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STORM HITS AIRPO

WIND DAMAGE WILL COST REGIONAL AIRPORT \$2 MILLION



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Strong storms wreak havoc on wings and rudders at BG airport

By Jeff Lombardi

Last Wednesday night, several storms threatened Bowling Green with damage. No damages were greater to Bowling Green than those sustained by the Bowling Green Regional Airport.

As the storm ripped through the airport, over \$2 million worth of damage occurred, but no damage was done to

University property. Mike Hodges, manager of the airport facility, said that all of the damage was localized to the area containing three hangars. These hangars are where the bulk of the planes are stored.

There were about 20 planes damaged and at least 12 completely totaled," said Hodges

Hodges also said that there will be a board meeting on Friday to determine what all was totaled and to get replacement equipment.

As for what has already been done to repair the facilities, 20 people, including 15 vol-unteers, began by moving the two salvageable planes from the destroyed hangars and col-lecting debris that was thrown more than a quarter mile into the field near the airport. "There is actually some debris

out there still, but there's still a lot of standing water, so we have to wait until it dries up to go get it," Hodges said.

The hangars that were damaged did not contain any University-owned equipment, so the aviation program was not and will not be affected by the

"The hangars contained

planes from about 20 private tenants, who all pay about \$3,000 for rent each month, so we [the Wood County Regional Airport Authority are going to lose that money. We're also going to lose money from fuel, and on a budget of roughly \$500,000, that's a big chunk." The hangars cost around

\$300,000 to \$400,000, and the planes cost around \$2 million. all of which is insured either by owner's insurance or property

insurance, Hodges said. Since there was no damge to anything owned by the University, no student flight hours were canceled.

Teri Sharp, the University's Media Relations Director, con-firmed that nothing happened to the aviation program.

"There is a definite difference between our program and the

AIRPORT, PAGE 2



ASSESSING THE DAMAGE: Brandon Elliott strips a damaged plane for salvaged parts after the storm rederded it unflyable on Wednesday

Cowboy cuisine in BG

Local restaurant offers customers a southwestern flare

By Doug Strausbaugh

The Call of the Canyon Café might be one of Bowling Green's best kept dining secrets.

Located near the corner of Wooster and Main Street, this southwestern-style restaurant has been serving college students and locals alike for over eight years

The diner gets its name from a book written by Zane Grey, an Ohioan famous for her popular novels about the wild west of the United States. The restaurant's name isn't the only homage to the author, however, A sandwich comprised of roast beef, lettuce, tomato, hot pepper cheese, onions, jalapenos, mayonnaise and western dress-

ing dawns her name as well. "The Zane Grey is my favorite thing to eat here," said Shannon



Mike Schell BG No A TASTE OF THE SOUTHWEST: Don Scherer pays for his meal after eating at Call of the Canyon, a locally owned restaurant.

Ordaz, five-year employee and long-time patron of the restau-rant. "But it's the regulars that

really make the place great."

Many of these regulars come in for the mid-day lunch rush for coffee, which is a freshly ground blend from Grounds

Aside from the Zane Grey and

the coffee, the café offers barbecued chicken and beef sandwiches, nachos, chili, burritos and vegetarian options such as the Verde Valley Veggie and western-style salads. Call of the Canyon also provides a wide selection of desserts for after-

CANYON, PAGE 7

Swimmer honored

national acclaim in classroom and in pool

A perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA graduation requires a drive and will to succeed. Throw in twice daily swim practices and Biology/Pre-med major and things become even more diffi-cult. However, this is exactly what has accomplished.

She was only the second University swimmer ever to be honored with the ESPN The Magazine Second-Team Academic All-American Women's at Large team. Guinness is one of 816 male and female studentathletes honored annually with this award granted by the College Sports Information Directors

"It took a lot of time manage-ment, by balancing my homework and two-a-day practices, Guinness said.

She managed 20 to 25 hours a course load. Guinness was select ed as the University's only Rhodes Scholar nominee in 2006

"I didn't think I would make it more than a year," Guinness said. "Maybe I would just improve myself, but after I pulled a 4.0 my first semester. I thought I should set higher goals for myself.

Guinness also won the team's most improved swimmer award her freshman and sophomore year. Her fellow teammates looked to Guinness as a role model.

"I have so much admiration for what she has done. She has been such an inspiration in and out of the pool," said Kim Albin, a member of the University's swim team.

One of Guinness' own con-stant role models is her mother. Joyce. With her mother being a registered nurse and her father an emergency pediatric doctor, they have both been able to help Guinness in her studies by offering advice and counseling.

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SWIMMER, PAGE 2

O-Reg welcomes incoming freshmen

Thousands of eager students enjoy campus experience By John Turner

Every summer at this time of year, ten thousand prospective students and their parents descend upon the University for Orientation

and Registration. Handling that many people for six weeks out of the summer is no simple task but one that the staff of O-Reg greets each day with a smile and enthusiasm

The day and a half that students spend in BG serves as much more than simply picking up paper work and scheduling for classes. O-Reg actively opens up an entire campus world to incoming freshman, allowing them find a certain comfort at the thought of attending school here in the fall through a series O-Reg organized events

"I thought it was going to be find your own things to do, not so structured, but I like it, because it gives us a chance to get more involved," said incoming freshman Julie Martin of Royalton, Ohio. "There's so many clubs and things too - it's really helped me to adjust and get to know people

Although the stay is short lived, Undergraduate Student Government President Bernard Little explains that it is ultimately one of the most crucial times in their college career

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FALCON FACES: Meet a captain of the women's basketball team intent on delivering another MAC title for the Falcons; PAGE 13



BIG BANG: Before you set out to blow something up this July 4, brush up on Ohio's laws and safety tips for handling explosives; PAGE 9

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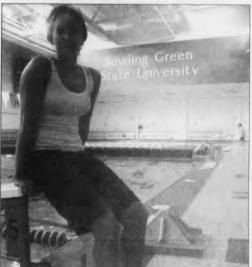
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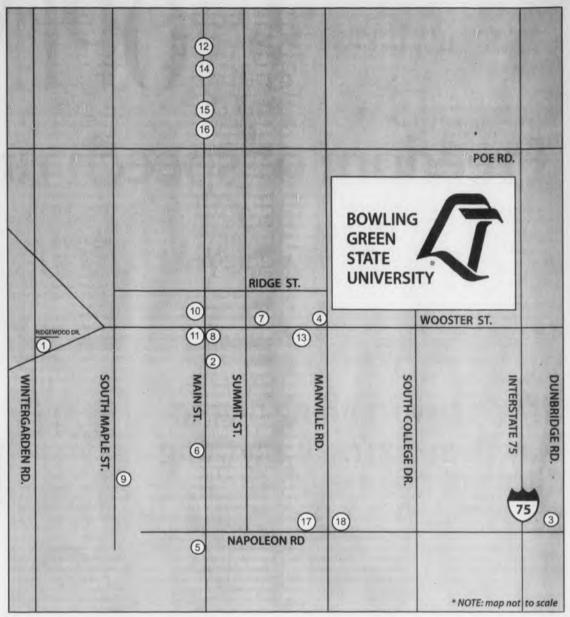




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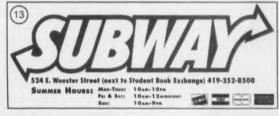
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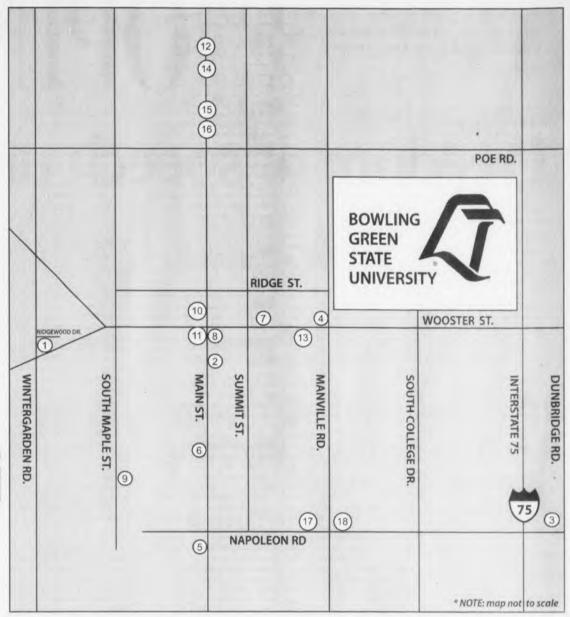












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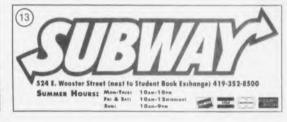
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Freedom of speech under fire

The recent furor over the New York Times' publication of the government's secret program which monitor's international finance has brought to our minds the relationship between the state

President Bush has gone on record saying that the release of this information "makes it harder to win this war on terror" and NY Republican Rep. Peter King, chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security offered the choice phrasing that "The YOU DECIDE

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New York Times is putting its own arrogant elitist, left-wing agenda before the interests of the American people," according to the Associated Press story on

the subject. He then called on the Attorney General to "begin a criminal investigation and pros ecution of the New York Times, its reporters, the editors that worked on this and the publisher.

The battle between the press and the state has been largely one sided. The government has attacked the right of the press to publish before, by enacting a Sedition Act during the Adams administration in response to a perceived pro-French and antiadministration bias. Both Lincoln

and Jefferson Davis closed news-papers considered to be anti-Union and anti-Confederate during the War Between the States.

Perhaps the most famous case in the battle between press freedom and government censor-ship was one which involved one of the very newspaper's being

criticized today.

The New York Times and Washington Post got a hold of secret government plans for waging the war in Vietnam. The case went to the Supreme Court in

1971 where the Justices voted 6-3 in favor of the right of the papers to publish this sensitive and possibly damaging expose on America's role and plans in

Justice Hugo Black argued that, "In the First Amendment the Founding Fathers gave the free press the protection it must have to fulfill its essential role in our democracy.

