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**TODAY**  
Snow/Wind  
High: 16, Low: 10

**TOMORROW**  
Snow Shower/Wind  
High: 17, Low: 0

# Smoke, mirrors and tobacco use

Ohio universities compete to debunkify myths about college smoking habits

By **Kristen Zenz**  
Reporter

There are no ifs, ands or butts about it. BGSU's Public Relations Student Society of America chapter is determined to debunkify common myths associated with Ohio tobacco use.

BGSU's PRSSA chapter is teaming up with Ohio's state-

wide tobacco counter-marketing campaign, Stand, in a competition between universities such as Ohio State University, Ohio University and Miami University to reveal the truth behind myths regarding tobacco use through a successful marketing campaign.

Before generating a campaign though, students first enrolled

in graduate student Nick Wiger's Specialized Projects in Public Relations class. Here they calculated results from surveys created by Northlich, a Cincinnati communications firm.

Thesesurveyswereadministered to random classes about common tobacco myths. They also devised a written plan of their campaign which was

approved by the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Firm (OTPF).

After viewing the results of the survey, the University's chapter chose to debunkify the three most prevalent myths: most college students smoke, most Ohioans Smoke and most students start smoking after coming to this University.

According to Sara Fortner, president of the University's PRSSA chapter, realistically most college students do not smoke and 69 percent of students have no intention to start after coming to campus. In addition, she said, only 20 percent of Ohioans actually

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## Class and e-tiquette

Send Save as Draft Cancel Check Spelling

To: students@bgsu.edu

cc:

Subject: Professors grade students' ability to communicate via e-mail

Message:

By **Tim Sampson**  
Reporter

Dashing off a quick two-minute e-mail is something most people do on a daily basis. But the ease of electronic communications can cause friction between professors and their students.

Professors and instructors often complain about laziness and lack of formality in the e-mails they receive from their students. Many even go so far as to include written policies in their syllabi and will take the time to go over e-mail etiquette in class.

"I think most students are used to e-mailing friends and not to e-mailing professionals in an academic sort of setting," said Meredith Graupner, English department instructor.

According to Graupner and others, the biggest problem they see is students not bothering to address or sign their e-mails.

"There's no context a lot of times. They start off like they're walking into my office," Graupner said. "And then I have to e-mail back asking 'who is this?' and wait for them to reply. It slows down communication."

But even students who do address and sign their e-mails can still run into trouble. Whether or not to refer to a professor by first name can frequently be a gray area.

Tom DeWitt, marketing professor, requires that students use proper titles in addressing e-mails. He feels it's an important part of professional communication.

"I get these e-mails that just say 'hey,'" DeWitt said. "Now if you're talking to someone you go out drinking with that's one thing, but to a professor it's another."

Dewitt feels the informality students express in e-mails translates into the real world.

"I walk through the lobby and a student will be on the other side of the room will go 'hey DeWitt' or 'hey Tom,'" he said.

## E-MAIL ETIQUETTE TIPS

Below are pointers on how to impress

University professors

- Be informal, but not sloppy
- Keep messages brief and to the point
- Don't use e-mail to avoid personnel contact
- Avoid sarcasm
- Be sparing with group e-mails
- Don't forward junk mail
- Address and sign all e-mails

Source: Microsoft Office Online

"I haven't created that. That's something they've created themselves."

Because different professors have different expectations, knowing the level of formality to use can be difficult, according to Lance Massey, assistant English professor.

"E-mail is oddly situated between being formal and really informal," Massey said. "They have to develop the ability to read these situations themselves."

Massey says that a good rule-of-thumb is to send an initial e-mail using the receiver's proper title. If they use their first name in the reply, then it's all right for you to use it.

In addition to informality, many professors also complain about receiving demanding e-mails from their students.

"I get e-mails from students at the eleventh hour saying 'I need an extension,' expecting that I'll be able to reply in the middle of the night," said Montana Miller, assistant professor of popular culture.

According to DeWitt, students are more comfortable asking for extensions and extra points through e-mails rather than in person.

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## Weekly war protests continue at the Union

By **Alaina Buzas**  
Reporter

Graduate Student and President of BGSU's Chapter of Amnesty International, Amy Deitrickson was spit at yesterday while participating in a silent peace demonstration outside the Union.

"Somebody just tried to spit on me," said Deitrickson. "He spit on my feet."

Every Monday, Deitrickson dresses in black from head to toe and joins other members of Amnesty International in front of the Union from noon to 1 p.m. where they stand in silence holding signs protesting the War in Iraq.

This week, Graduate Student Joelle Ryan joined Deitrickson. Ryan hopes to show students that there are people that do not support the actions of the war.

"My goal is to show there are people who care about this issue," Ryan said. "I'm here to raise awareness that thousands of thousands of Americans are being killed, not to mention Iraqis."

Members of BGSU's chapter of Amnesty International have been holding weekly demonstrations since the beginning of the 2006 Fall Semester. Although numbers have been

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## USG, Provost discuss new faculty evaluation methods

By **Kelly Day**  
Senior Reporter

A new method for evaluating faculty members will debut this semester in at least three colleges at BGSU.

At last night's Undergraduate Student Government meeting, Mark Gromko and Dan Madigan from the Office of the Provost shared details of the new evaluations with USG senators.

The College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences and Firelands College have already agreed to the pilot program, while other colleges are considering joining the test group.

Vice Provost Dan Madigan said many academic departments are in favor of testing a new student

evaluation system named IDEA.

"They don't think that the student evaluation of teaching right now is very effective for evaluating faculty," he said.

Madigan said the new evaluations would ask questions that students would be more capable of answering and would offer more accessible ways to complete the evaluations, including face-to-face and electronic distribution.

Though USG President Bernard Little and Vice President Kristin Kulbis were hoping to move the evaluation date to the middle of each semester, Kulbis said the new evaluation program is a step in the right direction.

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## Silent students raise a ruckus for a cause

By **Theresa Scott**  
Reporter

On February 19 members of FIGURE will eat in silence to make some noise for students with disabilities.

FIGURE, which stands for Finding Intelligent Greatness Uniquely Residing In everyone, is a student organization which strives to raise awareness and discuss issues that relate to people with disabilities.

Each month the organization sets up a campus wide Silent Dinner to raise awareness at BGSU for people who are disabled. From the time that dinner is served until the time that the last bite is eaten participants in the exercise are not allowed to speak and have to find other ways to communicate.

The organization, formerly known as UADD, has about 10 members who meet each week to discuss issues and plan events that will raise awareness on campus for people with disabilities.

President Amber Ricker, who is hearing impaired, said that awareness is the most important job of the organization. She explained that members of FIGURE try to live by the three principles; to instruct, to inform and to inspire.

Along with raising awareness, the group also tries to destroy stereotypes that many have of people living with disabilities.

Vice President Jennifer Schuler said the one of biggest challenge that people with disabilities face is "the sense of pity that people with disabilities face, we try to get the message out that everybody is equal and they need to be treated equally."

Schuler explained that the mission of FIGURE is to break the stigmas that surround people with disabilities.

"It is important for people to see the person first, not the disability," Schuler said.

The need for an organization which raises awareness of disabilities is great, Ricker said, because many people are living with disabilities that are not very obvious or noticeable. The number of people living with a disability is not a small one. According to the National Center For Learning Disabilities as many as one out of every five people in the United States has a learning disability. Almost 3 million children, ages six through 21, have some form of a learning disability.

FIGURE deals not only with disabilities that are visible, like a physical disability but the members also try to educate each other about non-visible disabilities.

"If someone is blind you can see that but if somebody is deaf or has a learning disability you don't see those things and they tend to be overlooked, but these disabilities are just as prevalent if not more," Ricker said.

Above all the organization strives recognize that everybody is unique; BGSU is a diverse campus which needs groups who can shed light on the differences which people have Ricker said. She emphasized that a student does not

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## BLOTTER

### SUNDAY

8:30 A.M.

Front window of a vehicle parked on North Main Street smashed out by a chair, causing \$1,000 in damage.

9:52 A.M.

South Mercer Road resident reported receiving bad checks over the Internet.

10:54 A.M.

Vehicle reported damaged on East Merry Avenue.

1:30 P.M.

Man reported gas was stolen from his vehicle on Ridge Street. He told police he believed someone had siphoned half a tank of gas from his vehicle overnight.

1:51 P.M.

Glen Paul Myers, 36, of Millgrove, Ohio, arrested for criminal trespassing at a Fairview Avenue country club. He was lodged at the Wood County Justice Center on \$5,000 bond.

8:43 P.M.

Vehicle reported broken into at an East Napoleon Road apartment complex.

11:05 P.M.

Complainant reported he was stuck in an elevator on the ground floor of Founders Hall.

11:53 P.M.

Robert A. Haney, 51, of Bowling Green, arrested for telephone harassment after he called his ex-wife 17 times in one hour.

### MONDAY

12:29 A.M.

Vehicle reported to be headed the wrong way on the ramp to Wooster from Interstate 75. Police eventually stopped the vehicle.

2:37 A.M.

Theodoro Oviedo III, 26, of Toledo, arrested for assault at an East Wooster Street bar. He also had a previous warrant for failure to appear in court in Perrysburg. He was lodged at the Wood County Justice Center on \$10,000 bond.

## CAMPUS BRIEF

A celebration of life service for Tim King 57, of Bowling Green, will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Maumee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. King, who died Friday afternoon at Wood County Hospital, was associate director of Residence Life at BGSU. He joined the University staff in 1985 and held several different administrative positions over the years. Memorial



**Tim King**  
Former  
Director of  
Residence Life

contributions may be given to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Ave. Annapolis, MD, 21403 or the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Ave. Montgomery, AL 36104.

## STAND

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smoke.

