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Faculty salary average lowest in state

BGSU heavy with instructors, is state funding to blame?

By Bob Moser
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ten years ago, President Sidney Ribeau promised the University faculty he'd help them reach Ohio's 70th percentile — or top three out of 10 — when it came to salaries.

Today none of the various levels of professors and instructors at the University are leading their peers in the state, and the average University educator's salary ranks last in Ohio (see chart to the right).

At first glance, the University's ranking is fairly embarrassing, according to Phil Terrie, professor of American culture studies.

"I think the numbers speak for themselves, and it hurts BGSU with faculty hires," Terrie said.

But a more detailed breakdown of salaries at the

2005-06 AVERAGE FACULTY SALARIES ACROSS OHIO

The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati are considered to be "full-function research institutions," and are thought to be on a different level from BGSU and others in the state. It is also inherently difficult to compare BGSU's faculty salaries to others in Ohio, because at the University, 10 percent of a faculty member's salary is automatically taken out and put towards their retirement. For lecturers (not included for space reasons) BGSU ranks second out of five universities in Ohio at \$42,503, less than \$1,000 behind Wright State.

All-Rank Average	Average Salary for Full Profs	Average Salary for Assoc. Profs	Average Salary for Assis. Profs	Average Salary for Instructors
Ohio State - \$89,998	Ohio State - \$112,645	Ohio State - \$74,194	Ohio State - \$65,781	Ohio State - \$56,266
Cincinnati - \$73,786	Cincinnati - \$94,036	Miami - \$69,298	Toledo - \$57,516	Ohio Univ. - \$50,005
Cleveland St. - \$69,592	Miami - \$92,878	Cincinnati - \$69,031	Cincinnati - \$54,734	Toledo - \$49,263
Ohio Univ. - \$68,772	Kent St. - \$90,445	Ohio Univ. - \$66,523	Ohio Univ. - \$54,641	Cleveland St. - \$44,181
Miami - \$68,470	Cleveland St. - \$90,134	Wright St. - \$66,343	Bowling Green - \$53,881	Youngstown - \$40,994
Youngstown - \$66,042	Toledo - \$89,309	Cleveland St. - \$66,038	Miami - \$53,840	Cincinnati - \$40,363
Wright St. - \$65,220	Ohio Univ. - \$88,863	Bowling Green - \$65,933	Youngstown - \$53,345	Akron - \$37,914
Toledo - \$65,061	Wright St. - \$88,323	Kent St. - \$65,744	Kent St. - \$53,193	Bowling Green - \$37,127
Kent St. - \$63,809	Bowling Green - \$86,918	Toledo - \$65,229	Wright St. - \$53,093	Wright St. - \$35,675
Akron - \$63,381	Akron - \$81,767	Youngstown - \$63,919	Cleveland St. - \$52,310	Miami - \$34,754
Bowling Green - \$59,241	Youngstown - \$79,986	Akron - \$59,781	Akron - \$51,276	Kent St. - n/a

Source: Preliminary data from "2005-2006 Ohio Universities Faculty Salary Survey," Ohio State University, March 2006

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University shows that over the past five years the percentage of the University faculty who are instructors has grown each year.

This growing number of instructors is what drops the University down to the bottom of the pack for average overall salary, according to Chris

Dalton, senior vice president of Finance and Administration.

BGSU is 'Instructor-heavy'

In 2005-06, the University employed far more full-time instructors than any other public university in Ohio. For comparison, 2,199 educators teach at The Ohio State University and only 11

are at the lowest level of instructor, while BGSU employs 851 faculty — 207 of which are instructors.

Though the number of instructors at the University leads the state, Ribeau emphasized that they're valued faculty members who are usually here for the long haul.

"They're long-term instructors,

people who've been with us for an extended period of time," he said, adding that when money comes from the state it'll allow more professor jobs to be created, and BGSU instructors could be the first to fill those slots.

But in some ways, the increased number of instructors may water down the strength of a faculty's

voice on campus. Terrie said.

"I think the growing use of full-time instructors and lecturers is very problematic, because it leads to less and less of a voice at the University for tenured and tenure-track faculty," he added.

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Lacking job interest

Graduates may not have employment because of little field attraction

By Kristen Vasas
REPORTER

Apartments and dorm rooms are barren and empty. Textbooks and computer software packets are sold back for nearly half of what they were bought for. Degrees are received and graduation caps are tossed in the air.

It seems as though this year's graduating class of '06 is finally prepared to go off on their own. But are these new college grads truly ready for the most challenging obstacle in their young lives? Are they ready to face the chal-

lenge of future employment?

According to Experience, Inc.'s fourth Annual College Graduate Career Survey, only 20 percent of the members of the Class of 2006 have received full time job offers, even though employers believe this is a strong hiring year for graduates.

The reasoning behind this, in relation to the survey, was that employment opportunities are not in alignment with students' top areas of interest. Financial services and accounting industries were found to offer the highest number

of jobs, but this year's graduating class is much more interested in the fields of academics, communications and the arts.

But for some students, an "ideal" job is not the only job out there that might look good.

Lindsey Linder, a graduating senior majoring in musical theater, said even though theater would be her perfect job, she wouldn't turn down others that were offered to her.

"It would just depend on the job," she said. "If I would enjoy doing the job, even if it wasn't the-

ater, then I would take it and give it a shot."

Linder says it is important for students to stay realistic.

"This is a time when students have to do something to support themselves. It's better to get out there and find any job then have the perfect job."

But some students aren't willing to be as flexible as Linder with their lifetime jobs.

Jeni Noble, also a graduating senior majoring in musical the-

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LIABILITY IN THE LIBRARY Library needed?

By Dan Myers
REPORTER

And Bridget Tharp
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In a time when students would rather click a mouse than pull a book off a shelf, a library's purpose on campus is being seriously challenged.

To meet the challenge, some libraries are changing — no longer a place to study alone quietly between stacks of books, but a place to chatter with classmates and learn cooperatively.

Library experts say Google, a Web search engine, is challenging librarians to change their roles.

Patricia Steele, interim dean of libraries at Indiana University, said the widespread use of Google — she calls it "Googleization" — has prompted researchers to question how people use libraries.

"Ninety percent of people are starting out on a search engine search, usually Google, and that includes librarians. So it raises big questions," Steele said.

University freshman Anne Lawson is part of the 90 percent who search on Google. Lawson said she usually studies quietly at the Arts Village in Kreisler-Ashley, venturing into Jerome

Library only when class requires her to.

Sophomore Blake Maher lives off campus, and studies in his apartment instead of in the library.

"It's too quiet here," Maher said, as he sat for the first time this semester with two friends on the library's 7th floor.

One of those friends was sophomore Kevin Stanowick. He lives in Rodgers, but his study time is spent at the library. Stanowick said he spends four hours a week studying there, and relies totally on library databases when he's researching a project. He even rejects Google, because it "isn't credible," he said.

But Steele said most students aren't likely to be so faithful to the library.

"We can't expect people to come into the library any longer," she said.

That's why Indiana University started delivery services. Students can request an e-mail with a digital file version of a journal article — even some books. When their library can't get a digital version, they offer to send the book to a student's

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BANKING AT THE STORE: Wal-Mart looks to create a local bank that will help lower prices for customers. There is fear the bank will negatively affect other local Bowling Green banks; **PAGE 5**

'GET US OUT': Two miners in Australia are trapped half a mile under ground. Though contact has been made with them, rescuers say it may take a couple of days to get them out; **PAGE 14**



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Ribeau still stands by salary promise

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has a particularly young faculty because of an early buyout program for contracts that was implemented in the early-1990s, according to Richard Hebein, vice chair of Faculty Senate.

The early retirement incentive program encouraged professors to retire early, offering them up to an extra five years of "teaching credit," that could be redeemed during their retirement, based on the number of years they'd been working. The ERIP ended in 1999.

A significant number of faculty did leave during that time, almost all of whom were professors, which would have had a "significant impact" on the makeup of BGSU's faculty, according to Dalton.

In their place, the University has since hired younger professors and instructors at a lower cost.

In retrospect, BGSU faculty could have — and should have — been pushed towards the top of Ohio's compensation list back in the mid-to-late 1990s, according to Robert Boughton, chair of Faculty Senate.

"It [faculty salaries] is a problem that should have been addressed years earlier when the economy was robust," he said.

Full professors' salaries at BGSU rank 9th of 11 in the state, associate professors rank 7th of 11, assistant professors rank 5th

of 11, and instructors rank 8th of 11. Bowling Green's instructors' average salary ranks 8th of 11 in Ohio, and their average lecturers' salary ranks 2nd of 5 in the state who employ lecturers.

In a phone interview last Friday, Ribeau clarified his promise to the faculty 10 years ago, saying that the goal was to get each faculty group to the top of their respective packs, not to bring BGSU's all-rank average to the top three in Ohio.

A common thread?

Six of the 10 public universities listed above BGSU on the average salary rankings have faculties that are organized by the American Association of University Professors — acting as a union to bargain collectively for their salaries and benefits.

An active AAUP chapter on campus would be independent of the University, unlike Faculty Senate, and could arguably have a stronger voice on controversial issues. The last attempt to organize Bowling Green's faculty failed in 1994. Since then, there hasn't been much interest generated on the BGSU campus.

Boughton suspects there may be reluctance among assistant professors who don't have tenure to "kind of pass muster, not make waves."

The potential gains that could come with collective bargaining

WHO'S TEACHING YOU: A BREAKDOWN OF OHIO

Bowling Green dwarfs other public universities in Ohio when it comes to the number of instructors on its faculty. Ohio State University leads all 11 universities in total faculty with 2,199, with Cincinnati in second overall with 1,241. In comparison, BGSU employs 851 faculty.

Institution	Full Profs	Assoc. Profs	Assis. Profs	Instructors
Akron	238	260	127	63
Bowling Green	165	247	197	207
Cincinnati	474	398	322	47
Cleveland St.	168	207	138	13
Kent St.	217	226	219	n/a
Miami	268	195	283	76
Ohio St.	957	750	481	11
Ohio Univ.	212	275	255	2
Toledo	226	191	172	10
Wright St.	156	186	121	45
Youngstown	186	92	108	41

Source: 2005-2006 Ohio Universities Faculty Salary Survey

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should excite instructors at BGSU more than anyone, according to Terrie, who was an active member of the BGSU Faculty Association's failed attempt to organize in 1994.

"Students who get these people [instructors] are getting faculty who are dedicated, but they're overworked and horribly exploited," he said. "And that's one of the things, if we had collective bargaining, we could draw better conditions for these instructors and lecturers."

But when looking at the breakdowns of individual levels of educator salaries, there's no distinct trend that shows faculties at the

six unionized schools have it any better or worse than those at BGSU, Dalton said.

The freedom to offer salaries without constraints that may come from collective bargaining also help some departments at the University who are competing with the private sector to attract educators.

For example, while the average salary for an assistant professor at BGSU is \$53,881, the starting salary for a new professor in accounting and management information systems ranges from \$90-110,000, according to Lawrence Kowalski, chair of the AMIS department.

Providing options, safe place for women

By Laura K. Simmons
REPORTER

While there are only 1,500 battered women's shelters nationwide, there are more than 3,700 animal shelters — and with the opening of the Cocoon Women's Shelter in June, 2005, Bowling Green now has one of each.

"I think there was more awareness about animal cruelty than partner and spousal abuse," said Tammy Eling, a women's counselor at Behavioral Connections. "People were more outraged [at animal abuse], but it's getting better now."

