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# BGSU NEWS

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## Health plan forum has surprisingly low turnout

By Alison Kemp  
REPORTER

With all the fuss that has been made about next school year's health insurance plan, most would expect more than one parent to attend the health insurance open forum.

A parent of a University student attended the forum last evening, saying, "Students should be here — that's a mom's view of it."

A focus group was formed to determine how students would like to hear about the new insurance policy, explained Barb Hoffman, health promotion coordinator of the Wellness Connection. These students asked for open forums, hard copy mailings, e-mails, ads, Web site information and campus updates. Information will also be appearing in next month's issue of stall talk.

Representatives from Chickering were also available for questions at yesterday's health fair. Another open forum is scheduled today at 1 p.m. in Union room 208.

A few students did stop by Chickering's table at the health fair, according to Carmen Peace, senior account executive for the Chickering Group. Most questions were about the hard waiver and informing the University that Chickering's plan is not needed.

In order to determine if the school's plan is needed, other insurance must meet a list of ten criteria.

To waive out of the school's insurance, a form must be filled out online. If the form is not filled out, the cost of the insurance will be added to each student's bursar bill, beginning in July.

The BGSU parent wanted to find out if it is possible to have the school insurance for the second half of the year.

Peace explained that the school insurance is available for the fall semester, spring semester or the entire year.

In the situation mentioned, the student was losing coverage because he was turning 23. New insurance must be purchased within 30 days of the end of the termination.

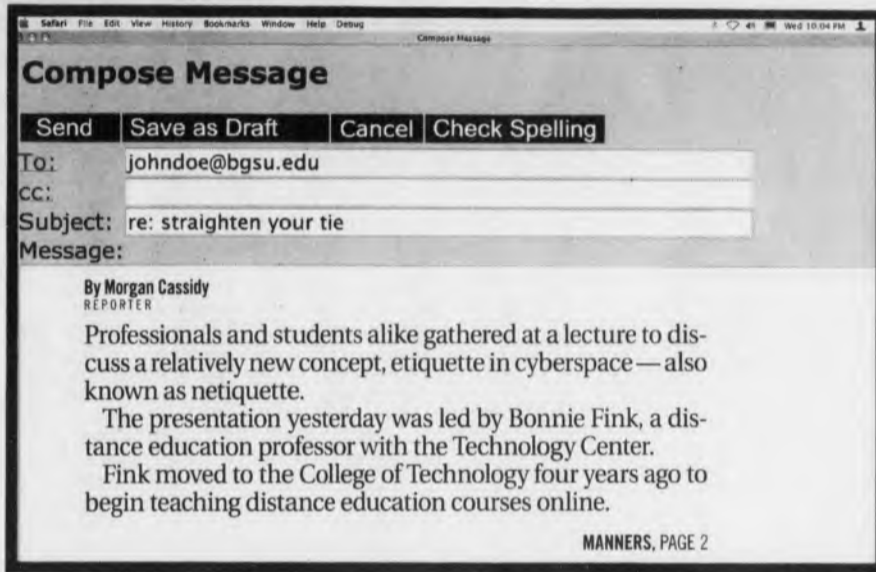
In order to purchase insurance midway through the year, students must take proof of termination of the previous insurance coverage to the Student Health Center's new insurance office.

In addition to students that are no longer covered by their parent's

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## Mind your manners

Netiquette concept is important to practice, learn



**MANNERS, PAGE 2**



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## Society emphasizes importance on reading

By Jacqueline Rabe  
REPORTER

The advisor for the Black Swamp Literary Society thinks education is the most successful way to keep criminals from returning to the prison system — this is why his group is collecting books to donate to Toledo Correctional Institute.

"Prisoners need to be rehabilitated if we want them not to re-offend. We need to not lock them up and throw the key away," said Phil Dickinson, assistant chair of the English department and advisor to BSL.S. "Giving them access to books is a way to avoid shutting them out of society and educate them."

Dickinson said that since most prisoners are not allowed to receive books from family and friends the library, which has limited resources, the correctional institute their only source for books.

"Programs like this have to pick up the slack because really the only way for prison libraries to get new books are from programs like this because of the cutbacks in educational programs in prisons," Dickinson said.

The TCI has around 10,000 books in their general library — which Rose Shaddy, librarian, said is very low compared to public libraries. The Wood County Public library has around 118,000 books.

But, prisoners at TCI do have access to more books than what is just in their prison's library.

"Interlibrary loans are available from other prison libraries

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## Activism may come naturally

By Nikki Jardine  
REPORTER

Finding different ways to be active in feminism issues, that suit individual goals and personalities, can manifest in many different ways.

Molly Frendo, second year masters student in American culture studies, spoke yesterday at the Women's Center brown bag luncheon about the importance of finding alternative ways to becoming

involved. Involvement that tailors to student's individual personalities and what they truly care about.

As women studies majors, students are required to participate in community service, which can take form in several different ways, such as activism.

Service projects, which are difficult to manage, can be a good way to raise awareness but can hold little meaning if

the project holds no meaning to the student, according to Frendo.

"Activism should come from an awareness that burns inside you," Frendo said. "People who are excited about being active, are usually the ones who already are [active]."

Erik Wade, first year doctrine student, said he agreed

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**TOLEDO MARCH:** High school students march in support of immigration rights. Attended by about 300 people, this was the third year for the march. It also included students from Bowling Green; **PAGE 7**

## Bill threatens to cut health coverage

Health insurance cut could leave three million without aid

By Brian Pauline  
REPORTER

A new bill could cut health care coverage for three million Americans and leave patients in need of emergency care without assistance if passed by the senate.

Senate Bill 1955, proposed by Senator Michael Enzi, (R) of Wyoming, would cut health insurance costs for small businesses by 12 percent or \$1,000 dollars per employee. The Enzi Bill would remove local and state oversights and replace them with weaker

federal standards. Craig Orfield, member of the senate health committee, said the bill was in response to 41 million Americans who do not have health insurance.

"It's an effort to make some structural changes in the health insurance market," Orfield said.

According to Orfield, once small businesses have the potential to group together nationally they will have the opportunity to offer health insurance.

"It will also encourage more insurers to become more active in competition and drive down

the cost of health insurance," Orfield said.

The Enzi Bill has support from Senator Mike Dewine who was the deciding vote when it was passed by the Senate Committee last month.

Breann Gonzalez, spokesperson for Dewine, said he signed onto another bill as a cosponsor that would allow people to pay health care premiums through their health savings plans.

"It's a way to help people to pay for their health care to make it more affordable," Gonzalez said. According to Gonzalez, Dewine

is in support of American families.

"He has a proven record of helping make health care better for families," Gonzalez said.

Ohio Representative Sherrod Brown, (D)-Lorain County, who is running for the Senate, opposes the bill. Brown co-wrote legislation that would help Ohio small businesses afford health care through tax credits.

The Enzi bill would allow health insurers to drop coverage for health care needs including maternity care, cancer screenings, kidney dialysis and other medical procedures.

According to Brown there are

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**MICHAEL ENZI**  
SENATOR



**A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE:** Bethany Fridrich, a senior majoring in Applied Health Science, spring cleans the kitchen in her Campbell Hill apartment.

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 70°  
Low: 48°

#### SATURDAY



Few Showers  
High: 73°  
Low: 49°

#### SUNDAY



T-Storms  
High: 59°  
Low: 46°

#### MONDAY



Showers  
High: 61°  
Low: 40°



## States may lack aled educators

With tight restraints, officials push to get qualified teachers

By Ben Feller  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Under federal pressure, most states are close to getting teachers who are rated highly qualified in front of every math, history, language and other core class by the end of the school year. Or so they say.

Thirty-three states claim 90 percent to 99 percent of their main classes have teachers who are highly qualified. That means, based on the No Child Left Behind law, that those teachers have a bachelor's degree, a state license and proven competency in every subject they teach.

Most of the other states put their numbers a tier below — 70 percent to 89 percent — and a few are way behind, according to a review of new state data by The Associated Press.

The accuracy of those accounts is now under review by the Education Department, which is checking not just total numbers but also the figures within poor and struggling schools.

President Bush and Congress have promised parents that 100 percent of core classes will have highly qualified teachers by the end of the school year.

That pledge is a big part of Bush's education law, the pride of his domestic agenda.

With few states, if any, expected to reach full compliance on time, the department plans to allow an extra year to states that have shown a good-faith effort.

Others could lose millions of dollars in aid if federal officials don't see enough progress.

## Bill may deny vital coverage

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other ways to cut health care costs.

Brown said prescription drugs are fueling health care costs and negotiating discounts for bulk prescription drugs can lower the price.

"When there is major amounts of government money involved in the research for these drugs the government should demand a better price for Americans because Americans have already invested tax dollars," Brown said.

By taking away critical health care coverage, Brown said the Enzi Bill would put lives in danger.

Patients would find that their patient protections have been canceled or overridden, accord-

ing to Brown. Patient protections are voted on by the state and can be overridden by federal law.

"You might find when you need kidney dialysis it's not covered, when you need emergency room treatment it's not covered, or you might find you need maternity care and it's not covered," Brown said.

The government has betrayed the public interest by doing the bidding of the Health Maintenance Organization's and the drug industry, according to Brown.

The HMO's would benefit from the Enzi Bill the insurance and drug industry would save

money also.

"All the assistance [the Enzi Bill] gives to small business is more than canceled out by what it does to health care patients," Brown said.



SHERROD BROWN  
OHIO REP.

A good way for citizens to oppose this bill is to be active with local newspapers, according to Ben Wikler, press secretary for Brown.

"Write letters to the editors expressing your concerns about this bill, it really helps raise the profile," Wikler said.

By saving money on health care costs to employers, small businesses save money but limit the coverage to the employee.

## Health plan changes

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insurance, Hoffman explained that the school's insurance plan may be cheaper than what is available through parents.

The cost for next year's plan is \$1,234. The cost for this current year's insurance was \$1,350.

An additional \$60 can be added to the base plan to cover abortion. The abortion coverage must be purchased through the Chickering Web site. This cost will not appear on student's bursar bills.