The campaign initially took a mysterious approach in an effort to draw interest as "debunkify.com" can be found written without explanation on chalkboards across campus.

More visibly though the group will try to tackle these myths through posters, table tents, banners and flyers in residential halls and kiosks which can be seen early this week said Fortner.

"We are just trying to get the name out there," she said.

Students can also expect Stand's orange bus to make an appearance on Kick Butts Day which takes place March 28, where many freebies like stress balls and T-shirts will be given away.

"This is a social norms campaign" Wiget said. "We must change perceptions

first before we can change reality."

Kaleigh Stoller, a freshman communications disorder student, has heard of Stand but not PRSSA and does not believe the myths are true, but thinks the campaign will help break the thoughts of others.

At the end of their campaign PRSSA members will be able to measure their success on campus by comparing before and after survey results. Also, in May the group of 20 will travel to Cincinnati to present a 20 minute presentation about their campaign strategy in front of competitors and the OTPF.

The winning PRSSA chapter will receive \$1,000 and their plan will be implemented throughout Ohio.

"This experience gives students a real chance to work on a campaign, they are getting their hands dirtier than they ever expected," Wiget said.

## E-MAIL

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"It takes away the face to face confrontation," he said.

Although many instructors say it's less important than informality, lazy grammar errors can also plague student e-mails.

"They just don't realize that there are some words spell check just doesn't catch," DeWitt said.

According to Massey, the occasional grammatical error is not a big deal, but certain blatant or "stigmatized" errors,

like using "me" instead of "I" can reflect badly on students.

"There are certain grammatical errors that even professors make, that no one notices or cares about," Massey said. "But students should always proofread for stigmatized errors."

Taking a little extra time to proofread the e-mail before clicking the send button can make all the difference in how a student is ultimately perceived by their instructor.

"If you want a professor to have a positive impression of you, take the time to write out a good e-mail," Miller said.



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**PROTESTS:** Left to right: Paul Patton, Kendal Kissinger, Corey Stevens, Amy Deitrickson stand for peace in front of the union every Monday from 12-1pm. The small groups of undergrads, faculty, and alumni protest for peace, not just the war in Iraq but peace for the world.

## PEACE

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down due to the cold weather, up to 12 members have stood in front of the Union to protest the war at a time. The peace demonstrations started when members attended a peace demonstration in Toledo and decided that Bowling Green could use some peace demonstrations of their own.

"We stirred things up here in

Bowling Green," said Bowling Green alumna Kendall Kissinger. All four members who braved the cold yesterday believe that by stirring things up in Bowling Green, their doing their patriotic duty.

"It's imperative that as citizens we protest this issue because people are being slaughtered as we speak," Ryan said.

Research Associate Paul Patton agreed. "This is something we need to do as citizens... If we care about democracy it's

our duty to be out here."

Aside from the members seeing their demonstrations as their democratic duty, they also hope to inspire students. Despite the recent spitting incident and an occasional angry stare, feedback has been positive.

"We need to spread the word and keep putting this in the mind of students, get them to think about it," Deitrickson said. "Maybe they'll join us; maybe they'll join amnesty international."

## FIGURE

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need to be disabled or even know very much about disabilities to join the group, the groups main focus is supporting one another through a group which raises aware-

ness of certain issues.

Through silent dinners and open forums the group tries to present the message that everybody is unique and worth getting to know.

"It's hard because a disability is a part of who you are but it does not necessarily define who you are and

people need to recognize the distinct difference between those things" Ricker said.

The next meeting is open to all and will be at 9:15 p.m. in Olscamp 217 on March 20.

For more information on FIGURE please contact Amber Ricker at aricker@bgsu.edu

## USG

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"Perhaps once the testing period goes through that might be something they can incorporate," she said. "I'm just glad they're taking the initiative to make feedback

held to a higher standard."

Another issue addressed at the meeting was the GPA requirements for those who hold an office in USG.

Academic Affairs Chair Mark Pontius presented a resolution to raise the required GPA from a 2.0 to 2.5, which is the standard

requirement for most leadership positions on campus.

At-Large Senator Natalia Ramos was in favor of the idea.

"People are supposed to look up to us," she said.

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314 Union

6 p.m.

**How 2: Wine and Chocolate Tasting**  
Union Greenery

6-9 p.m.

**BG ACLU Meeting**

BG's new non-partisan civil liberties group

307 Union

7:30 p.m.

**Spring Film Directors Series: Andrei Tarkovsky**  
Gish Theater, Hanna Hall

8 p.m.

**Guest Artist: Caroline Oltmanns on the piano**  
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8 p.m.

**Nine Planets and Counting:**

Multi-media show, \$1 donation is suggested  
Planetarium, 112 Physical Science Bldg.

9 p.m.

**College Democrats Meeting**  
215 Olscamp

9-10:15 p.m.

**VISION (GLBT+) Meeting**  
107 Hanna Hall

## CAMPUS BRIEF

**VISION and Delta Lambda Phi will marry all consenting couples in the Union**

On February 14, VISION, the University's organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and supportive straight issues will be honoring National Freedom to Marry Day in the Union along with Delta Lambda Phi. From 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the groups will be at the union tables "marrying" consenting couples of any sexual orientation. The couple will exchange rainbow rings and receive a marriage certificate outlining the rights of married couples, civil unions and non-married couples. National Freedom to Marry Day was February 12.

# Recycle Mania creates recycling wars on campuses

By Megan Armentrout  
Reporter

The University is again at war with colleges across the country to see who can recycle the most.

The University is competing in the 10-week rivalry of the Recycle Mania program, known to campus as the Recycling Wars.

BGSU previously won this competition in 2002 and 2003. This year the contest is between 200 colleges in the United States and 10 of those schools are in Ohio. Universities participate in this program from Jan. 28 to April 7 to win the title of Grand Champion.

According to the Recycle Mania's Web site, their goal is to "increase student awareness and involvement in campus recycling through collaboration and partnership with participating schools."

A reported 18.6 million pounds of recyclables were collected nationwide during last year's competition.

They accept anything from newspapers, magazines and phone books to beer cans, glass and aluminum.

Nicholas Hennessy, associate director of the Office of Residence Life, said they try to encourage students to participate in the recycling program.

"To promote it we have recycling wars in the residence

**"Recycling is very important because we can reuse materials rather than just throwing them all away and wasting our natural resources."**

Cara Hull | Freshman

halls. We make flyers, posters and notify the staff with a list proc," Hennessy said.

Each week, grounds crew collect the recyclable goods and determine the net weight of recyclables each dorm collected.

Residence Life is responsible for promoting the program and notifies the total recycled each week to Recycle Mania.

When the goods are recycled they are turned into many different products, and used for things people might not realize.

"Recycled plastic is made into sidewalks," Hennessy said.

David Maley, assistant director of operations for University Dining Services, said the dining halls try to do their part in the recycling program.

"We recycle tons of cardboard and have recycle bins for glass bottles, in the dining halls," Maley said.

Dining Services also tries to promote students to use their permanent ware when they are eating in the dining hall. They discourage wasteful behavior by charging for their carryout

containers.

This is how they see they can make an impact for the University's recycling programs.

Cara Hull, a freshman who lives in McDonald Hall this year was not aware of the campus's involvement in Recycle Mania, but recognizes that the college is serious about recycling.

"Recycling is very important because we can reuse materials rather than just throwing them all away and wasting our natural resources," Hull said.

Hull said the University makes recycling easy because of the numerous bins scattered around campus.

"I think it's very convenient and it reminds me to recycle when I see the bins," Hull said.

Everett Fitzhugh, freshman, said he knew about the Recycle Mania program and is doing what he can to participate in it.

"I think that recycling is very important because I think people should know about recycling," Fitzhugh said. "Every chance I get I recycle. The many locations of recycle bins on campus are convenient."

## Provost steps down, becomes CEO at Univ. research institute

By Megan Yodzis  
Reporter

After six years as provost, John Folkins decided it was time for a change.

In May 2000 Folkins came to the University to serve as provost for academic affairs. He now sits as the CEO of the research institute on campus.

"It was a great opportunity to change departments and I'm looking forward to the challenge," Folkins said.

As provost, Folkins was the vice president for the academic side of the university. Eight deans, student academic services and admissions reported to him.

Even though Folkins has left the provost's office, Alberto Gonzalez, vice president for Academic Services, said they are making sure they continue on with the approach to admissions and new student recruitment

as they were before.

"I worked with Folkins since he has been here and he offered tremendous support to Academic Service areas and I appreciated that," Gonzalez said.

Interim

Provost for Academic Affairs, Mark Gromko, had worked as Vice Provost for nine years so the transition was easy to interim, he said.

"We will continue working on existing projects and prepare the office so it's in good shape to hand off to a new provost," Gromko said.

As CEO of the research insti-



**Mark Gromko**  
Interim Provost for Academic Affairs

tute Folkins is helping students, faculty and staff of the University hook up with companies that will help them out if they have a new invention or idea.

"The faculty is busy teaching so they don't have the time to do the marketing themselves, its benefiting the faculty and public and its advertising for new products," Folkins said.

The provost office is currently working on testing a new form of student evaluations for teachers, Gromko said.

"The new form has advantages directed towards students own learning, and it corrects known bias," he said.

It was a good decision to transfer, I can do all different things, and it's an all new challenge, Folkins said.

"I hold [Folkins] in high regard and appreciate the hard work he did for the office and the university," Gromko said.



SHAWNDA HESS | THE BG NEWS

## Making holiday bags for kids

**SPREADING CHEER:** Nicholas Bockoven, sophomore, decorated a valentine bag for the Mercy Children's Hospital yesterday at a table in the Union, sponsored by UAO.

