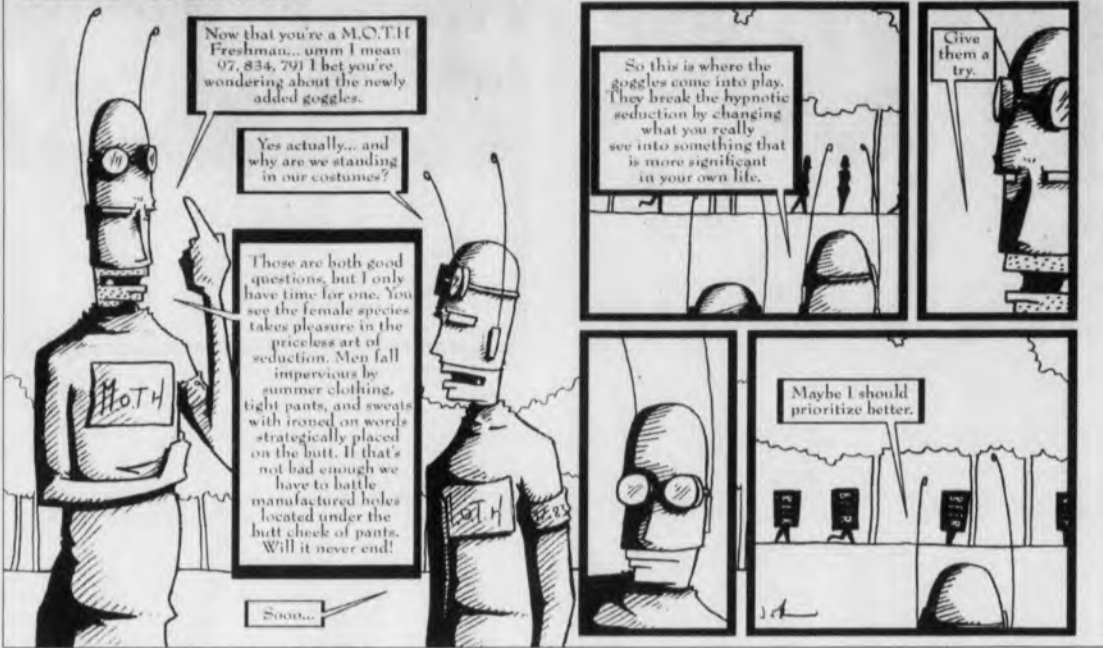
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Greek life not all play

GREEK WEEK, FROM PAGE 5

To think: before this charity existed, gallons upon gallons of perfectly good, untapped beer were simply wasted. For shame!

And when I say "brothers," I mean brothers, yo. We're not talking full-fledged blood relatives or anything, but come on: if you call someone "bro" enough times, you're practically family.

After all, that's what it's all about, right? That incredible feeling of family—the same feeling you get at Thanksgiving because all your relatives secretly hate each other and no one says anything while the turkey's being carved, but then when everyone gets drunk off cheap white zinfandel, all the hidden resentment comes pouring out and someone ends up on the ground with a black eye.

Or maybe it's not anything like that at all. Either way, no one appreci-

ates the Greek community more than me. Every day when I walk past the Spirit Rock on my way to the Sundial, I think to myself, "How did they convince Jackson Pollock to come out here and paint this thing?"

And then I remember: Jackson Pollock is dead. Praise be to the Greeks, for they bring sunshine and splatter paint into my life. And lavaliers. They bring a lot of lavaliers, and although I have no idea what lavaliering is, it must be important.

But Greek life isn't all fun in the sun: intramural leagues are serious business. Haha, just kidding! But really... they are.

In fact, Greek life is mostly serious and full of creativity. Once you take out the "Tennis Pros and Hoes" parties, and the "Pimps and Hoes" parties, and the "Hoes, Hoes, and More Hoes" parties, all you have left is meetings. Lots and lots of meetings.

It seems like every day I see at least a dozen guys walking around very purposefully in suits and ties, no doubt on their way to another fraternity meeting.

I have no idea what goes on in those meetings, but my sources tell me that secret handshakes and code words like "medulla oblongata" are involved, and that excites me to no end.

The last time I was this excited, in fact, was back in second grade when I played clubhouse with the kids next door and our secret code word was "poop."

Seriously, though, I imagine most of these meetings have to do with making business contacts and such, because, if you didn't know, "approximately 85% of the top executives of Fortune 500 companies belong to a fraternity or sorority."

That's a mighty impressive statistic. You could take just about any big company, like, I don't know, Enron, and a little research reveals that, yes, its CEO Kenneth Lay was a fraternity president.

What went wrong with him, you ask? Easy. He didn't burn enough asparagus.

Jim (jlevass@bgsu.edu) is an avid vegetable lover.

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'Today' show host may leave

Rumors emerge that she could be CBS's next evening anchor

By David Bauder
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Katie Couric may mark her 15th anniversary as "Today" show anchor this week by making the decision to leave.

She's talking with CBS about taking over as "CBS Evening News" anchor, according to a non-network person close to the negotiations. Neither CBS nor NBC are disputing reports that she could announce a deal as early as this week.

There are still some issues left to be resolved before a deal is made, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Couric's contract with NBC ends in May, and she reportedly needed the network's permission to begin negotiations with another network before next month. NBC's decision to grant it could be an indication that the

network expects her to leave, or that it wants a decision before outlining its fall programming plans to advertisers next month.

Couric's first day as "Today" anchor was April 5, 1991, and the morning show plans to mark that anniversary on the air today. Her tenure, has brought the morning show unparalleled ratings and financial success.

Representatives for NBC, CBS and Couric would not comment yesterday on the discussions.

Meanwhile, Meredith Vieira of "The View" has emerged as the leading candidate to succeed Couric at "Today" if she leaves, according to people familiar with NBC's thinking. Vieira, a former CBS News reporter who won a Daytime Emmy as host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," has previously turned down offers to return to news since joining "The View."

"Today" weekend host Campbell Brown, NBC reporter Natalie Morales and "Today" news reader Ann Curry are also being considered.



INTERVIEWING THE STARS: NBC "Today" show co-host Katie Couric and actor Antonio Banderas during the taping of Monday's show.

Private investigator involved in scandal

Director claims not to know of detective's use of wiretapping

By Alex Veiga
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — "Die Hard" director John McTiernan was charged Monday with making a false statement to the FBI about his knowledge of wiretapping by an indicted Hollywood private detective, authorities said.