Hoffman explained that there will be three more mailings about the student health insurance and a brochure with changes and modifications to the plan will be sent.

The student insurance Web site states that the online waiver will be available beginning May 1 on MyBGUSU.

### CHANGES TO NEXT YEAR'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN:

Improvements to the health plan provide more services to students for less money.

- The policy maximum for prescriptions is raised from \$2,000 to \$3,000
- The Aetna Vital Savings Program that includes dental and vision health care has now been added
- The out-of-pocket maximum is \$5,000 for out-of-network expenses and \$3,500 in-network before the insurance covers 100 percent of the expenses

## Toll road looks to help pay for jobs

By Mike Smith  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — In the biggest highway privatization deal in U.S. history, state officials yesterday signed an agreement to turn the 157-mile Indiana Toll Road over to a foreign consortium that will operate it for a profit for the next 75 years.

Under the lease, Spanish-Australian consortium Cintra-Macquarie will pay the state \$3.8 billion up front, but it will keep the toll revenue it collects while operating and maintaining the highway.

Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels says the upfront payment will help pay for future transportation projects and create jobs.

Opponents argue it violates the state Constitution and have sued. They say the Constitution requires that revenue from the sale of any public works, and its annual

income, be used to pay off state debt. The Daniels administration says the toll arrangement isn't a sale — it's a lease.

The state hopes to close the deal and transfer the highway to the consortium by June 30.

The lease authorization passed in the Republican-controlled General Assembly by the bare minimum of votes. All but two Democrats opposed it, saying the state should not turn over a major asset to a private, foreign entity, and noting the consortium would reap billions of dollars through toll revenue and rate increases.

A truckers' organization has already contributed \$10,000 toward the legal challenge in an effort to curb the increasing privatization of roads with higher fees.

Privately run toll roads are attractive to investors because they offer long-term, stable revenue.

## Students can lack tech tact

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"That's when I realized the importance of good e-mailing skills," Fink said.

In the fourth revolution of technology, Fink said "now we're going to have to compartmentalize." That means users need to differentiate between e-mail and instant messaging.

The third revolution began with the printing press, and now people have cell phones that can download iTunes and playback clips from their favorite television shows.

With e-mail the concern is the language people use. The danger is there is a written record of what happens to be said in an e-mail, Fink said.

Many are not aware that as a public university, the e-mails sent and received are public property.

Professors, admissions counselors and professionals are floored with the way the younger generations come across online at times.

Some people tend to speak more freely online than in person because there's not the same type of accountability.

Fink urges students and professionals to remember there is

a human being with feelings on the other end of our e-mail messages.

She said also to keep in mind the recipient and the respect their position commands from the sender.

There is rarely a formal presentation to inform students on how to correctly utilize this technology, said Sheila Irving, associate director of large format imaging in the manufacturing department.

Irving said she plans to add a hand-out from the lecture to the Student Handbook for the Center for Applied Technology.

Neal Allen, University admissions counselor, said he receives many informal e-mails from high school students that often difficult to answer.

Allen attended the program in hopes of picking up some rules or guidelines to help him make a good first impression on the possible future students of the University.

"The young people are almost

light years ahead of me," Allen joked.

Fink refereed to this generation as "digital immigrants," or those who have not grown up with the e-mail and instant messaging technology.

If anything should be taken away from this lecture, it is technology is only a tool, Fink said.

Fink presented the example of someone who walks into their office and immediately checks their e-mail, then sets it to automatically check for new mail at certain time intervals.

When that signal goes off letting the user know they have a new message, the reaction is to stop the task at hand and check the e-mail.

This is letting the technology take control of the user.

"It's not in charge of you," Fink said. "That's like getting into your car and saying take me home."

For more information on online etiquette, visit <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html> and check out the Albion e-book "Netiquette" by Virginia Shea.

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BONNIE FLINK,  
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**TECHNOLOGICALLY RECLINED:** Kyle Hesley and Danielle Walker, both of Newport Beach, California, enjoy the wireless Internet and comfortable furniture at the Newport Beach Public Library. Libraries are getting more relaxed in their policies in order to compete.

## More plushy, less shushy

Libraries get more like laid-back bookstores in order to compete

**By Jeff Overley**  
 THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER  
 SANTA ANA, Calif. (KRT)—Orange neon and iPods. Espresso bars and flat screens. Internet sites with advice about sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.  
 Libraries ain't what they used to be.  
 With funding tight and competition fierce, the hushed repositories of worldly knowledge are undergoing an extreme makeover. Far from a simple

shift from encyclopedias to laptops, the institution is embarking on a cultural time warp to keep pace with modern tastes.  
 "People are trying to make libraries happening places," says Ken Haycock, director of the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University in California.  
 It's not happening at every local library, but the trend is not paper-thin. In several cities, librarians are steeping themselves in business-management theory and marketing to niche audiences. They're studying service at five-diamond resorts and ditching rules on noise,

food and drink.  
 And there's no such thing as a library "patron" anymore — visitors are now known as "customers."  
 The public library's emulation of private enterprise comes as the Web challenges its monopoly on information, and cozy bookstores expose its staid reputation.  
 "For our own performance and, I would say, for our own survival, we need to stay competitive and move forward," says Valerie Maginnis, library director in Mission Viejo, Calif.  
 Much of the library's evolution is rooted in the halls of

higher learning, Haycock says.  
 "Our students are taking many more courses of their own volition in areas like marketing, human-resources management, interpersonal communications," he says.  
 The research is carrying over from the classroom to the boardroom, where officials seek to emulate successful companies renowned for their treatment of guests.  
 At the Cerritos (Calif.) Library, officials study hospitality practices at the Ritz-Carlton, Trader Joe's and cruise lines.

## Collegiates posing for Playboy magazine

**By Rachel Parker**  
 U-WIRE  
 LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ever since University of Kansas student Sara Garlick found her father's Playboy comic book when she was a little girl, posing in Playboy has been an ambition in her life.  
 "Playboy has always stayed classy," she said.  
 The Sanford, Maine, senior attended the casting call Monday for the October 2006 "Girls of the Big 12" issue. She said her parents knew the magazine and would support any decision she made.  
 Playboy is spending time with KU students this week, holding auditions Monday, Tuesday and possibly Wednesday and individual photo shoots today through Saturday for the women chosen.  
 Students who wanted to participate were asked to make appointments for audition times via telephone or the Playboy Web site.  
 David Rams, Playboy photographer, said the crew, consisting of just three people, had been scoping out local hot spots to spread the word. The crew is one of three traveling to different Big 12 schools.  
 Rams said they were looking for women who had personality and energy that would come out in the photo.

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Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State  
(signonsandiego.com)

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# OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

## E-mail habits become problems

Remember back in the good old days when etiquette only meant table manners? Well those times are over. In today's world of internet and e-mail, we have a whole new set of rules to remember.

E-mails are quickly becoming an area of rules and regulations, and students are encouraged to remember their e-mails have consequences.

In an article in today's BG News, Bonnie Fink, a distance education professor, urged people to remember there are real people at

**YOU DECIDE**

Do you think people are adopting bad e-mailing habits? Send an e-mail to [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com) and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

the other end of e-mails.

But, the big problem isn't only the lack of proper spelling, grammar and sentence structure in e-mails. It's also become a problem

that people don't realize the written word can be interpreted in many ways.

E-mails lack the tone, body language, and facial expression which help us to properly interpret messages as we are receiving them.

For instance, sarcasm is difficult to convey via e-mail, and many harmless comments could be taken seriously when read outright.

We need to be careful about the way we word our messages and need to keep the recipient in mind

when deciding on the proper way to write an e-mail.

All too often students can confuse the significance of writing e-mails as opposed to using instant message programs. In an instant message, it's usually acceptable to use jargon and abbreviations like "lol" and "j/k." In e-mails, you have to be more careful.

There's a difference between writing an e-mail to your good friend to find out what time you're going to the movie and writing to a professor to set up an appoint-

ment to go over the latest quiz.

Not only can you risk making a bad impression on your professor, but your haphazard jumble of sentence fragments may not even warrant a response, leaving you out of luck.

But it's not just students who should be careful of how they're writing their e-mails, professors should keep it in mind as well.

It's a double standard to expect clear, concise e-mails from students when students may not always receive the same from

professors.

In general, all people communicating through e-mail should try to adhere to the standards Virginia Shea has laid out in her book "Netiquette."

This can help to avoid not only potentially offensive remarks, but can also help to keep you from making a bad impression on professors, administrators, and potential employers.

The core rules can also be seen at <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Column errors could have been avoided

I enjoyed Amanda Hoover's article in today's BG News, but I did want to let you know that there are some population experts right here on campus who may be able to provide some valuable information and thus allowed her to have avoided making the several factual errors in her article.

Many professors in the Sociology Department could have told her, for example, that two births per fertile female of childbearing age would not result in zero population

growth, but rather a population drop, since any number (it would vary from country to country, of course) of those children will not live to have children of their own.

Six to 10 percent of those born would be homosexual, and may or may not have children of their own.

A varying number of people (varying by location, once again) will be infertile. And a varying number of people won't have kids simply because they don't want to.

So while her intentions were good, that is, calling attention to this issue, it may be wise to ask around before proposing a plan to solve it.

Beyond that, a typo perhaps, but Africa is a continent, not

a country, and the use of the term 'developing' implies poverty and a general lack of technological condition and not caused by colonization, imperialism, and exploitation over hundreds of years.

Many feel it is more accurate to refer to these countries as being underdeveloped by Western imperialist powers (note the use of underdeveloped as a verb), but others use maldeveloped, which refers to countries that were purposefully badly developed by colonizers to facilitate their economic exploitation.

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## Universities should ditch tenure

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U-Wire Columnist  
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One would doubt the sanity of a typical employer offering his laborers lifetime employment regardless of how well — or even, if — they performed.

It would be ridiculous for Carnegie Hall to retain musicians who have long since been outclassed in talent; ludicrous for a landscaper to guarantee his manual laborers permanent employment regardless of their productivity; and positively absurd for the Chicago Bulls to continue to pay a salary to Michael Jordan.