Mary Krueger, the director of the Women's Center, played a pivotal role in opening the women's shelter in Bowling Green.

"There was nothing in BG and it kept women in violent situations," she said adding they may have had to go up to 40 miles away to find a shelter before.

According to the Cocoon shelter's Web site, "many victims in BG describe feeling trapped in their current situations because of lack of resources in the community."

Krueger said that was why she opened the shelter — to create options for women in BG, because even though there's danger in staying, there's also danger in going.

Not easy to leave

Leaving an abusive relationship isn't as easy as it seems.

"According to the statistics, a woman in a violent relationship is 75 percent more likely to be killed when she leaves," said Eling.

This increase in danger is because once a woman leaves, she's taken all of the power and control away from the abuser who will do almost anything to get it back in some cases.

"I believe there is a lack of resources in Bowling Green, but then again I don't think you can ever have enough resources. On top of physical safety, these

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BRIEFING

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Univ. takes step to end sweatshop labor

The University has decided to join the Worker's Rights Consortium in an effort to rid the campus of products made in sweatshops.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," J.D. Campbell, assistant athletic director for Athletic Communications, said.

By joining the WRC the University will count on them to make sure no BGSU apparel is made in sweatshops. Campbell, who deals with University apparel licensing through the athletic department, hopes the paperwork will be finalized by July 1.

It will cost the University about \$1,500 a year to remain in the WRC. Students have been pressuring the University since February to join the WRC for humanitarian reasons.

"Hopefully this will help put us in the position," Campbell said. "This way, we can sell products that our students can be proud of."

women need emotional and financial support, transportation and [often] child care," Eling said. "Usually when women leave an abusive relationship, they're thrust into poverty."

On top of that, often the abuser threatens to hurt the victim's child, parents, brothers or sisters if she leaves the relationship. So according to Krueger, to stay is not a sign of weakness on the part of the victim, but often a sign of strength.

"To stay is courageous," she said. "It may seem wimpy, but that's not the case — often she's staying to protect other people."

It can also be difficult to leave a violent relationship for many reasons other than the physical abuse, according to Melissa

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Grads not finding jobs fitting their interests

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ater, is set on going after a career that fits with her major.

"I'm working with my father's company for the summer and moving to Columbus after that," she said. "Then I'm going to move to Chicago and New York City, since that's where all the jobs are."

Even though many of this year's graduating seniors don't have many job offers yet, the majority believe it will take them three months or less to find a full time job after graduation, according to Experience, Inc.

But according to the director of the BGSU career center, JoAnn Kroll, the time right before and after graduation is not the time to do a job search.

"Students should be making contacts and posting their resumes on Monster and our career center as soon as their freshman year!" Kroll said. "It's never too early to start the hunt."

Along with making contacts early, Kroll also says that every job offer you receive, you should consider.

"Everything you find you should consider. Even if you

don't know anything about the job or the company, it should be looked into. Keep all your opportunities open!"

Kroll also believes that the reason for the low job turnout this year is because of other factors besides students' top areas of interest not being with the companies hiring.

"A lot of it probably depends on what students are willing to do for a job," she said. "It depends on what people value, like significant others, their family and whether or not students want to move away from home. All of these factors


have an impact on a job search."

But although there is not a lot of time left to conduct a search, Kroll says not to worry.

"Students shouldn't panic. Don't take any more chances. Just start your job search now!" Kroll said. "Make a plan, come in and follow through with what you want to do with your life."

Besides all her good advice, Kroll also notes that the career center is always open to any students.

"Come on in any time," she said. "And don't just think we're open during the school year. We're open all summer long too."



IN CASE YOU FORGOT!

FALL 2006

All students currently enrolled for Spring 2006 should be registered for their classes for the Fall. Don't leave campus without registering for Fall 2006 through MyBGSU.

If you have trouble registering for a full schedule, consider alternative courses, use wait lists, and talk with your academic advisor as soon as possible.

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Forget finals, get hypnotized

Students can take break from finals for a hypnotic experience

By Chelci Howard
REPORTER

Whether it be making up 25-letter long acronyms for economics principles, making note card piles that oddly resemble "The Iliad" or setting mathematical equations to the funky beats of Kenny G, students have exhausted all methods of trying to cram last minute information in the file cabinets of their brains for exams.

However, there might be a different way to approach exam studying without the loss or damage of hair, nails or other body parts.

Kevin Lepine, a certified hypnotherapist and a Detroit/New Orleans native, will be at Grumpy Dave's tonight making students and their friends rap like Elvis and bow before the holy cow gods,

ending the school year on a hilarious upswing.

Steve Sabo, owner of Inside Joke Productions, is responsible for bringing Lepine to the University.

"It's a good week to bring a hypnotist to town. It will help get students to get in a relaxed state of mind and will help you do better on exams," he said.

However, even though Lepine is known for giving friends of participants ultimate "Remember that one time" rights, his hidden agenda is to relax and entertain the audience.

"You will have the time of your life watching it, but you will have more fun participating than watching," Lepine said. "If you participate, you are my new best friend. This is an experience like you have never experienced before. It's more fun to be in the

moment than to laugh at it."

Whether you are part of the audience or a volunteer, Lepine states that this will be a memory that you won't be able to forget.

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KEVIN LEPINE
HYPNOTIST

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Sabo encourages everyone to get a dose of something that is rare in our community.

"This is something that we don't get a lot of here in Bowling Green and this is good, clean fun. A Hypnotist can never make you do anything that you don't want to do, except give your friends a chance

to laugh at you for a bit," Sabo said. "But in the end, you'll be the one laughing because hypnotism will increase your focus and will help you on exams. It's like Viagra for the mind."

The show begins at 9:30 p.m., but due to seating restrictions Sabo encourages students to show up around 8:30 to ensure their dose of mind Viagra.

As space is available, students will be admitted into Grumpy Dave's, which is located above Easy Street Café, for \$3. Those without an ID will be charged \$5.

Sabo encourages students to take a two-hour study break for this opportunity.

"There's no better way to end the school year than coming out on a Tuesday night with your friends and experiencing this unique fun event that will involve you and your friends directly and will make an impact on your lives," Sabo said.

CASH BACK



Jenni Boebel BG News

SPENDING MONEY: Ellen Wakeley, freshman, gets a little cash for her old textbooks at the textbook buyback in the Union.

Asians beat out whites for freshmen spots at UC

UC has "an Asian feeling" for first time as competition rises

By Lisa M. Krieger and Lisa Fernandez
KRT

Californians of Asian descent won more spots in this fall's freshman class at the University of California than any other ethnic group, edging out white students for the first time.

The milestone follows a steady climb among Asians in the state's leading public university system.

Asians account for 36 percent of California residents admitted to study at UC schools, though they make up only 14 percent of seniors projected to graduate from the state's public high schools.

By comparison, white students comprised 35.6 percent of those accepted; Latinos, 17.6 percent; African-Americans, 3.4 percent; and American Indians, 0.6 percent.

The increase in students of Asian descent shows up on campus in what some students

proudly call "an Asian feeling" — but some say it also can translate into tension among students competing for desired spots in UC's highly regarded schools, not to mention grades in classes. And it reflects a mix of factors, including strong performance in high school and the university system's outreach to poorer students, including many new immigrants from Asia.

College counselors say Asian parents tend to focus on UC because it's affordable, prestigious and offers high value for

the cost. Asian students also applied to UC schools at higher rates than other students and are more likely to enroll if admitted, officials said.

"Culturally, there is a huge emphasis on education in the Asian community. The kids work very hard, academically," said Purvi Mody, co-owner of Insight Education college counseling in Cupertino. "And the UCs offer brand-name recognition."

"Generally speaking, kids from other ethnic cultures tend to be more willing to move away

from home and be open-minded about schools that may be very far away," she added.

Asian students are also more likely than those from other ethnic groups, including whites, to have a parent with a college education, said economist Deborah Reed of the Public Policy Institute of California.

"It correlates with books and computers in the home — and a certain expectation about going to college, as well as how to prepare and apply to college," Reed said.

Students say they feel the growing Asian presence. "If you look around the room and count the people, a lot are Asian," said Insiyah Nomanbhoy, 19, of Cupertino, who is a freshman at UCLA.

Nomanbhoy, whose father is from Pakistan and mother is from Sri Lanka, graduated from Castilleja High School, a private all-girls school in Palo Alto. She applied to five UC schools as well as some private ones, including Stanford University, which she didn't get into.

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Ribeau still stands by salary promise

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has a particularly young faculty because of an early buyout program for contracts that was implemented in the early-1990s, according to Richard Hebein, vice chair of Faculty Senate.

The early retirement incentive program encouraged professors to retire early, offering them up to an extra five years of "teaching credit," that could be redeemed during their retirement, based on the number of years they'd been working. The ERIP ended in 1999.

A significant number of faculty did leave during that time, almost all of whom were professors, which would have had a "significant impact" on the makeup of BGSU's faculty, according to Dalton.

In their place, the University has since hired younger professors and instructors at a lower cost.

In retrospect, BGSU faculty could have — and should have — been pushed towards the top of Ohio's compensation list back in the mid-to-late 1990s, according to Robert Boughton, chair of Faculty Senate.

"It [faculty salaries] is a problem that should have been addressed years earlier when the economy was robust," he said.

Full professors' salaries at BGSU rank 9th of 11 in the state, associate professors rank 7th of 11, assistant professors rank 5th

of 11, and instructors rank 8th of 11. Bowling Green's instructors' average salary ranks 8th of 11 in Ohio, and their average lecturers' salary ranks 2nd of 5 in the state who employ lecturers.

In a phone interview last Friday, Ribeau clarified his promise to the faculty 10 years ago, saying that the goal was to get each faculty group to the top of their respective packs, not to bring BGSU's all-rank average to the top three in Ohio.

A common thread?

Six of the 10 public universities listed above BGSU on the average salary rankings have faculties that are organized by the American Association of University Professors — acting as a union to bargain collectively for their salaries and benefits.

An active AAUP chapter on campus would be independent of the University, unlike Faculty Senate, and could arguably have a stronger voice on controversial issues. The last attempt to organize Bowling Green's faculty failed in 1994. Since then, there hasn't been much interest generated on the BGSU campus.

Boughton suspects there may be reluctance among assistant professors who don't have tenure to "kind of pass muster, not make waves."

The potential gains that could come with collective bargaining

WHO'S TEACHING YOU: A BREAKDOWN OF OHIO

Bowling Green dwarfs other public universities in Ohio when it comes to the number of instructors on its faculty. Ohio State University leads all 11 universities in total faculty with 2,199, with Cincinnati in second overall with 1,241. In comparison, BGSU employs 851 faculty.

Institution	Full Profs	Assoc. Profs	Assis. Profs	Instructors
Akron	238	260	127	63
Bowling Green	165	247	197	207
Cincinnati	474	398	322	47
Cleveland St.	168	207	138	13
Kent St.	217	226	219	n/a
Miami	268	195	283	76
Ohio St.	957	750	481	11
Ohio Univ.	212	275	255	2
Toledo	226	191	172	10
Wright St.	156	186	121	45
Youngstown	186	92	108	41

Source: 2005-2006 Ohio Universities Faculty Salary Survey

Bob Moser BG News

should excite instructors at BGSU more than anyone, according to Terrie, who was an active member of the BGSU Faculty Association's failed attempt to organize in 1994.

"Students who get these people [instructors] are getting faculty who are dedicated, but they're overworked and horribly exploited," he said. "And that's one of the things, if we had collective bargaining, we could draw better conditions for these instructors and lecturers."