The press was protected so that it could bare the secrets of government and inform the people. Only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in

government." We believe that this remains so today. We face a viscous enemy in the form of Islamic terrorism. Yet, no enemy is cruel or so threatening that we should shed our rights and liberties in the face of their challenge

If we sit back and allow the government to geld the press, taking away its role as the investigator, we shall add one more link to a chain of servitude to the state.

If you have nothing nice to say, then don't say anything



Opinion Columnist

cannot tolerate hate speech. Nothing makes a person sound more ignorant than when they throw a "that's gay or "you're so retarded" into conversation. People should pause to think about the meaning of the words they use, or how they might sound to someone else. Such language sends a message of intolerance, and it makes the speaker look incredibly insensitive.

I have a smart and successful friend who is a homosexual male, whom I will refer to as Tommy. For the purpose of this anecdote all names have been changed. One night Tommy was walking with his longtime boyfriend Dylan, when they ran into Tommy's high school friend and his obnoxiously drunk girlfriend. The girl tried to persuade my friends to come to Junction with them, but when they declined, she repeatedly yelled "Stop being gay, just come to Junction." After she said this a handful of times, Tommy got fed up and said something like, "Actually, I am gay. Meet my boyfriend," and

The point to the above story is when a person uses the word " in a derogatory manner, as in "I do not like this column, it's pretty gay," he or she is implicitly stating that there is something wrong with being gay. Most of the gay and bisexual people I know are courteous and fun. I have not found anything that is inherently wrong with all of them. I do not mean to say that being gay automatically makes a person awe-some, but it does not make them stupid either. When one uses the

word "gay" in a negative fashion, it sounds like he or she believes the opposite.

The same goes for the word "retarded." Many of these people are courageous and overcome obstacles every day. We should not verbally negate them by throwing the phrase "that's retarded" around in conversation. It is insulting to the people about whom you are actually speaking.

There are countless other words that people use in casual conversation without considering whom they may be insulting. Racial and sexual slurs come to mind. Using these in conversation sounds just as intolerant and ignorant. People need to think about their words before they use them. If people stopped using hate speech so casually, it would foster a peaceful, more tolerant

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your least or most favorite word in the English language?



CHARLES LUEDECKE SENIOR, MUSIC

"'Ummm.' When people use it in excess it makes them sound vacant.'



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"Scrumtrulescent' is my favorite word. I'm a big Will Ferrell fan."



RYAN FORRIDER ON THE EDGE EMPLOYEE

"Fair enough' is my favorite phrase."



ALUMNA, STORE MANAGER

"Like' is my least favorite word. There are better transitional words."

Children are still being left behind



LOMBARDI Opinion Columnist

here are millions of children in this nation being left behind. Through unsafe learning conditions and stressful standardized tests, our nation's youth are being pressurized more than ever before. Children are taking some form of a standardized test at almost every grade of their public school life. So, why do we do this to them?

A large part of the answer is that the federal government gives schools a certain amount of money based on standardized tests scores. The No Child Left Behind Act

is the name given to the demon of the insane amounts of test-ing put on our children. It doles out money to schools based upon how they perform on a number of criteria, with standardized test scores as a major component.

Recently, an Associated Press report said about 2 million students were being excluded from the results of the test scores for various reasons.

One action small schools carry out is that they omit a certain portion of failing students. This, the schools feel, gives the government a better, more accurate picture of the education taking place in that school.

Furthermore, if they were to leave in this group of students that are falling behind, and the whole school falls short under the NCLB standards, that school gets reduced govern-

ment funding.
There are a few implications here that I would like to point

First of all, if a school omits the scores of failing students just to get more federal dollars, point of NCLB, which is to bring all schools in the nation up to a high standard.

Secondly, the mere omission of certain test scores to get ahead points to the fact the NCLB is fundamentally flawed and gives more cause for schools to be dishonest when reporting scores. The thought here is that "Oh, well, there's no way we're going to meet the law, so let's cut some of the slack so that we do pass.

The law forces schools to be dishonest.

Another way schools can

omit students' scores is by setting the minimum group size so high that they do not have to report scores by race. Therefore, a large number of minority scores are not reported.

All of this reaffirms the fact that No Child Left Behind is inadequate. It simply does not work. If schools are focus ing attention on how to adjust their scores so as to meet the requirements under the law, then the point of the law has been lost.

Any passed law is meant to protect us and be easy to follow. Stopping at traffic lights, not stealing and not hitting another human being with a car are all laws that make sense, because they are not difficult to follow. So, if a law is too hard to follow, then the law is inherently broken.

What happens with NCLB is when schools fall short under the law, federal money gets taken away, which pressures school administrators to force the teachers to improve the education without the federal

But how is this possible? If money is continually taken away from the schools, how do they improve?

They don't. They continually get worse, because they get less money, and the test scores continue to go down. More money is then taken away. When school administrators

are taking time to find ways to stretch their test results to the limits of the law, they are taking time away from finding ways to improve the education in their

By this way of thinking, learning suffers, because administrators are not spending enough time on improving education. Therefore, the test scores go down more, taking more money out of the pockets of the schools and, ultimately,

This cycle will continue until the schools do not get any money from the federal government whatsoever. It will instead go to funding a pointless war, because history has shown that when we need money, education is the first thing cut. But somehow, the federal government puts more pressure on schools to be better and they get blamed when our youth are "falling behind." The ultimate solution is to

leave this law behind.

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Charitable billionaire gives money to own public image



Opinion Columnist

ince the days of Plato, phi-Slosophers have struggled to understand the question, what is "the good?" Be it the good life, the good act or good as opposed to evil, what should be a simple concept turns out to be inescapably not, as Intro to Philosophy students are often

The New York Times reports that Warren Buffett, one of the world's richest people, is going to give 85 percent of his 44 billion dollar fortune to The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The organization works to improve health and education programs across the world. In total, this donation will amount to over \$37 billion.

To put that into perspective, \$37 billion is about the same amount the federal government spent on Pell Grants in 2004, 2005 and 2006 combined.

How could this be anything other than a "good" thing? Well, maybe it isn't. There are a lot of people who will be

helped by that money and, for

them, the donation is definitely a good thing. But what else does the philanthropy of the wealthy accomplish?

While I am certainly happy for the people who will be helped by the money Warren Buffett is donating, we must not forget how these businessmen get their money. These entrepreneurs own factories and businesses and pay others to work in them. And how many workers made less money because people like Warren Buffett made more?

How many custodians lived below the poverty line while working at Berkshire Hathaway, while Mr. Buffett, that corporation's CFO, made millions or billions every year? It would have been much more charitable to leave a little more left over for the people whose labor created

These seemingly selfless actions blind us to the injustice of the global system of capitalism as a whole. Sure, it is wonderful that one billionaire gave away some money, but how many billionaires kept every penny? How many run sweatshops, deprive their workers of proper healthcare or steal their hard-earned pensions? How many spend millions, not on education for

the poor, but on lobbying against environmental regulations so they can run their factories a little

Do the philanthropies of the few excuse the others who presided over the Enrons, Tycos, and Global Crossings of the world? We have seen in these scan-

dals that great wealth and power allows the privileged few to inflict incredible damage on the lives of millions of people. The occasional act of charity is not sufficient reason to allow such horrible power to be so concentrated.

We hear of these acts of phi-lanthropy, and we automatically think how nice it is that the wealthy care so much about this cause or that. But the thing that we often miss is that, in order to give money away, you have to take it first. In our rush to congratulate the selfless generosity of those who donate their billions, we overlook the calculated greed it took to amass such wealth to

begin with.
The few billionaires that give something back allow us to tolerate the many that don't. And, with an investment payoff like that, who's to say that wasn't their intention from the beginning?

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Graduates should choose to volunteer

U-Wire Columnist University of Houston

ne of the earliest lessons I learned in my college career was that a huge majority of college students have little idea what they're going to do after they take that walk

College students are idealists

difference in the world after they receive their diplomas.

I was one of those idealists, but then remembered that my options are limited with a degree in creative writing. Teaching or writing cute Hallmark cards.

Sure, I'll try to pursue a career in writing, but my internal instinct tells me that I'm not audacious enough to go head-to-head with other writers in a competitive

The expected step of col-

is entering the job market, but 2005 showed a "distinctive rise in attitudes toward social and civic responsibility" in first-year full-and part-time students, USA Today reported.

Natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami disaster in the pacific have moved college students toward more volunteer work. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that about 3.3 million full- and partvolunteer work last year.

And Catholic Charities, one of several social organizations in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans, reports that college students have made up half of its 3,600 volunteers in the past few months.

Many college students put vol-unteer hours on applications for jobs and grad schools as filler.

But now it seems that many of them are seriously considering helping the less fortunate. Post-baccalaureate volunteer pro-

and the Peace Corps have always been popular among college students

Recent events have seem to popularize the idea of volunteering during designated play time such as spring break and summer

vacation.

Volunteers might run the risk of losing a job offer because of these stints, but it is admirable when any college student makes sacrifices. College students are generally considered an apathetic to reality.

It's good to see that there are students who are not only talking about social change, but are also making a contribution to help the unfortunate. Post-baccalaur volunteering not only helps the community, but the experience students receive is priceless

Volunteering might give the inspiration to write the proverbial great American novel, or better yet, an exciting new card for my job at Hallmark.

How to dress for success at your job interview

ADRIENNE SABO

U-Wire Columnist Youngstown State University

Tour resume got you an interview, and your interview will get you the job. How you look is instrumental to getting the job. John Lisko, personal clothier at Tom James of Youngstown, said you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

These classic guidelines for interview attire are a sure-fire way to confidently sail through the interview process and, hopefully, land that new job.

Suits are the best option when dressing for an interview. It lets the employer know that you are taking the job seriously. Lisko recommends a conservative approach to keep the focus on you and not your clothes. "Being overdressed is never a problem, Lisko said.

Lana Dumbauld, manager at Talbots in Boardman, said

women should wear dark, tai-lored suits. She recommends the versatile three-piece suit with pants, skirt and jacket. If you have a second interview you can swap out the pants for the skirt.