## Woman arrested for soliciting on campus

By Christine Olley  
and Diana Huynh  
MCT

CHEYNEY, Pa. — Cheyney University is on edge after the arrest of a woman who school police said had been soliciting students for sex and indicated to cops she was HIV-positive.

Sakinah Floyd, 36, of Upper Darby, Pa., was arrested Thursday night by university police on prostitution charges, according to Joseph Briemann, spokesman for the Delaware County district attorney's office.

A statement from Cheyney University said the woman visited two dorms — Truth and Yarnell halls — on the school's Delaware County campus.

While in police custody, she indicated that she is HIV-positive, something that has students all over campus very nervous.

"We're just worried that it will cast a negative light on the university. And we are especially worried about the welfare of the people here on campus," said one female student, who didn't give her

name.

The girl, a resident of King Hall, said all the students in her dorm are taking advantage of the free testing.

"Safe sex is always the best sex," the female student added. "I feel bad for everybody else though, especially for the females on campus with boyfriends who may have been creeping around — there is no way for them to know."

A male student, who declined to give his name, said Sunday that tension was very high among his classmates after news spread quickly.

Sunday, some students — angered over the negative publicity surrounding the incident — yelled and cursed at reporters.

"Everybody is scared right now, but really to be honest, what I would like to see is more unity and more intelligence when people make decisions because it's bad and it really makes us look bad," said the male student, 21.

Students said they learned of the incident Thursday night through fliers that were passed out on campus.

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Would you support a third major political party in the U.S. government?



"It depends on what they are about."  
**DOUG STOUTS**,  
Sophomore, Architecture



"I would have to find out about their platform first."  
**LEAH DOMER**, Senior,  
Education



"Yeah, I'd support it."  
**JUSTIN BREIDENBACH**,  
Graduate Student,  
Accounting



"Sure, why not? If they've got a catchy name."  
**BING LIN**, Graduate  
Student, Psychology

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COLUMNIST

College is usually not the most nutritious stable time in an individual's life. College students are usually guilty of grabbing a greasy hamburger or slice of pizza because they are too busy to sit down and eat a healthy meal. Even though the lack of nutrition in college is self-induced, it does not help that some of the food courts have very inconvenient hours of operation.

I am not trash-talking Student Dining Services because I think that they do an excellent job around the university. They have a pretty good selection of food on a day to day basis and their workers are always polite, hardworking and pleasantly friendly. The problem I have is that the Founders food court does not serve the campus very well on the weekends, and therefore, its residents are forced to eat at the Union all the way across campus, or off-campus.

According to the postings on the Dining Services Web site, Founders' food court is open Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Saturday, it is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., while on Sunday the dining center is closed all together. This is ridiculous. Most students stay in Bowling Green on a regular basis during the weekends and therefore need to eat. Sure, they can walk to the Union to get something to eat, but they shouldn't have to because they are paying a substantial amount of money for room and board. Andy Ouriel, Founders resident, states, "It would be a lot more convenient

for people living in Founders, especially in the winter time." With as much money as students pay to live in Founders, the food court should at least be open till 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

On the Dining Services Web site it is stated that the Gold Meal plan, "...Should fully provide nutritious meals and snacks for the majority of college students who spend most of their time on campus and plan to eat in dining centers on weekends as well as during the week." This states that the students should be able to eat nutritiously on weekends, not just during the week. With Founders Dining Center being closed by 2 p.m. on both Fridays and Saturdays and closed all day on Sundays, the options are limited of how to obtain a nutritious meal for the hundreds of Founders residents.

The residents of Founders find themselves with choices of meals that consist of cold food, microwavable food or fast food sandwiches on the weekends. To obtain a meal on the weekend, Founders residents usually must walk to the Union, grab some food from the convenience store, or spend the little pocket money they have on restaurants off campus.

The Union is not a bad place to eat, but having to eat there all weekend, every weekend becomes repetitive and unhealthy. They do have a salad bar and fruit is available, but it is not possible for a student to find a warm, nutritious meal that consists of meat that is not inside a sandwich, potatoes that aren't fried and a warm vegetable like one can find nightly at any of the food courts on this campus.

The convenience store in Founders is a very wonderful thing to have around when the

**"With Founders Dining Center being closed by 2 p.m. on both Fridays and Saturdays, and closed all day on Sundays, the options are limited of how to obtain a nutritious meal for the hundreds of Founders residents."**

residents become hungry at nighttime after the dining center is closed. But on the weekends when it is the only place to get food inside the building, the residents are forced to have to make meals from cold food, microwavable dishes, and snacks. In my opinion, the residents are paying too much money to not receive a good, warm, and convenient meal on the weekends.

Feeling forced to spend money at off-campus restaurants is ridiculous because the residents have already paid a significant cost to live in Founders and for whatever meal plan they possess.

College is a business and its customers are the students. For the money that the students have invested in their education, they should have easy access to a good selection of food every day. This should especially be true at a dorm that costs more to live in, such as Founders.

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## 2008 Election: So many politicians, so little trust



**LAUREN WALTER**  
COLUMNIST

Although 2007 is barely dawning, the 2008 presidential race is in sight. If you've been keeping up with the news lately, you'll know that multiple candidates from both the Republican and Democratic parties have been stepping up to the challenge. Biden, Brownback, Clinton, Dodd, Edwards, Gilmore, Giuliani, Gravel, Huckabee, Hunter, Kucinich, McCain, Obama, Richardson, Romney and Vilsack are all in the running, according to The Washington Post. There is speculation about several other candidates joining in the race. Am I missing anyone?

Time magazine calls this election, "the most wide-open presidential race in generations and the first since 1928 in which no incumbent president or vice president appears on a primary ballot anywhere."

With that in mind, how is one supposed to narrow the field? It's almost overwhelming. There are pros and cons to each candidate and there are certainly pros and cons to each party. However it seems that Americans are seeing more cons than pros.

A 2005 report by the Pew Research Center said, "Americans are largely critical of the overall performance of both major parties." Now, in 2007, that attitude hasn't seemed to change. It looks like its getting worse.

For some, even the word "politics" can have a negative ring to

it. Is that how disillusioned the American people have become with our two-party system?

Surprised? Not me. I don't know of many people who are loyal, die-hard followers of either the Republican or Democratic parties. I think this is especially true for young voters.

We've grown up in a culture where politicians cannot be trusted. We've been conditioned to doubt that good, wholesome candidates even exist. Maybe that's why there is still low voter turnout among young people on Election Day; maybe it's just skepticism and distrust.

Maybe it's because it seems every week there is a new story about a politician responsible for embezzlement, a sex scandal, lying or simply not fulfilling their promises to Americans. These candidates' actions or lack thereof give their respective parties a bad wrap. And both Republicans and Democrats have had their fair share of slip-ups.

Some Americans who are fed up with the two-party system are considering what it would be like to incorporate a third large party into our political system. Some of these Americans even formed a group called Unity08, an Internet initiative to vote "for a bipartisan presidential ticket."

The purpose of this group is to elect someone moderate, someone who supposedly represents the majority of Americans.

While this sounds noble in theory, it's actually sad that our country has come to this point.

I say we should work with what we've got. Don't let the Republican and Democratic parties off the hook yet. Both

need to take a good hard look in the mirror and see how they can change their parties into ones which strive for truth; ones which have the very best interests of the people, ones that are not wishy-washy; ones that are not dictated by money.

If we really want America to be successful, then our politicians need to start being who they were elected to be — leaders. It starts with them. In order to be effective leaders, they must live their own lives with deep moral integrity, always seeking justice and peace in order to defend and protect the lives that have been entrusted to them. Those virtues must be translated into their parties' platforms.

No more lying, stealing or cheating. Step up to the challenge, politicians. You are supposed to be showing us the way. Change the moral climate of our nation for the better.

American politics needs to examine its conscience every now and then. I think our nation would find more unity than division if only politicians would follow their consciences and be the best human beings they can be. And, in response, bring that best to their position in government. They need to forget the money, forget the pressure and do what's right.

This 2008 presidential race should not be about money, fame or power. It shouldn't be about anything but integrity, strong moral character and an ability to uphold and defend the most basic human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Bring on the candidates.

Send comments to Lauren Walter at [walter@bgsu.edu](mailto:walter@bgsu.edu).

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## Media must look closer

U-WIRE — We are sensation-alists. As a culture we thrive on the bizarre oddities that abound in our modern world. During the past two weeks, the United States was transfixed with larger-than-life stories about a high-flying astronaut facing criminal charges and the death of an ex-playmate, TV star.

The stories of Lisa Nowak and Anna Nicole Smith grabbed U.S. citizens by the horns and still they haven't let go. Never mind the accusations made by Russian President Vladimir Putin saying the United States is creating an arms race or the recent U.S. presidential campaign announcements. We had sex and drugs, dammit.

Of course, the media isn't solely to blame. Sure we perpetuate and keep alive these stories, filing around-the-clock briefs about how many intoxicants were in Smith's bloodstream. But there is also the public demand to read these stories. Without the

public's interest, media outlets would not report these stories.

It is common to criticize the media for "yellow journalism" and sensationalizing stories. And, to a certain extent, the criticisms ring true. But, The Lantern believes it is also a responsibility to those outside of the fourth estate to demand better stories and to shun sensationalism. Buying into stories about crazy astronauts and dead reality stars further pulls the wool over society's eyes.

In the end, however, it is the media's responsibility to the people to produce content that informs and educates society about real-world issues. Sure, news such as Nowak and Smith also have their places. But, devoting 10 hours of a 24-hour news network to these stories is inexcusable.

The Lantern recently published a story about a reported racist incident in Drackett Tower. Cries of "yellow journalism" and

biases abounded in our message boards. The Lantern can see how some may label this story as sensational or desired to produce a negative response among the campus community. The importance of this story, however, is often overlooked in favor of pointing out the negative connotations that come along with publishing this type of story.