But when looking at the breakdowns of individual levels of educator salaries, there's no distinct trend that shows faculties at the

six unionized schools have it any better or worse than those at BGSU, Dalton said.

The freedom to offer salaries without constraints that may come from collective bargaining also help some departments at the University who are competing with the private sector to attract educators.

For example, while the average salary for an assistant professor at BGSU is \$53,881, the starting salary for a new professor in accounting and management information systems ranges from \$90-110,000, according to Lawrence Kowalski, chair of the AMIS department.

Providing options, safe place for women

By Laura K. Simmons
REPORTER

While there are only 1,500 battered women's shelters nationwide, there are more than 3,700 animal shelters — and with the opening of the Cocoon Women's Shelter in June, 2005, Bowling Green now has one of each.

"I think there was more awareness about animal cruelty than partner and spousal abuse," said Tammy Eling, a women's counselor at Behavioral Connections. "People were more outraged [at animal abuse], but it's getting better now."

Mary Krueger, the director of the Women's Center, played a pivotal role in opening the women's shelter in Bowling Green.

"There was nothing in BG and it kept women in violent situations," she said adding they may have had to go up to 40 miles away to find a shelter before.

According to the Cocoon shelter's Web site, "many victims in BG describe feeling trapped in their current situations because of lack of resources in the community."

Krueger said that was why she opened the shelter — to create options for women in BG, because even though there's danger in staying, there's also danger in going.

Not easy to leave

Leaving an abusive relationship isn't as easy as it seems.

"According to the statistics, a woman in a violent relationship is 75 percent more likely to be killed when she leaves," said Eling.

This increase in danger is because once a woman leaves, she's taken all of the power and control away from the abuser who will do almost anything to get it back in some cases.

"I believe there is a lack of resources in Bowling Green, but then again I don't think you can ever have enough resources. On top of physical safety, these

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Univ. takes step to end sweatshop labor

The University has decided to join the Worker's Rights Consortium in an effort to rid the campus of products made in sweatshops.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," J.D. Campbell, assistant athletic director for Athletic Communications, said.

By joining the WRC the University will count on them to make sure no BGSU apparel is made in sweatshops. Campbell, who deals with University apparel licensing through the athletic department, hopes the paperwork will be finalized by July 1.

It will cost the University about \$1,500 a year to remain in the WRC. Students have been pressuring the University since February to join the WRC for humanitarian reasons.

"Hopefully this will help put us in the position," Campbell said. "This way, we can sell products that our students can be proud of."

women need emotional and financial support, transportation and [often] child care," Eling said. "Usually when women leave an abusive relationship, they're thrust into poverty."

On top of that, often the abuser threatens to hurt the victim's child, parents, brothers or sisters if she leaves the relationship. So according to Krueger, to stay is not a sign of weakness on the part of the victim, but often a sign of strength.

"To stay is courageous," she said. "It may seem wimpy, but that's not the case — often she's staying to protect other people."

It can also be difficult to leave a violent relationship for many reasons other than the physical abuse, according to Melissa

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Grads not finding jobs fitting their interests

JOBS, FROM PAGE 1

ater, is set on going after a career that fits with her major.

"I'm working with my father's company for the summer and moving to Columbus after that," she said. "Then I'm going to move to Chicago and New York City, since that's where all the jobs are."

Even though many of this year's graduating seniors don't have many job offers yet, the majority believe it will take them three months or less to find a full time job after graduation, according to Experience, Inc.

But according to the director of the BGSU career center, JoAnn Kroll, the time right before and after graduation is not the time to do a job search.

"Students should be making contacts and posting their resumes on Monster and our career center as soon as their freshman year!" Kroll said. "It's never too early to start the hunt."

Along with making contacts early, Kroll also says that every job offer you receive, you should consider.

"Everything you find you should consider. Even if you

don't know anything about the job or the company, it should be looked into. Keep all your opportunities open!"

Kroll also believes that the reason for the low job turnout this year is because of other factors besides students' top areas of interest not being with the companies hiring.

"A lot of it probably depends on what students are willing to do for a job," she said. "It depends on what people value, like significant others, their family and whether or not students want to move away from home. All of these factors

have an impact on a job search."


But although there is not a lot of time left to conduct a search, Kroll says not to worry.

"Students shouldn't panic. Don't take any more chances. Just start your job search now!" Kroll said. "Make a plan, come in and follow through with what you want to do with your life."

Besides all her good advice, Kroll also notes that the career center is always open to any students.

"Come on in any time," she said. "And don't just think we're open during the school year. We're open all summer long too."

IN CASE YOU FORGOT!



All students currently enrolled for Spring 2006 should be registered for their classes for the Fall. Don't leave campus without registering for Fall 2006 through MyBGSU.

If you have trouble registering for a full schedule, consider alternative courses, use wait lists, and talk with your academic advisor as soon as possible.

If you are a First Year Student, and you haven't scheduled an appointment with your academic advisor about Fall semester classes, do it today!

Before signing on to MyBGSU to register, visit the Schedule of Classes for the most up-to-date information regarding Fall 2006 classes at:
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CAMPUS

Forget finals, get hypnotized

Students can take break from finals for a hypnotic experience

By Chelci Howard
REPORTER

Whether it be making up 25-letter long acronyms for economics principles, making note card piles that oddly resemble "The Iliad" or setting mathematical equations to the funky beats of Kenny G, students have exhausted all methods of trying to cram last minute information in the file cabinets of their brains for exams.

However, there might be a different way to approach exam studying without the loss or damage of hair, nails or other body parts.

Kevin Lepine, a certified hypnotherapist and a Detroit/New Orleans native, will be at Grumpy Dave's tonight making students and their friends rap like Elvis and bow before the holy cow gods,

ending the school year on a hilarious upswing.

Steve Sabo, owner of Inside Joke Productions, is responsible for bringing Lepine to the University.

"It's a good week to bring a hypnotist to town. It will help get students to get in a relaxed state of mind and will help you do better on exams," he said.

However, even though Lepine is known for giving friends of participants ultimate "Remember that one time" rights, his hidden agenda is to relax and entertain the audience.

"You will have the time of your life watching it, but you will have more fun participating than watching," Lepine said.

"If you participate, you are my new best friend. This is an experience like you have never experienced before. It's more fun to be in the

moment than to laugh at it."

Whether you are part of the audience or a volunteer, Lepine states that this will be a memory that you won't be able to forget.

Especially since Lepine claims that even though he has been doing this show for the past seven years, it gets better every night.

"This is a nationally award winning show," Lepine said. "You will be rolling on the floor laughing while experiencing things that will change your life."

Sabo encourages everyone to get a dose of something that is rare in our community.

"This is something that we don't get a lot of here in Bowling Green and this is good, clean fun. A Hypnotist can never make you do anything that you don't want to do, except give your friends a chance

to laugh at you for a bit," Sabo said. "But in the end, you'll be the one laughing because hypnotism will increase your focus and will help you on exams. It's like Viagra for the mind."

The show begins at 9:30 p.m., but due to seating restrictions Sabo encourages students to show up around 8:30 to ensure their dose of mind Viagra.

As space is available, students will be admitted into Grumpy Dave's, which is located above Easy Street Café, for \$3. Those without an ID will be charged \$5.

Sabo encourages students to take a two-hour study break for this opportunity.

"There's no better way to end the school year than coming out on a Tuesday night with your friends and experiencing this unique fun event that will involve you and your friends directly and will make an impact on your lives," Sabo said.



KEVIN LEPINE
HYPNOTIST

CASH BACK



Jenni Boebel BG News
SPENDING MONEY: Ellen Wakeley, freshman, gets a little cash for her old textbooks at the textbook buyback in the Union.

Asians beat out whites for freshmen spots at UC

UC has "an Asian feeling" for first time as competition rises

By Lisa M. Krieger and Lisa Fernandez
KRT

Californians of Asian descent won more spots in this fall's freshman class at the University of California than any other ethnic group, edging out white students for the first time.

The milestone follows a steady climb among Asians in the state's leading public university system.

Asians account for 36 percent of California residents admitted to study at UC schools, though they make up only 14 percent of seniors projected to graduate from the state's public high schools.

By comparison, white students comprised 35.6 percent of those accepted; Latinos, 17.6 percent; African-Americans, 3.4 percent; and American Indians, 0.6 percent.

The increase in students of Asian descent shows up on campus in what some students

proudly call "an Asian feeling" — but some say it also can translate into tension among students competing for desired spots in UC's highly regarded schools, not to mention grades in classes. And it reflects a mix of factors, including strong performance in high school and the university system's outreach to poorer students, including many new immigrants from Asia.

College counselors say Asian parents tend to focus on UC because it's affordable, prestigious and offers high value for

the cost. Asian students also applied to UC schools at higher rates than other students and are more likely to enroll if admitted, officials said.

"Culturally, there is a huge emphasis on education in the Asian community. The kids work very hard, academically," said Purvi Mody, co-owner of Insight Education college counseling in Cupertino. "And the UCs offer brand-name recognition."

"Generally speaking, kids from other ethnic cultures tend to be more willing to move away

from home and be open-minded about schools that may be very far away," she added.

Asian students are also more likely than those from other ethnic groups, including whites, to have a parent with a college education, said economist Deborah Reed of the Public Policy Institute of California.

"It correlates with books and computers in the home — and a certain expectation about going to college, as well as how to prepare and apply to college," Reed said.

Students say they feel the growing Asian presence. "If you look around the room and count the people, a lot are Asian," said Insiyah Nomanbhoy, 19, of Cupertino, who is a freshman at UCLA.

Nomanbhoy, whose father is from Pakistan and mother is from Sri Lanka, graduated from Castilleja High School, a private all-girls school in Palo Alto. She applied to five UC schools as well as some private ones, including Stanford University, which she didn't get into.

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Professors deserve better salary

When it comes to paycheck Friday, the University is in many cases failing to deliver to its staff.

An article in today's BG News explains the low salaries many faculty at the University are receiving.

This gives the University a disadvantage in hiring new educators. If we can't offer an attractive salary to faculty and staff, we'll lose them to other universities who are offering more money and better benefits.

The bottom line is the

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the professors should be getting more money? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

University's ability to attract quality professors affects its ability to attract students and maintain a high profile in Ohio, and throughout the country.

That's not to say there aren't plenty of qualified teachers willing to come and work for the BGSU, but if the University is serious about gaining an edge over other institutions, the administration will have to pay for the talent.

Universities can't exist without professors and instructors. A combination of professors and administrators usually carry the University's reputation. Professors are an invaluable resource to students, and

their involvement outside the classroom also has an effect on the University; for example they might advise a student organization.

Well-known professors also boost the reputation of certain majors which in turn boost the attractiveness of the school.

One of the problems that drags down the University's reputation is the number of instructors we employ versus the number of full professors.

Bowling Green employs 207

instructors, a whopping 131 more than the next closest Ohio university.

Since instructors get paid less than professors, the number of instructors is bringing down the average.

Not to mention the large number of instructors means fewer classes are being taught by professors who have completed their doctorate training.

Is this bad news for students? Can we claim the same level of education is being provided if

one class is being taught by a professor and the other by an instructor?

At the end of the day, our instructors here at BGSU work very hard and arguably teach students from a wealth of career experience and professional training.

But students come to universities to get a higher level of education. We should be able to offer them not only the best educators possible, or BGSU will fall behind the pack in Ohio.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students: show you care and go vote today

With the rising cost of higher education, as well as many other issues, we as students need to make sure that our elected officials know that we are serious about these issues.