Lisko said, "colors tell a story." Lisko said that navy blue makes you look healthy and vigorous, possibly the best choice for an interview suit. Charcoal gray has a tendency to make you appear more experienced. Lisko warned that black is a traditional eve ning color for men. Dumbauld said that a black or navy suit

is appropriate for women. Dumbauld also suggested that women could wear bright colors underneath their suits. A dash of color slipped under the jacket makes your suit a new outfit for another day.

Wearing too many accessories during an interview will overwhelm the employer. Remember to keep the focus on you, not what you're wearing.

Dumbauld recommends that women follow the "13 rule." Never wear more than 13 accessories. This number includes

the suit's buttons. For example, your buttons, earrings, rings, watch and necklace should all add up to 13.

For women, light perfume and minimal makeup are the best way to impress. Dumbauld recommends keeping things light, clean and neat.

For men, the belt must match the shoes, ensure this by buying a belt the same time you buy your shoes, Lisko said. Shoes should be free of scuff-marks and cleaned up before the interview. Light cologne is recom-

When investing in a suit make sure that it fits properly. Do not buy a sloppy or ill-fitting suit. For women, make sure that the suit is up to date, but still age appropriate.

Dumbauld suggested buying a timeless light-weight stretch wool suit that can be worn all year round. Suits vary in prices, but suits are an investment and you will get your money out of it.

"Buy the best you can afford, it will pay for itself in the long run," Lisko said.

United Nations leaving behind democracy for diplomacy

CJ. PATTON

U-Wire Columnist University of Texas- Arlington

t's time to get out. I hate to say it. I'm a diehard conservative, a Republican voter and a supporter of President Bush, but I'm afraid that things have just become too much of a mess to allow us to continue there any longer

It's been the source of international scandal for years. We've done our very best, we've tried

our hardest, but radical extremists have prevented us from get-ting anything accomplished.

When we went in, we were sure everything would work out, that they would all love us, that we could establish a democratic system that would make an impact throughout history Unfortunately, although billions of dollars are poured into it every vear and despite the honorable actions of our brave men and women, almost all of them

despise and mock us. Maybe it was idealistic to think everything would go smoothly. Maybe we should have foreseen

the numerous scandals that have cropped up since we went in. But, how could we ever have known when we first appeared on the scene that everything would turn out to be such a disaster?

It was supposed to be a glorious endeavor, an action designed to ensure that such an evil dictator would never again threaten the world. Instead, we've seen news item after humiliating news item that makes it perfectly clear that we've failed. From shady financial transactions to cronyism at the highest levels, the events of recent years have

conspired together to prove that going in was a misguided idea in the first place, and we have no business being in there any longer. We're expected to fix everything, to do anything we can to make it all better, but at this point, I'm afraid there isn't anything left to do. Sometimes, you get yourself into such a mess that you simply have to cut and run and hope for the best.

Yes, it's time to get out of the United Nations. We simply can't do anything with extremists like China and Russia preventing anything from getting done. We can't afford to be associated

with the masterminds of the oil-for-food program, in which Kofi Annan's son was heavily involved and which Annan himself refused to investigate until he was forced into doing so.

In 1945, when we first helped establish the United Nations to respond to the defeat of the despot Adolf Hitler, we wanted to create a democratic body of governments that would work together to solve world problems. Instead, we find today that bitterness and infighting have turned this body into an ineffectual arena of America-haters. Bur, despite the billions of dollars we

pour into this quagmire, nothing can get done. And, America is expected to do all the work, solve all the problems and take all the blame when things go wrong.

So, much as it pains me. I call on President Bush to recall John Bolton, his entire staff and all other Americans serving in that disgraced body. I call on Congress to immediately pull out of the United Nations.

Enough is enough. It's time to put this disgraceful part of our history behind us. We need to get out now and leave the United Nations to its own devices before we're pulled down with it.

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Q: Why was the **Energizer Bunny** arrested?

A: He was charged with battery.



BG Perspective classes save lives



Not News Editor

As O-Reg begins, so does the tricky task of scheduling freshman. As anyone who's ever completed their first year of college knows, freshman scheduling means an unruly number of 100 level classes Intro to Mass Communication, Principles of Sociology and General Psychology just to name a few. All of which are large, lessthan-thrilling lecture classes, but

are required nonetheless.

Although none of these classes apply much to someone looking into an area like theater or accounting, it's still important that everyone take these basic courses

Please, allow me to explain how general education classes are imperative using a few different

current event examples of what happens when simple lessons are neglected or forgotten.

A 21-year-old Georgia man was arrested last week after trying to buy drinks with a checkbook he found at a bar. Unfortunately for this man, the checkbook which he found just so happened to belong to the person serving him drinks. This man was ultimately arrested for theft and forgery charges after he tried to use the checks to settle a \$129 bar tab.

One class that would have come in handy in this situation is ECON 200: Introduction to Economics. This man obviously passed on the opportunity to take an economics class in college, because had he done that he would have known that check forgery is probably not a great idea

In addition to that useful bit of information, this guy may

have also learned enough about money to actually have enough of his own to pay off the bar tab

The next story is a simple les-

son in physics.

According to police, two men ate at a restaurant on Montage Mountain in Moosic and ran out the door after getting their check. Upon pulling off their "dine-anddash," the pair fell down a nearby hillside, requiring dozens of rescu-ers to pull them to safety.

I'm thinking PHYS 101: Basic Physics could have prevented this mishap. First off is the issue of gravity, which is often tested but rarely defeated.

Then of course there are Newton's Laws of Motion, which would fully explain why run-ning off a hill would only result in smashing into whatever lies in wait at the bottom.

If these guys went to school, they were probably were too

wrapped up in business classes (not paying for dinner means saving money... genius) to pay attention to the result of a body

tumbling down a hillside. My personal favorite is the 72year-old woman who was caught selling crack at a day care. Police described the house as a "drive through for crack-cocaine," saying that the suspect, Carrie Ingram, was selling the drugs out of a Head Start Daycare where she volunteers. I smell a grand-mother of the year nomination in the works.

Wow, where to start. Aside from a slew of introductory business classes, I'm the thinking the most pressing course would be PHIL 102: Ethics. Apparantly this woman could use some knowledge in the "right-from-wrong" department if she has no qualms selling crack while attending to young children.



Once again, had this woman gone through the BG Perspective courses which all freshman at the University are required to fulfill, this never would have been a problem.

Sure, it seems as though that an Introduction to American Culture Studies class may never pay off, but just remember that these

gen-ed classes are a fact of college ife, and a necessary one at that. While it may not seem like it now, attending and achieving in these classes may save you both money and jail time - a worthwhile investment indeed.

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There's no rush quite like tongue piercing



WETHERN Columnist

I'll admit, I jumped on the body piercing ship long ago. It's true — they are kind of addicting in a sick, body modification as art sort of way. You really can't get a better adrenaline rush than the one that follows paying a total stranger to put a needle through part of your body.

Recently, I got my tongue pierced. Lucky number 15! I used to scorn mouth piercings as gross, but I was running out of things to pierce. I didn't want to get my eyebrow, because I already have my nose done. I thought my face would look too crowded. If you

are going to be a piercing addict, you at least have to make your face look balanced. Otherwise, you might end up looking silly. For the past month or two, I

had been tossing around the idea of getting my tongue pierced and it was only a matter of time before I acted on it. In this case, I needed a little moral support in order to actually go through with it. As luck would have it, one night I overheard two of my friends make ing plans to go get new piercings of their own. I took it as an omen, and we went off for a local parlor.

Now, as I said before, I am no stranger to the piercing needle. I got my ears done for the first time when I was a wee lass of five (it was my preschool graduation gift from my Grandparents.) Since then, I have gotten no less than

body, including having my belly button done twice (not counting the time I tried to do it myself with a dull earring in the ninth grade. That lasted all of a day until I got scared that my parents would

I should be an old piercing pro, but this one terrified me. For some unknown reason, I had built this up in my mind and con-vinced myself that a tongue ring would hurt more than anything I could imagine.

Maybe I just can't handle mouth pain. As a child, I usually waited for the dentist to pull out my loose teeth because wiggling them myself hurt too much. Even then, I would only let him touch my teeth after giving me several shots of Novocain.

where the magic happens. I was elected to go first, because I was most afraid. Let's face it, I was the only one who was remotely afraid. I asked him to rank the pain of a tongue ring in comparison to other rings that I have (he assured me that it would hurt far less than the cartilage in my ears and nose.)

I made a friend hold one of my hands, and a random employee who wandered into the room hold the other. In short, I acted like a small child, but it

was worth the humiliation! I finally worked up the courage, and the guy shoving the needle through my tongue was right. It didn't hurt that badly! And now that the swelling has gone down, I can enjoy eating again and playing with my fun new tongue ring. And everyone in the shop was impressed at how well I screamed with a needle in my mouth.

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Jordan Flower BG News TONGUE TIED: The hardest part of tongue piercing is talking afterward.

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Defending Bush's

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A: He was charged with battery.



BG Perspective classes save lives



TURNER Not News Editor

As O-Reg begins, so does the tricky task of scheduling freshman. As anyone whos ever completed their first year of college knows, freshman scheduling means an unruly number of 100 level classes Intro to Mass Communication, Principles of Sociology and General Psychology just to name a few. All of which are large, lessthan-thrilling lecture classes, but are required nonetheless.

Although none of these classes apply much to someone look ing into an area like theater or accounting, it's still important that everyone take these basic courses

Please, allow me to explain how general education classes are imperative using a few different

happens when simple lessons are neglected or forgotten.

A 21-year-old Georgia man was arrested last week after trying to buy drinks with a checkbook he found at a bar. Unfortunately for this man, the checkbook which he found just so happened to belong to the person serving him drinks. This man was ultimately arrested for theft and forgery charges after he tried to use the checks to settle a \$129 bar tab.