McTiernan is accused of lying to federal investigators last month when he told them he had no knowledge of the wiretapping and had never discussed it with the private eye, according to a charging document provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Investigators contend McTiernan, 55, hired Anthony Pellicano to tap phone calls involving a man identified in the documents as Charles Roven. No other information about Roven was contained in

the documents.

McTiernan, who also directed "The Thomas Crown Affair," could face a maximum sentence of five years in prison if convicted. A message left with his attorney, John Carlton, was not immediately returned.

Pellicano, who has worked for some of the biggest names in Hollywood, has been charged in a wiretapping scandal that has rattled entertainment and legal circles.

Prosecutors allege he wiretapped Hollywood stars he was hired to investigate, including Sylvester Stallone and others, and used the information for threats, blackmail and in some cases to help clients gain advantages in legal disputes. Pellicano has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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TUESDAYS BLOW



LET'S GO FLY A KITE: Senior Human Resource Management major Jill Lause takes advantage of Tuesday's intense winds by flying a kite with some friends.

Students will be denied aid element

GRANT, FROM PAGE 1

at \$4,050 for the past five years, causing some to speak up in favor of an increase.

As a lower-income, out-of-state student, Washington would like to see the maximum amount raised.

"I think Congress really isn't looking at the big picture here," he said. "They're not looking

at the people who really need this money to stay in school. Without Pell, I honestly don't think I could be here, and school is my life."

While keeping Ohio's college students in mind, Swarthout turns to face an even larger picture.

"The key to global competition is education," he said. "And education means providing deeper assistance to a

broader number of students. If we are to take global competition seriously, we need to continue our investment in students' education."

According to Cornell, the responsibility of petitioning for changes to student aid often comes down to the people it affects the most.

"We continue to encourage students to contact their Congressmen and representa-

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tives," Cornell said. "It's usually the persistent student or parents that catch the ears of Congress."

A look at reality TV

REALITY, FROM PAGE 1

opportunity to attach your name to, say, doing cocaine," she said.

Zavaleta said the producers choose people that fit into specific stereotypes to make up the cast of the reality shows.

"There's always the black guy, the gay guy," she said. "I was probably picked to be the prissy, bitch girl."

Zavaleta also said some of her co-stars manipulate the situations for camera time, like Robin and Mark from The Gauntlet.

"Those two are the biggest camera hogs. They'll play up their relationship when they are on camera," she said. "On the show they'll hook up and act like they're boyfriend and girlfriend, but they'll use each other just to get TV time."

Angela Arnold, freshman,

enjoyed getting the inside scoop on reality TV.

"It was interesting seeing what it was like from someone's perspective who was actually on the show," she said.

Mitch Raney, instructor, thinks Zavaleta had more to offer students than just an inside look at reality TV. He was impressed by her courage to take chances.

"She seems like the type of person to go out and do things," he said. "If things aren't working out, she's just going to go out and change it."

Zavaleta told students about her decision to drop out of college.

"Don't just do what you're supposed to do," she said. "It's so easy to make a change."

Now that season two of The Gauntlet is over, Zavaleta spends her time pursuing modeling and acting.

Hard work awarded

BGAMA, FROM PAGE 2

ing games and prizes to allow other chapters to meet their members.

The BGAMA currently has over 80 full-time and active members and 22 of those members attended the conference.

All AMA chapters are welcome to the national conference, however the ones that are dedicated to their work are the ones that will excel.

Out of the 400 total collegiate chapters, 150 of them attended the conference entitled "Take a Quick Trip to Marketing Success."

In order to attend the national conference, the BGAMA spent a lot of time on fundraising.

According to Ryan Rango, BGAMA President, they received sponsorships, money from the University, sold student crew cards and started

LiveBG.com.

The student crew cards sold for \$10 and offered discounts at various off-campus food establishments.

Rango explains that LiveBG.com is designed to be an interactive online resource to bridge the gap between BGSU students and residents of Bowling Green.

"Revenue is generated through the use of online promotions such as advertising for businesses, special events and online coupons," said Rango.

Rango said they plan to spend the rest of this year and the summer focusing on updating the site and offering various opportunities for students and community members.

A majority of this year's officers, including Rango will be returning next year and they hope to have an even better outcome next year.

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SOFTBALL

Falcon softball team lays the MAC-down on the conference



SNAGGED: Sophomore Dawnjene Delong makes the snag during her team's 7-0 win over Detroit. BG won 11 of its last 13 games and is now 21-10 overall.

Softball wins first four MAC games behind strong pitching staff

By Colin Wilson
REPORTER

The Mid-American Conference season began last week for the BGSU women's softball team and the Falcons did not waste any time in making a statement to the rest of the conference by taking all four conference games — two at Buffalo and two at Kent.

The team is now 21-10 overall and the wins give them a 4-0 start in MAC play. With the wins they have now won 11 of their last 13 games.

"Winning our first four MAC

games was very important not only to set ourselves apart from the rest of the conference, but also in the East Division," said coach Leigh Ross.

The only two losses came consecutively against defending-champion Michigan and then the next day at Notre Dame. Both games yielded no runs for BG.

"They're two really good teams, Michigan won the World Series last year and those were two games that were only going to prepare us for the MAC season," said senior Liz Vrabel.

BG heads to Columbus today to face Ohio State in a doubleheader. The games will be the second and third against Big

TEAM ERA LEADERS

EMILY GOUGE: 1.33

HAYLEY WIEMER: 1.62

LIZ VRABEL: 1.64
Vrabel leads the MAC in wins and is third in strikeouts.

Ten teams this season. They'll play a fourth against Michigan State on April 11.

The Falcons were 2-3 against the Big Ten last season and this year they are 0-1 so far after a loss to Michigan.

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BASEBALL

Gusting winds help BG pick up win

Kloots records first victory as BG wins fifth straight, remains unbeaten at home

By Matt Entrup
REPORTER

The BGSU baseball team remained unbeaten at home and improved to 14-11 overall after winning an 11-7 brawl against the University of Findlay. The Falcons piled on 16 hits in the win, their fifth in a row.

Sophomore reliever Garret Kloots picked up his first win of the season on the wake of a four-run eighth inning by the Falcons that cemented the victory.

The Oilers wasted no time lighting the scoreboard, plating two in the opening frame. But the Falcons struck right back in the bottom of the inning.

Second baseman Eric Lawson extended his hitting streak to five games with a single in the first before being thrown out on a fielder's choice at second base.

After a failed double play attempt that would have ended the inning, a single by right fielder Andrew Foster put a runner in scoring position with two outs.

What happened next could truly be called an act of God. On a routine pop-up to the shortstop, gusting winds caused the ball to fall harmlessly to the dirt and allowed Bowling Green to score their first run. They went on to tie the score on a single by first baseman Josh Dietz.