This is why, we need to take time today, to get out and vote. So many times, when we go down to lobby in Columbus, we hear from our legislators that students don't care, so students don't vote.

Now is our chance to show just how much we care, and get out and make a difference. No matter what party you support, let's show them that as citizens of this country, we want and will exercise our right to vote.

I encourage students to research the candidates running and find out where they stand on different issues. You can vote in the Multipurpose Room in the Bowen Thompson Student Union if you live on campus and even if you are not registered to vote in Bowling Green, as long as you are registered to vote in Ohio, you can vote today. Polls

close at 7:30 p.m.
Its time to make a difference!
Lets start to Dream BIG

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9/11 isn't the worst tragedy we've ever seen

I'm not going to respond to Alan Calcaterra's review of "United 93" movie because I haven't seen it, however I am going to respond to his politics surrounding the review. First and foremost, I am so sick of people telling me that I forgot about 9/11. The events that occurred on September 11 were big for America but in the context of the world, this "disaster" hardly ranks.

For instance, when America dropped the only atomic bomb to ever be used on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945 roughly 80,000 Japanese were killed — compared to the 2,986 lives lost on September 11.

Since September 11, America has dropped in all international polls relating to personal and economic freedoms. The Wall

Street Journal has dropped us to 12th out of 155 countries for Economic Freedom. The Economist's world wide quality of life index listed America at 13th out of 111 countries in 2005.

You laughingly quote Rush Limbaugh as he espouses his hatred for the terrorists that did this. I'll pause to mention that we've lost nearly 2,400 lives in Iraq which is drawing dangerously close to the number we lost on September 11 in the first place and there's no clear end in sight.

So the question still remains, why are we in Iraq? Additionally, another movie was released in 2005 documenting the entire tragedy of 2001 that questions the American Government's involvement in the attacks. This film titled "Loose Change" is certainly worth checking out.

What happened to America on September 11 was certainly historic for America but if we're going to cling to its memory we should do so in order to think more critically about what happened in those historic hours and what has happened in this country since.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWSROOM

What do you want people to know about The BG News?



JESS WAGNER
SENIOR, PULSE EDITOR
"We play naked hide 'n go seek in West Hall on the weekends."



ERIN BZYMEK
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Universal study guide offers help

MARC KOZAK

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We are all going through the sadistic ritual of exams. We must complete final projects, study for dozens of minutes, and complain loudly about having too much to do if someone asks us to do any kind of additional small task.

To help everyone save time, I've compiled a universal study guide containing anything that's important from every subject. Clip this article out of the paper and re-read it several times for maximum effect. Also, be sure to read this in a comfortable environment, take several small breaks, make an outline, chew gum, get plenty of rest, exercise, and utilize all of those other studying tips you've heard about that never work.

According to the common sense busting multiplicative identity formula, $a^1 = a$. The two circle formulas are area (πr^2) and circumference ($2\pi r$). You probably know this already, but given a complex number $z = a + bi$, $\sin(z) = \sin(a)\cosh(b) + \cos(a)\sinh(b)$. Presumably $2+2$ will always equal 4, unless you are living inside of George Orwell's 1984, which in case it equals 5.

DNA is transcribed into RNA, which is transported by mRNA. The atomic number is the number of protons an atom has, while the atomic mass (also referred to as the atomic weight) is the number of protons and neutrons in an atom.

For some reason, Na is the Periodic abbreviation for sodium, even though those letters aren't included in the word. Gray's Anatomy is a book including detailed, vibrant anatomical engravings published in 1918, while Grey's Anatomy is a television show on ABC which, despite winning awards, inaccurately presents medical situations and greatly exaggerates the degree to which doctors and medical professionals fraternize with one another.

Memorize your linking verbs: do, does, did, have, has, had, they might, was, can, could, will, would, shall, should, and being. Hell, if you want, make a cool acronym out of it: DDDHHHTMWCWSSSB! Then make a cuh-raazy sentence out of it! Doug's dumb dog hates heckling horrible tiny men with cool cars while whistling

Springstein songs backwards! The goal of a good lesson plan is to communicate to yourself so you can properly communicate your intended lesson to your students. You can practice this by watching seven million videos about lesson plans, working on lesson plans, carrying around lesson plans, breathing lesson plans, dreaming about lesson plans, and melting down your lesson plans and drinking them!

On to marketing! The Galvanometer Test measures how much zinc has been applied to steel or iron. Psychographics is either the name of a copy shop or the term for pictures that are insane. A gross audience is the combined attendance of a Gwar concert.

For you music, theatre and arts people, a ledger line is the point in your career when you decide to star in Brokeback Mountain. The treble clef is a higher pitch, the bass clef is a lower pitch, and the Wyclef is a pitch found only in songs by the Fugees. Upstage is toward the audience, downstage is the opposite, and leftstage is a stage that favors interventionist government, collectivism, innovation, and change. Rightstage is where the hippies stand. Cocking is wrinkling or puckering in paper supports, caused by applying washes onto a flimsy or improperly stretched surface. Plus, it's a funny word.

Donde es el baño? Où est la salle de bains? Wo ist das Badezimmer? Dove è la stanza da bagno? Where is the bathroom?!

Attention future lawyers: The leading New York case concerning the legal impossibility of an attempt charges is People v Campbell, 72 N.Y.2d 602. The statute at issue in that case had two components. The accused must have 1) intended to interfere

Critical computer science equation: $C-C++ + \text{Javascript} - D+ML/C\# =$ a job making more money than I ever will.

Finally, for all aspiring philosophers: If I'm holding a cup of water and I ask you, "is the cup empty?" you will say, "No, it's full of water." But if I pour out the water and I ask you again, you may say, "yes, it's empty." But, empty of what? My cup is empty of water, but it's not empty of air. To be empty is to be empty of something...sorry, I blacked out for a second. What just happened?

So there you have it. Study this article religiously and you're assured of at least getting points for creativity.



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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Professors deserve better salary

When it comes to paycheck Friday, the University is in many cases failing to deliver to its staff.

An article in today's BG News explains the low salaries many faculty at the University are receiving.

This gives the University a disadvantage in hiring new educators. If we can't offer an attractive salary to faculty and staff, we'll lose them to other universities who are offering more money and better benefits.

The bottom line is the

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the professors should be getting more money? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

University's ability to attract quality professors affects its ability to attract students and maintain a high profile in Ohio, and throughout the country.

That's not to say there aren't plenty of qualified teachers willing to come and work for the BGSU, but if the University is serious about gaining an edge over other institutions, the administration will have to pay for the talent.

Universities can't exist without professors and instructors. A combination of professors and administrators usually carry the University's reputation. Professors are an invaluable resource to students, and

their involvement outside the classroom also has an effect on the University; for example they might advise a student organization.

Well-known professors also boost the reputation of certain majors which in turn boost the attractiveness of the school.

One of the problems that drags down the University's reputation is the number of instructors we employ versus the number of full professors.

Bowling Green employs 207

instructors, a whopping 131 more than the next closest Ohio university.

Since instructors get paid less than professors, the number of instructors is bringing down the average.

Not to mention the large number of instructors means fewer classes are being taught by professors who have completed their doctorate training.

Is this bad news for students? Can we claim the same level of education is being provided if

one class is being taught by a professor and the other by an instructor?

At the end of the day, our instructors here at BGSU work very hard and arguably teach students from a wealth of career experience and professional training.

But students come to universities to get a higher level of education. We should be able to offer them not only the best educators possible, or BGSU will fall behind the pack in Ohio.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students: show you care and go vote today

With the rising cost of higher education, as well as many other issues, we as students need to make sure that our elected officials know that we are serious about these issues.

This is why, we need to take time today, to get out and vote. So many times, when we go down to lobby in Columbus, we hear from our legislators that students don't care, so students don't vote.

Now is our chance to show just how much we care, and get out and make a difference. No matter what party you support, let's show them that as citizens of this country, we want and will exercise our right to vote.

I encourage students to research the candidates running and find out where they stand on different issues. You can vote in the Multipurpose Room in the Bowen Thompson Student Union if you live on campus and even if you are not registered to vote in Bowling Green, as long as you are registered to vote in Ohio, you can vote today. Polls

close at 7:30 p.m.
Its time to make a difference!
Lets start to Dream BIG

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9/11 isn't the worst tragedy we've ever seen

I'm not going to respond to Alan Calcaterra's review of "United 93" movie because I haven't seen it, however I am going to respond to his politics surrounding the review. First and foremost, I am so sick of people telling me that I forgot about 9/11. The events that occurred on September 11 were big for America but in the context of the world, this "disaster" hardly ranks.

For instance, when America dropped the only atomic bomb to ever be used on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945 roughly 80,000 Japanese were killed — compared to the 2,986 lives lost on September 11.

Since September 11, America has dropped in all international polls relating to personal and economic freedoms. The Wall

Street Journal has dropped us to 12th out of 155 countries for Economic Freedom. The Economists world wide quality of life index listed America at 13th out of 111 countries in 2005.

You laughingly quote Rush Limbaugh as he espouses his hatred for the terrorists that did this. I'll pause to mention that we've lost nearly 2,400 lives in Iraq which is drawing dangerously close to the number we lost on September 11 in the first place and there's no clear end in sight.

So the question still remains, why are we in Iraq? Additionally, another movie was released in 2005 documenting the entire tragedy of 2001 that questions the American Government's involvement in the attacks. This film titled "Loose Change" is certainly worth checking out.

What happened to America on September 11 was certainly historic for America but if we're going to cling to its memory we should do so in order to think more critically about what happened in those historic hours and what has happened in this country since.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWSROOM

What do you want people to know about The BG News?



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"Great hair is respected and rewarded when payday comes."

Universal study guide offers help

MARC KOZAK

U-Wire Columnist
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We are all going through the sadistic ritual of exams. We must complete final projects, study for dozens of minutes, and complain loudly about having too much to do if someone asks us to do any kind of additional small task.

To help everyone save time, I've compiled a universal study guide containing anything that's important from every subject. Clip this article out of the paper and re-read it several times for maximum effect. Also, be sure to read this in a comfortable environment, take several small breaks, make an outline, chew gum, get plenty of rest, exercise, and utilize all of those other studying tips you've heard about that never work.

According to the common sense busting multiplicative identity formula, $a \cdot 1 = a$. The two circle formulas are area (πr^2) and circumference ($2\pi r$). You probably know this already, but given a complex number $z = a + bi$, $\sin(z) = \sin(a)\cosh(b) + \cos(a)\sinh(b)$ i. Presumably $2+2$ will always equal 4, unless you are living inside of George Orwell's 1984, which in case it equals 5.

DNA is transcribed into RNA, which is transported by mRNA. The atomic number is the number of protons an atom has, while the atomic mass (also referred to as the atomic weight) is the number of protons and neutrons in an atom.

For some reason, Na is the Periodic abbreviation for sodium, even though those letters aren't included in the word. Gray's Anatomy is a book including detailed, vibrant anatomical engravings published in 1918, while Grey's Anatomy is a television show on ABC which, despite winning awards, inaccurately presents medical situations and greatly exaggerates the degree to which doctors and medical professionals fraternize with one another.

Memorize your linking verbs: do, does, did, have, has, had, they might, was, can, could, will, would, shall, should, and being. Hell, if you want, make a cool acronym out of it: DDDHHHTMWCWSSB! Then make a cuh-raaazy sentence out of it! Doug's dumb dog hates heckling horrible tiny men with cool cars while whistling

Springstein songs backwards!