We in no way had the intention to sensationalize this story. The Lantern believes the weight of this story was worthy of publication and will continue to follow this story until a conclusion is reached.

It is important for us at The Lantern, the outside media and society as a whole to not fall victim to the sensationalistic, mind-numbing trap of making trivial stories such as astronauts and playmates into our sole news intake. We must learn to lift the wool from our eyes and search for those stories that impact the world and our lives.

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## STATE BRIEFS

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

**No questions asked:  
suspect crashes police car**

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — A man sitting in the back of a police cruiser climbed into the driver's seat, took off with the car and crashed it into a house, police said.

Andrew Bethard, 18, ran away from the crash and was arrested about 12 hours later when he returned home Sunday afternoon, police said.

Bethard was a passenger in a car stopped by Perkins Township police early Sunday. He was placed in the back of the police cruiser while an officer questioned the driver.

Bethard crawled through the glass divider separating the front and back seats and drove off, police said.

He was charged with vandalism, theft, failure to comply with the order of an officer, obstruction of official business, reckless operation of a vehicle and fleeing the scene of an accident.

Perkins Police Chief Tim McClung said the officer whose vehicle was stolen did not violate any department policies.

"We'll be looking at new measures we can use to prevent this from happening again," he said. "We're just thankful that no one was injured and we recovered the car."

**Maumee River make over**

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Four environmental groups will receive \$5 million in grants to reduce pollution in the Maumee River, Lake Erie's biggest tributary.

The Chicago-based Joyce Foundation announced yesterday it is distributing the money for projects along the 130-mile river and three other rivers that flow into it.

The money will help with restoring wildlife habitats and wetlands and reducing polluted runoff into the river.

Foundation President Ellen Alberding said she hopes the project will spur more involvement in cleaning up rivers in the Great Lakes area.

"The Great Lakes face serious threats to their health, and we need to attack those problems at their source," she said.

**Ohioans served by hefty  
helping of food stamps**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The number of Ohioans receiving food stamps increased by 71 percent over six years, a sure indicator of a poor economy but also a measure of decreased stigma over the help, the Department of Job and Family Services reported.

"Food stamps" has become a misnomer, now that the aid comes in the form of a debit card that's not easily recognizable at a checkout line. The use of food stamps increased from 614,000 people in 2000 to about 1.1 million in 2006, a jump state officials also attribute to a larger population and better promotion of the program.

"But far and away, the biggest factor is the economy," agency spokesman Jon Allen said. "Historically, you've always been able to trace the economy by food-stamp participation."

The number of residents — many of them children — receiving aid increased by at least half over the six years in seven urban counties, and more than doubled in Franklin County, home to Columbus, and the six suburban counties surrounding it. Food stamp use has more than tripled in Union County and is close to tripled in Fairfield County.

"A majority of these families are working families, and I think the public really needs to hear that," said Laura Holton, community services director of the Fairfield County JFS. "Our unemployment rate might not be that bad, but the wages just aren't enough."

Another 500,000 Ohioans could be eligible but haven't applied, said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, director of the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks.

**"The unemployment rate might not be that bad, but the wages just aren't enough."**

Laura Holton | Director

The association teamed up with the state's egg producers to promote the program on egg cartons.

The aid averages about \$98 monthly. It's based on income levels and doesn't exclude people with jobs. In fact, people without children can have their benefits cut off after a certain time period if they don't get a job, unless they live in a county where the requirement is waived.

Doris McShine, 24, of Delaware, got her first food stamp card last month. The veteran returned from Iraq 14 months ago and is resuming studies at Ohio Wesleyan University.

"What I'm trying to do is rebuild," she said.

**HUNGER FOR FOOD  
STAMPS GROWS**

Here are the percentage increases in the number of residents receiving food stamps from 2000 to 2006 in seven urban Ohio counties.

- Cuyahoga 46%
- Franklin 116%
- Hamilton 55%
- Lucas 62%
- Mahoning 40%
- Montgomery 73%
- Summit 47%

SOURCES: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Public Children Services



JILL GOSCHE | AP PHOTO

**UP IN FLAMES:** Firefighters work on a fire near Green Springs, Ohio.

**Ohio pigs roast in blazing barn fire**

GREEN SPRINGS, Ohio (AP) — A barn fire killed as many as 150 pigs owned by a northwest Ohio farmer who lost hogs in another blaze last year, the fire chief said.

Authorities believe 100 to 150 of the roughly 200 pigs in the barn died in the fire Sunday night, said Greg Lowe, fire chief in this town about 40 miles southeast of Toledo.

The cause hadn't been determined, but the fire was not suspicious, Lowe said.

The owner, Tim Hessick, was treated at a hospital for burns on his hands, Lowe said.

A heat lamp sparked a fire that killed hogs in another barn on the farm last March 11, he said.

Hessick raises show pigs, and the barn that burned Sunday was his largest, family friend Telly Quaintance said.

The surviving pigs were loaded into trailers.

"When you're a farmer,

that's your living," said Tom Quaintance, Telly Quaintance's brother and a Hessick family friend. "It's just unreal just to see something happen to somebody when you're in the farming community."

Emergency officials were alerted to the fire in a phone call about 6:40 p.m. Sunday. Firefighters from three departments and two emergency medical crews responded to the scene.

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# Cafe owner doesn't charge customers for coffee, food

By Amy Roe  
MCT

KIRKLAND, Wash. — With its blood-red walls and black leather sofas, Kirkland's Terra Bite Lounge looks like any other coffee shop — until you get to the menu. There are no prices listed. Terra Bite doesn't have them.

You read that right: No prices. Customers pay what and when they like, or not at all — it makes no difference to the cafe employees, who are instructed not to peek when people put money in the metal lock box.

"Does it really matter to any of our patrons ... whether they pay a dollar or three dollars or five dollars?" said Terra Bite founder Ervin Peretz, a 37-year-old Google programmer. He doesn't think so, at least not in the comfortable lakeside enclave that is downtown Kirkland.

Through his "voluntary payment" cafe, Peretz is poised to become the Robin Hood of the Starbucks set. Using an efficient, low-overhead business model and narrow profit margin, he figures he can finesse the largesse of well-off latte lov-

ers to cover the tabs of the less fortunate.

The idea emerged during a booze-fueled debate in a Saigon bar, where Peretz and a colleague had traveled to blow off steam after a period of long hours at work.

Peretz argued that people are essentially good, but can be influenced by their environment. If people see good, they'll be good.

In November, he set out to prove his point, leasing a \$4,000-a-month retail space in a new mixed-used building at Kirkland Avenue and State Street, dropping "in the low six figures" on startup costs and hiring his girlfriend, Susie Allsup, to manage the place, along with one part-time employee.

The name Terra Bite (www.terrabite.org) is a play on the tech term "terabyte," a trillion bytes, as well as a reference to earth and food.

More than coffee, sandwiches or even convenience, Peretz is selling good karma.

"People want something different. They want simplicity" of payment, he said. "They want



**FREE COFFEE:** Thirteen-year-olds Taylor Thomas-Marsh (left), Madison Cox (center) and Elena Good hang out at Terra Bite in Kirkland, Washington, January 26, 2007.

JOHN LOK | AP PHOTO

to be taken to a new place, and they want to contribute to something."

Just how much they want to contribute is another matter.

While charities like the

Boomtown Cafe in downtown Seattle charge \$2 for Saturday brunch or let people exchange work for meals, Terra Bite is a for-profit business, and Peretz refuses to suggest prices. Each

day he records how much was sold and how much was paid.

So far, Terra Bite has served up to 80 customers per day, averaging about \$3 per transaction, he said.

## Bush: Free trade equals growth

By Jennine Aversa  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Free-trade policies that make it easier for U.S. companies to sell their products are important to the economy's vitality, President Bush said Monday as he projected a year of good— though somewhat slower— economic growth.

Bush, in his annual economic report to Congress, made a fresh pitch for breaking down trade barriers and energizing global trade talks. He also called on Congress to extend his authority to negotiate free-trade deals, a request likely to face an uphill battle in the Democratic-controlled Congress.

"This authority is essential to completing good trade agreements," Bush wrote in the introduction to the report. "The Congress must renew it if we are to improve our competitiveness in the global economy."

With the United States racking up record trade deficits and facing intense competition from rapidly growing China and India, global trade tensions have intensified.

Democrats blame Bush's free-trade policies for contributing to the trade deficit, costing U.S. factories jobs and exposing U.S. workers to unfair competition from low-wage countries.

"We need to shift focus so that working Americans start to feel as good about our changing economy as those at the very top do," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Against that backdrop, Bush faces a daunting challenge in getting Congress to renew the Trade Promotion Authority, also known as fast-track authority. It lets the president negotiate trade deals that Congress must approve without amendments. That authority expires on July 1.

"Further trade liberalization, particularly in services, could bring even larger gains to American consumers, firms and workers," according to the report.

## Woman cuts fetus out of womb

By Ramesh Santanam  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A woman pleaded guilty yesterday to attempted homicide, assault and kidnapping for trying to cut a fetus from her neighbor's womb.

Peggy Jo Conner, 39, was accused of plotting to steal Valerie Oskin's baby and pass it off as her own. Both Oskin and the baby survived after a boy on an all-terrain vehicle spotted the two women in a clearing.

The plea came as Conner's trial was to begin yesterday.

"I think she wanted to take responsibility and have that going for her in the sentencing hearing," Conner's attorney, David J. DeFazio, told The Associated Press. "She is facing repercussions to her behavior

but, given her options, I think she is satisfied."

Authorities accused her of attacking Oskin on Oct. 13, 2005, with a baseball bat at her home, then driving her to a remote location and using a razor knife to cut her abdomen in an effort to remove her unborn baby.