Yet tenure means every major university in the United States does precisely this. Once tenured, professors cannot be taken off the payroll except for exceedingly rare cases of severe misconduct — usually conviction of a felony.

Universities typically defend tenure through its original responsibility as the protector of academic freedom. But times have changed. We no longer allow employers to hire and fire at will. Universities and companies alike are not permitted to fire employees simply because of their beliefs.

Given this legal protection, it seems specious at best to claim academic freedom can only be protected by tenure.

Instead, tenure tends to protect only indolence. Not only do many tenured professors no longer feel the need to engage in such annoying trivialities as teaching undergraduates — something preferably left to part-time, nontenured adjuncts — but they have no more incentive to change potentially outdated or even obsolete modes of thinking.

A psychology professor accustomed to the structuralist school of thought is unlikely to adapt to the newer cognitive approach to the study of his field without some pressing incentive — such as losing his job — and would rather instead continue to pursue meaningless research in a specialty plainly passe to everyone else. Such is the academic freedom truly protected by tenure.

More troubling, however, are the implications for future academics. The peer review nature of tenure tempts petty departmental politics and prejudices into playing an abnormally large role in what should essentially be a meritocratic decision.

Furthermore, in a nation where nontenured faculty makes up under a third of all full-time college instructors, it is clear tenure has succeeded in stagnating thousands of departments by entrenching senior members on the payroll for

many decades.

Granting lifetime professorships to young, inexperienced scholars is a risky and costly venture.

Thus, this understandable yet unavoidable hesitation in offering tenure only further discourages junior, nontenured faculty from conducting innovative study in favor of producing more conservative scholarship to appeal to the conservative scholars voting on their tenure bid. Given the choice of either firing or permanently employing a scholar producing risky and uncertain research, it's not hard to see why this perverse incentive exists.

This dichotomy between hiring-for-life and firing illustrates the bizarre employment philosophy of American universities. It seems as if colleges are deluding themselves into believing they only have two choices when it comes to professors.

The correct solution lies in the middle, between these two extremes — the use of renewable multi-year contracts, with an increasing duration each time. Professors would be hired initially for five years, then renewed for 10, then renewed again for 15. This not only rewards seniority and provides meaningful job security, but also assures accountability and clears out the expensive departmental deadwood the tenure system — itself the obsolete product of a bygone era — has entrenched in academia.

### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you plan on donating blood at the Union this week?

## Saving lives is not an optional issue



**TAYLOR COPELAND**  
Opinion Columnist

Currently there are more than 91,500 people waiting for the gift of life. Will you do anything to help them?

Are you wondering what I'm talking about? According to [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov), April is national Donate Life month. So, what are you waiting for?

Every day, about 74 people receive organ transplants, but in the same day, 18 others die waiting for a transplant.

Clearly, there is a great need for organ donors in our country.

Luckily, to combat the shortage of available organs, scientists have been working to develop new ways to help those in need of organs.

And just last week some of their hard work paid off.

A report in the April 4 Lancet stated that researchers at North Carolina's Wake Forest University Medical School have successfully grown bladders using a patient's own cells.

This medical breakthrough could improve the lives of thousands of people if similar techniques can be applied to other organs. But it could take years until procedures of this magnitude are available, and in many cases, time is limited.

With more than 6,500 people dying each year without receiving transplants, another controversial solution to the organ shortage problem is mandatory organ donation.

While the specifics surrounding the idea are sometimes hard to define, in theory the basic objective seems worthwhile. Why not use a dying person's organs to save the lives of multiple other people?

Once we die, we don't use our organs anyway. Giving them away to those who do need them just seems logical.

Organs and tissues that can be donated include: the heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver, intestines, cornea, skin and bone marrow. If one person is able to donate all of these organs, they could save more than a dozen others.

The idea of mandatory organ donation is not new. It has been

around since as early as 1992 when The New York Times reported on a research group that supported the idea.

The group, founded by sociologist Amitai Etzioni of George Washington University, came up with a proposal where people could opt out of mandatory donation on religious or philosophical grounds.

The current organ donation system varies by state, but in most cases is an opt in system. This means that those who wish to be organ donors must state their desire to do so.

This can be done by indicating one's choice on a driver's license, filling out an organ donor card or simply discussing one's wishes with family members.

However, seeing as more donors are needed, selecting to use an opt out donor system may

work better. In this type of mandatory organ donation system, all people are considered donors, unless they opt out of doing so.

Some states have even gone so far as to make strict laws regarding mandatory organ donation.

For example, according to the American Motorcyclists Association, a New Mexico senator proposed legislation

that would allow the donation of organs from any motorcyclist who is declared brain dead as a result of an accident where a helmet was not worn.

Even if these proposed laws have met opposition, they are still worth pursuing. Lives are at stake.

And we all have the opportunity to help those in need during this year's national Donate Life month.

There's no need to go out and donate a kidney tomorrow. All you need to do is head over to the Union and give blood.

The American Red Cross is conducting a blood drive this week from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Union Multi Purpose Room.

Every student who gives a pint of blood will receive a pint of Toft's ice cream. But more importantly, each pint of blood will help save a life.

What will you do this week to help the 91,500 people in need?

Send comments to Taylor at [tdcopel@bgsu.edu](mailto:tdcopel@bgsu.edu).



**AARON WILLIAMS**  
JUNIOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS

"No, because the commercials they run on TV scare me."



**BRITTANY COLEMAN**  
FRESHMAN, JOURNALISM

"Yes, I gave like 15 times already."



**KATHYRN BUXTON**  
FRESHMAN, VCT

"No, because the first time I passed out."



**NIKKI MITCHELL**  
JUNIOR, SOCIOLOGY

"Yes, I like to give as often as I can."

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## Technology offers escape from reality

By Abigail Leichman  
THE RECORD (KRT)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — When Josh Adams sees other students at Manhattan's School of Visual Arts each plugged into an iPod, he figures they're being antisocial.

"I feel like they're trying to shut people out, maybe even unintentionally," says the 18-year-old Manhattan resident.

For New York University student Dante Lima, it's entirely intentional. With his ear buds in place, he's never bothered by sidewalk hucksters.

"If you want to get away from

them, just start listening to your iPod," says Lima, 20. "They don't approach people with headphones on."

Wearing headphones has become the modern equivalent of wearing a "Do Not Disturb" sign around one's neck.

Perhaps that's no surprise. The MP3 player is only the latest in a number of gadgets — starting with the Sony Walkman, leading to the cell phone and now the iPod — that give people the ability to close off the outside world.

Shoppers chat on their cell

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## Producer: Jealousy can be problematic

PLAYBOY, FROM PAGE 3

along with looks.

Loni Berry, Topeka, Kan., senior, and Amy Linnen, Long Island, N.Y., senior, came to the casting call with high hopes to be featured in the magazine. Both modeled for the Women of KU 2006 Swimsuit Calendar and said modeling in Playboy was something they had always wanted to do.

"I was nervous, my stomach was turning, so I made Amy go first," Berry said.

Linnen, a member of the KU track team, said she was proud of being part of the University — and of her body — and wanted to represent both.

"My body is a temple, and I work so hard to make it what it is," she said.

The women chosen for the issue will go through individual photo shoots in Lawrence, Kan., at a privately-owned store or ranch meant to show

the character of the school and the women.

Producer Eden Orfanos said some sticky situations had arisen in the past with women auditioning. She said the crew often had to deal with situations such as jealous boyfriends and fraternity men who wanted to see the models finding the location of the shoots.

Orfanos takes care of the make-up, hair-styling and wardrobe for all of the pictorials.

After the women are photographed, their photos will be pre-edited by Rams, packaged and sent to the corporate office in Chicago, Ill., to be edited. Then the photos go to Hugh Hefner for the final say.

Both Berry and Linnen said making the issue would be great publicity for their prospective careers. Berry is majoring in sociology and communications, and Linnen is majoring in education and communications.

## How UM got its Coke back

Company plans a look at its human rights record after boycott

By Jeremy Davidson  
U-WIRE

ANN ARBOR — The University of Michigan resumed purchasing Coca-Cola products Tuesday about four months after it suspended its contracts with Coke because the company wouldn't agree to an audit of its alleged human rights violations. Coke products will be back in vending machines on campus within a few days.

The company has proposed two independent investigations into its labor practices in India and Colombia. The University accepted them, drawing both ire and praise from students.

The University received a letter from Coca-Cola on Monday that said the company is working with two organizations to conduct independent investigations, one to assess its practices in Colombia and the other in India.

Since suspending purchasing of Coca-Cola in December, the University has been working with the company to find a mutually acceptable third-party auditor.

The International Labor Organization, a branch of the United Nations that upholds internationally recognized human and labor rights, agreed on March 24 to conduct an independent investigation of the company in Colombia.

"We are committed to full cooperation," Donald Knauss, president of Coca-Cola North America, wrote in a letter to the University.

Knauss also wrote that the company is pursuing an independent investigation through a Delhi-based group called the Energy and Resources Institute, which specializes in environmental issues, to look into the company in India. The details of the investigation have not been



GOOD TIME FOR A DRINK: University of Michigan senior engineering student Brian Swift walks past a Coke mural on the corner of Sate and Packard Tuesday. The university just resumed buying Coke products.

finalized, but will be determined in the next few weeks.

In its letter to Coca-Cola, the University expressed its support for the company's pursuit of audits in both countries.

"We respect the reputation and

track record of ILO in advancing the rights of workers around the world," Timothy Slottow, the University's chief financial officer, and Peggy Norgren, associate vice president for finance, wrote in their co-signed letter to Knauss.

In the same letter, they said the University is supportive of Coke's plans with TERI, which they called "a highly respected non-profit organization."

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## Books for convicts

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and also we do have access to Toledo-Lucas County library as long as those books requested are permitted to read," Shaddy said. "But, some times it's hard to get certain books because they are so popular."

Dickinson said many people don't understand how easy they have it to get any book they want versus only being offered a limited selection like the prisoners are.

"I really think that so many of us take the access to books for 'advantage,'" Dickinson

said.

Books that are needed at TCI are non-fiction books about psychology, sociology, art, biographies and fiction books with limited violence.