"Mother Nature, she can throw some things at you," Falcon coach Danny Schmitz said.

The National Weather Service

reported wind gusts of up to 42 mph during game time.

"There was not a routine play today. On a day like today you're going to give up runs, but you can limit those runs by limiting walks," Falcon pitching coach Tod Brown said. The Falcon pitching staff gave up only three walks the whole game.

After a scoreless Oilers second, the Falcons struck again when centerfielder Kevin Leady laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt and shortstop Chris Gacom scored from third. Leady was also safe on the play at first when he was able to slide underneath the pitcher's tag.

"The only way guys are going to develop and get better is if they get to play."

DANNY SCHMITZ,
COACH

A fully extended diving catch by Findlay right fielder Richie Van Hoose ended the inning in spectacular fashion.

The Oilers and Falcons each scored once in the third, and BG added another in the fourth. Findlay centerfielder Kyle Blessing hit a home run in the fifth to keep the score close at 5-4.

Schmitz went to his bench early in the game, a move that looked like it might cost the Falcons the game for a minute.

In the seventh inning a walk, a single and a balk gave the Oilers runners on second and third. A bloop to shallow right scored both and gave Findlay the lead again 6-5.



SOLID ARM: Freshman Sam Campitella throws a pitch yesterday in the Falcons' 11-7 win over the University of Findlay. Campitella recorded two strikeouts in two innings pitched.

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MEN'S GOLF

Golf team uses cold weather to shape up

By Heather Riedel
REPORTER

The University men's golf team has had the past three weeks off to practice, condition and rest in order to prepare for the Marshall Tournament in West Virginia this weekend.

The team played over spring break and finished 16th at the USF Invitational in Tampa, Fla. and seventh in the Birkdale Collegiate Classic Tournament. In these last few weeks and because of Bowling Green's weather, the team has been able to practice on their course at Stone Ridge a few times but have done other things to prepare as well.

"We've been doing whatever we can do," Coach Garry Winger said. "Unfortunately, our practice is based upon the weather. If the weather is good then we practice; if not, then we've been concentrating on our conditioning."

Being in shape physically helps the team mentally when they have to be on a course for around 11 hours in a day, Winger added. "If you're in better shape, the better you'll finish."

Because of the weather, the team has been running a lot to get into shape as part of their conditioning workouts. Winger also said that keeping in good shape physically is one of the only things that the team has control over because of the weather.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Long lay-off doesn't effect Falcons' focus

By Chris Voloschuk
REPORTER

Since winning the St. George Invitational in Utah on March 10, the BGSU women's golf team has had plenty of practice time. Their next tourney, the Illinois Invitational, isn't taking place until April 14.

In the long stretch of time between tournaments, coach Stephanie Young and her golfers have been using the now-favorable weather to get outside on a real course and practice their game. So far, Young hasn't seen any slip in the team's focus,

even with all the space between competitions.

"It can be easy to get sidetracked," Young said. "But the girls have done a great job keeping each other motivated. Chemistry is peaking and spirits are high."

Along with the continued focus and motivation, the team has also seen a positive change in overall mentality. Sophomore golfer Amanda Bader, who finished in a very impressive third place overall at St. George, has noticed a

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ON TOP: BG cheerleaders perform a lift during a basketball game.

Cheering and dancing in Daytona

Three Falcon squads set to show off skills at nationals in Florida

By Jacqueline Giammara
REPORTER

Tomorrow the BGSU co-ed and women's cheerleading squads will be competing at the National Cheerleading Association College Nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla. Joining them will be the Falcon dance team, who will be competing for the National Dance Association.

This is the first year that the women's cheerleading squad and dance team will participate in this competition. Last year, the co-ed cheerleading squad was invited to compete, where they finished

11th out of 15 in their division.

The co-ed and dance teams received bids to nationals after attending a NCA college cheerleading camp in the summer of 2005. The women's cheerleading squad received its bid in December 2005, after its try-out in fall 2005.

Competition for all teams will be composed of a 2:15 routine. For the cheerleading squad, this means elements of tumbling, baskets, stunts, and a mount sequence with jumps, dance and motion. The dance team must incorporate hip-hop, jazz and pop — fast-paced cheerleading movements — into their routine.

"The skills are all there between both squads," assistant cheerleading coach Mandy Dragon

said. "Now it is a matter of maintaining endurance throughout the routines."

As members of separate teams, the cheerleaders and dancers play two separate roles on behalf of the University.

They are crowd leaders for BG teams during games and represent the Falcons in their competition. Though the cheer and dance teams are new to the competitive aspect of their respective programs, competing will be continued in the future for the cheer and dance teams.

"Competition presents a different dynamic," head cheerleading coach Valerie Bullard said. "It is more about the athleticism and the 'wow factor' of cheerleading."

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While Sox celebrate Cleveland earns first win on year

By Rick Cano

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — As the Chicago White Sox were getting their rings, the Cleveland Indians were getting ready for the game.

At the end of another U.S. Cellular field ceremony celebrating Chicago's World Series championship, the Indians ran in the outfield and got loose. And that's how they played yesterday when they beat the White Sox 8-2.

"The ultimate is to win the World Series and they deserve the right to celebrate that and honor that season," said Aaron Boone, who took some of the glimmer off the day with a homer, four hits and four RBIs. He also crashed into White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski to score.

"It was a good shoulder-to-shoulder. He's a little bigger than me and it was a clean hit," Boone said.

"I didn't take any exception to it. It wasn't a big deal. It's part of it. Whatever," Pierzynski said.



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HIGH FIVES: Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez congratulates pitcher Guillermo Moto after the Indians' 8-2 win over the Chicago White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field.

The White Sox unveiled championship banners in the opener Sunday, got their rings yesterday and will present the World Series trophy to their fans today to wrap

up their opening homestand. "The rings are great. We can now put last year behind us and move on," Pierzynski said, adding that the ceremony had nothing

to do with the way the White Sox played yesterday.

"After tomorrow hopefully all this stuff goes away and we can focus on the season.... It had nothing

to do with the rings. We fell behind early and (Jake) Westbrook is tough."

And manager Ozzie Guillen, who embraced owner Jerry Reinsdorf in a huge bear hug as he went to receive his ring, agreed. It's been fun, but time to move on.

"It was great, nice for the guys. Thank God this thing is over. All the circus is over and we can concentrate on playing baseball," Guillen said.

Westbrook allowed two runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings for the Indians, who put ace lefty C.C. Sabathia on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a strained abdominal muscle. After Westbrook left, Rafael Betancourt and Guillermo Moto didn't allow a hit the rest of the way.