Oskin's baby was delivered by emergency Caesarean section and was put up for adoption, which had been Oskin's intention before she was attacked.

Conner pleaded guilty to attempted homicide, kidnapping and two counts of aggravated assault.

She was initially charged with two counts of attempted homicide, but prosecutors withdrew the charge that alleged Conner intended to kill the unborn baby.



KEITH SRAKOCIC | AP PHOTO

**MURDER:** Peggy Jo Conner, right, accused of trying to cut a fetus from her neighbor's womb, is escorted to her preliminary hearing in Rural Valley, Pa., Oct. 21, 2005. Conner, 39, of Manor Township, pleaded guilty Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, to attempted homicide, aggravated assault and kidnapping in the attack on Valerie Oskin, which authorities said was a plot to steal Oskin's baby and keep it as her own.

## Chicago University to boost financial aid to grad students

By Jodi S. Cohen  
MCT

In an effort to maintain its strong reputation for graduate education, the University of Chicago announced Wednesday that it will significantly boost financial aid to doctoral students in the social sciences and humanities.

The university, which had begun to lag behind its competitors in graduate student aid, will invest an additional \$50 million over the next six years, an increase that will make its graduate students among the best financially supported in the country, officials said. The university currently spends about \$60 million a year on graduate student aid in the humanities and social sciences.

Beginning this fall, Ph.D. students will get a minimum package of five years of tuition, health insurance, a \$19,000 stipend per year and two summers of financial support for research worth \$6,000. Most of the university's social science and humanities graduate students currently get a four-year tuition package and annual stipends ranging from \$4,000 to \$18,000.

While universities such as Northwestern University have boosted graduate student support in recent years, they have done so by reducing the number of students. The U. of C., however, will continue to enroll about 250 new graduate students in the social sciences and humanities each year, one of the largest programs among top private research universities.

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## SIDELINES



## GYMNASTICS

### Team will hold fundraiser for kidney foundation in support of current Falcon

On March 24, the Falcons will host the All-Ohio Championships in a battle of Ohio's best (BGSU, Kent State and Ohio State), while at the same time holding a fundraiser for the National Kidney Foundation of Ohio.

At the meet the Falcons will have bracelets and pins for sale, while donations will also be accepted for the NKF. There will also be a silent auction where fans can bid on items from the gymnastics team, as well as restaurant donations and athletic tickets.

## SCHEDULE

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at Buffalo; 7 p.m.

## OUR CALL

## On the way up

**Duke women's basketball:** They're the unanimous No. 1 after beating up on Carolina at Chapel Hill. The BG women's strength of schedule keeps improving along with Duke's record.

### On the way down

**Duke men's basketball:**

A day after The BG News called them out for stinking, they fall out of the rankings for the first time in 11 years.

## The List

The BG News presents the best players in BGSU basketball history in no particular order.

## Nate Thurmond:

This hall-of-fame inductee was the third overall pick in the NBA Draft and is one of the NBA's Top 50 Players.

## Anthony Stacey:

This big man was a force inside, scored 1,938 career points and pulled down 760 rebounds for BG.

## Keith Mcleod:

Currently with the Pacers, Mcleod was MAC Player of the Year in 2002. He's averaged 6 points and 3 assists per game in his NBA career coming into this season.

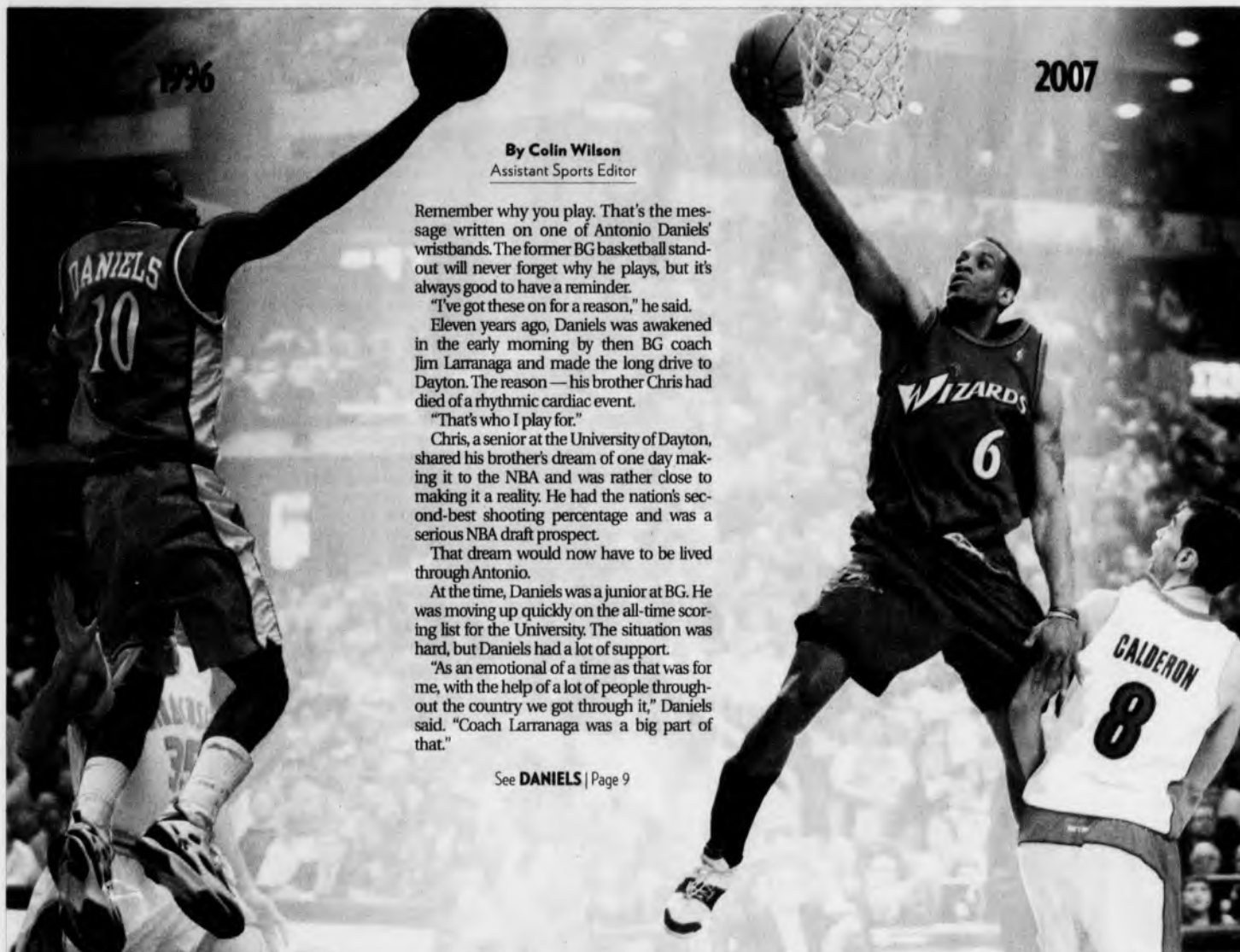
## Antonio Daniels

**[below]:** It'd be hard to find another player with as much heart and energy as AD had at BG and carried into the NBA.



# Keeping a dream alive

Former Falcon Antonio Daniels is living the dream of NBA stardom that he shared with his late brother Chris



By Colin Wilson  
Assistant Sports Editor

Remember why you play. That's the message written on one of Antonio Daniels' wristbands. The former BG basketball standout will never forget why he plays, but it's always good to have a reminder.

"I've got these on for a reason," he said.

Eleven years ago, Daniels was awakened in the early morning by then BG coach Jim Larranaga and made the long drive to Dayton. The reason — his brother Chris had died of a rhythmic cardiac event.

"That's who I play for."

Chris, a senior at the University of Dayton, shared his brother's dream of one day making it to the NBA and was rather close to making it a reality. He had the nation's second-best shooting percentage and was a serious NBA draft prospect.

That dream would now have to be lived through Antonio.

At the time, Daniels was a junior at BG. He was moving up quickly on the all-time scoring list for the University. The situation was hard, but Daniels had a lot of support.

"As an emotional of a time as that was for me, with the help of a lot of people throughout the country we got through it," Daniels said. "Coach Larranaga was a big part of that."

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## Gymnasts have best score of the year but fall to CMU

By Adam Miezlin  
Reporter

Sometimes, winning is not everything. That was the case on Sunday as BGSU's gymnastics team continued its improvement, but came up short against Central Michigan. CMU defeated BG 195.125-192.775.

The Falcons came into the match on a three-game winning streak and looked to place itself within elite company in the Mid-American Conference. Instead, the Falcons took a step backwards in the standings, but a step forward in improving on an already impressive turnaround season.

"I am very proud of our girls," Coach Dan Connelly said. "We put together a really good team performance. Unfortunately, they were just a little better than us today. The team is very excited with their performance and I am



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

**BALANCING ACT:** Jholean Ponce performs on the balance beam in a 2006 meet against Northern Illinois. BG is 4-2 overall and 3-2 in the MAC so far.

very pleased with how they have continued to improve."

The highly competitive match saw the Falcons reach the 192 point mark for the first time in almost two seasons. Their downfall could be explained when one looks at the 195 point total of

CMU. That was the first time since 2005 that a team has scored 195 or more against BG.

BG started the afternoon on bars and gave its best performance of the season. They scored 48.475 as

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## Pavlovic providing spark for Cleveland

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Sasha Pavlovic cocked his arm and awkwardly flung the new ball, which wobbled on its flight toward a laughing LeBron James standing at the other end of the practice court.

"Quack, quack," James said, teasing his teammate.

"It was the first time I ever held a football," Pavlovic, born in Serbia-Montenegro, explained later. "You can see, I'm not so good."

Lately, Pavlovic has shown off his skills with a leather ball he can handle.