One class that would have come in handy in this situation is ECON 200: Introduction to Economics. This man obviously passed on the opportunity to take an economics class in college, because had he done that he would have known that check forgery is probably not a great idea.

In addition to that useful bit of information, this guy may

money to actually have enough of

his own to pay off the bar tab The next story is a simple lesson in physics.

According to police, two men ate at a restaurant on Montage Mountain in Moosic and ran out the door after getting their check. Upon pulling off their "dine-andthe pair fell down a nearby hillside, requiring dozens of rescuers to pull them to safety.

I'm thinking PHYS 101: Basic Physics could have prevented this mishap. First off is the issue of gravity, which is often tested but rarely defeated.

Then of course there are Newton's Laws of Motion, which would fully explain why running off a hill would only result in smashing into whatever lies in wait at the bottom.

If these guys went to school, they were probably were too

wrapped up in business classe (not paying for dinner means saving money... genius) to pay attention to the result of a body tumbling down a hillside.

My personal favorite is the 72-year-old woman who was caught selling crack at a day care. Police described the house as a "drive through for crack-cocaine," saying that the suspect, Carrie Ingram, was selling the drugs out of a Head Start Daycare where she volunteers. I smell a grandmother of the year nomination in the works.

Wow, where to start. Aside from a slew of introductory business classes, I'm the thinking the most pressing course would be PHIL 102: Ethics. Apparantly this woman could use some knowledge in the "right-from-wrong" department if she has no qualms selling crack while attending to young children.



THE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURES OF CARL

Once again, had this woman gone through the BG Perspective courses which all freshman at the University are required to fulfill, this never would have been a problem.

Sure, it seems as though that an Introduction to American Culture Studies class may never pay off, but just remember that these

gen-ed classes are a fact of college life, and a necessary one at that. While it may not seem like it now, attending and achieving in these classes may save you both money and jail time - a worthwhile investment indeed.

Send comments to John at johnt@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

There's no rush quite like tongue piercing



WETHERN Columnist

I'll admit, I jumped on the body piercing ship long ago. It's true — they are kind of addicting in a sick, body modification as art sort of way. You really can't get a better adrenaline rush than the one that follows paying a total stranger to put a needle through part of your

Recently, I got my tongue pierced. Lucky number 15! I used to scorn mouth piercings as gross, but I was running out of things to pierce. I didn't want to get my eyebrow, because I already have my nose done. I thought my face would look too crowded. If you

are going to be a piercing addict, you at least have to make your face look balanced. Otherwise, you might end up looking silly. For the past month or two, I

had been tossing around the idea of getting my tongue pierced and it was only a matter of time before I acted on it. In this case, I needed a little moral support in order to actually go through with it. As luck would have it, one night I overheard two of my friends mak-ing plans to go get new piercings of their own. I took it as an omen, and we went off for a local parlor. Now, as I said before, I am no

stranger to the piercing needle. I got my ears done for the first time when I was a wee lass of five (it was my preschool graduation gift from my Grandparents.) Since then, I have gotten no less than

a dozen more holes added to my body, including having my belly button done twice (not counting the time I tried to do it myself with a dull earring in the ninth grade. That lasted all of a day until I got scared that my parents would

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Maybe I just can't handle mouth pain. As a child, I usually waited for the dentist to pull out my loose teeth because wiggling them myself hurt too much. Even then, I would only let him touch my teeth after giving me several shots of Novocain.

I made it to the back room where the magic happens. I was elected to go first, because I was most afraid. Let's face it, I was the only one who was remotely afraid. I asked him to rank the pain of a tongue ring in comparison to other rings that I have (he assured me that it would hurt far less than the cartilage in my ears and nose.)

I made a friend hold one of my hands, and a random employee who wandered into the room hold the other. In short, I acted like a small child, but it was worth the humiliation!

I finally worked up the courage, and the guy shoving the needle through my tongue was right. It didn't hurt that badly! And now that the swelling has gone down, I can enjoy eating again and playing with my fun new tongue ring. And everyone in the shop was impressed at how well I screamed with a needle in my mouth.

Send comments to Erin at erinlwethern@gmail.com.



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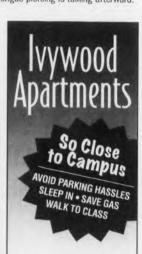
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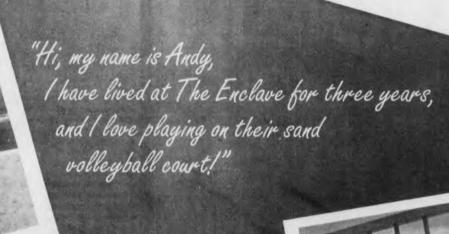
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Ohio laws can't stop celebrations

Statewide ban on recreational explosives looks to prevent injuries, but many Ohioans are ignoring the laws

By Matt Manning

The Fourth of July is a date that marks our independence from England. But this date to many of us is seen as a time to get together with family and friends to play with entertaining explosive fireworks.

Over the years, people have been spending a great amount of money to provide their private display with the best fireworks that money can buy to entertain their company.

In Ohio, the laws pertaining to the possession and the discharging

of the fireworks is a bit confusing.

Lt. Brad Conner of the Bowling Green Police Dept. pointed out that it is completely illegal to discharge or set off fireworks in the state

However, it is perfectly legal to purchase or carry them.

"You can posses them, but its

usually to get to point A to point B. You have to set them off in another state," Conner said.

He also pointed out that to be able to sell fireworks, a special per-mit is required by the state. Conner went on to say that

the BG city code is almost ver-batim with the state's laws and During the Fourth of July holiday, Conner stresses that officers try to

be as reasonable as possible when dealing with complaints, but cautions or warnings are given out by the officers at their own discretion. According to the Bowling Green Clerk's Office Civil Division, the dis-

charging of fireworks is seen as a minor misdemeanor. The punishment for this misdemeanor usually amounts to a fine of around \$125

and an appearance in court.
This misdemeanor is often

People still take their chances lighting up fireworks in the state of Ohio and disregard the possible consequences.

At Ohio's only TNT Supercenter which is located in Dayton, business is up compared to recent years, showing that home fireworks are becoming more of a

popular activity.

David Butler, the store's general manager,

added that the 500 gram multi-aerial fireworks along with the reloadable artillery shells are the

most popular fireworks this year. But with all the fun that fireworks bring to holiday celebrations comes a responsibility both for your own personal safety and

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Butler said that accidents can easily be avoided by taking

the proper precautions. "Every package has safety instructions," he said, "and each item has its own safety."

He stresses that adult supervision and having water easily accessible in case of a fire is of the utmost importance when dealing with these entertaining explosives

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the fireworks display that takes place at the BGSU Intramural Field. To keep people excited about the event every year, they make each display at least as good as the last year's display.

Elaine Skoog, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, describes the event's process as a "well-oiled machine" that has the same people involved every year in the project, including the same pyrotechnists. She makes certain that the city takes numerous precautions to ensure the safety of the community including additional police officers on duty for crowd and traffic reasons,

"We keep a certain amount of space between fireworks and the

audience and we are instrumental with the weather," she said, Skoog also said that the BG fire-

works are "one of the best displays in the region," prompting that the event is gaining in popularity.

The display on average lasts between 25 to 40 minutes, and according to Skoog, the pyro-technists really keep the event moving to keep the audience attentive.

The Fourth of July festivities can be an enjoyable experience if everyone is careful. If the proper precautions are met, you won't turn out to be another statistic in firework injuries.

The BG Fourth of July firework display begins at dusk at the intramural fields at BGSU. There will be plenty of tailgating and barbecue before the event for those interested in the festivities.



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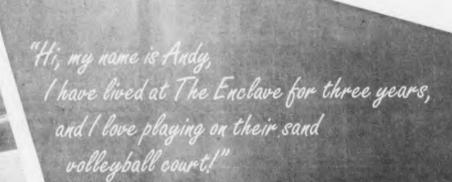
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Ohio laws can't stop celebrations

Statewide ban on recreational explosives looks to prevent injuries, but many Ohioans are ignoring the laws

By Matt Manning

The Fourth of July is a date that marks our independence from England. But this date to many of us is seen as a time to get together with family and friends to play with entertaining explosive fireworks.

Over the years, people have been spending a great amount of money to provide their private display with the best fireworks that money can buy to entertain their company.

In Ohio, the laws pertaining to the possession and the discharging of the fireworks is a bit confusing.

Lr. Brad Conner of the Bowling Green Police Dept. pointed out that it is completely illegal to discharge or set off fireworks in the state of Ohio.

However, it is perfectly legal to purchase or carry them.

You can posses them, but its

usually to get to point A to point B. You have to set them off in another state," Conner said. He also pointed out that to be

able to sell fireworks, a special permit is required by the state. Conner went on to say that the BG city code is almost ver-

batim with the state's laws and regulations. During the Fourth of July holiday,

Conner stresses that officers try to be as reasonable as possible when dealing with complaints, but cautions or warnings are given out by the officers at their own discretion. According to the Bowling Green

Clerk's Office Civil Division, the discharging of fireworks is seen as a minor misdemeanor. The punishment for this misdemeanor usually amounts to a fine of around \$125 and an appearance in court.

misdemeanor is often

Ohio and disregard the possible consequences.

At Ohio's only TNT Supercenter which is located in Dayton, business is up compared to recent years, showing that home fireworks are becoming more of a popular activity.

David Butler, the store's general manager, added that the 500 gram multi-aerial fireworks along with

the reloadable artillery shells are the most popular fireworks this year. But with all the fun that fire works bring to holiday celebrations comes a responsibility both

for your own personal safety and

ignored by the general public. for others around while fireworks
People still take their
chances lighting up
fireworks in the state of

"You can luly, you hear of an possess accident that hap-pens because of them...But irresponsible people you have to lighting fireworks in hazardous conset them off ditions. And every in another year, their irresponsibility results in serious injury or state."

LT. BRAD CONNER, POLICE DEPT.

even fatality.

Butler said that accidents can easily be avoided by taking

the proper precautions.