The goal of a good lesson plan is to communicate to yourself so you can properly communicate your intended lesson to your students. You can practice this by watching seven million videos about lesson plans, working on lesson plans, carrying around lesson plans, breathing lesson plans, dreaming about lesson plans, and melting down your lesson plans and drinking them.

On to marketing! The Galvanometer Test measures how much zinc has been applied to steel or iron. Psychographics is either the name of a copy shop or the term for pictures that are insane. A gross audience is the combined attendance of a Gwar concert.

For you music, theatre and arts people, a ledger line is the point in your career when you decide to star in Brokeback Mountain. The treble clef is a higher pitch, the bass clef is a lower pitch, and the Wyclef is a pitch found only in songs by the Fugees. Upstage is toward the audience, downstage is the opposite, and leftstage is a stage that favors interventionist government, collectivism, innovation, and change. Rightstage is where the hippies stand. Cockling is wrinkling or puckering in paper supports, caused by applying washes onto a flimsy or improperly stretched surface. Plus, it's a funny word.

Donde es el baño? Ou est la salle de bains? Wo ist das Badezimmer? Dove è la stanza da bagno? Where is the bathroom?!

Attention future lawyers: The leading New York case concerning the legal impossibility of an attempt charges is People v Campbell, 72 N.Y.2d 602. The statute at issue in that case had two components. The accused must have 1) intended to interfere

Critical computer science equation: $C-C++\text{Javascript-D+ML/C\#}$ = a job making more money than I ever will.

Finally, for all aspiring philosophers: If I'm holding a cup of water and I ask you, "is the cup empty?" you will say, "No, it's full of water." But if I pour out the water and I ask you again, you may say, "yes, it's empty." But, empty of what? My cup is empty of water, but it's not empty of air. To be empty is to be empty of something...sorry, I blacked out for a second. What just happened?

So there you have it. Study this article religiously and you're assured of at least getting points for creativity.



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Books out, study space in

LIBRARY, FROM PAGE 1

department.
"We've got to be in your face. Libraries can't be an invisible resource," Steele said. "We've got to be right there making sure that you understand what we can do for you."

Redefine, redesign

The role of a library is changing as the digital age offers free content on the Web. Experts say libraries are becoming cooperative learning spaces — places for students to gather for group work and access to new technology.

While a library is commonly thought of as a house for books, some colleges are moving books out to make room for new types of study areas, like multi-media labs and cyber cafes.

At Stanford University in California, head architect David Lenox is leading a movement to get old books out and new faces into their campus libraries.

"Some books aren't accessed for years and years, because square footage does cost a premium, at least at Stanford, it's better to use it for the people than it is to use it for the books that aren't accessed that often," Lenox said.

It was a much needed change, Lenox said. With more information available via the Web, learning became solitary.

"So on one hand the library has actually become more helpful because of electronics, but what they're finding is [the Web] took away the human side of learning together," Lenox said.

The graduate business school at Stanford recently finished a project to encourage face-to-face study areas. With old books out and extra periodicals stored as digital files, there was more room for team study space.

The library at Indiana University has a similar set-up. With a coffee bar, cafeteria, and lots of group study space in the facility, the library has become a booming, busy place, Steele said.

"Most of our students live off campus. They come in for the day, they set up camp, and they tend to set up camp in the library," Steele said. "So this is really the place to be on campus, and we have thousands of people coming in every day."

Bowling Green State University has recognized these trends, and is moving toward the group-study style. Within the last five years, the 7th floor was converted to a group-study space. A more recent project was finished over spring break, when the reserve room became another study area.

While outgoing library Dean Lorraine Haricombe acknowledged that the library is making "small steps" toward a redesign, a complete renovation with all necessary structural repairs would require a large sum of money.

But that's the money the library doesn't have. The Board of Trustees hasn't cleared funding for library renovations or put it on the Capital Planning priority list. With a still incomplete feasibility study to reevaluate the previously estimated \$15 million in renovations, the future of the building

remains unclear.

Moving ahead

Despite the Google scare, libraries have adapted to work with the new technology. Called the "Google Project," libraries are collaborating with the search engine to digitize rare books.

But some library experts are still skeptical. Steele sees Google's future as cloudy, not libraries'.

"People trust us to collect materials and preserve them for the future," Steele said. "Well now, it's a Web page, it's a digital object. And are the commercial vendors going to be here in 50 or 100 years? Is Google going to be here and taking care of the content that they're creating?"

To Steele, libraries will always have a clear role.

"People trust libraries to be kind of a neutral ground, on a campus or in a community. A place where there can be free exchange of ideas on all sides of a topic are available to users. And I don't think that ends or changes in this kind of environment," she said.

And that's why experts seem to agree that libraries will still exist in the future.

"From the people I talk to, [libraries] actually becoming more important, but just taking on a little different twist. Some people say they're going to go away, but really at the end of the day, I think libraries were there because they're resources," Lenox said. "People can be a resource as much as a book can be a resource."

Victims not to blame for violence

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Porter, a VTAL advocate for the Violence Intervention to Advocate Life Choices program in BG.

"There's physical abuse, but it's also emotional, verbal, financial and sexual abuse," she said. "It takes a woman [on average] five to seven times to leave an abusive relationship for good."

But with the Cocoon shelter in town, women here have a safe place to turn.

According to Krueger, "When the shelter opened, we had our first client by the end of the day."

Lack of support

Even though the shelter helps many women in the community, it's still hard to receive enough funding for programs helping women who have been victims of violence.

"Funding is still only fairly available. The money goes to urban areas first so it takes a while to get to small communities," she said. "The meager funding is still constantly under threat [by politicians and legislators]."

In fact, the only victim advocate that was available on BGSU's campus lost funding last year and is no longer available to the 21,000 students.

"There's just not enough money for a lot of social problems today," Elling said. "It trickles down from federal to state to local."

However, a few victim advocates have begun volunteering to work overtime in the psychology building to offer victims on campus a place to turn.

But violence against women isn't just a problem here. It's a problem all over the world, and by and large there just aren't enough resources to deal with it.

"I feel for these women because there's nowhere to go," Elling said.

According to Amnesty International, an international, non-governmental organization that promotes human rights, domestic violence ranked higher than traffic accidents, war and malaria as a cause of death and disability among all women between the ages of 15 and 44.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- No. 1 reason women go to emergency rooms in America
- No. 1 cause of injury to women in the U. S.
- After leaving a violent relationship, a woman is 75 percent more likely to be killed.
- The first women's shelter in Bowling Green opened in 2005.

And in this country, the American Medical Association ranks domestic violence as the No. 1 cause of injury to women, and the No. 1 reason women go to emergency rooms.

"It's clearly a health issue, but it's not just a health issue; it's also a human rights issue and a social issue," Krueger said. "Violence is a choice and people who are violent could have made other choices."

Vicious cycle

Many people don't like to talk about violence as a choice and the abuser's role because it seems like the victim should have just left the situation. But according to Krueger, that's just blaming the victim and it happens fairly often.

"There are a lot of reasons for victim blaming," she said. "The tendency is to blame the victim because blaming the abuser would mean acknowledging our own vulnerability."

If it's the victim's fault, it's easier to write off than if it's the fault of the abuser.

"When you hold the perpetrator accountable you have to look at your own vulnerability, and that's scary because if a woman got beat up just because her [partner] wanted to beat her up, then it becomes possible for any woman to get beat up by her [partner]," Krueger said.

Often when people hear that a woman's been beaten for years by her [partner] the first question that comes to mind is, "Why did she stay and let him do that?", instead of, "Why did he do that?". "Outside the situation, it becomes very easy to say 'I'd never let that happen to me,' but you just never know," said Julie

Haught, lecturer in women's studies and English at BGSU. "We need to recognize domestic violence as a cultural epidemic."

According to Porter, domestic violence is so common there is a model for it: the cycle of violence.

First, there's the act of violence, followed by excuses for the action. After that is the honeymoon stage, where the abuser apologizes and promises it will never happen again. Then, the two get back in the routine of the relationship, and it doesn't take long for tension to build again, ending in more violence.

Ironically, this cycle of violence often continues out of the victim's genuine love for their partner.

"Women are socialized as caregivers, and it makes them want to salvage the relationship," Haught said. "There's also a complexity of emotions. You can be in love with someone who hurts you."

But according to Elling, the more people who are aware of the problems with domestic violence, the more options there will be to help put an end to it.

Progress in BG

Bowling Green has come a long way in the last few years.

"We have more awareness," she said. "Bowling Green has done a lot to get the [Cocoon] shelter up and running."

Krueger said the Bowling Green Police have also been instrumental in helping the shelter remain a safe place.

"The cops were frustrated by the lack of resources for victims before," she said. "The police are really interested in the success of the shelter."

For now, their goal is to encourage meaningful dialogue in order to keep the issue of domestic violence in the forefront of discussion, and to help promote social awareness.

"I think the taboo [of domestic violence as a private matter] is lessening, but there's a long way to go before victim-blaming stops, and a long way to go until there are truly meaningful consequences for the perpetrators," Krueger said.

Immigration issues affect local areas

By Lincoln Stanley
REPORTER

A pivotal issue facing the United States Congress also has far-reaching consequences for the Bowling Green area.

For a significant part of the last few months, the debate about what to do with the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in America has divided the gov-

ernment and the people of this country.

According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Web site, The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 attempted to deal with this problem before. It allowed those who could prove their entry into the U.S. to apply for citizenship. At the time, the act set over 3 million immigrants on

the road to citizenship.

Other acts have had the opposite goal: They sought to limit the amount of immigrants allowed into the country. Some notable ones include the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which set out to curb Chinese immigration, and the Immigration Act of 1924,


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BUSH: IRAQI GOVERNMENT STILL DETERMINED

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years after declaring major military operations over in Iraq, President Bush said yesterday that a report from his two top foreign policy officials on their visit to Baghdad shows that Iraq's leadership is "more determined than ever to succeed ... They need to know that we stand with them."

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NATION

D.C. sniper trial begins with jury selection

After conviction in Virginia, shooter tried in Maryland

By Stephen Manning
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Convicted Washington-area sniper John Allen Muhammad presented a last-minute handwritten list of prospective witnesses yesterday as his trial got under way with jury prospects answering written questions.

Circuit Court Judge James Ryan agreed to consider witnesses on Muhammad's list who live in Maryland.

Muhammad, 45, who is acting as his own lawyer, is facing six murder charges for sniper killings in Maryland during the 2002 shooting spree. He is already on death row in Virginia, after being convicted of one sniper shooting in Manassas, Va.

Maryland prosecutors say justice demands a trial in the county that suffered the most: Six of the 10 sniper slayings were in Montgomery County, and the three-week spree

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DEMANDING REFORM



Steven Senne AP Photo

PROTESTS CONTINUE: Caroline De Jesus of Boston, front left, waves the flag of the Dominican Republic during a demonstration at Harvard University yesterday. Protestors in the rally demanded immigration reform as part of a nationwide day of demonstrations.

State official makes a deal to avoid prosecution

By Matt Apuzzo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A state official who helped send former Gov. John G. Rowland to prison in a corruption case told a federal grand jury that she received many of the same expensive hotel get-aways, lavish dinners and limou-

sine rides that were used to bribe the governor's office.

Yet Kristine Ragaglia made a deal for her testimony that spared her from prosecution, allowing her to keep the \$104,000-a-year state job she now has investigating government fraud. She still faces a civil case brought by Attorney General

Richard Blumenthal, and he said yesterday he was determined to go after "Ragaglia and others who have betrayed the public trust."