Buried on Cleveland's bench for nearly three months, Pavlovic has gone from obscurity to necessity for the Cavaliers, who have been battling expectations while searching for an offensive spark all season.

### HE'S ON FIRE IN THE LAST SEVEN GAMES:

Sasha Pavlovic has averaged 15 points and is 50 percent from beyond the arc.

**HE'S IMPORTANT:** The Cavaliers are now 13-3 in games where Pavlovic plays at least 20 minutes.

Coach Mike Brown found one sitting a few feet away.

The 23-year-old Pavlovic is playing the best ball of his four-year career. In his last seven games, he's averaging 15 points on 50 percent shooting (34 of 68) with 3.3 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 25 minutes.

On Sunday, he scored 13 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter in Cleveland's 99-90 win over the Los Angeles

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## Reid takes leave for family problems; both sons facing serious charges

By Rob Maaddi  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Andy Reid is facing a crisis far tougher than a quarterback controversy or a disruptive player.

The Philadelphia Eagles coach will leave the team for a month to deal with developments that have rocked his family the past two weeks — one son tested positive for heroin, another was arraigned on drug and weapons charges.

The team said the leave will last until mid-March.

"He's not going to come into the office. His priorities will be his family for that period of time, but he will be available to have a couple of calls with us and collaborate and if he needed to be here for a visit of a free agent," Eagles president Joe Banner said yesterday. "He will retain final say over whatever we do."

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head of football operations, will miss the NFL scouting combine and the start of free agency. Teams may begin voluntary off-season workouts March 19. Reid plans to attend the NFL owners' meetings in Arizona in late March, and will be back for the NFL draft April 28-29.

The Eagles have 11 unrestricted free agents, notably wide receiver Donte Stallworth and backup quarterback Jeff Garcia.

"Before any of this had happened, we had finalized our own plans as to what we're going to do and not do with our own guys," Banner said. "We'd also

put together our preliminary plan for the non-Eagle players that we could be interested in."

General manager Tom Heckert and the team's assistant coaches will handle the interviewing of players at the scouting combine in Indianapolis, though Reid might be able to meet with some players at another time.

Garrett Reid, 23, tested positive for heroin after he caused a traffic accident Jan. 30, police said. No charges have been filed, but prosecutors are looking at the case. Police have said he could be charged with driving under the influence of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor.

Britt Reid, 21, was arraigned on drug and weapons charges. He is accused of pointing a handgun at another driver following a dispute and faces a felony charge of carrying a firearm without a license as well as misdemeanor

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RUSTY KENNEDY | AP PHOTO

**TROUBLE IN PHILLY:** Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid, left, hugs his son, Britt, after the Eagles defeated the Dallas Cowboys 38-24 in their Oct. 8 meeting in Philadelphia. Reid will take a temporary leave of absence through the middle of March to deal with family issues.



## SASHA

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In the fourth quarter of Sunday's win, it was Pavlovic not James leading the Cavaliers.

Pavlovic, whose infusion into the mix came when James hurt his big toe a few weeks ago, either drove to the basket or worked pick-and-rolls with Anderson Varejao, who added 11 points in the final 12 minutes.

He also made two 3-pointers,

all three of his free throws and converted a key three-point play with 1:24 remaining to seal it.

James has seen Pavlovic do it before.

"I go against him every day in practice and he's a very tough matchup for me," James said. "I just always tell Sasha, 'You're going to be very good for us. We're going to need you.' And he has responded."

Earlier this season, Pavlovic's future in Cleveland seemed uncertain, and until the Feb. 22 trading deadline passes, it still is. But his recent play may have the club rethinking its moves in a season when the Eastern Conference is wide open.

"Sasha has played an important part of our last few wins," general manager Danny Ferry said yesterday.

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## Falcons stay put, Duke is a unanimous No. 1

By Chuck Schoffner  
The Associated Press

Duke's latest victory over a highly ranked team has convinced everyone now.

The Blue Devils were unanimous at No. 1 in the AP women's basketball poll yesterday, receiving all 49 first-place votes from a national media panel.

Duke (26-0) emerged as the only unbeaten team in Division I after its 64-53 victory at No. 2 North Carolina last week. The Blue Devils followed that win with a 77-45 victory over Wake Forest and topped the poll for the fifth straight week, their second-longest run at No. 1. They led the first 12 polls of the 2002-03 season.

Duke, which had been splitting the first-place votes with North Carolina, also defeated Maryland when the Terrapins were ranked No. 1, won at No. 3 Tennessee and beat five other teams that were ranked at the time.

"Every challenge that we faced, they seem to rise to the occasion and find a way to win," Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos said. "The great thing about this team is that different players have been able to step up. In years past, it seemed like we were relying on one or two players."

While point guard Lindsey Harding is the Blue Devils' key player, they've also had major contributions from Abby Waner,

Wanisha Smith, Allison Bales and Carrem Gay.

"That gives them a level of confidence and calmness to know that it's not all on one person," Goetsenkos said. "If somebody is not having a great night offensively, someone else can step up and they can rely on their team defense to carry them."

North Carolina (24-1) remained second, but its lead over No. 3 Tennessee (23-2) shrank to 26 points. The Tar Heels had a 73-point lead last week, when they received eight first-place votes.

The only change in the top 10 was at No. 9, where Stanford switched places with No. 11 Georgia. Michigan State was the lone newcomer in the poll, returning at No. 24 after a two-week absence.

Ohio State remained fourth and Connecticut held at No. 5 after ending LSU's 43-game home winning streak with a 72-71 victory on Sunday. Maryland was sixth, followed by LSU, George Washington, Stanford and Arizona State.

Georgia dropped to 11th after going 2-1 last week, losing at Tennessee and beating Alabama and South Carolina. Vanderbilt climbed two spots to 12th and Texas A&M jumped three places to 13th after beating then-No. 12 Oklahoma.

Oklahoma fell to 14th and was followed by Baylor, Purdue, Middle Tennessee, Bowling Green, Nebraska and Louisville.

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1. Duke (49)	26-0	1,225	1
2. North Carolina (24-1)	1,155	2	
3. Tennessee (23-2)	1,129	3	
4. Ohio St. (23-1)	1,064	4	
5. Connecticut (22-2)	1,051	5	
6. Maryland (24-3)	984	6	
7. LSU (22-4)	852	7	
8. George Washington (21-2)	818	8	
9. Stanford (21-4)	795	11	
10. Arizona St. (23-3)	788	10	
11. Georgia (21-5)	757	9	
12. Vanderbilt (21-4)	610	14	
13. Texas A&M (19-4)	607	16	
14. Oklahoma (18-4)	588	12	
15. Baylor (21-4)	562	15	
16. Purdue (21-5)	500	13	
17. Middle Tennessee (23-3)	428	19	
18. BGSU (22-2)	419	18	
19. Nebraska (21-4)	394	21	
20. Louisville (22-3)	280	17	
21. Marquette (20-4)	195	23	
22. California (19-6)	177	20	
23. Rutgers (15-7)	164	22	
24. Michigan St. (19-6)	120	—	
25. James Madison (22-2)	99	25	

### Others receiving votes:

Wis.-Green Bay 97, Montana 15, Pittsburgh 15, Tulane 13, Texas 6, Mississippi 5, Florida St. 4, Notre Dame 4, Temple 3, Mississippi St. 1, N.C. State 1.

### TOP PERFORMERS

**VAULT:** Jaque Bernhardt 9.7  
**BARS:** Sakura Tomita 9.75, Balzer & deLeeuw 9.725  
**BEAM:** Bethany Kenel 9.825, Jholean Ponce 9.775, Katie Follett 9.650  
**FLOOR:** Megan Chronister 9.775, Morgan Balzer 9.75, Kenel 9.65

The meet will take place in the Eppler Complex.

This will be the final MAC regular season meet for BGSU and their last chance to see their competition before the MAC Championships at the end of March.

"We are really excited to be coming home," Connelly said. "We are hoping to continue the momentum and with a performance like today's, we are looking good to face Kent State."

## GYMNASTS

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a team with Sakura Tomita leading the way with a 9.750. That was enough to give her a tie for fourth. BG also saw Morgan Balzer (9.725) and Katie Follett (9.650) set new-career marks in the event.

"Katie had a great day in her two events," said Bethany Kenel, team member. "Everyone did what they had to do to help the team. We have been focused on improving scores and we improved by more than a point from last week."

Vault saw Jaque Bernhardt lead the team with a score of 9.700, which placed her in fourth. Balzer and Jenna Wirtanen also gave the Falcons good performances as they finished tied for eighth.

Another career high was set by

Megan Chronister when she got a 9.775 on floor. That score was good enough for fourth place and also set a new team high for the season. Balzer performed well again as she set another career high with a 9.750. Kenel gave the Falcons a 9.650 to place ninth.

In the final event of the afternoon, BG gave its all on bars with Kenel (9.825) and Jholean Ponce (9.775) finishing second and third, respectively. Balzer completed her second place all-around performance of 38.675.

"Morgan has been doing great and she had another great performance on Sunday," Kenel said. "This was only the second time she has done all-around and she did a great job."

For the Falcons, they will meet another MAC elite this Sunday when Kent State comes into town.

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## Duke falls out of rankings, Buckeyes move to No. 2

By Doug Feinberg  
The Associated Press

Duke's Top 25 streak is over.

Saddled by its first four-game losing skid in 11 years, Duke fell out of The Associated Press poll yesterday for the first time since the end of the 1995-96 season. The Blue Devils had been in the media poll for 200 straight weeks — the second longest streak behind UCLA.

The Bruins' run lasted 221 weeks, from the 1966-67 preseason poll to Jan. 8, 1980. North Carolina is third all-time with 172 straight weeks from the 1990-91 preseason poll to Jan. 17, 2000.