"The offense was great and I was able to relax and go right after them," Westbrook said.

Victor Martinez also homered for Cleveland as the Indians roughed up loser Freddy Garcia

for seven runs and nine hits in four innings. The Indians bounced back from Sunday night's soggy season opener, when they lost 10-4 in a game interrupted for nearly three hours by rain.

Garcia had trouble getting loose and his velocity was down, not a good combination against the Indians' talented lineup.

"I didn't make a good pitch in the last two innings. I got to forget about it," he said.

Martinez staked Westbrook to a 1-0 lead with a solo homer in the second. Cleveland jumped on Garcia in the fourth for three more as Ronnie Belliard doubled with two outs and Boone, Casey Blake and Grady Sizemore followed with RBI singles. Boone stole second and knocked Pierzynski over at the plate to beat a relay throw.

After Jhonny Peralta doubled in the fifth, Travis Hafner hit an RBI single and Martinez walked to chase Garcia.

Cheerleaders ready

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In hopes of 'wowing' the judges tomorrow, the cheerleaders put in extra time to prepare for the competition.

"They [cheerleaders] call me and ask me to add practices to the schedule," Bullard said. "I think when you invest yourself that much, only great things can derive from that."

The teams have many goals for tomorrow's competition. Among these are making it to the final competition on Friday and gaining recognition on behalf of BGSU.

"All three squads have a great relationship and are hoping to

use this experience as another opportunity for team-building," Dragon said.

When it comes down to it, there is one thing resting on the success of the cheer and dance teams during competition, and that is teamwork. All three teams work together, allowing them to shine both in and out of the spotlight.

"We have accomplished so much, and it is all being shown in our nationals routine," dance captain Adrienne Sleet said. "We are very proud to be able to represent BGSU and show the nation just how dedicated and passionate our three teams from Northwest Ohio really are."

Vrabel tops the MAC

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Vrabel heats up pitching staff

It was announced Monday that Vrabel is this week's MAC Pitcher of the Week. Vrabel's season has been stellar as she's amassed 10 of the Falcons' 21 wins and 105 strikeouts in just 89.2 innings.

"Personally it's an honor and I'm thankful for getting an award but it couldn't have been done without my team," Vrabel said. "It was totally a team effort so I don't think I deserve anymore credit than anyone else."

The pitching staff as a whole has been a strongpoint for the

team. The team is first in the MAC with a 1.65 overall ERA. Vrabel's 1.64 ERA is third on the team behind Emily Gouge and Hayley Wiemer. All three are in the top six in the MAC.

Vrabel has also been able to keep her opponents to a meager .172 batting average.

"Our pitching has been strong this year and it is nice to know that you have a staff to rely on, not just one pitcher," Ross said. "When you have strong pitching and good defense, it is easier to win games. To now have our offense wake up will be very good for us."

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Cavs top 76ers, 124-91

Larry Hughes plays for first time since Dec. 31 in ninth straight win

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 37 points to lead Cleveland to a 124-91 win over the Philadelphia 76ers as the playoff-bound Cavaliers got one player back from injury and lost another last night.

Center Zydrunas Ilgauskas sprained his left ankle in the first quarter and did not return. Cleveland guard Larry Hughes played for the first time since Dec. 31.

Allen Iverson scored 38 points to lead Philadelphia. The 76ers, battling the Chicago Bulls for the last playoff berth in the East, lost for the eighth time in 11 games. The 76ers face the Bulls tonight and Saturday.

Cleveland, in the postseason for the first time since 1998, lowered its magic number to three for clinching the fourth seed and home-court advantage in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Cavaliers scored a season high and won their ninth in a row — their longest streak since winning 10 straight in 1997.

They did it without Ilgauskas. The 7-foot-3 center, averaging 16.6 points and 7.7 rebounds, landed awkwardly on his left foot just 2:26 into the game. He rolled on the floor in pain for a moment, then got up and walked to the locker room. X-rays were negative.

Ilgauskas has missed only seven of Cleveland's past 320 games since being sidelined the entire 1999-2000 season after surgery on his left foot. He missed all of 1996-97 with a broken right foot.

Hughes entered to a standing ovation with 2:20 left in the first quarter. He scored 10 points in 20 minutes. In 28 games before breaking his right index finger and twice having surgery, Hughes averaged 16.2 points and 3.9 assists after signing a five-year, \$60 million contract.

James played only 35 minutes, but surpassed 35 points for the seventh straight game.



Mark Duncan AP Photo
BACK IN ACTION: Philadelphia's Allen Iverson passes around Cavalier guard Larry Hughes. It was Hughes' first game since Dec. 31.

Confident BG golfers ready for tournament

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One of the sophomores on the team, Jace Walker, said that for the past few weeks everyone has been practicing what they need to in order to prepare for the upcoming tournaments. Walker added that he thinks the team will do well in the Marshall Tournament.

"Our seniors have played there three times now, so they have a lot of experience there," Walker said. "I think we are fairly confident on [the course] and I think we should do really well this week."

The individuals on the team have grown more confident when they play than they have in the last couple of weeks, Walker said.

Winger said that since golf is a sport that's completely "individually driven," the members of the team need to know what they have to practice to be able to improve.

Along with all the practice Walker and the team have done these last few weeks, they also look forward to seeing how the competing schools will do in the tournament.

"There's a lot of good schools that normally go and it's a chance for us to play well against some good competition," Walker said.

Winger commented that Walker has improved a lot over the year and expects him to do well. He also expects the team will do well this weekend as they are also looking for the top five players to compete for the last few weeks of the season.

"Our goal is to have the same line up going into the MAC tournament," Winger said. "The guys are going to get an opportunity here and if they play well, then they'll continue to play. If they don't, then they won't play."

He added, "You dance with who you bring and we've got our five guys this week and we'll go from there."

Bader, golf team improve attitudes

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change in her personal mindset since that tournament.

"Our team has won two tournaments this year and that is quite an achievement," Bader said. "That shows our team does have talent and gives me more confidence in helping our team improve and hopefully win more tournaments."

The downtime has allowed the team to work on every part of their game, from hitting off the tee to putting. While the short game is a very important key to success, Young said, it's not the only thing they have been stressing at practice.

"We've got to work on scores in general," she said. "We have to get averages down and try to score consistently in the 70s."

According to Bader, a good deal of her focus has been hitting greens, or as it's more commonly known, iron play.

"If I could hit more greens, my score would drop some strokes," Bader said. "While my short game should save me when I don't hit greens, I can't rely on it all the time."