Through sealed grand jury transcripts, FBI reports and personal diaries examined by The Associated Press, Ragaglia detailed how she took the luxuries while

head of the state Department of Children and Families and helped steer a \$57 million detention center contract to a developer who had provided gifts to Rowland.

Ragaglia, who ran the child protection agency from 1997-2003,

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More jail time given to terrorist professor

Judge lengthens sentence of terror group supporter

By Mitch Stacy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — A judge sentenced former professor Sami Al-Arian yesterday to another year and a half in prison before he will be deported in his terrorism conspiracy case, calling him "an active leader" in a Palestinian terror group.

Al-Arian, 48, was sentenced to four years and nine months, but he will get credit for the three years and three months he already has served.

Attorney Linda Moreno asked the judge to release her client now, but the judge refused and called Al-Arian "a master manipulator."

Al-Arian signed a plea agreement April 14 in which he admitted providing support to members of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a State Department-designated terrorist group responsible for hundreds of deaths in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

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NATIONWIDE PROTEST



HITTING THE STREETS: Demonstrators gather in the Chinatown neighborhood of New York yesterday. Small businesses were closed in some parts of the city as New Yorkers took part in a national day of economic protest by illegal immigrants and their allies.

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Sniper to serve as his own lawyer

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began and ended there. After the brief pretrial hearing yesterday, prosecutors and Muhammad began picking from a pool of 300 potential jurors from Montgomery County. The final panel will consist of 12 jurors and four alternates. The jury pool began answering a long list of written questions, including some about how much they know about the sniper shootings that terrorized the region for three weeks. Muhammad and accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo were linked to 10 slayings and three woundings during the string of attacks in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. They also have been tied to deaths in several other states. Some have questioned if trying

Muhammad again is worth the money it will cost. Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler said new convictions are needed in case the Virginia verdicts are overturned. Muhammad belatedly asked for a change of venue Friday, saying he could not get a fair trial in the county, but Ryan denied his request. Muhammad fired his court-appointed lawyers a month ago, and though he has three standby attorneys to aid him, it will be up to him to pick which jurors he wants. His proposed list of questions for potential jurors had included some unusual requests, such as their opinion of school uniforms. Ryan denied those requests, but Muhammad, a convert to Islam, is being allowed to ask jurors whether they are Muslim.

Jihad supporter took plea after 9/11 trial

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The former University of South Florida professor took the plea deal even though a jury failed to convict him on any of the 17 charges against him after a six-

month trial last year. His family said he took the deal to get out of jail and end their suffering. Al-Arian once was considered one of the most important terrorist figures brought to trial in the United States since the Sept. 11,

2001, terrorism attacks. His indictment in 2003 was hailed by then — Attorney General John Ashcroft as one of the first triumphs of the Patriot Act, enacted in the weeks after Sept. 11. As part of the plea agreement,

he admitted being associated with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad since the late 1980s and providing "services" for the group, which included filing for immigration benefits for key members, hiding the identities of those men and lying about his involvement.

Al-Arian's attorneys argued during his trial that although he and his co-defendants were vocal advocates for the Palestinian cause, the government had no proof they planned or knew about specific acts of violence. They said the money the defendants raised was for legitimate charities.

Gifts given to official

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testified that she sometimes wrote letters or placed phone calls to push the project along. Other times, she said, she just looked the other way. All the while, the documents indicate, she carried on an affair with her supervisor in rooms given free at New York's Waldorf-

Astoria and Boston's Ritz-Carlton hotels. And though she said she never drank on the job, she acknowledged battling an alcohol problem so bad it has caused lingering memory problems. Asked to comment Sunday night, Ragaglia declined to say why she didn't come forward when she suspected the deal was being fixed. But she noted that her cooperation helped send corrupt officials to prison. "I did my part to make it right," she told the AP. Federal authorities agreed not to use Ragaglia's 2004 grand jury testimony about the Rowland administration against her. Ragaglia, a 44-year-old former assistant attorney general, left the child protection agency in 2003 amid the FBI's burgeoning investigation. She was hired later that year — about six months before Rowland's resignation — by the state's Department of Social Services as head of the fraud unit.

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SOFTBALL

Rango great once more

By Colin Wilson
REPORTER

For Gina Rango, it would take a great weekend to sum up her career at BGSU.

But she managed to find a way by hitting a walk-off home run in the eighth inning Sunday to give the Falcons a 6-5 win and a weekend sweep of Toledo.

"There wouldn't have been a better wish for me to go out better than a walk-off home run on senior day with everyone's family watching," Rango said.

But in actuality, it was better. Rango, who was yesterday named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week, also had a walk-off single in the seventh inning of Saturday's 3-2 win over the Rockets.

"Regardless of the day, I am always happy to have Gina at the plate in a critical situation," said Falcon Coach Leigh Ross. "I am confident that Gina will make something happen offensively, but [Sunday] the chances were even greater."

The home run was Rango's second of the day and her fourth hit. She started the day with a two-out homer in the first inning. UT's Erica Singer answered with a solo shot of her own in the top half of the second to tie the game at one.

Toledo started off the third with an infield hit by Leslie Stong. Brie Ford and Gina Muratori followed with back-to-back doubles, driving in Stong. Singer then flew out, scoring Ford. A throwing error on the same play resulted in Muratori crossing the plate, making the score 4-1.

Three singles and a sacrifice fly brought in another run in the sixth inning, and the Rockets had a 5-1 lead when the Falcons came to the plate.

UT's lead would not last much longer.



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SLAP SINGLE: Megan McPherson bats a ball in the dirt during BGSU's stunning 6-5 win in eight innings over Toledo on Sunday. Gina Rango summed up a great career with two-walk off hits, one being a homer.

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TRACK



BG News file photo

MAKING STRIDES: Bridget Dalic set a personal record time of 37:56.34 in the 10,000 meters, finishing in ninth place.

Roflow adds to impressive year

Sophomore breaks record and qualifies for regional meet

By Adam Miezin
REPORTER

The BGSU track and field team continued its success this past weekend with several good showings in Hillsdale, Mich. at the 40th annual Gina Relays. The team continues to drive toward the Mid-American Conference Championships and NCAA Regionals.

Jamie Roflow qualified for Regionals in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:27.36. That time gave her a first place finish in the event and broke the school record by 10 seconds. She had also previ-

ously qualified for Regionals in the 5,000-meter run. Also, Kim Settle ran an impressive 11:13.45, leaving her fourth all time on the school's list in the event.

"Jamie ran a great race on Friday and brought her time down by 30 seconds from her previous best last year," said Falcon Assistant Coach Cami Wells. "She is now seeded second in the conference in that event and has established herself as a strong contender at the regional level. She is running great right now and really looked impressive."

Wells believes the reason Roflow has improved so much is because she has been more aggressive and she also has been running in shorter races to improve her speed.

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MEN'S GOLF

Ziglar plays with zest, finishes third

Falcons take third in final tournament before league meet

By Heather Riedel
REPORTER

Heath Ziglar led the BGSU men's golf team to a fifth place finish at the FirstEnergy Intercollegiate tournament in Akron this past weekend, the final tune-up for this weekend's Mid-American Conference tournament.

Ziglar tied for third place with a total score of 213 [71-70-71]. The team finished with a total of 883.

"This was a great weekend for Heath," said Falcon coach Garry Winger. "He really needed this weekend and now I know he's really excited for the MAC Championships. Hopefully he will bring the same mentality and the same game that he brought to Firestone [Akron]."

The 286 the Falcons shot in the second round of the tournament was their lowest round score of the season.

"I was very pleased with everyone and how we played as a team," Winger said.

Teammate Trevor Spathelf also stepped up this weekend and hit a 69 in the second round. This was the low individual score of the weekend for the Falcons.

This tournament was the motivational boost that the team needed going into the MAC Championships, which begin Thursday in Indianapolis, Ind.

"It gave us confidence heading into the MAC tournament that we were lacking, obviously," Winger said.

Winger and his team have been trying to "put three good rounds together" in a tournament for the past few weeks. It is now time to see what the Falcons can do at the league meet.

"The whole MAC is good. Every team is good," Winger said. "We've now got to put four rounds together in order to compete. In college golf today, you can't afford a bad round."

The team has had some trouble in the first rounds of the past few tournaments but this last fifth place finish looks like the team has worked out their kinks.

Competing at the MACs for the Falcons will be Ziglar, Spathelf, Jane Walker, Tommy Lopez and Dan McIntyre.

"So, we're going to need to compete and play hard and let the chips fall where they may," Winger said. "If that gets us first, great, if it gets us third, great, if it gets us eighth, then hey, we played good. We'll just have to see."

Holmes won't leave early after all

Steeler must wait until graduation before NFL career begins

By Alan Robinson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Santonio Holmes was convinced that playing at Ohio State would accelerate his entry into the NFL, not delay it.

Turns out it did a little of both. Holmes' three productive seasons as a wide receiver at one of college football's signature schools allowed him to skip his senior season and become the Steelers' first-round draft pick.

However, Ohio State's academic schedule will require Holmes to miss three valuable weeks of NFL indoctrination, forcing him to play catch-up when training camp starts in late July.

Because of an NFL-NCAA agreement, a college player cannot take part in NFL spring workouts until his college has had its graduation. Because many schools hold graduation in early May, most NFL draft picks are not affected.

But Holmes can't begin practicing until after the university's mid-June graduation. By then, the Steelers will have finished the 14 days of coaching sessions that follow their May 13-15 mini-camp, which Holmes is permitted to attend.

"I'll probably just train back in Columbus with a bunch of my teammates before they leave," Holmes said yesterday. "I'll get ready from there."

Whether the delay will hurt Holmes' chances of becoming



Gene J. Puskar AP Photo

STAYING PUT: Although he was drafted by Pittsburgh on Saturday, Santonio Holmes must stay at Ohio State until the university's graduation in mid-June. Holmes turned pro after his junior year at OSU.

a starter this season remains uncertain. Two years ago, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said the spring practices gave him a jump start in learning the Steelers' system and his new teammates.

Holmes has a chance to play immediately too, as he will compete with Cedrick Wilson for the split end's job vacated when Antwaan Randle El signed with the Redskins as a free agent. Either Holmes or third-round pick Willie Reid of Florida State will replace Randle El as a punt returner.

Holmes visited the Steelers' offices yesterday, meeting with

owner Dan Rooney, chairman Art Rooney II, director of football operations Kevin Colbert and coach Bill Cowher. But it wasn't his first trip to the Steelers' complex.

Holmes was recruited heavily by Pitt before signing with Ohio State, and he visited the practice complex the Panthers share with the Steelers. Despite Pitt's reputation for turning out star wide receivers under former coach Walt Harris — Larry Fitzgerald and Antonio Bryant among them — Holmes chose Ohio State because of its talent and tradition.

Or exactly the same assets the

Steelers have, he said. "We started getting some of the better athletes at wide receiver to come to Ohio State, and coach [Jim] Tressel saw that and decided to open up the offense a lot more and give us the opportunity to make more plays," Holmes said. "Hopefully, the same thing can happen here in Pittsburgh."

Holmes shares that wish with Roethlisberger, who called the wide receiver immediately after the Steelers drafted him.

"He told me he is very excited that I was picked by the Steelers and he is looking forward to working with me," Holmes said.

Coaches playing game

Jordan and Brown not happy with officiating in Wizards/Cavs series

By Joe Millicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The playoff series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and Washington Wizards has become a battle of high-scoring stars, and their complaining coaches.

LeBron James and Gilbert Arenas rank first and third in scoring average this postseason, while coaches Mike Brown and Eddie Jordan likely lead the league in whining about officiating.