"If you do it for a long period of time, it means you've been good that long," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of his team's streak that began in the 1996-97 preseason poll. "We never bring it up. It's a nice stat thing."

UCLA and Memphis are now tied for the longest active streak at 34 straight weeks in the Top 25.

Duke was No. 8 two weeks ago before losing in the final seconds to Virginia and Florida State. The Blue Devils lost to then-No. 5 North Carolina 79-73 on Wednesday and fell 72-60 at Maryland on Sunday for their first four-game losing since Jan. 3-13, 1996.

"We travel a narrow road between winning and losing," Krzyzewski said. "We were in a position to win, you have to make sure the kids know that. They are doing a lot of things to put themselves in a position to win."

Duke received 150 points, falling just eight short of No. 25 Alabama.

The Blue Devils will try to end their slide tomorrow against Atlantic Coast Conference leader Boston College. The Eagles (18-6, 9-2) are finally back in the poll at No. 21 after falling out in week 3.

Florida remained a unanimous No. 1 for the second straight week, garnering all 72 first place votes.

Florida beat Georgia 71-61 on Wednesday and won at then-No. 20 Kentucky 64-61 on Saturday in front of a raucous record crowd of 24,465. It was the Gators' fifth straight victory over their rivals.

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3. Wisconsin 24-2 1,637 4
4. North Carolina 22-3 1,604
5. UCLA 21-3 1,465 2
6. Texas A&M 21-3 1,462 6
7. Pittsburgh 22-3 1,415 7
8. Memphis 21-3 1,272 8
9. Kansas 21-4 1,268 9
10. Wash. St. 21-4 1,090 14
11. Nevada 22-2 1,084 12
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13. Butler 23-3 831 10
14. Georgetown 18-5 782 22
15. Oregon 20-5 689 13
16. S. Illinois 21-5 660 21
17. Air Force 21-4 538 15
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21. Boston College 18-6 325
22. Southern Cal 18-7 290 19
23. West Virginia 19-5 272 —
24. Indiana 17-6 223 —
25. Alabama 18-6 158 18

### Others receiving votes:

- Duke 150, Virginia Tech 129, BYU 68, Texas 55, Kansas St. 37, Tennessee 29, UNLV 25, Virginia 23, Clemson 19, Vanderbilt 18, Winthrop 15, Creighton 13, Va. Commonwealth 12, Xavier 10, Akron 7, Massachusetts 5, Davidson 2, Villanova 2, Hofstra 1, Missouri St. 1, Old Dominion 1, Vermont 1.



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**DOWN AND OUT?** Duke's Josh McRoberts (2) reacts to a call on a teammate in the second half of Sunday's game.

## DANIELS

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That's when Daniels decided to take his game to another level to make sure the dream he'd shared with Chris came true.

It was very clear at that point that Antonio Daniels was playing for something more than himself.

"He was a demanding player, he wanted the best of everyone," said former teammate Kirk Cowan. "Even when I was a freshman and not a lot was expected of me—he demanded more."

Seven days after Chris' passing, the Falcons had a home game against future NBA player Earl Boykins and Eastern Michigan University.

"Antonio had not eaten or slept in quite awhile," Larranaga said.

His body may have been weak, but Daniels exceeded many expectations that night. He scored 20 points and dished out five assists. But, Daniels' best moment came at the end of the game.

After Boykins hit a three-point shot with 9.8 seconds left to tie the game, Daniels took the ball the length of the court and made a lay-up with four seconds left to give the Falcons a 72-70 victory.

"He played a tremendous game," Larranaga said. "In terms of a memory, that one will stay with me for a very long time."

The next year Daniels translated the passion for success that he shared with his brother into a great senior season. He averaged 24 points, seven assists and two steals. He was well on his way to the next level when he was awarded the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year Award.

In his final game as a Falcon, Daniels put together one of the best performances that BG fans have ever seen.

The Falcons faced West Virginia in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament and the game turned into a shootout. Daniels led all scorers with 38 points, a career high. He also had eight assists and six steals and went 14-of-23 from the field.

The Falcons lost the game 98-95, ending Daniels' college career, but his teammates knew he put every ounce of energy he had into the game.

"That was just another game where he did everything he could to try and make us win," Cowan said.

The game moved Daniels into



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**PICK-POCKET:** Antonio Daniels goes for a loose ball in a 1996 game against Kent State. Daniels averaged 2 steals per game his senior year.

second place on BG's all-time scoring list and he was ultimately rewarded when the Vancouver Grizzlies took him as the fourth overall pick in the 1997 NBA Draft.

The dream he and his brother shared their whole lives had finally come true. He used the tragic event as motivation to succeed.

"That made me grow up a lot faster than I wanted to but that's a part of life," Daniels said. "I had to use that to make a positive."

As the No. 4 pick in the draft, Daniels became the second highest draft pick in school history. The only player selected higher was NBA Hall-of-Famer Nate Thurmond at No. 3.

In his first year in the league, Daniels' numbers were substantial for a rookie. He started 50 games for the Grizzlies and averaged eight points and 4.5 assists per game. Daniels learned a lot that season.

"That first year in the league is eye opening. That's why I can understand when they say, 'kids need to go to college' at least for a year," Daniels said. "I couldn't imagine going in right out of high school."

The Grizzlies won just 19 games that season. Daniels felt like the team had support, they just could not win.

"We actually had a good following," he laughed. "We weren't good but we had people watching us."

Daniels was traded after the 1997-98 season to the San Antonio Spurs, where he found his eventual role as an energy player coming off the bench behind veteran Avery Johnson.

After spending four years in San Antonio, Daniels was traded to the Portland Trail Blazers for a season.

Before the 2003-04 season Antonio signed with Seattle where

he averaged 9.6 points per game over the next two seasons and became one of the league's top reserves.

The two stellar seasons in Seattle helped him land a five-year deal with the Washington Wizards worth \$30 million.

Now in his ninth NBA season, Daniels plays a much different role for the Wizards. Rather than be his team's main option like he was at BG, Daniels comes off the bench for instant offense and a spark on both sides of the ball.

"He's coming off the bench controlling the tempo, making plays on defense, on offense," said Wizard teammate Gilbert Arenas. "He's doing all of the little things you don't see on the stat sheet."

For Daniels, the NBA has been a great opportunity to grow. He has made the most of all of his opportunities and enjoys what he does.

"That's what my life has transformed into," Daniels said. "I have the best job in the world. I had a hell of a time playing at Bowling Green, but I had to move on."

Daniels still follows the BG basketball program as much as he can, but more importantly he maintains a close relationship with his former coach Jim Larranaga. Fate reunited the two friends in the nation's capital in 2005 when he signed with Washington. Larranaga coaches at George Mason University which is 22 miles from the Verizon Center where the Wizards play.

"I go down and watch

### ABOUT ANTONIO

**HOMETOWN:** Columbus, OH

**DRAFTED:** Fourth overall by the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1997

**CAREER STATS:** 8 points, 3 assists per game in 692 games

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Member of 1999 NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs, 1997 MAC Player of the Year, 1994 MAC Freshman of the Year.

the Wizards play whenever my schedule will allow it and Antonio and his wife have been to several of our George Mason games when the Wizards have had some time off," Larranaga said.

Life has been good for the former Falcon. He is content with his current situation.

"Being here with these guys—a great group of guys. It's a team I love to play on," Daniels said.

Although he may not always appear to be a game-changer on the stat sheet, Daniels has the respect of players around the league for what he does.

"People that understand the game understand what his role is out there," said Detroit guard Flip Murray, who played with Daniels in Seattle. "He has fire and leadership out there, he's a floor general out there on the court."

Daniels remains a hard worker. Is he still as demanding?

"Always."

And he'll always remember why he plays.



EVAN VUCCI | AP PHOTO

**DEFENSIVE STANCE:** Portland Trail Blazers guard Jarrett Jack, left, is guarded by Washington Wizards guard Antonio Daniels, right, during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game in D.C.

## REID

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charges of lying to authorities, simple assault, making terroristic threats and possession of a controlled substance.

Asked if this leave could lead to a longer one, Banner said: "No. I don't know if he's coming back on (March) 13th or the 17th or the 18th. That's why that's a little bit vague, but he will be returning in and around that time frame."

Reid has led the Eagles to the playoffs six times, including four trips to the NFC championship game and one Super Bowl, in eight seasons as head coach. He's dealt with several challenges the past two seasons from the Terrell Owens' soap opera and a series of key injuries in

2005 to losing five-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb in Week 11 this past season.

Despite McNabb's injury, the Eagles won their final five games behind Garcia, finished 10-6 to capture their fifth NFC East title in six years and reached the second round of the playoffs. Many considered it Reid's best coaching job in Philadelphia. Players credited his steady approach for helping them overcome a difficult midseason stretch and the season-ending injuries to McNabb and star defensive end Jevon Kearse.

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Pavlovic's added minutes — he's taking time from guard Damon Jones — as well as Brown's decision to start rookie Daniel Gibson at the point over Eric Snow has allowed the Cavs to up the tempo. By pushing the ball, they've been able to initiate their offense more quickly.

In the fourth quarter of Sunday's win, it was Pavlovic not James leading the Cavaliers.

Pavlovic, whose infusion into the mix came when James hurt his big toe a few weeks ago, either drove to the basket or worked pick-and-rolls with Anderson Varejao, who added 11 points in the final 12 minutes.

He also made two 3-pointers,

all three of his free throws and converted a key three-point play with 1:24 remaining to seal it.

James has seen Pavlovic do it before.

"I go against him every day in practice and he's a very tough matchup for me," James said. "I just always tell Sasha, 'You're going to be very good for us. We're going to need you.' And he has responded."