"Every package has safety instructions," he said, "and each

item has its own safety." He stresses that adult supervision and having water easily accessible in case of a fire is of the utmost importance when dealing with

these entertaining explosives.

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the fireworks display that takes place at the BGSU Intramural Field, To keep people excited about the event every year, they make each display at least as good as the last year's display.

Elaine Skoog, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, describes the event's process as a "well-oiled machine" that has the same people involved every year in the project, including the same pyrotechnists. She makes certain that the city takes numerous precautions to ensure the safety of the community including additional police officers on duty for crowd and maffic reasons.

"We keep a cenain amount of space between fireworks and the

audience and we are instrumental with the weather," she said.

Skoog also said that the BG fireworks are "one of the best displays in the region," prompting that the event is gaining in popularity.

The display on average lasts between 25 to 40 minutes, and according to Skoog, the pyrotechnists mally keep the event moving to keep the audience

The Fourth of July festivities can be an enjoyable experience if everyone is careful. If the proper precautions are met, you won't turn out to be another statistic in firework injuries.

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Live music set for beachside concert

Saturday's show at Howard's celebrates the local music scene

In the music business, many bands fail to have longevity or don't stay true to their roots with several changed lineups. The band Sledge is one exception to this trend.

Sledge has lasted for 11 and a half years which by today's standard, that's quite an accom-plishment. On Saturday, Murder Your Face, Goiterjelly, Contain the Sickness and Sledge will celebrate that accomplishment with the seventh-annual Pre-Sledgefest concert that takes place at Howard's Club H.

Goiterjelly and Sledge will use this show for preparation for the big Sledgefest show that takes place on July 29 at the

Portage Quarry.

The Pre-Sledge show is one that is anticipated throughout the year by both the bands and the community.

'We are excited about the show. It's going to be a big show. It always is," said Anne Frederick, a spokesperson for Howard's.

But the focus of the night will be on the band Sledge, whose long hiatus from the music scene will come to an end.

"As far as we know, we can't stop. We got stronger," Jason Parritt, the drummer for Sledge said about the band's endurance.

Parritt, along with other members Al Foreman and Al Baldonado, is trying to incorporate the youth of the music scene into the Sledgefest shows, almost as if it was a passing of the torch from the veterans to the rookies

Around sixmonths ago, Parritt took flyers to local schools to

attract them to a battle of the bands that was taking place at Howard's, to determine who plays at Sledgefest. MySpace played a pivotal role throughout the battles, as means of com-munication between Parritt and the high school bands.

But making the battle a competition was not what Parritt intended for the younger bands.

He wanted to design the show using MySpace as a way for the younger bands to network with each other and to teach them lessons on ways to survive as indie band. Booking your own

"It's giving thanks to helping the community. There's no other fest that has what we have."

JASON PARRITT, SLEDGE

shows and interacting with other bands is essential.

Althoughtheeight-bandbattle had a winner with Premonition, it was still too close of a battle to allow only one band to play at Sledgefest, prompting that also Contain the Sickness will also be playing the July 1 show.

Contain the Sickness, a hardcore metal band, has been playing together for a year that mainly played parties in past performances. The previous battle was their first exposure to the bar scene.

"We always loved Howard's. Sledge has always been our [favorite] band...and Jason Parritt was my idol," said Ben Lacey, the drummer for Contain the Sickness

The band looks forward to playing the larger venue again and to reunite with Sledge for

the upcoming show.
"It will be about getting hours under our belt and playing for the people," he said. "Playing shows is really what we want to do...This is a big stepping-stone for us and is something we're very excited about."

In preparation for the show, the band will continue to jam six to seven hours a day, trying to show everyone what they are

all about. Playing music is better than anything. It's our drug. It's what we choose. It's our life,"

Lacey said. According to Sledgefest is all about celebrating the local music that the small city of BG brings

"It's 100 percent local bands, and there's no other reason," he said. "It's giving thanks to helping the community. There's no other fest that has what we have, and it's dedicated strictly

Sledgefestwillsee eight bands taking the stage every hour. The lineup includes: Student Loan, Premonition, Bancroft, Cronis, Goiterjelly, Crazy Eddie, Lynched and Sledge.

Sledgefest takes place on July 29, at the Portage Quarry. It will be a reunion of sorts for two bands: Crazy Eddie and Sledge

'I'm kind of proud of Sledgefest and Sledge. I hope it never dies," Parritt said. He went on to say that if he's

no longer able to attend the show, he wishes that Sledgefest lives on for years to come in celebration of local music.

Pre-Sledgefest takes place this Saturday at Howard's Club H. Doors open at 9 p.m. with the show starting at 10 p.m. Sledgefest will happen on July 29, with the first band hitting the stage at 1 p.m. at the Portage Quarry.



LIVING THE DREAM: Johnny Lechner pictured above, has 12 years of college and a law named for him.

Man makes a career out of staying young

Lechner delays graduation after a decade in college

Call him a real life Van Wilder. Now one of People Magazine's hottest bachelors, Johnny Lechner has been attending the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater for the last 12 years and is looking for-

ward to number 13.

Twenty-nine-year-old Lechner loves college life and is savoring every minute that he possibly can with rumors of having his

Originally attending college with the mindset of a four-year plan, Lechner decided he wasn't quite ready to leave the laid-back atmosphere of college. He watched his friends graduate and wanted to say, more friends along the way, midfriend, Erica and wanted to stay and make

Former girlfriend, Erica Ciskowski, said she had no problem with him being in school for 12 years, because she could tell he was following his heart.

"College is just so laid-back, and I love both the social side and the academic side that col-lege offers," Lechner said. "I've learned how to balance the two very well, which is a hard thing

According to Registration and Records, a student here started in the fall of 1966 and just finished classes in 2002, so extending the

college years is not so rare. There were a couple gaps in her college career, but for the most part, she attended college for 30 years

Legislation passed a law two ears ago known as the Johnny Lechner law, requiring students to pay double the tuition if they have completed 150 or more credit hours without graduating. Lechner is currently up to 275 total credit hours since beginning college in 1994.

Andrea Thoma-Haney at University of Whitewater Registration confirmed that Lechner has been enrolled with them since fall of 1995. She believes Lechner came to the University of Whitewater already having a year under his belt at another university.

'It doesn't bother me that they raised tuition because of me," he said. "I would pay triple the tuition, because there is no substitute for the experience of college.

Raising tuition because of him is not the only criticism he receives in Wisconsin. The newspapers are fond of him, and he has gotten a lot of negative responses to his thirteen-

"I understand that his behavior is not praised, but he's a genuinely good person, and he's not doing any of this for attention, Ciskowski said.

His new graduation date is looking to be May of 2007 after adding one more year to his original plan to graduate this

past May. Lechner felt there were more things to accomplish before leaving the safety of college life.

Number one on his list was studying abroad which he just started as of Friday. He is com-pleting a travel study through London, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome and Italy, Palling in love and making a visit to the playboy mansion are also at the top of

Lechner is confident about himself and his future. His confidence may have something to do with being named one of the hottest bachelors of 2006, which he is flattered about.

"Even though I know I am not really one of the hottest bachelors in the world, this was totally the highlight of my day," Lechner said. He's been a guest on shows

like Good Morning America and David Letterman, been pro-filed by CNN and does frequent

Lechner also sings and plays guitar in his own band, which people can listen to on his Web site. He has put out five CDs already and will be returning to the studio in August.

All in all, Lechner is a laid-back guy who enjoys the college "A lot of the time Johnny, and

I would just hang out, make dinner together or watch a movie, Ciskowski said.

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Places, eat late

If you'd rather head out to eat than rest your head on a pillow, here are some great places to catch a late bite

Stay up at Corner Grill

Location: 200 North Main Street, next to Howards Club H. Phone: 419-353-3858

Hours: Monday - Saturday 24 hours and until 2 a.m. on Sunday

The Corner Grill is a throw-back to the traditional idea of a small town diner. Loved by the majority of the population, community members and University students alike, this is the place to go if you're looking for a deliciously greasy breakfast or a post-concert burger. Amongst the menu items are fried cheese cubes with homemade ranch sauce, perfectly grilled cinnamon French toast, cheeseburgers and omelets. The diner comfortably seats approximately 30 people, which contributes to the intimate home town atmosphere. There's only one rule to follow while dining at Corner Grill, to use the rest room you must order a menu item first.



Healthy pitas grilling at night

Location: 522 Wooster Street. Phone: 419-354-7482

Hours: Sunday - Wednesday 11 a.m. - 3 a.m. and Thursday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 a.m.

With the latest health craze, many people are looking toward eating the right foods, and many of those people are eating pitas. Pitas shells are light, soft, and low fat. The inside of the pita shell is stuffed with healthy vegetables and fresh meats. Pita Pit may be a bit more on the pricey side, but the taste of the pitas absolutely makes up for the difference. Pita Pit is also available for delivery, even late after a night of bar crawling. Delivery can also be addressed by the campus food Web site, which is gaining in popularity.

Get pizza after dark

Zaa's Pizza & Pasta
Location: Bowen Thompson Student Union
Hours: FALL ONLY! Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 a.m., Saturday 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.,
Sunday 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Located in the student union, Zza's is open late for student hunger pains. Zza's offers a variety of pizza, pasta, subs, salads, bread and deserts. During the school year students can wander into the union for Zza's until 2 a.m. So, if you're craving thick fresh pizza, drop by Zza's after class. Their cheesy bread has proven to be one of the most popular items on the menu among college students.



Waffle here anytime

Location: 1548 E. Wooster Street Phone: 419-353-6146 Hours: 24 Hours

Waffle House is open 24 hours a day, offering breakfast to anyone who craves it throughout the day and night. Popular for college students coming back from the bar, Waffle House is an important addition for a college town. Located on the main drag of Bowling Green, it's not hard to find as you drive through town. So next time you're craving pancakes at 3 a.m., stop by and check it out.