The series, knotted 2-2, returns tomorrow night to Cleveland, as much a contest of words as 3-pointers and dunks.

First, Jordan accused referees of giving James the star treatment as his 41 points led Cleveland to a 97-96 road win in Game 3 Friday night. Jordan wanted a traveling call on James' game-winning drive to the rim with 5.7

seconds left.

It was Brown's turn to grouse after Game 4 Sunday night.

"I don't know how LeBron can be on the floor for 45 minutes and pick up four offensive fouls," Brown said. "I need to watch the tape, but it's shocking to see him get four offensive fouls in 45 minutes of action."

With the Cavaliers traveling home late Sunday, the team took the day off yesterday from practice — and complaining.

Brown wasn't alone in his grumbling after the 106-96 loss in which the Cavaliers blew a 13-point second-half lead and the chance to seize control of the series.

"Out of our 22 turnovers, I'd probably say 10 to 12 were offensive fouls," said James, who finished with five fouls. "Questionable calls, but we have to live with it."

Were the refs compensating for Friday night's game? Cavaliers guard Larry Hughes thinks so and believes Jordan's complaints helped the Wizards

even the series.

"I guess it makes a difference. You can see during the course of the game — 40 free throws, we get 34 fouls, that's the way it goes, I guess," Hughes said.

In comparison, the Cavaliers shot just 25 free throws on 21 Washington fouls.

Hughes, who fouled out while allowing Arenas to score 34 points, added that the refs shouldn't let coaches sway them because it makes for poor basketball.

"I play defense. That's what I do, and I like doing it," Hughes said. "That's tough when you don't get the opportunity to do what you like to do: that's anticipate, beat guys to the spot, get your hands in there, play clean basketball, play good defense."

Jordan anticipates a possible fine from the NBA for his complaints Saturday about Arenas not getting the same calls as James. The league was reviewing his comments.

Arenas is averaging 31 points to James' 34.3 points in the playoffs.

Dakich welcomes three to BGSU basketball team

Members of class hail from three different levels of basketball

The BG News

BGSU coach Dan Dakich recently ended the spring signing period by adding three players to next year's roster.

Ryne Hamblet, a 6-6 guard from Chipola (Florida) College, Chris Knight, a 6-7 forward from The Patterson School in North Carolina, and Otis Polk, a 6-9 center from Detroit Consortium, all signed National Letters of Intent and should help bolster a team that finished just 9-21 this year and did not advance past the first round of the Mid-American Conference tournament.

"These are great kids who will add athleticism, strength and versatility to our program,"

Dakich said. "They should be players our fans really enjoy watching. They call come from programs that were very competitive and strongly emphasize team success first."

Hamblet was a two-time all-conference player at Chipola, averaging 11 points a game, while shooting 53.5 percent from the floor and 38.7 percent from 3-point range.

"Ryne brings versatility to our team," Dakich said. "His athleticism is excellent and we look for him to make plays, make others better and provide consistent scoring."

Knight averaged a double-double in points (12) and rebounds (10) while helping Patterson to a 37-3 mark and No. 3 ranking among prep schools.

Knight was first-team All-Ohio during his high school

days at Withrow in Cincinnati.

"I thought a year ago he was one of the top five high school players in the state of Ohio," Dakich said. "He's athletic and is multi-dimensional."

Polk certainly doesn't fit the role of multi-dimensional, he's just big. At about 300 pounds his main purpose will be to rebound and become a force both offensively and defensively in the paint. Polk averaged 17 points, 10 boards and three blocks as he was a first-team all-state selection this year. The Falcons suffered immensely this year in the post and Polk could quickly fix those flaws.

"He has the size and strength to play right now," Dakich said. "He handles himself well under the basket with his ability to defend and with his ability to score inside."

Hartman dominant in throws again

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"Jamie gives her all every time she steps on the track," said Angela Raizis. "She pushes through the pain and you can just see it with every step. She shattered the record and will continue to get stronger in the steeple and in every race that she does."

Another Falcon making headlines week in and week out has been Whitney Hartman, a product of Bowling Green High School. She qualified for Regionals in discus with a distance of 144-05.00, finishing sixth. Lauren Bryant finished ninth in the event, too.

Wells said Hartman has been consistent all year and she is close to breaking the school record.

Raizis added that Hartman improves all the time and believes she will create an impact at the MAC Championships in two weeks.

"I think they were outstanding," Kylie Korsnack said of Hartman and Bryant. "We can always count on those two to perform to the best of their ability and score points for us. I know these two girls are going to continue to improve in these last few weeks of the season."

Bridget Dalic set a new personal record in the 10,000 meters. She finished ninth with a time of 37:56.34. Another Falcon nearly set a personal record as Nicole Standback turned in a time of 14.19 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. That allowed her to finish third in the event.

The team showed itself well in the shot put as two Falcons finished in the top 10. Takara Dunning finished second with a toss of 47-05.25 while Paris Bussey finished seventh with a distance of 44-00.75.

"The team competed very well in every event and the major-

ity of the team had season and or personal bests this weekend," Wells said.

Raizis added that the team probably did better than even their expectations, citing many new personal records and season bests.

The team also got a third place finish from Erica Wilson in the high jump. The 4x400 meter relay team turned in their best time of the season in 3:54.78 seconds. The team consists of Lacey Cochran, Lyndi Springer, Megan McAuley and Yemoja Marotta.

The Falcons must now turn their attention to Toledo, as they will compete in the Toledo Invitational next weekend. Coincidentally, they will also travel to Toledo in two weeks for the MAC Championships.

"We are definitely going to prove that we can go out and compete in all areas," Raizis said. "This weekend showed a lot of heart and

"This weekend showed a lot of heart and improvement, but the best is yet to come."

ANGELA RAIZIS, SENIOR

improvement, but the best is yet to come. I think the other MAC teams are going to be surprised."

Wells believes the keys for the next two weekends will be staying healthy and "getting mentally prepared."

"As a team we are looking to give everything we have in the MAC Championships," Korsnack said. "We are going to show the MAC that we are a better team than our 10th place finish during indoor season reflects. We have grown so much as a team since then and are ready to perform at our highest potential."

Zirkle evens score

ZIRKLE, FROM PAGE 9

BGSU's Dawnjene DeLong reached on an error to start the inning and Rango followed with a single. Abby Habicht drew a one-out walk to load the bases for Ashley Zirkle. Zirkle seized the opportunity by sending Stephanie Moore's pitch over the left field fence for a grand slam. The shot made it 5-5 heading into the seventh.

"Ashley Zirkle's grand slam was big and it seems like things are on our side," Rango said.

After a scoreless seventh, Emily Gouge retired Toledo in the eighth. That set the scene for Rango. In her last at-bat on her home field, Rango sent Moore's pitch out into left-center.

The Falcons have had walk-off wins in their last four home games.

A home crowd saw Rango for the last time and she was no less

impressive than she normally is. Rango's weekend featured two game-winning hits, five RBI, four runs, and three home runs in just eight at-bats. Rango's home runs were her ninth and 10 of the season. She now has 26 homers in her illustrious career, easily the most in program history.

"I think it was very appropriate for Gina Rango's last at bat at our field to be a home run," Shaw said. "She is undoubtedly the best hitter to ever come through BGSU. What a nice way for all the hometown fans to remember her."

The Falcons (32-20, 13-5) have four games remaining. They play a doubleheader Friday at Western Michigan and a Saturday-Sunday series at Northern Illinois.

Saturday's win allowed BG to punch its ticket to the MAC tournament for the fourth year in a row. They lead the East division by a half game over Kent State and one game over Akron.

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Expert says stab wounds satanic

Upside-down cross symbol used to mock Catholic religion

By John Seewer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO — Investigators say stab wounds on the chest of a nun slain in a hospital chapel in 1980 formed an upside-down cross, a symbol that an expert on Roman Catholic law and the occult testified yesterday has been used in satanic worship.

According to tradition, St. Peter asked to be crucified on an inverted cross because he believed he didn't deserve to die in the same manner as Jesus, said the Rev. Jeffrey Grob, associate vicar for canonical services in the Chicago archdiocese. But the same symbol also has been used to mock the Catholic religion, he said.

"Any way you look at it, it's an affront to God," he said.

The Rev. Gerald Robinson, 68, is accused of killing Sister Margaret Ann Pahl, 71, in a hospital chapel the day before Easter, Grob said.

Grob said only a priest, nun or seminary student would understand the significance of the inverted cross and other aspects of the crime scene, including a small streak of blood on the nun's forehead that could have been made by someone forming the sign of the cross on her head.

devoted to God and in every aspect, it's a mockery," Grob said, referring to the wounds and marks on the body. "These aren't random acts."

In addition to the stab wounds on her chest, previous prosecution witnesses have testified that the nun's body was displayed in a ritualistic fashion with her arms and legs straight.

Grob also said an altar cloth placed over Sister Pahl's chest before she was stabbed is viewed as a symbol of sacrifice.

Under defense questioning, Grob acknowledged he had never before seen a crime scene and

that there were doctors and nurses who may have changed Sister Pahl's position. He also agreed when defense lawyer John Thebes said the blood on Sister Pahl's forehead didn't necessarily mean someone made the sign of the cross.

Prosecutors also showed jurors a 90-minute video of Robinson's interview with police just after he was arrested in April 2004. In it, Robinson said he woke up and had finished showering when he received a phone call about Sister Pahl's death.

During the interview with Tom Ross, an investigator with the Lucas County prosecutor's office, Robinson maintained that he was nowhere near the crime scene.

"I was not there," he said.



GERALD ROBINSON
REVEREND

Scandals could affect governor nominees, enable power shift

By Julie Carr Smith
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — In one of three state primaries today, voters will pick governor's candidates in battleground Ohio, where the level of dissatisfaction displayed for ruling, scandal-embroiled Republicans will foreshadow prospects for a political sea change in November.

North Carolina and Indiana also have primaries today—including governors, congress members and an election for district attorney in Durham County, N.C., where voters will decide whether to replace the prosecutor in the Duke University rape case.

But it is in Ohio, a bellwether state that decided the 2004 presidential election, where the Republican party has been beset by scandal and that politicians are looking for signs of voter dissatisfaction.

The race for the Republican nomination for Ohio governor has been painted as party outsider vs. party insider: outsider Kenneth Blackwell, the secretary of state who served in the Reagan administration and carries a Bible to events, against insider Attorney General Jim Petro.

Blackwell's prominence as a leading black voice in the GOP could be pivotal to Republicans amid the state and national scandals. He is the first black to run for governor in Ohio and is among a handful of gubernatorial candidates poised to draw

from the Democratic Party's typically loyal black base.

Blackwell's ads have also hit on the state's biggest scandals, seeking to taint Petro with connections to a state investment in rare coins that went awry and to tie him to Gov. Bob Taft, who pleaded no contest to four ethics violations last year involving a failure to report free golf outings and gifts.

In the rare-coin case, a trial is expected before November for the coin dealer, Tom Noe, a prodigious GOP fundraiser and contributor charged with embezzling \$1 million from a controversial \$50 million state investment in coins and illegally funneling \$45,000 to President Bush's re-election campaign.

Nationally, Republicans are coping with scandal from the investigation into lobbyist Jack Abramoff, which has ensnared Republican Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio.

Petro, who lagged in polls published Sunday, has hammered Blackwell as a hypocrite who opposes abortion and gambling while some of his multimillion dollar stock portfolio is invested in those interests.

"I would only say that my opponent Ken Blackwell has never had a positive message," Petro said while campaigning last week. "When people make an investment, they're promoting businesses."