With all the practice time, and the newfound ability to play out-

side on a regular basis, there have been noticeable improvements in the girls' individual games. Young said the team is starting to realize their potential.

"The whole attitude of the team has improved," she said. "Course management and short game have gotten better. The girls are really seeing what they need to work on and they're doing a great job."

For Bader, along with better course management, there has been an improvement in the way she approaches every shot.

"I used to just focus on hitting the ball well on every shot," Bader said. "Now I focus on where I want to put the ball to set me up for the next shot."

With almost two weeks remaining until they head to Champaign, Ill., the team is making strides on the course and is currently just taking one day and one practice at a time.

"We'll be working on keeping confidence high," Young said. "We'll also continue working hard at practice and maintaining team chemistry. This is a total team effort."

Next up for the women golfers is the Illinois Invitational on April 14 and 15.

Leady knocks in two

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The Falcons' reserves struck back in the bottom of the inning, however. Two Findlay errors and RBIs by first baseman Brandon McFarland and DH Jeff Telmanik reclaimed the lead for the Falcons.

"The only way guys are going to develop and get better is if they get to play," said Schmitz.

The Falcons came out in the eighth playing small ball, but when two would-be sacrifice bunts yielded additional base runners, Leady came to the plate

with bases loaded and zero outs.

With the infield shifted in, he was able to sneak a grounder between the third baseman and shortstop for a two-run single.

"I'm not a guy that has a huge amount of power. The main thing for me was getting something I could handle. I wasn't trying to pull it, that just happened," Leady said.

Two more in the eighth gave Falcons reliever Brett Browning a comfortable cushion coming into the ninth. The Oilers were able to score one more run, but that was it, bringing the final score to 11-7.

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IRAN TESTS NEW MISSILE IN WAR GAMES

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said yesterday it has tested a second new radar-avoiding missile during war games in the Persian Gulf that the military says are aimed at preparing the country's defenses against the U.S. The new missile is equipped with remote-control and searching systems, the state-run television reported.

Prime minister steps down

Thai prime minister bows to popular opposition campaign

By Rungrawee C. Pinyorat
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK, Thailand — In a stunning about-face, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra announced yesterday he would step down, bowing to a mounting opposition campaign seeking his ouster over allegations of corruption and abuse of power.

Thaksin made the announcement in a televised speech shortly after meeting with Thailand's greatly revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej at his seaside palace in Hua Hin.

"I am sorry that I will not accept the premier post," said Thaksin, who stood stiffly behind a lectern as cameras flashed, his voice coming close to breaking several times.

The 56-year-old telecommunications magnate, who swept to power in a landslide in 2001, said he would remain in a caretaker role until a successor is chosen, adding that his replacement would be selected once Parliament resumes within the next 30 days.

"We have no time to quarrel. I want to see Thai people unite and forget what has happened," Thaksin said. When he finished, he backed away and, with a small smile, clasped his hands together in prayer-like gesture, a traditional Thai sign of respect.

His abrupt announcement came just two days after his party won parliamentary elections and a day after he said he intended to remain in power.



AP Photo

UNPOPULAR VOTE: Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra waves to media at the Government house in Bangkok.

King Bhumibol has intervened to resolve several political crises in his six decades on the throne, but it was unclear exactly what role he played this time. However, Thaksin mentioned in his televised speech that scores of world leaders would be coming to Thailand in two months for the 60th anniversary of the monarch's accession.

Some analysts have noted that the movement to oust Thaksin gained steam after a speech by the king in December that took sharp jabs at the prime minister's conduct.

Political scientist Thitinan Pongsudhirak of Chulalongkorn University described the development as "a call for unity. This is a royal involvement without

intervention."

"Everyone wants to come to the June diamond jubilee celebration with grace and dignity. We don't want to have protests in the streets," Pongsudhirak said.

The political opposition gained even more support in January when Thaksin's family said it had sold its controlling stake in the telecommunications company Shin Corp. to Singapore's state-owned Temasek Holdings for a tax-free \$1.9 billion.

Critics allege the sale involved insider trading and complained that a key national asset was now in a foreign government's hands. Thaksin is also accused of stifling the media and mishandling a Muslim insurgency.

Thaksin's announcement came as election results showed that while he enjoyed strong rural support, his popularity plummeted overall, and as opposition forces were gearing to resume protests. Opponents commended Thaksin for stepping aside but said he needed to do more to close divisions within the country.

"I think it shows good intentions on the part of the prime minister to resolve the conflict right," said Sanan Kachornprasat, whose party was one of three that boycotted the election. "Apart from making his announcement, he has to show that he is willing to work with everyone right away."

Protest leaders said anti-government groups would meet before abandoning their demonstrations. They want to determine what role Thaksin will play in the new parliament and whether his party would lead reforms efforts, leaders said.

Saddam faces second trial

Prosecutors now formally accuse Hussein of genocide

By Sameer N. Yacoub
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraqi authorities filed genocide charges against Saddam Hussein yesterday, accusing the ousted ruler and six others in a 1980s crackdown that killed an estimated 100,000 Kurds in northern Iraq.

In alleging Saddam sought to exterminate the Kurds, the prosecutors are for the first time accusing him of the sort of far-reaching crimes that the Bush administration has used to justify the war in Iraq.

The former Iraqi president returns to court today in his current 6-month-old trial, facing a possible death sentence if convicted in the killings of more than 140 Shiites. Defense lawyer Khamis al-Obeidi said Saddam plans to make a statement to the court.

But that case involves a relatively small number of victims, and the scope of the allegation pales in comparison to the crackdown against the Kurds or the suppression of the Shiite uprising in south Iraq in 1991.

Investigative judge Raid Juhi told reporters he submitted the new case against Saddam and the others to the Iraqi High

Tribunal — a legal step that is the equivalent of an indictment under Iraqi law.

His move paves the way for a second trial, which could begin any time after 45 days. Juhi said charges also include crimes against humanity.

Legal experts said the decision to accuse Saddam of genocide is controversial because the charge is difficult to prove. An international convention following the Nazi Holocaust of World War II defined genocide as an effort "to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group."

The latest charges involve Saddam's alleged role in Operation Anfal, the 1988 military campaign launched in the final months of the war with Iran to crush independence-minded Kurdish militias and clear Kurds from the sensitive Iranian border area of northern Iraq.

Saddam had accused Kurdish militias of ties to Iran. Thousands of Kurdish villages were razed and their inhabitants either killed or displaced.

A memo released by the tribunal said the Anfal campaign included "savagely military attacks on civilians," including "the use of mustard gas and nerve agents ... to kill and maim rural villagers and to drive them out of their homes."