Burgers served at the 'Boy'

Frisch's Big Boy Location: 1006 N Main St. and 1540 E Wooster St. Phone: 419-352-5131 and 419-352-3531 Hours: Main Street: Sunday - Thursday 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Fridays - Saturday 6 a.m. - Midnight. On Wooster 24 hours.

With two locations, this restaurant offers a wide range of food for hungry college students. One location is on the main street E. Wooster and the other is located on N. Main. This restaurant provides an opportunity for all students in Bowling Green to visit, stretching from one end of town to the other. Big Boy offers a variety of sandwiches, salads and old-fashioned home cooking meals. The restaurant also offers a breakfast buffer in the morning to cure the worst hangover.

Sub culture at Jimmy John's

Location: 1616 Wooster Street.

Phone: 419-352-7200

Hours: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. (delivery), but closes at midnight during the summer. Open until 3 a.m. during the school year.

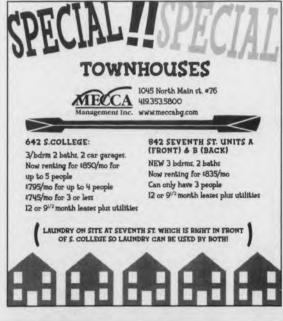
Jimmy John's is must-stop for any sandwich lover. Inside the sandwich shop, it's a nice and cozy restaurant that usually has some great music on the speakers. They can also deliver their sandwiches, which makes it nice for late-night endeavors. Along with a sandwich, their cookies are delicious, and their chips are kettle-styled with flavors.

Dine in or out at Mr. Spots

Location: 125 East Court Street
Phone: 419-352-7768
Hours: Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 1 a.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 a.m., Sunday 11 - Midnight

Mr. Spot's is one of many late-night eateries in Bowling Green that has late store hours for both dine-in and delivery. Mr. Spot's concentration is on hoagies and Philadelphia Cheese steaks. Check out their wings, chicken, salads and delicious waffle fries. The store itself is a small restaurant in which you can see the workers preparing the food and the large drink coolers suggest a "help-yourself" kind of attitude. In addition to delivering food late into the night, people (aged 21 and over) can order cases of beer to be delivered.









Couch potato rant: it's the death of TV sitcoms



Couch Potato Columnist

On May 14th, 1998, the traditional situational comedy died. Why that exact date? Well, May 14th. 1998, was the original air date of the final episode of the most monolithic, entertaining and astounding sitcom in my lifetime "Seinfeld." Since then, no tradition sitcom has been able to produce as much smart entertainment as has the exploits of Jerry, George, Elaine, Kramer and Newman.

I know what many of you are thinking "Friends" and "Will & Grace" are fantastic sitcoms. No, they are not. I hated "Friends" and Labsolutely refuse to watch "Will & Grace." Mind you, this has nothing to do with homophobia but rather with stereotypical depictions of gay men. How many gay jokes in the world can there be?

When it comes to "Friends," I would rather not have them close to me. The show is racist. There

is only one minority character I can remember, a girlfriend of one of the main characters, played by Aisha Tyler. Furthermore, "Joey" is an abomination onto mankind. Not only did the producers make a spinoff of "Friends," thus affirming that executives are never willing to let a successful idea die a natural death, but they also gave the spin off to the most annoying character on the series. Joey Tribiani, the "lovable, gullible Italian Stallion" character, does not deserve his own annoying show.

Other, lesser sitcoms include one that had been placed between possibly the greatest television show ever, "The Simpsons" and its successor "Family Guy." The show I mean is "The War At Home," which stars a bloated Michael Rapaport as a less-than-perfect father of three less-than-perfect children one girl and two boys. The jokes are all obvious, the performances are weak and even the laugh track seems to question itself. I really hate that I know so much about this show, but it's placed smack-dab in the middle of my Sunday night lineup, and there's nothing else on.

Please forgive me. What I'm suggesting is that we give up on the traditional sitcom format. It does not work anymore. Rather, we should look for more interesting, more ground-breaking situational comedy shows, "The Simpsons," as I mentioned

earlier, is in my opinion the greatest show ever made. Many people consider it to be a sitcom of a sort, and this opinion is viable. It does contain many recognizable characters, easily identifiable personalities and the most important sitcom trait — plots that wrap up within the allotted 30 minute time slot. Things remain the same between each fantastic episode, except for the coming out of Marge's sister Patty, "There's Something About Marrying" and the death of Ned Flanders' wife Maude, "Alone Again Natura Diddily". Also, the fact that it's been on for 17 years solidifies that fact that avant-garde sitcoms are more needed than the traditional ones.

Other experimental shows in the past few years have been "My Name Is Earl," in which a man attempts to make amends with everyone he's wronged in the past and "Scrubs,"

which details the trials and tribulations of the medical staff in a hospital in California.

In 1998, the world briefly saw an Aaron Sorkin show called "Sports Night." This show was incredibly unique and followed the writers, producers and anchors of a nightly sports show.

Unfortunately, the show was canceled prematurely due to low viewership. It was a great show, but it was too different for the typical viewer. My biggest beef on this topic

is the unfortunate demise of my number two favorite show "Arrested Development." This show was about the Bluth family coming to terms with the fact that George Bluth, the father of the family and owner of the family's housing development company, committed illegal accounting actions and was sent to prison. The writing was nothing short of incredible, the jokes were top-of-the-line on multiple levels and the characters and acting were outstanding. The cinematography was documentary-style camera work done with handheld digital cameras, which allowed for the ability to do a full 360 degrees

of the sets and characters

The critics loved this show and illustrated it by awarding it over 21 awards for television, including the Golden Globe.

"Arrested Development" was canceled earlier this year. Despite its high critical acclaim, Fox executives pulled the plug again because of low viewership. In a fate similar to "Family Guy," "Arrested Development" was moved around the weekly schedule a few times, leaving viewers confused over when the show would air. Also, the network ran very few advertising campaigns in support of the show. Therefore, no one knew about the show, and the ones that did could never find it.

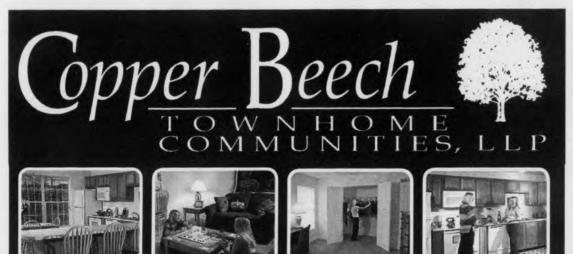
The point to all this is that we need to abandon the traditional concept of the sitcom. We need to look for ground-breaking shows like "My Name Is Earl" and "Scrubs" and we need to stop canceling shows like "Sports Night" and "Arrested Development."

As I said before, the traditional sitcom died with "Seinfeld." We need to bury the sitcom, pay our respects and move on.





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12-year student finds success in dating women, study abroad

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According to the Web site, there are plenty of misconceptions about Lechner. It is believed that his parents are paying for everything, which he said is not true

They did help him a bit his first year, but he took out some student loans his first four years. He has been paying his tuition as he goes along for the past 8 years, according to Lechner.

"I've done everything from camp counselor to sub maker to waiter to selling my acoustic CDs," he said. "It has been pretty costly, but the college years are worth much more than money.

Lechner admits that he isn't quite sure what he wants to do with his triple major and triple minor. His focuses of study are education, communications, liberal arts, theater, women's studies and health.

"I believe that everyone is confused no matter what path they take for the future," Lechner said.

Another misconception is that Lechner is nothing but a slacker. However, he has gotten good grades for many years, been involved in a number of organizations, been active with various volunteer work and started a scholarship program.

"I've been an A/B student at an accredited University where I have become quite possibly the most educated undergraduate in the world," Lechner said.

He is also looking for anyone to drop him e-mails offering advice and support. He has an active donation system on the Web site for anyone who wants to donate toward his college fund. Donators can receive gifts like CDs and T-shirts.

Editors Note: To offer Johnny advice, listen to his music, make donations or anything else visit www.johnnylechner.com



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Money, not pride, drives success in U.S. sports



DJ.

ast Sunday at WWE's annual pay-per-view Vengeance, Canadian wrestler and multi-time champi-on Edge received a microphone and began spouting off against the Charlotte crowd in an effort to really get the fans against him. But in his tirade, he spoke

some truthful words that caught my attention and are relevant in the today's world of American sports. He referred to the Carolina Hurricane's recently Stanley Cup win, calling it ridicu-lous. He then went on to run down the team, claiming that it had no point being in North Carolina, presumably because of the area's lack of a fan base in the area.

However, the line that really caught my attention was when Edge essentially said that his fellow countrymen were the real reason that the Hurricane's were able to win the champion-ship, much to the chagrin of the Charlotte crowd.

His comment on Canadians really struck a chord with me.

Canada is, arguably, our supe rior when it comes to this unruly sport, but our country has (liter-ally) sold out and beaten them at their own game. This isn't because we've trained our own hockey demigods and pitted them against Canada to really

see who is better. Rather it's because sports in America are all about money, and not about regional and/ or national pride, and the Canadians have capitalized and found a reason to sellout and play for us.

It's important to remember that NHL stands for the National Hockey League. It's not the International Hockey League or the Continental Hockey League. No, just like the Raptors play in the National Basketball Association and the Blue Jays play in our baseball association, the NHL has simply offered an invitation to a few cities in Canada to play in "our" league. (By doing so, we can call it a "world" championship.)

You can't blame the Canucks for playing in our league when, in all likelihood, the salary opportunities in the NHL far exceed anything that Canada could offer. But what it does is make our own country look weak. Essentially, we have to resort to importing players from foreign countries in an effort to substantiate our own league. How proud of Carolina can we really be when the team really belongs in, say, Alberta?

Pride isn't just a hockey problem, obviously. Most of our national team sports are devoid of this virtue as it's almost impossible to see players hop from city to city at least once in the name of one or two things:

Money or a championship.