Jacque Dolezal, freshman, hoped to fill this gap by donating several books she has already read to TCI, including the "Complete Book of Pocket Positives," which is a book of optimistic stories.

"I thought they might be in more need of optimistic stories than me," she said.

A donation box for books can be found at East Hall on the second floor library lounge.

## Being active in feminism is important

ACTIVISM, FROM PAGE 1

with her main point about having passion to really be active.

"It has to do with passion, if you don't have a passion for activism then you really aren't going to create change, you're just going through the motions," Wade said.

Frendo is currently working on her master's thesis which is about how women studies at BGSU has changed. She interviewed faculty, students, teaching assistants and others involved with the women studies program.

Her research has identified some solutions to being active that goes beyond service learning projects and some alternative approaches to being involved.

"I feel it's absolutely important before even getting started with service learning to have an understanding of the feminism history," Frendo said. "I think its particularly important for them to have the knowledge about how things have been over time, how we went from feminism from the 1960s to the feminism of today."

Frendo uses the example of the Meyer-Briggs personality typing as one way to gaining a greater self-awareness and better understand the best ways to become active based on individual strengths. Although the test isn't perfect, it is one way to understand people that behave and work in different ways.

"I think part of self-awareness involves teaching students how to reflect upon themselves. What they're good at, what they're not so good at and how they work with other people," Frendo said. "It's a tool of interpreting behaviors, but it's not the ultimate truth."

Lisa Richman, graduate assistant in the American culture studies program, found value in Frendo's subject for her research project.

"I thought that her outlining alternatives for doing these service projects are really valuable," Richman said. Through Richman's experiences in the classroom, she was able to relate to the stresses of finding alternative ways to get students involved.

"I think there is a lot of value on learning how to be activists. Finding alternative ways to teach students on how to be activists and feminists in the classroom is a very valuable project to take on and it seems that Molly has done a wonderful job," Richman said.

Frendo went through the women studies program at a small, private Catholic college in Michigan and realized that she never really knew there was a kind of feminism that fit her generation.

The program mainly focused on the second wave of feminism that occurred during the 1960s and 1970s, but through studying feminism in the abstract through literature, history and sociology.

Frendo emphasized that activism, such as picketing, isn't for everybody and isn't the only way to participate in activism.

"When I graduated I became aware of this wealth of material having to do with third wave feminism and I felt like I found home," Frendo said.

The third wave of feminism



*"I think part of self-awareness involves teaching students how to reflect upon themselves. What they're good at..."*

MOLLY FRENDU, MASTERS STUDENT

started in the early 1990s and continues today is the kind of feminism Frendo said she identifies with.

Even though she identifies herself as a third wave feminist, it doesn't mean she doesn't share common ground with those that identify with second wave.

"All in all, at the core we need to remember at feminism has the ending of equality," Frendo said.

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**MAYOR'S RELATIVE ALLEGEDLY IGNORED ORDERS**

CLEVELAND (AP) — The granddaughter of Mayor Frank Jackson was charged yesterday with obstructing police business for allegedly ignoring orders to stay away from a patrol car holding a drug and weapons suspect. Janesha, 18, who lives with the mayor, must appear in Municipal Court on the misdemeanor.

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# STATE

## Students march for immigrants

High school groups join the rally in rights for illegal aliens

By John Seewer  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO — Carrying a Nicaraguan flag, Crosby Pavon skipped class yesterday to march with students from other high schools in support of immigrant rights.

Other students allowed to miss classes showed up by the school bus load, joining farm workers and others for a march by about 300 people. The annual event organized by a Toledo-based union that represents migrant workers took on a new meaning this year because of the increasing pressure for federal lawmakers to overhaul America's immigration policies.

"I have family trying to get here," said Pavon, who attends high school in the Toledo suburb of Sylvania. "They're not criminals. They just want to work."

The march was far smaller than the tens of thousands who gath-



Madalyn Ruggiero AP Photo

**SMALL BUT STRONG:** Though yesterday's march in Toledo was smaller than the tens of thousands who rallied Monday across the nation, many were angry that the U.S. House would crack down on illegal immigrants.

ered Monday at dozens of rallies held across the nation from New York to San Francisco.

Many are angry that a bill

passed by the U.S. House would crack down on illegal immigrants and strengthen the U.S. border with Mexico. A broader overhaul

of immigration law stalled in the Senate last week and lawmakers are now on a two-week break.

The legislation passed late last

year would make illegal immigrants subject to felony prosecution. But this week Republican leaders said they now intend to pass immigration legislation that does not subject illegal aliens to prosecution as felons.

An estimated 11 million men, women and children are in the United States illegally.

Zach Vargas, a high school student in suburban Toledo, said his grandmother came to the U.S. from Mexico. He said only a few students at his school understand why he cares so much about immigration rights and that it was inspiring to "see more people who are proud of their race."

Many of the students came from Toledo's high schools as long as they had permission from their parents. They also had to be members of a Latino club or in a social studies class, said schools spokeswoman Jane Bruss.

Some students came from Bowling Green and Fremont to march about five blocks through a neighborhood that is home to many Hispanic families.

### STATE BRIEFING

**State officials yet to comply with Help America Vote Act**  
COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio officials are scrambling to respond to a federal warning that the state hasn't complied with part of the Help America Vote Act, a measure packed with election mandates states must have in place this year.

Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell said he is confident his office can satisfy the concerns that the Justice Department expressed in its March 31 letter. His office must respond to the Justice Department by Friday.

Ohio and 29 other states had yet to sign the required agreements with the Social Security Administration to match the last four digits of voters' Social Security numbers against federal records. Under HAVA, the numbers will be used to verify the identity of voters.

### STATE BRIEFING

**Court denies man's execution delay**

COLUMBUS (AP) — The Ohio Supreme Court yesterday set a June 15 execution date for a man convicted of robbing and stabbing his partially paralyzed mother to death while he was high on crack cocaine.

Jeffrey Hill, 42, may ask federal courts to delay the execution until a decision in a case in which he and other inmates are challenging Ohio's method of execution by lethal injection as cruel and unusual punishment, said Kim Norris, spokeswoman for Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro.

However, the Ohio Supreme Court also rejected Hill's request for a delay.

## Officials charge man in black activist shooting

CINCINNATI (AP) — Police charged a man who had a long-standing dispute with a black activist with shooting the activist across the street from City Hall yesterday afternoon.

Michael Bailey, a Cincinnati Metro bus driver who goes by the name Gen. Kabaka Oba, was shot in the leg, arm and chest shortly after addressing City Council, police said. He underwent surgery at University Hospital and was in critical condition.

Howard Beatty, 52, surrendered to police and was charged with felonious assault a few hours after the shooting. Bailey had a restraining order to keep Beatty at least 500 feet away, Lt. Col. James

Whalen said.

Bailey, who has claimed to represent groups called the Special Forces and the Black Fist, frequently addressed City Council. Although his remarks often were strident, Mayor Mark Mallory said Bailey did not say anything unusual during Wednesday's meeting.

Council was still in session and heard the shots fired across the street. Mallory then adjourned the meeting.

"This was a targeted assault," Mallory said. "We just want to make sure people understand that and know that downtown is safe and City Hall is safe."



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If you are interested in learning more about the BGSU Dance Team and tryouts, email Cheerleading and Dance Team Advisor, Valerie Bullard, at Vfaley@bgsu.edu for more details  
Tryouts are April 23rd!



**GAG ORDER NO LONGER ENFORCED**

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Federal prosecutors said yesterday they will no longer seek to enforce a gag order on Connecticut librarians who received an FBI demand for records about library patrons under the Patriot Act. U.S. District Judge Janet Hall ruled last year that the gag order should be lifted.

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**NATION**

**Museum of American history to display flag**

By Carl Hartman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The American flag that "so proudly we hail'd," the inspiration for the Star-Spangled Banner, will be the focal point of an \$85 million renovation at the National Museum of American History.

It was on Sept. 14, 1814, that Francis Scott Key peered through the smoke surrounding Baltimore's Fort McHenry after a 25-hour British bombardment and saw the huge American flag was still flying.

The sight inspired Key to write a poem that began:

"O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,

"What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,"

Time took a greater toll on the wool and cotton flag measuring 30 by 42 feet than the British bombardment. In 1998, museum officials determined the tattered flag could no longer support its own weight when hung vertically.

The museum will close Sept. 5 and reopen in the summer of 2008 with a new flag room for displaying the historic 15-star banner.

About \$45 million will come from federal funds and the rest from private contributions, said Brent D. Glass, director of the museum.

"The survival of this flag for nearly 200 years is a visible testimony to the strength and perseverance of the nation and we hope that it will inspire many more generations in the future," Glass said.

After a nine-year job of strengthening it, completed last fall, the flag will rest almost horizontally, the end with the blue field and white stars raised about 6 feet higher than the far end.



Dana Verkouteren AP Photo

**ON TRIAL:** This artist's rendering shows National Transportation Safety Administration Chief of Recorder Division James Cash, second from left, testifying about the cockpit recording.

**Moussaoui jury listens to Flight 93 recording**

Tape of hijacked Sept. 11 flight played in Virginia courtroom

By Michael J. Sniffen  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Jurors in the Zacarias Moussaoui trial listened yesterday to a recording of shouts and cries in the cockpit as passengers twice charged panicked hijackers during the final half-hour of United Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Is that it? I mean, shall we pull it down?" one hijacker asked in Arabic 123 seconds before the 757 jetliner slammed into a Pennsylvania field with 33 passengers, seven crew members and four hijackers.

"Yes, put it in it, and pull it down," another voice replied in Arabic.

In the remaining two minutes, more voices are heard than earlier, including some that say in English:

"Go. Go."  
"Move. Move."  
"Push, push, push, push, push."

Then in Arabic: "Give it to me. Give it to me. Give it to me."

Finally in Arabic: "Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest."

Then only the roar of static.

The government rested its case for executing Sept. 11 conspirator Moussaoui shortly after 17 jurors and alternates and 150 audience members became the

first people other than investigators and victims' relatives to hear the only audible cockpit record recovered from the four jetliners hijacked by al-Qaida in the nation's most deadly terrorist attack.