SADDAM HUSSEIN
DEFENDANT

Israeli forces attack West Bank in response to rocket fire

Officials claim need to send message to Hamas on terrorism

By Ibrahim Barzak
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli warplanes fired three missiles into the Gaza compound of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on yesterday in response to Palestinian rocket fire — the first such Israeli attack since the violent Islamic group Hamas took power last week.

Abbas condemned the attack, saying it had nothing to do with Hamas and was aimed at disrupting the daily lives of Palestinians.

The site was largely abandoned, and the army gave no explanation

for hitting the security compound of the moderate leader, who was in the West Bank at the time. The missile strikes dug deep craters and wounded two police officers.

Since Hamas took control of the Cabinet, Israeli officials said they would shun the Palestinian Authority but would continue to work with Abbas, leader of the defeated Fatah Party. The attack yesterday did not appear aimed at the Palestinian president, either directly or indirectly.

Israeli security officials have said Israel needs to send clear messages to Hamas that it must halt attacks, and Israel pledged to intensify its military strikes after Gaza militants fired a Katyusha rocket at Israel last week.

Abbas denounced the airstrike

and called for international intervention to stop what he called Israel's "destruction for the sake of destruction." He said he contacted "the U.N., Russia, the EU and Arab states and told them that these actions complicate daily life and affect our human and social status."

Asked about the possibility Israel targeted a Palestinian security force that is under the authority of Hamas, Abbas replied that who is in charge of the various forces is none of Israel's business. "It is internal business," he said, adding Israel "doesn't have the right to interfere."

Abbas controls some of the armed units, and the rest are in the purview of the new interior minister, Said Siyam of Hamas.



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A DEATH IN THE FAMILY: The mother of Palestinian Mohammed Zayad reacts during the funeral of her son in the Qalandia Refugee Camp, adjacent to the West Bank town of Ramallah.

It's coming...



Paris teens protest new law, take violent turn

Protestors clash with police and cause damage across France

By Jenny Barchfield
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Rioting youths swarmed across a downtown Paris plaza, ripping up street signs and park benches and hurling stones and chunks of pavement at police during the end of the largest of French protests yesterday.

The massive but mostly peaceful protests were in response a new jobs law there.

Riot police fired tear gas and rubber pellets and made repeated charges into the crowds of several hundred youths at Place d'Italie on the Left Bank, carrying away those they arrested.

The clashes came as more than 1 million people poured into the streets across the country, including 84,000 in Paris, according to police. Union organizers put the figure in the capital at 700,000 — and 3 million nationwide.

But the violence in Paris was less intense than at previous

marches against the law, and the country was less affected by an accompanying national strike. As before, the Paris violence appeared to involve youths from tougher suburbs and extremists from both the far right and far left.

"It is giving them too much credit to ascribe an ideology to them. These are just hoodlums, who come to break and pillage. I'm not sure there is an ideology behind all this," Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said.

Groups of these youths attacked bystanders, news photographers and protesters, kicking and punching some. They used metal bars to break up chunks of pavement that they hurled at helmeted riot officers, who advanced behind raised shields to sweep the square clear.

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Pope appoints new Bishop

Mixed feelings arise over whether Lennon deserves a promotion

By Thomas J. Sheeran
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The man appointed yesterday to lead the Cleveland Diocese's 800,000 Catholics said his brief tenure guiding the Boston Archdiocese through the height of the clergy abuse scandal taught him useful healing skills.

Auxiliary Bishop Richard G. Lennon led the nation's fourth-largest diocese for seven months on an interim basis after Cardinal Bernard Law quit in 2002 when unsealed court records revealed Law had moved predatory priests among church assignments without notifying parishioners.

"As short as the time was, and at times it seemed awfully long, but it was relatively short, I think it was helpful," Lennon said after he was introduced by retiring Bishop Anthony M. Pilla.

Lennon, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI, will be installed May 15 as the 10th bishop of Cleveland.

Lennon, 59, was ordained in 1973 in Boston and became an auxiliary bishop in 2001.

"I think the healing has moved forward in Boston very definitively in the past three years. I think that I was able to be an instrument in a small way in that," Lennon said at a news conference at church offices.

When he took over for Law in Boston, friends and colleagues praised him for his compassion.

But he was later criticized by victims for allegedly continuing Law's hard-line approach, including issuing subpoenas for victims' therapists and hiring a First Amendment lawyer to fight the sex-abuse lawsuits on the grounds that the separation of church and state bars civil courts from getting involved in priest supervision.

Barbara Blaine, president of the Chicago-based Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said Lennon had mismanaged sex-abuse cases in Boston and shouldn't get a promotion.

"The continued insensitivity of

JUST THE FACTS

NAME: Richard G. Lennon
AGE-BIRTHPLACE: 59, born March 26, 1947, in Arlington, Mass.
ORDAINED: May 1973, in the Boston Archdiocese.
CAREER: Appointed yesterday as bishop of Cleveland Diocese; vicar general of Boston Archdiocese August 2003 to present; interim administrator of the archdiocese December 2002-July 2003; auxiliary bishop for west region Boston Archdiocese 2001-2002; rector of St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., 1999-2002; canon-law duties 1988-98; parish priest in Scituate and West Quincy, Mass., 1973-1988.
SOURCE: The Associated Press

the church hierarchy heaps more pain on molestation victims and Catholics. This news is one more sign that despite years of horrific scandal, little has changed at the top of Catholic structure," she said in a statement.

Boston attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who represented 120 of about 550 abuse victims paid \$85 million by the archdiocese in a 2003 settlement, also criticized the appointment.

"Bishop Lennon was part of Bernard Cardinal Law's administration, which protected pedophile priests instead of innocent children," he said. "Apparently, Bishop Lennon is now being rewarded for being part of that administration."

Lennon said he was unfamiliar with the scandal fallout situation Cleveland, but that he was committed to a policy adopted by American bishops to bar abusive priests from ministry.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston predicted Lennon's "intellect, commitment and deep faith will be a grace and blessing for the Diocese of Cleveland."

At least 17 Cleveland Diocese priests have been suspended over abuse allegations since 2002. In a lawsuit deposition last July, Pilla declined to specify how many priests he had reassigned were known pedophiles. The diocese has about 500 active priests.



SPEAKING OUT: Bishop Richard Lennon, the interim head of the Archdiocese of Boston, speaks during a news conference, in April 2003

Request denied for reimbursing overtime

Financial assistance sought for money spent on sniper case

COLUMBUS (AP) — The Justice Department does not have the money to reimburse Franklin County for the sheriff's investigation into a series of highway shootings, a federal official wrote in a letter to an Ohio congresswoman.