With a payroll that could support a small country, the New York Yankees are the epitome of what is wrong with U.S. sports. The reason that players like Alex Rodriguez and Randy Johnson left fans that really wanted them there to play is because playing for the Yankees is putting another zero onto the end of their salary. Thus, the New York Yankees franchise will continue to alter from year-to-year, and as newer and better talent arrives on the scene, older talent will hit

The club is some Fortune 500

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FLYING INTO THE SPOTLIGHT: Matsumoto finished with 20 goals and 28 assists last season, his career best as a Falcon. Despite being drafted higher than expected, Matsumoto

Matsumoto taken by Flye

Senior plans on returning despite being third CCHA player selected in the NHL Draft

By Matt Entrup

When the Philadelphia Flyers selected Jonathan Matsumoto in the third round of the NHL draft over the weekend, they made him BGSU's highest pick since Peter Ratchuk was taken in the first round by the Colorado Avalanche in 1996.

Matsumoto's selection makes him the third BGSU athlete taken in one of the four major professional leagues this year. Omar Jacobs was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL and Alan Brech was taken by the Cleveland Indians of MLB.

Somewhat unexpected, how-ever, was how high Matsumoto was selected.

Prior to the draft www.hock-

eysfuture.com ranked him as the 18th best prospect in the NCAA, yet come draft day he was just the sixth college player selected and was the third of eight players taken from the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

Taken ahead of him were the University of Michigan's Mark Mitera (1st round) and Miami University's Jeff Zatkoff (3rd round).

Matsumoto said he was just sitting around watching a movie Sunday when teammate Michael Hodgson informed him of

"I thought he was messing around with me," he said. But after checking his com-puter and finding out he wasn't being messed with, "I almost lost

my mind," he said. "I was definitely expecting to be picked a little lower

Taken 79th overall, Matsumoto is the Falcons' highest draft pick in any sport this year but unlike Jacobs and Brech, who both gave up their final year of NCAA eligibility to play at the next level, he has every intention of returning

for at least one more season. "My original intention was to stay in school no matter what

happened and right now noth-ing has changed," he said. But that doesn't mean he is turning up his nose at the Flyers. They will retain his rights until the August after he graduates and could make him an offer at

any point. NHL Agent Peter Baptista, who

represents former Falcons Don Morrison and Mike Falk, said it is not uncommon for teams to use this strategy.

"If you take a look at everyone who was drafted they are 18 and 19 years old," he said. "A lot of times it takes a couple of years for

a player to develop."

And by staying in school, Matsumoto will have a chance to improve his game and make his parents happy by coming closer to earning a degree.

"We have always told him that we want him to finish universaid his mother, Winara. "So he knows where we stand, but we also know his career is something that is important

In fact, his mother said hockey

is her son's first love. She said when he was just three-yearsold his father taped the Stanley Cup Finals. She would come downstairs in the morning and he would already be up studying the games, rewinding them playby-play to get a better look.

'And it wasn't just the goals. He would rewind little plays too,' she said. "His interest and desire for hockey was there before anything else.

Matsumoto credits his father for turning him on to the game at such an early age but said it has been his time at BGSU that has prepared him to play at the next level.

"My time at BG has been

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Mann leads by example



POST POWER: Mann powers through the defense in a game last season against Mid-American Conference opponent, Buffalo.

For most college students, earning a 3.43 GPA in accounting and maintaining an academic scholarship would be enough to declare the first three years of school a complete success.

Then again, most college students aren't Ali Mann.

This senior embodies what it means to be a student athlete by finding success both in games and class-rooms. As a three year starter on the BG women's basket-ball team, Mann has been a key component to the program's quick rise to the top of Mid-American Conference standings.

Last year she started all 31 games, and led the Falcons with 14.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. She was also named BG's women's basketball player of the year. Teammate Liz Honegger

credits the success to her unwavering dedication to the game.

'She's an outstanding worker," Honegger said. "She's not the quickest or most athletic,

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College teams ban use of Facebook

The Internet is not a friendly place. Stories of online stalkers, pedophiles and con-artists have frequented nighttime news for years, and recently, the Internet has even infiltrated the sports pages. Student athletes are being caught in violation of team policy and then broadcast for the world

Most notably, the "Whether Northwestern wom-en's freshman soccer you like it or team was suspended not, you're when photos of hazing activities were widely distributed on the Internet after a student athlete 365 days a year." being published on www.webshots.com.

JANNA BLAIS, INTERIM DEPUTY Another site that is making waves is the widely popular www. facebook.com. Used ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

by most students to keep in touch with old friends or meet new ones, some users seem to think that only their friends will see what they post. They'll put up cell phone numbers, addresses, personal photos, crude and sometimes vulgar comments and brag about how much they can drink and smoke.

This is an online stalker's dream. Not only can they tell what their victim looks like but also where they live and work, who their friends are, what they like and even where they'll be Saturday night.

But employers, school officials and even law enforcement have also caught on to the site and now monitor it for inap-

propriate or incriminating posts.

Two Louisiana tate swimmers State were kicked off the team for joining a group on the site that posted derogatory remarks about their coach.

Colorado ll player suspended football was suspended for the team's bowl game after

student athlete the site.

Now, some universities have taken a proactive approach when it comes to avoiding such embarrassing episodes by ban-ning all student athletes from using Facebook.

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FOLLOW THE LEADER: Mann has been an anchor for the Falcons offensively in each of her previous three seasons, averaging double digits in scoring per game over her career at BG. Last season, she was selected as the team's most valuable player.

Mann excels in crunch time

but she outworks a lot of peo-

ple."
This work ethic and competitive fire dates back to Mann's childhood, where she was never afraid to take her shots and get her hands dirty. Her father, John Mann, remembers a young girl with a will to compete.

"You just put any kind of ball in front of Ali and she will play ball," said John. "She was just a natural — from an early age it was obvious she was competitive.

Mann's competitive spirit thrived during her high school years, where she lettered in softball and volleyball in addition to basketball at Chelsea High School in Michigan.

On the diamond, Mann played first base and was a part of two state championships in her junior and senior years

On the court, Mann played varsity for three years. Her sophomore year she was a part of a team with a 20-4 record, and as the youngest player on the team, found success at all positions on the floor.

By the time her senior cam-

paign had ended, Mann was averaging 19.6 points, 8.2 rebounds, three assists and 2.5 steals per game. Her perfor-mance in that final high school season was enough to earn her Detroit News Third-Team All-State honors

When it came time to decide where to attend college, Mann had to choose between Ivy League Dartmouth and Bowling Green. It didn't take long for her to be sold on head coach Curt Miller and BGSU.

"The coaches were young and energetic, and I loved how the team interacted,' Mann said.

Despite her commitment to BGSU, the team was initially unable to offer her a "You just put a ball in front of Ali and she will play ball. She was just a natural from an early age it was obvious she was competitive."

JOHN MANN, ALI'S FATHER

With an academic scholar-ship to fall back on in case she was forced to walk on, Mann committed to Bowling Green.

Luckily, a slot opened up soon after and the 6'1" power forward had found her new

Upon arriving to the team her freshman year, Mann suddenly found herself wondering if she had made the correct decision by coming to school to play basketball. The speed and skill needed to play the game she loved had drastically changed, and Mann wasn't sure how she would handle the transition.

"The first day I walked in and thought I was way over my head," Mann said. "I called my mom that day and told her I had gotten in over my head."

As it turned out, the only ones in over their heads were those forced to guard Mann.

Miller thrust the freshman into the limelight by starting her in the very first game — the first of 30 starts that season. Mann would go on to lead the team in scoring and earn MAC Freshman of the Year honors.

With the help of a core group of recruits, including standouts Honegger and Carin Horne, Mann has helped the team to two of its best seasons in school history, capped off last year by an undefeated record in conference play.

"We came in as this huge class, and we just kind of took over," Mann said. "People like Carin and Liz have stepped up huge

Teammates on the court, Mann has found a second family in her team off the court. This summer she is living in BG with Whitney Taylor, Kate Achter, Amber Flynn, Honegger and Horne. Whether it's looking for someone to pass her the ball in the post or someone to go get ice cream with, Mann has been able to count on her teammates all the while.

"It's awesome to live and room with them," Mann said.

"It's been a great experience." Away from her team, Mann credits her father as being her main influence as a young athlete. From AAU basketball games to local softball tourna-ments, her father was always there watching and cheering

on his daughter.

"My dad has been my number one supporter," Mann said. "He just put in so many hours and he hardly ever misses a game.

In games, number 22 is known for her emotion and ability to perform in crunch

In person, her cool and calm demeanor is a contrast to the yelling and enthusiasm exhib-

ited on the hardwood. "I think that's just her - she saves that energy," Honegger said. "On the court she's business and ready to go all of

the time. It won't be easy, but this senior is looking to build on the foundation her class has laid the past three years. Mann now looks to lead her team to another successful season, with hopes of an NCAA Tournament win to add to an already impressive résumé.

Coming off the undefeated conference season, it'd be awesome if we could go undefeated again," Mann said. "Our team goal is to win the MAC, but I think we can do even more."

U.S. sports lack sense of pride

REGIONAL PRIDE, FROM PAGE 13

company rather than a local sports team. And even in my business-like mind, I don't see myself cheering for Cincinnati's Proctor and Gamble. P&G doesn't care about me or the rest of Cincinnati; if profits would multiply in Indonesia, P&G wouldn't think twice

about moving hemispheres. The same is true for many athletes and sports teams, including the Yankees; if an attractive offer is made else-where, you can bet your bottom dollar that they'll tell you

good-bye and never look back. The same is true for ringchasers, which in retrospect, are the same thing. Gary Payton is the quintessential example, as he left the deadend Seattle Supersonics to play for the all-star-like Los Angeles Lakers. Although he wouldn't win a ring there, his career culminated as he followed Shaquille O'Neal to Miami to win a championship there. I imagine if Shaquille and Dwayne Wade decided to play in a Podunk league in Mexico Payton will be there with a sombrero and a set of maracas in hand, ready to play. The sad bottom line is that

Gary Payton, just like most athletes, could care less if they were in Portland, Oregon. City pride is a non-issue to them.