Today court-appointed defense lawyers will begin arguing that the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail in Minnesota on 9/11, played so small a role and had such mental problems that he deserves life in prison instead of execution.

The jurors couldn't take their eyes off the video screens — even during long silent periods — as prosecutors used a multimedia presentation to try to put them inside the Flight 93 cockpit.

**Officials prepare for upcoming storms**

Plans being put into effect to prevent another disaster

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Emergency officials from hurricane-stricken states appealed to the nation's homeland security chief yesterday for help preparing for the upcoming storm season, seeking plans for everything from evacuation routes to pet protection.

The requests underscored what Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff described as a "great wake-up call" for state and local authorities following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Chertoff, attending an annual hurricane preparedness conference in Orlando, said the federal government should not be considered the first line of defense during disasters. But he acknowl-

edged that parts of the Katrina-battered Gulf Coast would need more aggressive federal aid in readying for the June 1 start of the hurricane season.

"I think some parts are readier than others," Chertoff said in an interview with The Associated Press during his flight to Orlando. "I think this has been a great wake-up call."

State and local officials who met with Chertoff for an hour-long discussion said they did not want the Federal Emergency Management Agency to overtake responsibilities of on-the-ground emergency responders. But they urged Chertoff to revamp federal plans to send aid quickly to disaster sites.

"I think there are challenges that we really need to work on," said John Droneburg, director of Maryland's emergency management agency. "The system will not work unless we solve some of these."

**Enron chief says founder is innocent**

By Kristen Hays  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling spoke up yesterday for company founder Kenneth Lay in his third day on the witness stand in the pair's fraud and conspiracy trial, saying they were a "good team" that committed no crimes.

Even though most counts pending against him and Lay allege crimes that occurred at different times before Enron crashed in scandal in December 2001, an overarching conspiracy count alleges they participated in a sprawling effort to portray Enron as strong when they knew accounting tricks hid bad news and weak ventures.

Skilling appeared confident, alternating between earnestness and occasional annoy-

ance, and told jurors that neither he nor Lay perpetuated such a ruse.

"Did you and Ken Lay ever discuss doing something you knew to be forbidden by law?" Skilling's lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli, asked yesterday.

"No," Skilling said. Later, he added, "It is completely untrue," and "I was aware of no illegal activity occurring at Enron Corporation."

The ex-CEO countered dramatic prosecution testimony given in February from David Delainey, once a Skilling favorite. Delainey ran Enron's trading arm, Enron North America, until Skilling asked him to take over the company's retail energy unit, Enron Energy Services, in February 2001. Delainey pleaded guilty to insider trading in October 2003.

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**IRAN FORGES AHEAD WITH NUCLEAR PLANS**

TEHRAN (AP) — Iran intends to enrich uranium on a scale hundreds of times larger than its current level, the country's deputy nuclear chief said yesterday, signaling its resolve to expand a program the international community insists it halt. The U.N. Security Council has demanded Iran stop all enrichment activity.

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# WORLD



Lorenzo Galassi AP Photo

**BOLD LEADER:** Italian center-left leader Romano Prodi delivers his address at a post election rally in his hometown Bologna, northern Italy yesterday. Prodi won the parliamentary election by a razor-thin margin.

## 'Our victory is safe'

New Italian leader does not fear Berlusconi's recount

By Alessandra Rizzo  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Italy's center-left leader Romano Prodi said yesterday he doesn't fear a reversal of parliamentary election results, insisting his narrow victory is safe despite Premier Silvio Berlusconi's demand for a recount.

Prodi emerged the winner of the hard-fought election, although his razor-thin margin has brought back the prospect of political instability in a country known for revolving-door governments. Berlusconi has refused to concede defeat, alleging voting irregularities.

"I do not fear a reversal of the results," Prodi said in comments to the Foreign Press Association, a day after official results by the Interior Ministry gave him the win.

"Our victory is safe," he said. "There's the possibility of governing for five years."

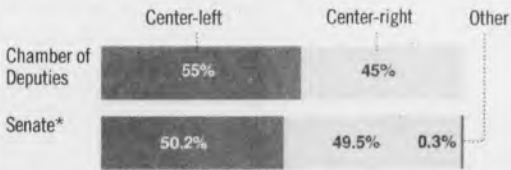
Prodi said he had begun talks on selecting a Cabinet, meeting with coalition parties earlier yesterday. He did not give say when the government might be assembled but played down the uncertainty caused by Berlusconi's demands.

"I do not know what he's talk-

**LITTLE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Italy's voters handed a slim victory to center-left economist Romano Prodi, but without a strong majority of his party in the legislature. Prodi's coalition has little chance of enacting any significant economic change in Italy. Italy's voters handed a slim victory to center-left economist Romano Prodi, but without a strong majority of his party in the legislature, Prodi's coalition has little chance of enacting any significant economic change in Italy.

Percentage breakdown of the Italian legislature by party:



\*Under Italian electoral law, 55 percent of seats are awarded to the overall winner.

The Associated Press

ing about," said Prodi. "Since he controls everything, he doesn't trust himself."

In Italy, it usually takes a few weeks to exhaust the procedures necessary for forming a government. In this case, the matter is further complicated because the mandate of the president of the republic, who must give the nod to a new premier, expires in mid-May.

## Rural Cambodia unarmed vs. virus

Lack of information infrastructure makes education difficult

By Ker Munthit  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUOL PRIK, Cambodia — Two days after Cheoun Uork's 3-year-old daughter died, health officials told him she had succumbed to bird flu. He had never heard of the virus.

The toddler's death was emblematic of Cambodia's struggle to alert its countryside to the threat of bird flu. Too often, it has taken a tragedy for villagers to realize they've even had an outbreak.

"Had I known about such a warning, I would have taken better precautions to protect my daughter," said Cheoun Uork, 30, wearing a white T-shirt printed with a bird flu awareness message. "She was my only child, and now I have to live with regret over her death."

The rapid spread of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu has triggered alarm worldwide, with health experts fearing it could mutate into a form easily spread among people, potentially sparking a pandemic. Since resurfacing in Asia in 2003, it has

killed at least 109 people.

Yet in rural Cambodia, many remain ignorant of its threat.

Mon Puthy's death last month — Cambodia's fifth since January 2005 — spurred the government to intensify efforts to raise awareness. Prime Minister Hun Sen ordered an intense television and radio education campaign. But it's a race against time.

Two weeks after the girl's death, a 12-year-old boy in the southeastern province of Prey Veng became the country's sixth bird flu victim.

"There's obviously a lack of awareness in this community (about) what bird flu is," said Megge Miller, a World Health Organization epidemiologist in Cambodia. "When we went into the field, families were asking questions, 'What is avian influenza? What is this about?'"

Due to budget constraints, the government has focused on only five of the country's 24 provinces. The five are considered at high risk because they are near the borders with Thailand and Vietnam, two of the countries worst hit by bird flu, said Ly Sovann, head of disease surveillance control at the Health Ministry.

## Rioting continues in Pakistan over bomb

By Zarar Khan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KARACHI, Pakistan — Youths rioted in this southern city for a second straight day yesterday to protest a suicide bombing that killed 56 people, which a top Pakistani official said was aimed at "eliminating" the leadership of a moderate Sunni Muslim group.

Police confirmed that a lone unidentified suicide bomber detonated an 11-pound bomb near Sunni dignitaries seated in a Karachi park Tuesday at a religious service with 10,000 other worshippers.

The service, to mark the birthday of Islam's Prophet Muhammad, was organized by moderate Sunni groups including the Tehrik group, whose top two leaders and

a third senior official were among the dead.

Hundreds of security forces blocked main roads and shut schools throughout Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, to prevent a repeat of Tuesday's riots that broke out after the suicide bombing.

A group of youths, apparently supporters of the Tehrik group, rampaged through a neighborhood, setting fire to a bus and two cars, and smashing shop windows before police aided by Islamic clerics brought the situation under control, said area police chief Shah Nawaz Khan.

Funerals for many of the victims were held throughout Karachi and attended by up to 5,000 people. Some chanted "God is great, and our leaders have attained martyrdom."

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**Iraqi deadlock may come to an end**  
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The acting parliament speaker said yesterday he will convene the legislature next week to push the formation of a new government that is stalled over who will be prime minister. A car bomb exploded near a Shiite mosque, killing at least 20 people.

Other car and roadside bombings killed 13 people, including three U.S. soldiers, and another six civilians were gunned down in Baghdad.

Adnan Pachachi, a Sunni Arab, told a news conference he decided to convene the assembly Monday because "it's my duty to the Iraqi people in order to preserve the credibility of the democratic process."

Pachachi added that Shiite politicians told him they hope to have the deadlock over the nomination of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari resolved before the session.

Parliament was elected Dec. 15 but has held only one session because of the dispute over the prime minister.

Khaled al-Attayah, a member of the Shiite bloc in parliament, said Pachachi's call for a legislative session Monday was to exert pressure on the Shiites to resolve the dispute over al-Jaafari's nomination. Al-Attayah said he did not know whether the Shiites had agreed to attend.

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**CHEMICAL POLLUTION LEVELS DECREASE**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Environmental Protection Agency said yesterday that chemical pollution released into the environment fell more than 4 percent from 2003 to 2004, led by declines among the metal mining, electric utility and hazardous waste industries.

# HEALTH

## Bush sells health plan

By Deb Riechmann  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

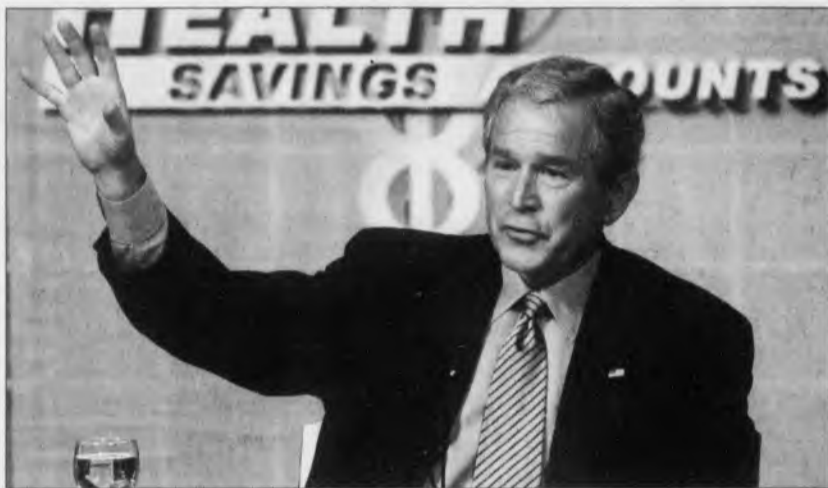
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — President Bush, trying to rouse public interest in the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, urged seniors in the Midwest on Tuesday to sign up for the program before the May 15 deadline.