The winner of the primary is likely to face Democratic U.S. Rep.

Ted Strickland in November.

Strickland is viewed as the Democrats' best chance in 16 years to regain some control over a state government where all three branches are controlled by Republicans.

His campaign, which has raised more than either GOP candidate, has been energized by the close resemblance of Ohio Republicans' woes to those unfolding at the national level: accusations of government perks tied to generous political donations, administration officials being dragged into courtrooms and the accompanying dropoff in the popularity of the guy at the helm.

Republicans, meanwhile, have targeted the House seat Strickland leaves open as one of its best shots nationally to gain a Democratic congressional spot. They have been helped by the fact the Democrats' leading candidate must run as a write-in due to a filing mistake. National Democrats and Republicans have spent roughly \$1 million in the race, more than they have for any primary in the past decade.

STATE BRIEFING

Two cities fight to block new law

CLEVELAND (AP) — Two Ohio cities went to court yesterday seeking to block a new state law that prohibits them and other municipalities from requiring police officers, firefighters and other employees to live in the city limits.

At issue are home rule powers Akron and Cleveland say guarantee their right to set residency requirements.

The law, which went into effect yesterday, generally prohibits imposing residency requirements, exempting part-time employees and volunteers.

Sen. Timothy Grendell, the Geauga County Republican who wrote the bill, said he expected the legal challenges and predicted the Ohio Supreme Court eventually will have to decide whether the Legislature has authority over municipalities on setting residency rules.

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Local banks not scared of Wal-Mart

WAL-MART, FROM PAGE 5

Among the Congress members' concerns are stated in their letter to the FDIC is that Wal-Mart would seek to go beyond its original proposal of being the bank's sole customer and open branch banks in their stores.

"A Wal-Mart Bank with thousands of branches would create competitive imbalances in the banking world and threaten small businesses, including community banks," the Congress members wrote.

They also stated that, "as the world's largest corporation, it has already used predatory pricing practices and other techniques to run local competition out of business in many communities. The same could happen to community banks..."

If Wal-Mart were to open a bank at its store in Bowling Green, the 17 community banks in town could be in danger of losing business, following the realization of the Congress members' concerns.

But Bowling Green bank officials don't seem to share the Congress members' apprehension.

Instead of threatening local banks, Kahlemberg predicts a Wal-Mart bank would be just one of many banks in town and provide less competition than some of the others.

She expects that Bowling Green residents might use a Wal-Mart bank for quick transactions, such as cashing checks, but would not make the effort to switch their business altogether.

Sean Martin, sophomore, agrees with Kahlemberg's expectations and doesn't think he would use the Wal-Mart bank very often.

"I've already got bank accounts at three different banks," he said.

But he would consider using a

Wal-Mart bank if it offered better discounts or would be open longer hours than most banks. He was also interested in cashing his checks there free of charge.

"A Wal-Mart Bank ... would create competitive imbalances in the banking world and threaten small businesses ..."

CONGRESS MEMBERS

Paul Windisch, senior Vice President of First Federal Bank in Bowling Green, also doesn't think his customers would quickly transfer their business to a bank in Wal-Mart.

He believes that local banks, including his First Federal Bank, strive for a sense of community that will continue to attract Bowling Green residents and students like Martin. He doesn't expect a Wal-Mart bank would have that same sense of community because he doesn't think it's currently found in Wal-Mart stores.

But Ross Dantonio, junior,

doesn't think a Wal-Mart bank is even necessary.

He said the company already offers a large number of services, including car rentals at some stores, and that a bank would just add to the "one-stop shopping" atmosphere.

Like Martin, Dantonio doesn't expect he would switch to a Wal-Mart bank, but would consider using it for cashing checks or to have access to banking services during later hours.

But despite discussion on the expansion of a Wal-Mart bank, Heires said the company's current FDIC application only seeks to make it possible for Wal-Mart to handle its own processing.

The company would have to re-apply to the FDIC in order to form bank branches, and it has no plans to do so at this time, according to Heires.

And Windisch isn't worried about a Wal-Mart bank affecting his business if the company changes its mind.

"It would be very easy to compete with a bank at Wal-Mart," Windisch said.



Julie DiFranco BG News

IN GOOD SHAPE: Copper Beech officials say they don't get many complaints, and those they do receive are not significant.

Staff eager to help tenants with issues

MAINTENANCE, FROM PAGE 5

"We have 200 units and we're there that day or the next," Savabi said.

For the amount of units, Frank said the requests are not overwhelming.

"For everything new here, for the amount of buildings it's not that much," said Frank, who is one of two full-time maintenance personnel on the premises.

Residents have also found the maintenance response times to be acceptable.

"They are really good about getting someone out here right away," said Danielle Spencer, senior and Copper Beech resident. Spencer said she made a request when her closet shelves fell down, and maintenance responded within a few hours of the request being made.

Property Manager Carol Bowers said she and other staff are eager to accommodate tenants needs and requests.

"I talk to a lot of tenants a lot," she said. "I've always been open to talk to anybody despite what I have going on and have to do."

If residents have maintenance issues in their unit they

are encouraged to contact the staff, Bowers said, adding that management has no way of solving unit complaints unless they are notified.

However, the number of complaints has not been significant, Savabi said.

"For as critical as students can be sometimes, we don't see the huge number of complaints other competitors do," he said.

The first year may be considered the trial and error period for a new apartment complex of such a caliber.

"It's getting something brand new and having to break in," Bowers said. "I think a lot of these issues people have had are just going to even out."

Incorporating nearly 300 to 400 workers per day, according to Frank, the complex was built in less than a year.

"For anyone to come in and put in 22 buildings in that amount of time is a big task," Frank said. "I think for the amount of time they had they did a good job."

And any minor cosmetic problems tenants reported at move-in have been taken care of, according to Savabi.

"All those issues are resolved and that's how you judge the quality of construction," he said.

"I've always been open to talk to anybody despite what I have going on..."

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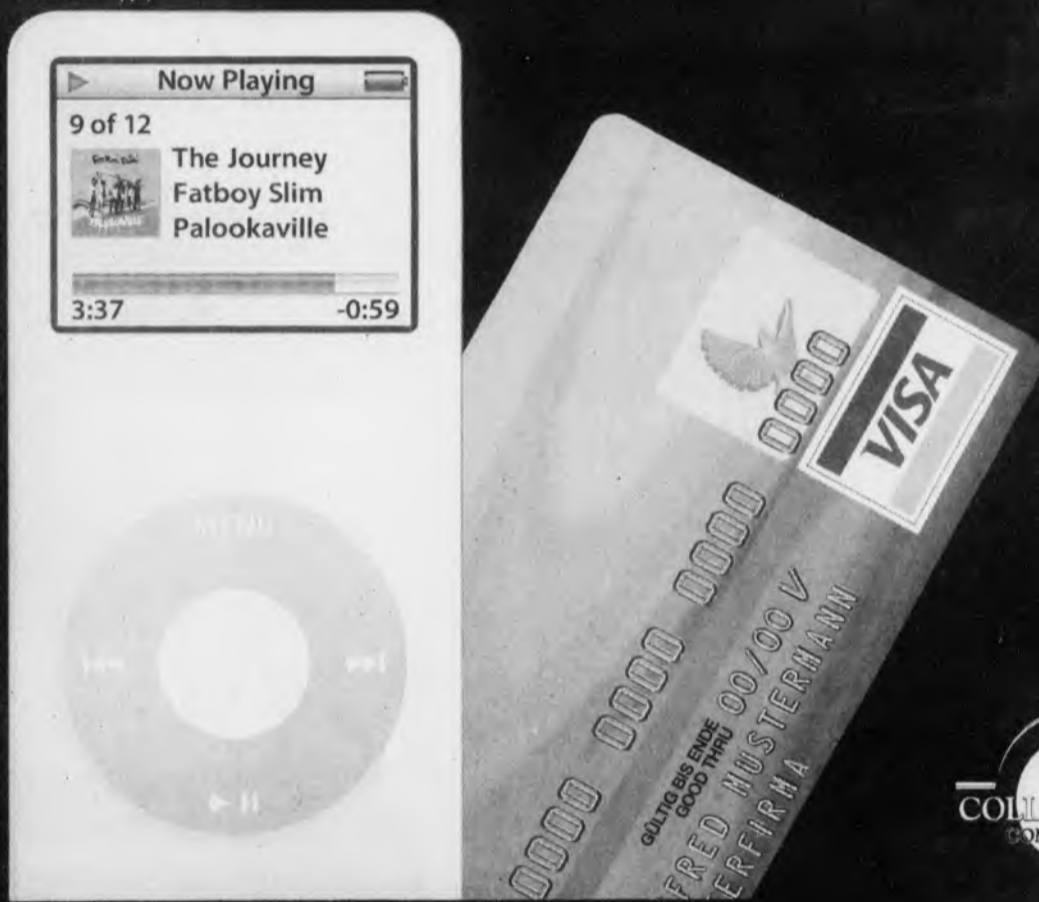
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'Get us out' miners say

Rescuers send food to Australian miners trapped after cave-in

By Rick Rycroft
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEACONSFIELD, Australia — Wedged for nearly a week in a cramped cage a half-mile underground, two gold miners got right to the point when rescuers made radio contact: "Get us out."

The words brought joy to this town of 3,000 on the southern Australian island state of Tasmania, but officials said it could be two more days before emergency crews are able to rescue the trapped men.

Brant Webb, 37, and Todd Russell, 34, were trapped April 25 by a cave-in that killed another miner. Webb and Russell appar-

ently were saved by a slab of rock that fell onto the cage of their cherry-picker and prevented smaller rocks from hitting them after a small earthquake.

To reach the two miners, rescue workers must tunnel through 40 feet of collapsed rock without triggering another collapse.

Yesterday, rescuers fed the trapped men biscuits, water, a protein drink and vitamin tablets through a tube. The men had been getting by on rancid water that drips through the rocks. Enough oxygen also got through to keep them alive.

Mining is dangerous work. In January, 14 miners died in two accidents at mines in West Virginia. However, in Canada, 72 potash miners walked away from



FEELING HELPLESS: Miners, part of a rescue team, look through a window of the winch house at the Beaconsfield Gold Mine yesterday.

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Iraqis demand better security

Shiites expect new government to calm sectarian violence

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — About 200 Shiites, many of them women in full-length black abayas, rallied yesterday outside the Green Zone to demand that U.S. and Iraqi forces do more to stop attacks on Iraqis.

Some protesters waved large banners with slogans demanding better care for families displaced by sectarian violence. One weeping woman held up the ID card of her husband, saying he was killed in a drive-by shooting.

Two Iraqi men — a soldier and a civilian — emerged from the fortified Green Zone, home of the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government, to meet with the protesters and take notes about their demands.

In the latest violence, four people were killed yesterday when a bomb exploded in a market in Madain, a mostly

Shiite town 14 miles southeast of Baghdad, police said. Two people were wounded.

At least 15 bullet-riddled bodies were found in the capital, the Interior Ministry said. The victims were men aged 20-40 years; all were handcuffed and blindfolded, the ministry said.

In addition, two people were killed yesterday in drive-by shootings in Diyala province northeast of Baghdad, police said. They included a former general in Saddam Hussein's army.

U.S. officials hope the new Iraqi government, expected to be finalized this month, will be able to calm sectarian tensions and lure many Sunni Arabs away from the insurgency so U.S. and other international troops can begin heading home.

President Jalal Talabani was quoted by his office as saying Sunday that he had met with representatives of seven armed groups and was optimistic they would agree to lay down their arms.

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