Just ask Johnny Damon, who after jumping from Kansas City to Oakland to Boston, made the most unpardonable sin of all by jumping from the Red Sox to the Yankees which happened after noting a month before to the media that he wasn't going to bend to the almighty dollar. Rightfully so, the Boston Red Sox (a team that if I were usually asked to take or to leave, I'd opt to obliterate) fans didn't let up on him in May of this year. Whereas I don't approve of hooliganism, Damon received everything that he deserves.

However, one sport we haven't been able to substitute money for our pride is soccer. Whereas every other country in the world seemingly prides themselves on soccer, we brush it off. Besides, if we, inarguably the greatest country in the world, don't care about soccer, it must not matter, right? Without the ability to use players from other parts of the world, international

"...sports in America are all about money, and not about regional and/or national pride..."

soccer play has been our Achilles' heel; since 1934, the furthest we have advanced is the quarterfinals (2002), we failed to qualify for the World Cup from 1954 to 1986, and this year, we accidentally didn't win a game.

Ultimately, it goes without saying that soccer isn't our thing; the lack of the success with the MLS is a good indicator of that.

But maybe our inability to buy a world championship has really turned us off from the sport in general. And rather than entertaining their fans, buying a national and/or world championship is all that matters

Lucky for us, the new MLS team (Toronto FC) debuts in 2007. It couldn't have happened soon enough.

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'Matsy' plans on finishing at BG

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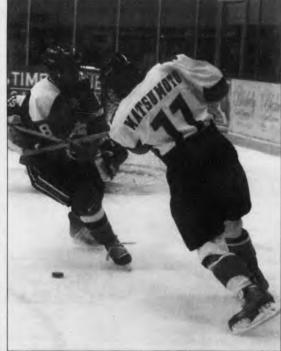
incredible. I've learned a lot from the coaches we have and just playing at a higher level, playing gainst good teams and playing with better teammates is what has really helped me the most,"

Falcon assistant coach Ron Fogarty said Matsumoto brings puck skills, vision and creativity to the ice, which will help him to succeed at the next level. He also stated that he needs to add a little more grit to his game before he is truly ready to move on.

Other areas Fogarty thinks he could improve in are his defense and shooting.

"He has a great shot but he has to use it a lot more and on defense he will have an opportunity to work on his penalty killing," he said.

If he is able to improve on last year, CCHA goalies are in big trouble. Matsumoto finished the 2005 season with career bests in goals (20), assists (28) and points (48) and led the team with 12 power-play goals. His regular season totals of 1.35 points per game and 46 total points wer enough for 12th and eighth in the country, respectively.



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GRAND ON GRASS: Federer continues his success on grass courts at Wimbledon, winning his 42nd consecutive match on that surface.

Federer dominates Wimbledon

By Stephen Wilson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England — Roger Federer won his record 42nd straight grass-court match yesterday, beating Richard Gasquet 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to open his bid for a fourth consecutive Wimbledon championship.

The top-ranked Federer broke the record he shared with Bjorn Borg, the five-time Wimbledon champion who won 41 straight matches on grass from 1976-1981.

"It's nice to get any streak," Federer said. "I'm still going, so even better if I can maybe postpone it and make it even last longer. I'm surprised myself I've kept it that long. To come through today was my only wish, not to break the streak, but to have it come together is nice."

Federer led Gasquet 6-3, 1-2 on Monday when the match was suspended by rain. The pair returned to Centre Court under cloudy skies, and Federer needed only 37 minutes to finish off the 20-year-old Frenchman, set-

ting up an intriguing secondround encounter against Britain's Tim Henman.

Also winning on Centre Court was Andre Agassi, the 1992 champion playing in his last Wimbledon. The 36-year-old American — the oldest player in the men's draw — got off to a slow start before beating 71st-ranked Boris Pashanski of Serbia-Montenegro, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Agassi, who announced Saturday that the U.S. Open in September will be his final tournament, had 17 aces and capitalized on 11 double faults by Pashanski — two coming on the last two points of the match.

"I was a bit lost out there in the first set, a bit too nervous, then I settled in and managed to find a little bit of rhythm," Agassi said. In his customary fashion,

In his customary fashion, Agassi bowed and blew kisses to all corners of the court as the fans gave him a rousing ovation. Among those in the crowd was his wife, seven-time Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf. Agassi wore a necklace with letters spelling out "Daddy Rocks," which he said was made by the couple's 4-year-old son, Jaden Gil.

Agassi said he was moved by the loud reception while walking out for the match.

"You expect to be overwhelmed with the whole situation anyhow," he said. "To feel that sort of support meant the world to me. I just wanted to do 'em proud. I got a little bit nervous and was trying too hard early."

Federer closed out his match with an overhead smash, then smacked a ball into the stands and basked in a huge ovation. He left the court the same way he arrived — donning a custom-designed cream-colored sports jacket emblazoned with his name and a special crest on the breast pocket.

Federer's last loss on grass came in the first round of Wimbledon in 2002, when he fell to Mario Ancic in straight sets. His win streak includes three titles at Wimbledon and four at the warm up tournament in Halle, Germany.

Federer said he considers Borg's grass-court streak more impressive than his own because all the Swede's wins came at Wimbledon. Borg won five straight Wimbledons before losing in the 1981 final to John McEnroe.

"Wimbledon stays Wimbledon after all," Federer said. "The five Wimbledons and six finals is something almost beyond possibility for any player. For me, he [Borg] stays a hero."

Gasquet was coming off a victory at the grass-court warm up at Nottingham, England, but proved no match for the player who is an overwhelming favorite to become the third man in the Open era to win four straight Wimbledons. Borg and Pete Sampras (1997-2000) are the others.

FedererwillnextfaceHenman, a four-time Wimbledon semifinalist who overcame Sweden's

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Robin Soderling, 6-7 (8), 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3. The British player is unseeded for the first time in 10 years because of a drop in his ranking. Henman leads Federer 6-4

Henman leads Federer 6-4 in career matches, including a four-set win in the Wimbledon quarterfinals in 2001.

"It feels really good to be playing a match here at Wimbledon with really very limited, very little pressure and expectation," Henman said. "I just want to go out there and let it happen."

Earlier, Martina Hingis and Justine Henin-Hardenne took advantage of the dry weather to move into the second round with routine straight-set victories.

Hingis, back at Wimbledon for the first time since 2001, finished off a 6-2, 6-2 win over Ukraine's Olga Savchuk. The match had been suspended by rain after the first set Monday.

Henin-Hardenne, who is seeking to add the Wimbledon title to complete a collection of all four Grand Slams, needed only 56 minutes to dispatch Yuan Meng of China, 6-0, 6-1. Fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters, seeded No. 2, advanced with a 7-5. 6-3 win over Vera Zvonareva.

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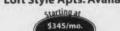
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Falcon athletes may see a Facebook ban in the future

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Facebookspokesperson Chris Hughes believes this is wrong and all students should have a right to use the site.
"The notion of banning stu-

dent athletes from Facebook is like banning them from using e-mail or Instant Messenger. These are essential technologies for the modern college student," he said. "Students should have the opportunity to be part of their college's social sphere online whether or not they participate in a collegiate sport."

Most recently, Kent State University banned all student athletes from using Facebook following a stalking inci-dent involving one of their student athletes

And if a student athlete bas a problem with that there isn't much they can do aside from

transferring. "When you agree to be a student athlete at Kent State, that's a privilege and with that there are responsibilities," said Laing Kennedy, Kent State athletic director.

Legally, he is right.

Rodney Fleming, managing attorney at BGSU Student Legal Services, said that even though a ban on Facebook appears to raise serious First Amendment questions, there are certain cir-cumstances in which an individual can waive those rights.

Signing a contract with a university to play sports can be one of those circumstances depending on the language of the contract, he said.

While Fleming does think that a ban is an unnecessary intrusion into an athlete's right to free speech, he said once a student athlete agrees to adhere to the rules and regulations of their team and athletic department they have given up a certain amount of personal freedoms, making such bans

perfectly legal.
John Planek, athletic director at Loyola University Chicago. also banned student athletes for using Facebook.

He said a ban from the site is no different than requiring stu-dent athletes to take drug tests or maintain higher GPAs.

"It is just another of a num-ber of things student athletes are required to do that regular students aren't," he said.

"I'm not against the outlet," he id. "I'm against student athletes portraying themselves in a negative light.

Bowling Green has even taken action against Facebook. Stopping just short of an all out ban, the University requires all coaches to create a pro-file on Facebook for the sole purpose of monitoring their player's profile

Janna Blais, interim deputy athletic director and senior woman administrator at the University said that players are counseled on the dangers of posting personal information on the site

She said student athletes are also reminded that the image they project reflects not only on

them but the University as well. "Whether you like it or not, you're a student athlete 365 days a year," Blais said.

"It's just another of a number of things that student athletes are required to do that regular students aren't."

JOHN PLANEK, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

The only Bowling Green team that has been completely banned from Facebook is men's golf. Coach Gary Winger was unavailable for comment, but senior golfer Michael Bibler said the decision was based on inappropriate photos of other University student athletes that appeared on the site.

We were mad at first, but then we figured it was probably for the best," he said. "[Facebook] really serves no purpose. It's just for fun, and we saw the trouble it can cause, so we decided as a team that it would be best not to

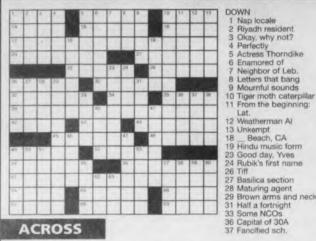
Kennedy and Planck reported similar reactions to their bans. Aside from a couple of initial emails, both said the bans were taken in stride with little protest and that any feelings of resent

ment have since subsided.

Blais said a ban on Facebook for all BGSU student athletes is possible, but it would be a last resort.

'We don't want to go down that road but in the next year you might see rules in the handbook putting limits, not banning, but limiting what (student ath letes] can put on [Facebook].

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