"I'm just telling you it's a good deal," he said.

Bush's visits with seniors in Missouri and Iowa are part of the administration's grass-roots effort to ramp up enrollment in the program, which suffered startup problems and continues to be criticized as too confusing.

"I urge people not to listen to the noise and all the politics — just get that out of the system — and see whether or not the prescription drug coverage makes sense," Bush said in Des Moines, Iowa. "If you're a poor senior, this program will help you a lot."

"Every senior is saving money, and that's what people have got to know," said the president, who is hosting another Medicare prescription drug event yesterday at Northern Virginia Community College in suburban Washington.



Bob Child AP Photo

**PROMISING SAVINGS:** President Bush talks about health care costs as he took part in a panel discussion on a health care savings plan in Bridgeport, Conn.

More than 1,000 enrollment seminars are being held across the country each week to educate seniors about their options for signing up. Bush stopped at a senior center here where retirees, who had learned about the program, wore stickers that read, "I

signed up. Have you?"

Mark McClellan, Bush's chief Medicare official who traveled with him on the trip, said more than 29 million seniors have enrolled so far. That number, however, includes at least 20 million people who were automatically

enrolled because of their participation in other government programs, such as Medicaid, or are getting drug coverage through their former employer.

McClellan said seniors are signing up at a rate of about 400,000 each week.

## Lens solution could be causing eye infections

By Ben Dobbin  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Bausch & Lomb Inc. scrambled to reassure investors yesterday as federal health officials try to unravel the mystery of whether its newest contact lens solution is to blame for a flurry of potentially severe eye infections.

The source of an apparent spike in Fusarium keratitis infections linked to the ReNu with MoistureLoc contact lens solution remains unknown, and it could be weeks before an explanation is found, its chief executive, Ron Zarrella, said yesterday.

The eye-care products maker halted U.S. shipments of the cleaning solution Monday while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigates 109 reports of infection in patients in 17 states dating to June 2005. The company had already cut off shipments from its Greenville, S.C., plant to the Far East in February after dozens of reported infections surfaced in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Company and government scientists have looked at more than 100 possible factors, from

chemical ingredients, batch tanks and production lines to packaging and shipping procedures, and "through all of that analysis, we haven't found a correlation with anything," Zarrella told analysts during a conference call.

"There's been theories all the way from, 'Has the tsunami ... hurricanes and the effect of environmental factors created mold levels that are unprecedented?'" Zarrella said. "Right now, we're trying to deal with the close-in factors of ensuring we don't have a formula problem or a contamination problem in our manufacturing facilities. And nothing indicates that we do."

Fusarium is commonly found in plant material and soil in tropical and subtropical regions. Without eye-drop treatment, which can last two to three months, the infection can scar the cornea and blind its victims. Symptoms can include blurry vision, pain or redness, excessive discharge and increased sensitivity to light.

Federal health officials have made no direct link between ReNu and the infections.

## Local culture's tastes influence food's trans fat

Huge variation found in use of frying oil for different countries

By Linda A. Johnson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Order french fries or hot wings at a McDonald's or a KFC in the United States and you're more likely to get a super-sized helping of artery-clogging trans fats than you would be at their restaurants in some other countries.

A study of the fast-food chains' products around the world found remarkably wide variations in trans fat content from country to country, from city to city within the same nation, and from restaurant to restaurant in the same city.

The researchers said the differences had to do with the type of frying oil used, and the main culprit appeared to be partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, which is high in trans fats.

"I was very surprised to see a difference in trans fatty acids in these uniform products," said one of the researchers, Dr. Steen Stender, a cardiologist at Gentofte University Hospital in Hellerup, Denmark, and former head of the Danish Nutrition Council. "It's such an easy risk factor to remove."

McDonald's Corp., which promised in September 2002 to cut trans fat in half, and KFC parent Yum! Brands Inc. said the explanation is local taste preferences. But nutrition experts and consumer activists said it is about money: Frying oil high in trans fats costs less.

The Danish researchers tested products from the chains' outlets in dozens of countries in 2004 and 2005, analyzing McDonald's chicken nuggets, KFC hot wings, and the two chains' fried potatoes. The findings were reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

At a New York City

McDonald's, a large fries-and-chicken-nuggets combo was found to contain 10.2 grams of the trans fat, compared with 0.33 grams in Denmark and about 3 grams in Spain, Russia and the Czech Republic.

At KFCs in Poland and Hungary, a large hot wings-and-fries order had 19 grams of trans fats or more, versus 5.5 grams for wings and fried potato wedges in New York. But in Germany, Russia, Denmark and Aberdeen, Scotland, the same meal had less than a gram.

A large order of french fries at a New York City McDonald's contained 30 percent more trans fat than the same order from an Atlanta McDonald's.

Partially hydrogenated vegetable oil is cooking oil that has been injected with hydrogen to harden it and give it a longer shelf life. Switching to liquid vegetable oils such as canola, corn, olive or soy eliminates the trans fat, as has been done in Denmark

under a 2004 law allowing only a minuscule amount of trans fat in foods.

Trans fat raises bad cholesterol and lowers good cholesterol. Eating just 5 grams of it per day increases the risk of heart disease 25 percent, research shows.

"Per gram, it is more harmful than any other kind of fat," Stender said. "It's a metabolic poison."

McDonald's said it "continues to work diligently on ways to reduce" trans fat in its fries. It said that most of its oils come from local suppliers, based on consumer preference, and that the oil used in the United States is different from that in Europe and elsewhere.

Stender and other experts said many restaurants still use partially hydrogenated vegetable oil to save money because it does not spoil and can be used over and over for frying.

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### A side of trans fat with those fries?

A new study found that the trans fat content in fast-food products around the world varies widely from country to country. Some cities within the same country also had different amounts.

COUNTRY	Fries 171 grams		Chicken 160 grams	
	McD	KFC	McD	KFC
Denmark*	1.0%	2.0	1.0	2.0
France	15.0	8.0	11.0	12.0
Hungary	10.0	35.0	8.0	31.0
Peru	24.0	31.0	9.0	32.0
Poland	18.0	42.0	8.0	24.0
Russia	10.0	2.0	5.0	0.4
Scotland (Aberdeen)	15.0	1.0	14.0	3.0
Scotland (Glasgow)	18.0	2.0	13.0	8.0
South Africa (Johannesburg)	28.0	19.0	1.0	13.0
United States (New York)	23.0	16.0	11.0	5.0

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

AP

tive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said his group has petitioned the Food and Drug Administration

to drastically limit the use of trans fats and require restaurant menus to note foods containing trans fat.

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# Social skills lacking in society

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phones, stopping only to talk briefly to a cashier. Children watch films on the car's DVD player instead of playing license-tag bingo. Airline passengers watch movies on laptops or answer e-mail on BlackBerries rather than chatting with the person in the next seat.

But is tuning out the rest of the world good for us?

"We're living in a world where technology is a huge part of our lives, but it can be a blessing and a curse," says Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Business Class: Etiquette Essentials for Success at Work" (St. Martin's Press, 2005). "Some people think this technology can make us more productive," she says. "But it's not helping us with social skills. It's alienating us from other people."

Adams, who has downloaded 2,300 songs into his own iPod, admits he used the device to duck conversation in high school. These days, he says, he's plugged in less often.

"Being in college promotes being more social," he says. "Now I normally listen when I'm going to school or coming home, to make the time go by. But if someone asks me something, I always answer them. I don't have it on so loud that I can't hear the people around me."

*"... technology is a huge part of our lives, but it can be a blessing and a curse."*

JACQUELINE WHITMORE, AUTHOR

Many users of portable MP3 players say the devices help them relieve stress or, particularly at work, concentrate.

A New Jersey manufacturing foreman says that even 40 years ago, many of his plant's employees listened to music during work. Some of them still prefer radios to MP3s. Younger workers' iPods keep the music from bothering others, he says, yet may be distracting to the user.

"The younger people are more wrapped up in their music rather than using it as background," he says. "We've encouraged iPods if they do want to listen to music, but they have greater concentration if they don't."

If MP3 players help you tune out noisy co-workers or help you relax while waiting for a doctor's appointment, then what's the harm in cocooning inside your own technological bubble?

The danger, says one sociologist, is that we start losing touch with the people in our lives — even if it's just the cashier — because we won't get off the phone or take off headphones to exchange pleasantries.

Studies show that these mini-conversations — with the same woman at the coffee shop each morning or the regular banter with the guy who owns the gas station — are important to our psychological well-being.

"If you have a regular routine and you go back to the same places, your day can be filled up with these short contacts with people you see regularly," says Richard Lachmann, sociology professor at the University of Albany. "People who don't have that are really missing something."

Evidence suggests, says Lachmann, that these interactions help us cope with the stresses of everyday life and give us a feeling of community that is "as much good as having a bunch of cousins who live nearby."

# Students still angry after admin. shutout

COKE, FROM PAGE 5

The decision to bring Coke back to campus has outraged members of the Coalition to Cut Contracts with Coca-Cola, a network of student groups.

"Coca-Cola has done nothing to comply with the University's lauded code of conduct and has made no effort to rectify any of the allegations against it. I have lost all faith in this University," said RC junior Julia Ris, a former student member of the Dispute Review Board, the board responsible for advising Slottow on alleged violations of the University's Vendor Code of Conduct.

Students in the coalition said they were angry with the administration for leaving them out of the process.