"We recognize that the prolonged and difficult investigation placed a financial strain" on the sheriff's office, Assistant Attorney General William Moschella told U.S. Rep. Deborah Pryce in a letter dated Friday. "However, there are no new funds available for the department to reimburse" the county.

Franklin County requested Justice Department grants to cover about \$700,000 in overtime paid by the sheriff's office during the pursuit of the shooter who terrorized central Ohio for five months in late 2003 and early 2004, according to county e-mails obtained by The Columbus Dispatch.

Charles McCoy Jr., arrested in March 2004, was sentenced to 27 years in prison for his guilty plea last August to involuntary manslaughter and other charges

for shooting at cars and buildings on and around central Ohio highways. The one person hit in the shootings died.

The federal government reimbursed Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., for their pursuit of highway snipers in 2002.

The Washington-area shootings are different because federal investigators were involved and an FBI analyst was killed during the spree, said Rob Nichols, a spokesman for Pryce.

"There is no automatic triggering mechanism that necessitates funding," he said. "The question is, 'Are there moneys out there to reimburse the county?' Verbally, we were told no. Now, we've been told no in writing."

Pryce, a Republican, is considering legislation to earmark the money for the county, but it would be difficult to get funds that way, Nichols said.

"We're going to do everything we can," he said.

The county sent a letter asking Pryce to introduce federal legislation for the funding in 2004, but aides said they didn't learn of the request until December because the letter mistakenly was addressed to Rep. Pat Tiberi, whose district also includes part of the county.

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Republicans colored 'incompetent' by Dems

By Alan Edrinn
U-WIRE

DEKALB, Ill. — Taking hold of a recent slide in support, Democrats have begun using a new political frame to describe their opponents from across the aisle: Every variation of the word incompetent, incompetence and any other synonym thereof.

Search "gov" Web sites with the words "Republican" and "incompetence" and thousands of entries of politicians on record declaring the Republican leadership as incompetent will appear.

"The strategy is to look at the bad things your opponent has done, bring attention to them, and say how you would make changes," said Cliff Cleland, campaign coordinator for the County Democrats.

Other Democrats find this to be a necessary tactic.

"The Democratic Party is failing under Republicans on both the state and federal level. In order to take back the White House, we need to bring out Republican incompetence and mistakes," said Matthew Kapustianyk, a member of the executive committee of the county Democrats.

Richard Baker, another at-large member of the executive

committee and former Northern Illinois University professor of accountancy, said this tactic might help gain back power for the Democrats.

"Unless the Democrats begin to speak out clearly on the issues, we won't be able to rise to a position to gain seats," he said.

County Republicans find Democrats' new vocabulary to be unoriginal and based only on the benefits hindsight affords.

"Obviously there is room for improvement; there are a lot of gray areas. Who's to say who was right and wrong," said Steve Kuhn, membership chairman for the County Republicans.

On campus, many Democrats agree with the "incompetence" strategy used nationwide by an increasingly large stock of professional Democrats.

"It makes sense," said Kevin Malone, vice president of the College Democrats.

College Democrats member and political science major Ryan Kerchner doesn't think the strategy is all about the incompetence, because nothing is that black and white.

"Issues like Hurricane Katrina could have been handled better, but I don't know if as a whole they

[Republicans] are incompetent," he said.

Members of the College Republicans said the new Democratic frame diverts attention away from the Democratic cause. Brent Keller, a member of the group, thinks it makes the Democrats seem less intelligent, while Andrew Nelms, another member of the group, said it removes focus from the issues.

"The approach should be the issues and how they can best serve the people," he said.

Another student finds the strategy appropriate, but doesn't think the Democratic Party is doing an adequate job of bringing out Republican mistakes.

"I think they should be doing that; they should be showing how the Republicans are messing up, but they aren't," said Jamie Jeschke, a sophomore political science major.

Jeschke also said the Democratic party isn't attacking as much as they should be.

"The problem is they are afraid of attacking for some reason. They seem to miss every opportunity to get back at the Republicans, whereas the Republicans will take every opportunity to attack the Democrats," he added.

Depression hitting young adults harder than ever

Drug, alcohol abuse may play major role, disorders vary greatly

By Nedda Pourahmady
U-WIRE

KENT, Ohio — Anxiety and depression are becoming more common among young adults. More than 40 million Americans are diagnosed with anxiety disorders annually, and about 7 percent of these people include college students, said Gina Mangiaracina, program and public relations manager for Anxiety Disorders Association of America.

Anxiety disorders can be placed into six categories including generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder and social anxiety disorder, she said.

Treatments for anxiety and depression include cognitive behavioral therapy, medication or a combination of the two, Mangiaracina said.

"Treatments vary from person to person and depend on the type and severity of the disorder," she said.

Bijan Bastani, psychiatrist for NorthCoast Clinical Trials, Inc., in Beachwood, Ohio, said the first step in treatment of depression is to diagnose it correctly.

"The disorder needs to be explored, whether it is just

depression, bipolar depression or secondary depression due to substance abuse or other medical conditions," he said.

A person must first distinguish depression either as a mere symptom or the actual illness itself, Bastani said.

"Just being unhappy or frustrated because of an external stress or an event does not mean an illness," he said. "What constitutes an illness is the persistence of a depressed or sad mood, at least for two weeks for the most part of the time."

Bastani said younger adults may not be psychologically sophisticated enough to know they're exhibiting symptoms of depression.

"They may show loss of interest in academic, social and other activities," he said.

Steve Ross, sophomore computer science major, said his manic-depression has had a huge impact on his social life.

"There are times where I don't want to be around anyone, don't feel like doing anything, can be very ornery and easily tempered," Ross said.

Bastani said stress, caused by such occurrences as being away from home or academic demands, may be a risk factor for developing depression.

Ross said the hardest part about the disorder is that many

times he feels a certain way for no particular reason.

"There is no way to control how I feel, but there are ways to control how I react to it, or how I can let other people perceive me," Ross said.

Younger adults may be born with genetic vulnerabilities for getting depressed, Bastani said.

Moreover, Bastani said drug and alcohol use or abuse may play a major role in depression.

"Friends and roommates should be aware of each other's behavior, support and help to be referred to appropriate treatment facilities," Bastani said.

Ross said he has learned to deal with his manic-depression naturally.

"I have read and experienced many times where people have used harmful things to deal with the disorder such as drugs and alcohol," Ross said. "Fortunately, I have been able to stay clear of all forms."