"It's a massive betrayal of the trust the administration claimed to value with their students," sophomore Adri Miller said.

Some students had not heard of the decision until asked about it by The Michigan Daily.

"Students have been shut out of the process. I am ashamed that my University has made such a naive decision," said senior Clara Hardie, a member

of the coalition.

Some students on campus reacted positively to the decision.

"Market demands and people's political beliefs met at a reasoned compromise," Law student Brett Greenberg said.

The Dispute Review Board announced last June that it had found credible evidence of Coke committing human rights and labor violations in India and Colombia.

Since that time, the University has been attempting to negotiate a schedule for the company to agree to an independent investigation and publish the results.

The results of both investigations will be public. The University will now try to renew its 13 direct and indirect contracts with Coca-Cola, worth a total of about \$1.4 million.

Coca-Cola spokeswoman Kari Bjorhus said the company is pleased that the University will resume sales of Coke products.

"The University's decision was based upon facts, and we appreciate its diligence in reviewing our commitments to conduct business responsibly," Bjorhus said in a written statement.

## BG NEWS

### BRIEFING

#### Campus service gets re-accredited

Bowling Green State University has been recognized recently for its accomplishments in Student Health Services by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. The University attained the highest ranking possible, meaning they have met the strict set of guidelines for excellence in student health care provisions. Only around 10 percent of services throughout the nation receive this accreditation. Bowling Green was first accredited in 1996.

#### Student loan debts deter graduates

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. — A report released earlier this month by the State Public Interest Research Group suggests that college graduates with substantial student loan debt cannot afford to accept jobs with low starting salaries, such as teaching and social work.

As a result, unmanageable student loan debt may deter graduates from pursuing public service careers, the report claims.

According to the report, the economists who contributed to the study based their findings on a "graduated benchmark system for estimating burdensome student debt."

The report revealed that graduates pursuing public service careers can only manage to spend a certain amount of their annual income on student loan payments.

An estimated 23 percent of graduates with starting teacher salaries and 37 percent with starting social worker salaries have unmanageable debt. The report did not specify whether the studied group included graduates without debt.

According to Julie Rice Mallette, the director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, students graduating from N.C. State in the 2004-2005 academic year had a total debt averaging \$14,505.

The College Board estimated the national average debt of students that graduated in 2004 from public four-year institutions to be \$15,500.

# Business classes contribute to librarians' acts

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Newport Beach officials look at Starbucks, and for the past six months have employed secret shoppers to gauge librarian helpfulness.

"It's truly a sea change in librarianship," says Linda Katsouleas, director of the Newport Beach Public Library.

The most momentous finding: People hate being shushed. In many libraries, conversation is now encouraged, with only certain areas sector off for silence.

Four months ago, the Anaheim Library abolished its ban on cell phones in recognition of a "cell phone culture."

"Years ago, we would never have to create a quiet zone — we were the quiet zone," says City Librarian Carol Stone.

Gone too are stodgy desks and rock-hard chairs, replaced by leather chairs, ottomans, end tables and wrought-iron lamps.

"You're talking about getting away from the institutional library feel," says Don Buckley, a manager at the Cerritos Library. "We didn't buy library furniture

— we just bought furniture that was comfortable ... We want it to feel like people's living rooms."

Also jettisoned are restrictions on snacks and beverages, a bow to the allure of bookstore-coffee shop fusions.

"We used to actually have security people, and one of their missions was to walk around and tell people to return back to the snack area," says Ron Hayden, director of the Huntington Beach Public Library. "We now have an actual coffee cart ... we've not only relaxed our policy, we've actually encouraged people to kick off their shoes."

And libraries aren't just melting out — they're trying to tune in as well.

In many places, that means targeting youths like never before. Whereas the library of old had story time for toddlers, Anaheim now targets four distinct age groups — toddlers, elementary-school pupils, "twens" and teens.

The Orange County Public Library, serving nearly two dozen cities, offers a "Real Life" teen Web page with links to information on sex

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RON HAYDEN, DIRECTOR, HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

and alcoholism, music and vegetarian eating.

It's "all part of responding to the changing needs of our constituency," says Katsouleas of the Newport library, which offers audio books on iPods and a teen room with a neon sign. "A 6-year-old does not need the same kind of materials and environment as teens."

But behaving like a business means more than accommodating finicky consumers; it also means making money.

With budgets increasingly dedicated to technology and municipal funding often flat, libraries are charting new paths — far beyond used-book sales — to fatten their wallets.

In Huntington Beach, officials rent out rooms for family reunions, wedding receptions

and religious services, events that netted the library \$400,000 last year. Mission Viejo proctors tests, and doles out passports, pocketing tidy commissions from each.

"We celebrate our entrepreneurialism here," says Maginnis of the Mission Viejo Library, which may soon partner with a private copy center.

With all their new offerings, libraries need to get the word out. That's where marketing, once only word-of-mouth, comes in. Ads adorn bus shelters and school lunch menus in Mission Viejo, city newsletters in Newport Beach.

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**SOFTBALL**

## Errors make the difference as Spartans edge Falcons 2-1



Neal Cropper BG News

**HEY BATTER:** Falcon catcher Abby Habicht eyes a pitch against Detroit earlier this season. Habicht went 1-for-3 at the plate and picked off a runner at first base against Michigan State on Tuesday.

**Freshman Hayley Wiemer allows only three hits, drives run in**

By Colin Wilson  
REPORTER

In softball you can never really say what would have happened if something else did not happen. Unfortunately the BG softball team is wondering what would have happened.

Two untimely errors resulted in two unearned runs for Michigan State as they beat the visiting Falcons Tuesday night 2-1. The loss drops BG's record to 23-15.

"It was unfortunate we made a couple mistakes in the third inning," said BG coach Leigh Ross. "Errors happen in a game, it was just too bad the errors we made were all in the same inning."

Hayley Wiemer was once again outstanding on the mound, allowing just three hits and two walks while striking out five. It

was Wiemer's third straight start without giving up an earned run. She also drove in the Falcons' lone run.

"Hayley's game is pretty simple, keep the ball down, move it in and out, and hit her spots, and right now she is doing all of that, which is making her tough," Ross said. "Her ankle is still a little tender, but she is still getting the job done."

All of the scoring happened in the third inning for both teams. BG's Megan McPherson singled with one out. After another out she stole second and Wiemer stepped up to the plate. Wiemer doubled her home and Gina Rango followed with a single — her 237th career hit — building on the career hit record she broke over the weekend.

The Spartans would get out of the inning with minimal damage, though, with the Falcons up 1-0.

Michigan State then came up to bat in the home half of the inning. A single and a walk put runners on first and second base and a passed ball advanced the runner from second to third. An error loaded the bases for Michigan State, and another error immediately after that scored a run and kept the bags full. A fielder's choice play to home got a runner out but kept the bases loaded. Another fielder's choice, this time to third, scored another run, pushing the Spartans ahead 2-1 before Wiemer could get out of the inning.

"Our offense knows it has struggled lately,"

**WHERE THEY STAND**

The Falcons are 6-2 in the MAC and tied for first with Akron in the East Division

**UP NEXT**

Friday: Double-header at Ball St.

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## Tribe's streak ends at six with loss to M's

By Tom Withers  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Richie Sexson's grand slam put Seattle comfortably ahead and the Mariners beat Cleveland 11-9 yesterday night to snap a four-game slide and end the Indians' winning streak at six.

Sexson hit his 10th career slam in the sixth inning off reliever Danny Graves to make it 10-5 as the Mariners cooled off Cleveland, which hadn't lost since opening day in Chicago.

Raul Ibanez went 4-for-4 with four RBIs, and Ichiro Suzuki snapped an 0-for-18 slump with three singles and scored four runs for Seattle, which knocked out starter Paul Byrd (1-1) in the fourth.

Casey Blake had four RBIs for Cleveland and Travis Hafner hit a two-run homer, moving into a tie for the major league lead with his sixth of the season. The Indians, despite some horrific baserunning, were still within 6-5 in the sixth.

But Graves gave up two singles and his wild pitch put runners at second and third with one out before Indians manager Eric Wedge decided to take his chances and walk Ibanez intentionally to face Sexson.

The strategy backfired instantly. Sexson ripped Graves' first pitch over the 19-foot-high wall in left field for his second homer.

Hafner's homer brought Cleveland within 10-7 in the seventh, but the Indians couldn't overcome some early mistakes. In the first inning, they had two runners caught off base and thrown out on one play.

Ibanez hit an RBI double in the eighth for the Mariners.

Eddie Guardado worked the ninth for his first save. Hafner singled and scored on an error but Guardado struck out Ronnie Belliard and got Aaron Boone to pop out with two runners on to end it.

Except for giving up Hafner's homer, Jake Woods (1-0) pitched well in relief of starter Gil Meche. The left-hander allowed two runs and two hits in three innings.

Trailing 6-3, the Indians scored twice in the fourth, and if not for an unlucky bounce and break, they would have tied it.

Blake's single scored Ben Broussard and Grady Sizemore's shot inside the first-

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## Secondary a primary concern for Bucks

Whitner, Youboty and Salley depart from stalwart secondary

By Rusty Miller  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — The rebuilding job facing Ohio State's defensive coaches has only been tackled twice in the last 40 years.

That's how often the Buckeyes have entered a season after losing their entire starting secondary.

"No, there's not a guy back there like (Ashton) Youboty or (Donte) Whitner or (Nate) Salley," said cornerbacks coach Tim Beckman, mentioning three of last year's starters. "The kids are going to have to grow up quick, there's no question about it."

Seniors Salley, the free safety, and Tyler Everett, the right corner, played their final game in a 34-20 Fiesta Bowl victory over Notre Dame on Jan. 2. In the weeks that followed, strong safety Whitner and left corner Youboty elected to forego their final year at Ohio State to make themselves available for the NFL draft later this month.

The only returning Buckeyes with substantial playing time in the secondary are Malcolm Jenkins, who started four games, and nickel back Brandon Mitchell. They will be



Kitchiro Sato AP Photo

**OVERHAUL:** OSU's Malcolm Jenkins is one of only two returning defensive backs with significant playing time. The Buckeyes lost Ashton Youboty, Donte Whitner and Nate Salley to the NFL.

joined by a pack of eager but green players.

Jenkins accepts that now is his time to shine.

"I was talking to my mother the other day and she told me my biological clock is ticking," he said with a laugh.

No one around the program is putting down the returnees.

"Everybody talks about all the speed we've lost, but I think we're

a fast football team," safeties coach Paul Haynes said. "The thing about these guys is they're young, they're hungry, and they want to improve. They want to be on the level those guys (last year's starters) are on."

It's still 4 1/2 months until the Buckeyes have to make decisions about who will start. Based on the way things have gone so far this spring, Jenkins would fill

one corner spot opposite the seldom-used Antonio Smith. Backing them are Kurt Coleman, Donald Washington, Brandon Underwood, Mike Roberts, Andre Amos and Sirjo Welsh.

On the inside track at safety are Jamario O'Neal and Nick

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Buckeye fans are not happy about the team's new jerseys. PAGE 13

## Detroit pounds Cavs, James hurt



Paul Sancya AP Photo

**SKY HIGH:** LeBron James throws one down last night in Detroit.

By Larry Lage  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Detroit's win moved the Pistons within a game of home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. The Cleveland Cavaliers hope they only lost the game.

LeBron James sprained his left ankle late in the third quarter and did not return, leaving a game that was already a rout and Detroit went on to beat Cleveland 96-73 Wednesday night.

The Pistons will secure home court with one more victory or a San Antonio loss. Detroit has the tiebreaker because it beat the Spurs in both meetings.

James landed awkwardly while being guarded by Tayshaun Prince and drew a foul while making a shot. The MVP candidate hopped on his right foot to keep weight off

his left, was checked out on the court by a trainer during a timeout, then made a free throw to complete his three-point play.

The star was taken out a second later, left the court moments afterward and had X-rays taken. The Cavs said his status is day to day.

James had 22 points on 8-of-18 shooting through three quarters and Detroit was leading 75-51.

If Detroit (63-15) wins at least two of its last four games, it will break the team record for victories set during the 1988-89 season, when it went on to win the first of two straight titles.

The Pistons took control against Cleveland with a 14-0 run midway through the second quarter.

Rasheed Wallace had 16 points and nine rebounds and Tayshaun Prince and Richard

Hamilton each scored 14 for the Pistons, who have won eight of nine. Three reserves — Maurice Evans (13), Tony Delk (12) and Antonio McDyess (10) — added to Detroit's balanced attack, which Chauncey Billups directed with eight assists.

Meanwhile, only center Zydrunas Ilgauskas helped James carry the scoring load. Ilgauskas, back from an ankle injury, scored 10 points and the Cavs didn't have another scorer with more than eight points.

Early in the fourth quarter, Cavs forward Alan Henderson dislocated a finger on his right hand on a missed dunk and did not return.

Cleveland had won 11 of 12, a streak that secured home-court advantage in the first round and a second-round

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## EXTENSION



Elise Amendola AP Photo

**STICKING AROUND IN BEAN TOWN:** Boston Red Sox outfielder Coco Crisp smiles during a news conference yesterday to announce a \$15.5 million, three-year contract extension.



# BG struggling at plate against elite teams

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but we're still of the opinion that seeing good pitching on a consistent basis by playing such a tough non-conference schedule will continue to make us better for our MAC run," Ross said.

BG has committed 10 errors in its past three games and it came back to haunt them in this one. After the third inning melee, MSU did not advance a runner past second base.

The loss drops the Falcons to 1-4 against the Big Ten this season. The only win came against Purdue on March 18. Last season the Falcons were 2-3 against the conference.

The team will return to conference play this Friday as they'll take on Ball State in an afternoon double-header in Muncie, Ind. They'll head to Oxford after that to face Miami in a weekend series.



**SOLID:** Megan McPherson went 1-for-2, scored a run and stole a base against MSU.

# Reds fall to Maddux's Cubs

By Rick Gano  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Greg Maddux's final performance as a 30-something pitcher was like so many others during his long career. Efficient, quick and well-conceived.

Now it's time to move on. To his next start in five days and to another decade of life. He turns 40 in two days. And what's he expecting from that milestone?

"Hopefully the same as the 30s," he said yesterday after beating the Cincinnati Reds 4-1 for his 320th career win. "I don't know. We'll see. I've never been 40 before."

Using an assortment of pitches and speeds, Maddux (2-0) allowed three hits and a run in six innings against a Cincinnati team that hit six homers the day before when, like yesterday, the wind was blowing out at Wrigley Field.

"It's a factor, don't kid yourself. You feel fortunate to only give up one run on a day like this. Any fly ball is going to go

out," Maddux said. "Luckily today they didn't hit too many too high in the air. ... Sometimes you get lucky and they don't pop it up as high off you."

Not only could the Reds not repeat their homer surge of Tuesday, they had trouble making plays in the field yesterday. They had five errors, all by the third inning, and third baseman Edwin Encarnacion committed three.

"We played about as bad as we could in the first three innings," said Reds manager Jerry Narron, whose team finished with four hits.

"You make more errors than you get hits and you still feel like you got a chance to win the game. ... But the first three innings made me sick."

Cincinnati has another concern. Center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. left the game in the fourth inning after two plate appearances because of stiffness in the back of his right knee, an injury he said is not serious. It occurred in batting practice

when he was chasing fly balls.

"It didn't really bother me. It just tightened up a little bit. That was it," Griffey said, adding he didn't know if he could play today.

Maddux didn't surrender a hit until Encarnacion hit an RBI double after a two-out walk to Adam Dunn in the fourth. The Reds threatened in the sixth after two singles, but Maddux fanned Dunn and got Encarnacion on a fly ball to end the inning. Maddux finished with two walks and seven strikeouts.

"Vintage Maddux," said Cubs catcher Michael Barrett, who had three RBIs from the cleanup spot where he replaced the injured Aramis Ramirez.

"He hit his spots well today. When he struck out Tony Womack it was as good of movement and as hard a fast-ball as I've seen him throw in my time here. He just looks like he's in great shape. We need him to be that way."

# Scarlet and gray no longer

New OSU jerseys do not contain gray, fans and boosters upset

COLUMBUS (AP) — When it comes to their favorite team's football jerseys, there is no gray area for Ohio State fans.

The Buckeyes will wear a new design of Nike jersey this fall that features a shinier fabric that wicks away moisture.

When the new jersey was unveiled, fans of the scarlet-and-gray clad Buckeyes immediately lit up the lines to sports call-in shows — the new tops have no gray on them.

School officials said a slimmer, formfitting design didn't leave room for any gray. The two white stripes on each sleeve are set off by black stripes — but no gray.

In letters to the editor and an Internet poll on its Web site, The Columbus Dispatch has been besieged by fans upset by the new jerseys.

"Exclude Buckeyes gray; ridiculous. Now we look like the (Wisconsin) Badgers," wrote a fan from Florida.

Another accused Ohio State President Karen Holbrook and athletic director Gene Smith of selling out the university.

Ohio State has a six-year, \$11.4-million contract with Nike, which provides uniforms and equipment for the school's athletic teams.

The players say they like the new material and seem bewildered that fans are angry over



Shari Lewis AP Photo

**NEW LOOK:** OSU football coach Jim Tressel displays the team's new jersey, which has caused much controversy in Columbus.

the color controversy. After all, the team's pants and helmets remain predominantly gray.

The football team has changed uniform styles and designs frequently over the years. Changes have come under each of the

past four head coaches—Woody Hayes, Earle Bruce, John Cooper and Jim Tressel.

Bruce said the current controversy was overblown.

"I don't know that jerseys ever lost a football game," he said.

# Ilgaukas returns but Cavs flattened

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matchup with the Pistons if both teams advance.

Before the game, Ilgaukas said it was important to get back on the court because he doesn't want to be rusty when the playoffs start in two weeks. He looked sharp early, then was lackluster.

Ilgaukas had eight points and three rebounds when he came out of the game with 3:10 left in the first quarter — twice as many points as

James had at the time.

James later scored five points to put the Cavs ahead for the first time, 19-16, before the Pistons responded by scoring the last 11 points of the quarter.

The Pistons then had their decisive run, which helped them lead 56-29 at halftime.

Other than James and Ilgaukas, the Cavs combined to score four points on 2-of-20 shooting in the first half while the Pistons had eight players with at least four points.

# Byrd gets clipped

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base line brought in Belliard. Sizemore's ball appeared to be headed for the right-field corner, but it struck umpire Tim McClelland behind the bag and caromed to second baseman Jose Lopez.

Blake, thinking Sizemore had extra bases, kept digging for third and was thrown out easily by Lopez.

Ibanez, playing in his 195th consecutive game for the Mariners, hit an RBI triple in the fourth to make it 6-3 and chase Byrd.

Three walks — two to open the inning — by Byrd helped

the Mariners score four runs — three on Kenji Johjima's double — in the third and open a 5-3 lead.

Blake has been Mr. Clutch so far this season, and he came through again in Cleveland's three-run second.

The Indians loaded the bases off Meche, who got Boone to hit into a force at the plate but followed it up with a wild pitch that tied it at 1. Blake's two-run single made it 3-1.

Last year, Blake batted .085 (5-for-59) with runners in scoring position and two outs. With the single, he improved to 4-for-5 (.750) in 2006.

# D-backs high on potential

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Patterson, followed by Mitchell and Anderson Russell. Devon Lyons has been injured but likely will challenge for playing time once he is healthy.

About the only people familiar with those names are the coaches who recruited them.

Coleman is a true freshman, while Washington, Russell and Amos are redshirt freshmen; Jenkins, Patterson, O'Neal and Underwood are sophomores; Welsh and Lyons are juniors; and Roberts, Mitchell and Smith are fifth-year seniors who have hung around the program long enough to finally get their shots.

Smith said it doesn't upset him when people say Ohio State's defense — which lost all its starters from the bowl game except for two linemen — will need a lot of time to develop.

"It doesn't matter. Those players were great players but they're gone," he said. "We've got to look forward. We're the future now."

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