Bastani said psychotherapy is used to treat anxiety and depression, and there are several medications used to treat depression, such as Prozac and Zoloft.

Bastani said it is important to take depression seriously and to search for proper diagnosis and treatments.

"It is a serious disease and has significant morbidity and mortality," Bastani said.

Ball St. grad programs recognized

By Erin Moody
U-WIRE

MUNCIE, Ind. — Two of Ball State University's graduate level programs — secondary education and entrepreneurship — made the list of America's Best Graduate Schools 2007, from U.S. News and World Reports.

The entrepreneurship program is ranked 25th, up one from 2006, and the secondary education program is ranked, for the first

time, as 55th. The entrepreneurship program has ranked in the top 30 for the past six years.

"There are about 400 business schools in the country that are ranked, so to be in the top 25 is fabulous," Lynne Richardson, dean of the Miller College of Business, said.

Both the graduate and undergraduate level programs are nationally respected, she said, but the undergraduate is better

known. While the undergraduate level focuses on creating a plan and developing a business, the masters program focuses on working with an existing business to improve it.

This is the first year Ball State has ranked in secondary education, partially because of an expansion of the list and partially to an increased effort to earn a ranking, Laurie Mullen, associate dean of Teachers College, said.

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Web helps with calories

Online diaries help dieters keep track of what they're eating

By Alicia Change
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — To many dieters, the thought of having to keep track of how many calories they consume each day is enough to bring on a headache. There's the burden of scrutinizing food labels to count the calories per serving, and remembering to jot down every morsel in a food diary.

But a growing number of online calorie trackers is making it easier for weight-conscious people to gain control of what they eat with the click of a mouse.

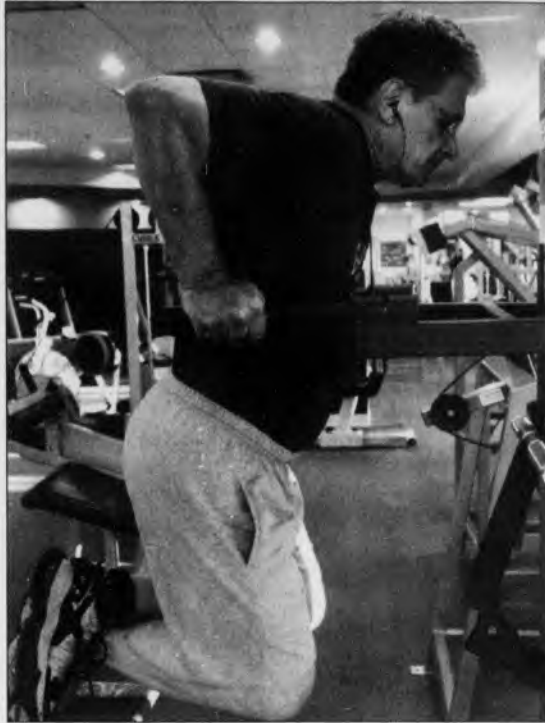
"It's amazing how fast you can get up over the calorie limit, especially when you're on the road or eating at home," said Robert Burns, of Tyler, Texas.

Burns decided to keep strict track of his calorie consumption and exercise habits after suffering a heart attack last year. He lost 26 pounds in four months after using the DietOrganizer software.

Internet nutrition programs vary widely in their offerings. The most basic is the online calorie counter, in which you choose specific foods and drinks listed in a database, and the computer spits out the corresponding calories.

Others, such as the popular <http://www.myfooddiary.com>, allow you to keep a daily food and exercise log online. The program occasionally generates customized charts and reports to help track progress, and also hosts a chat room where users can share tips.

Many Web-based programs



Tom Werner AP Photo

HEALTH HELP: Robert Burns, 57, works out in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center at Trinity Mother Frances Health System in Texas.

charge a monthly subscription fee, while some ask for a flat fee to download the calorie computer software to a wireless handheld.

Others, including the government, are doing it for free. Last year, the Department of Agriculture jumped on the bandwagon by launching the Web site <http://www.mypyramidtracker.gov>, which can help users track their food habits to see whether

they follow recommended federal nutrition guidelines.

Although the government site is free, the downside is that people can only choose foods listed on its database, so the calorie count may not be as accurate as some of the other programs.

Even with better Web-based tools, counting calories still requires commitment on the part of dieters, health experts say.

Dieting pays off: Less women found obese

Study says rates of obese women less than men, children

By Mike Stobbe
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — More American children are getting fat, with more than one-third now overweight. More of their dads are getting heavy, too.

But the percentage of women who are overweight seems to have peaked, leading some experts to wonder if the U.S. obesity epidemic may soon be leveling off.

Overall, larger proportions of the U.S. public are overweight than ever before, according to the government's most recent check of the nation's girth. But women — who as a group are more obese — seem to be holding steady.

The study didn't examine why more men and children are getting fatter and women aren't. But some experts think the leveling off in women could signal a turning point in the nation's obesity epidemic.

"Women have always been more responsible about health than the general population," said Dr. William Dietz, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which reported the new data.

"I'd like to think this shows women are leading the way in recognizing obesity as a health threat," said Dietz, director of the CDC's Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Another piece of research also suggests a turn.

The NPD Group, a New York-based market research firm, found the percentage of overweight adults has held steady from 2002 to 2005.

"I would say it has leveled off. The bad news is we haven't found a way to lose weight," said Harry Balzer, vice president of NPD.

Each year NPD tracks what thousands of people eat and their self-reported height and weight.

The CDC report is being published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The findings come from the CDC's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which collects data on a sample of about 5,000 people each year. The researchers clustered years together, presenting calculations for 1999-2000, 2001-2002 and 2003-2004.

The survey is considered the gold standard for obesity data — it's done through in-person examinations that include actual height and weight measurements.

That beats telephone surveys, in which men tend to overstate their height and heavy people underestimate weight, throwing off obesity calculations, said Cynthia Ogden, the study's lead author.

The study found the percentage of men who are overweight rose from 67 percent in 1999-2000 to 71 percent in 2003-2004.

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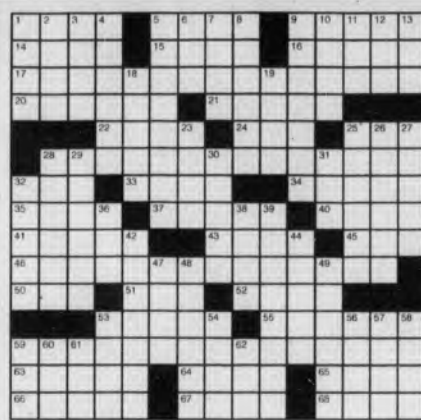
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