Earlier this season, Pavlovic's future in Cleveland seemed uncertain, and until the Feb. 22 trading deadline passes, it still is. But his recent play may have the club rethinking its moves in a season when the Eastern Conference is wide open.

"Sasha has played an important part of our last few wins," general manager Danny Ferry said yesterday.

## Falcons stay put, Duke is a unanimous No. 1

By Chuck Schoffner  
The Associated Press

Duke's latest victory over a highly ranked team has convinced everyone now.

The Blue Devils were unanimous at No. 1 in the AP women's basketball poll yesterday, receiving all 49 first-place votes from a national media panel.

Duke (26-0) emerged as the only unbeaten team in Division I after its 64-53 victory at No. 2 North Carolina last week. The Blue Devils followed that win with a 77-45 victory over Wake Forest and topped the poll for the fifth straight week, their second-longest run at No. 1. They led the first 12 polls of the 2002-03 season.

Duke, which had been splitting the first-place votes with North Carolina, also defeated Maryland when the Terrapins were ranked No. 1, won at No. 3 Tennessee and beat five other teams that were ranked at the time.

"Every challenge that we faced, they seem to rise to the occasion and find a way to win," Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos said. "The great thing about this team is that different players have been able to step up. In years past, it seemed like we were relying on one or two players."

While point guard Lindsey Harding is the Blue Devils' key player, they've also had major contributions from Abby Waner,

Wanisha Smith, Allison Bales and Carren Gay.

"That gives them a level of confidence and calmness to know that it's not all on one person," Goetsenkos said. "If somebody is not having a great night offensively, someone else can step up and they can rely on their team defense to carry them."

North Carolina (24-1) remained second, but its lead over No. 3 Tennessee (23-2) shrank to 26 points. The Tar Heels had a 73-point lead last week, when they received eight first-place votes.

The only change in the top 10 was at No. 9, where Stanford switched places with No. 11 Georgia. Michigan State was the lone newcomer in the poll, returning at No. 24 after a two-week absence.

Ohio State remained fourth and Connecticut held at No. 5 after ending LSU's 43-game home winning streak with a 72-71 victory on Sunday. Maryland was sixth, followed by LSU, George Washington, Stanford and Arizona State.

Georgia dropped to 11th after going 2-1 last week, losing at Tennessee and beating Alabama and South Carolina. Vanderbilt climbed two spots to 12th and Texas A&M jumped three places to 13th after beating then-No. 12 Oklahoma.

Oklahoma fell to 14th and was followed by Baylor, Purdue, Middle Tennessee, Bowling Green, Nebraska and Louisville.

## AP WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

- |                           | Record | Pts | Pvs |
|---------------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| 1. Duke (49) 26-0         | 1,225  | 1   |     |
| 2. North Carolina 24-1    | 1,155  | 2   |     |
| 3. Tennessee 23-2         | 1,129  | 3   |     |
| 4. Ohio St. 23-1          | 1,064  | 4   |     |
| 5. Connecticut 22-2       | 1,051  | 5   |     |
| 6. Maryland 24-3          | 984    | 6   |     |
| 7. LSU 22-4               | 852    | 7   |     |
| 8. George Washington 21-2 | 818    | 8   |     |
| 9. Stanford 21-4          | 795    | 11  |     |
| 10. Arizona St. 23-3      | 788    | 10  |     |
| 11. Georgia 21-5          | 757    | 9   |     |
| 12. Vanderbilt 21-4       | 610    | 14  |     |
| 13. Texas A&M 19-4        | 607    | 16  |     |
| 14. Oklahoma 18-4         | 588    | 12  |     |
| 15. Baylor 21-4           | 562    | 15  |     |
| 16. Purdue 21-5           | 500    | 13  |     |
| 17. Middle Tennessee 23-3 | 428    | 19  |     |
| 18. BGSU 22-2             | 419    | 18  |     |
| 19. Nebraska 21-4         | 394    | 21  |     |
| 20. Louisville 22-3       | 280    | 17  |     |
| 21. Marquette 20-4        | 195    | 23  |     |
| 22. California 19-6       | 177    | 20  |     |
| 23. Rutgers 15-7          | 164    | 22  |     |
| 24. Michigan St. 19-1     | 120    | —   |     |
| 25. James Madison 22-2    | 99     | 25  |     |

## Others receiving votes:

Wis.-Green Bay 97, Montana 15, Pittsburgh 15, Tulane 13, Texas 6, Mississippi 5, Florida St. 4, Notre Dame 4, Temple 3, Mississippi St. 1, N.C. State 1.

## GYMNASTS

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a team with Sakura Tomita leading the way with a 9.750. That was enough to give her a tie for fourth. BG also saw Morgan Balzer (9.725) and Katie Follett (9.650) set new-career marks in the event.

"Katie had a great day in her two events," said Bethany Kenel, team member. "Everyone did what they had to do to help the team. We have been focused on improving scores and we improved by more than a point from last week."

Vault saw Jacque Bernhardt lead the team with a score of 9.700, which placed her in fourth. Balzer and Jenna Wirtanen also gave the Falcons good performances as they finished tied for eighth.

Another career high was set by

Megan Chronister when she got a 9.775 on floor. That score was good enough for fourth place and also set a new team high for the season. Balzer performed well again as she set another career high with a 9.750. Kenel gave the Falcons a 9.650 to place ninth.

In the final event of the afternoon, BG gave its all on bars with Kenel (9.825) and Jholean Ponce (9.775) finishing second and third, respectively. Balzer completed her second place all-around performance of 38.675.

"Morgan has been doing great and she had another great performance on Sunday," Kenel said. "This was only the second time she has done all-around and she did a great job."

For the Falcons, they will meet another MAC elite this Sunday when Kent State comes into town.

## TOP PERFORMERS

**VAULT:** Jacque Bernhardt 9.7  
**BAR:** Sakura Tomita 9.75, Balzer & deLeeuw 9.725

**BEAM:** Bethany Kenel 9.825, Jholean Ponce 9.775, Katie Follett 9.650

**FLOOR:** Megan Chronister 9.775, Morgan Balzer 9.75, Kenel 9.65

The meet will take place in the Eppler Complex.

This will be the final MAC regular season meet for BGSU and their last chance to see their competition before the MAC Championships at the end of March.

"We are really excited to be coming home," Connelly said. "We are hoping to continue the momentum and with a performance like today's, we are looking good to face Kent State."

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## Duke falls out of rankings, Buckeyes move to No. 2

By Doug Feinberg  
The Associated Press

Duke's Top 25 streak is over.

Saddled by its first four-game losing skid in 11 years, Duke fell out of The Associated Press poll yesterday for the first time since the end of the 1995-96 season. The Blue Devils had been in the media poll for 200 straight weeks — the second longest streak behind UCLA.

The Bruins' run lasted 221 weeks, from the 1966-67 preseason poll to Jan. 8, 1990. North Carolina is third all-time with 172 straight weeks from the 1990-91 preseason poll to Jan. 17, 2000.

"If you do it for a long period of time, it means you've been good that long," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of his team's streak that began in the 1996-97 preseason poll. "We never bring it up. It's a nice stat thing."

UCLA and Memphis are now tied for the longest active streak at 34 straight weeks in the Top 25.

Duke was No. 8 two weeks ago before losing in the final seconds to Virginia and Florida State. The Blue Devils lost to then-No. 5 North Carolina 79-73 on Wednesday and fell 72-60 at Maryland on Sunday for their first four-game losing since Jan. 3-13, 1996.

"We travel a narrow road between winning and losing," Krzyzewski said. "We were in a position to win, you have to make sure the kids know that. They are doing a lot of things to put themselves in a position to win."

Duke received 150 points, falling just eight short of No. 25 Alabama.

The Blue Devils will try to end their slide tomorrow against Atlantic Coast Conference leader Boston College. The Eagles (18-6, 9-2) are finally back in the poll at No. 21 after falling out in week 3.

Florida remained a unanimous No. 1 for the second straight week, garnering all 72 first place votes.

Florida beat Georgia 71-61 on Wednesday and won at then-No. 20 Kentucky 64-61 on Saturday in front of a raucous record crowd of 24,465. It was the Gators' fifth straight victory over their rivals.

### AP MEN'S TOP 25

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1. Florida (72) 23-2 1,800 1
2. Ohio St. 22-3 1,668 3
3. Wisconsin 24-2 1,637 4
4. North Carolina 22-3 1,604
5. UCLA 21-3 1,465 2
6. Texas A&M 21-3 1,462 6
7. Pittsburgh 22-3 1,415 7
8. Memphis 21-3 1,272 8
9. Kansas 21-4 1,268 9
10. Wash. St. 21-4 1,090 14
11. Nevada 22-2 1,084 12
12. Marquette 21-5 916 11
13. Butler 23-3 831 10
14. Georgetown 18-5 782 22
15. Oregon 20-5 689 13
16. S. Illinois 21-5 660 21
17. Air Force 21-4 538 15
18. Oklahoma St. 19-5 503 17
19. Arizona 17-7 438 24
20. Kentucky 18-6 387 20
21. Boston College 18-6 325
22. Southern Cal 18-7 290 19
23. West Virginia 19-5 272 —
24. Indiana 17-6 223 —
25. Alabama 18-6 158 18

### Others receiving votes:

- Duke 150, Virginia Tech 129, BYU 68, Texas 55, Kansas St. 37, Tennessee 29, UNLV 25, Virginia 23, Clemson 19, Vanderbilt 18, Winthrop 15, Creighton 13, Va. Commonwealth 12, Xavier 10, Akron 7, Massachusetts 5, Davidson 2, Villanova 2, Hofstra 1, Missouri St. 1, Old Dominion 1, Vermont 1.



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**DOWN AND OUT:** Duke's Josh McRoberts (2) reacts to a call on a team-mate in the second half of Sunday's game.

## DANIELS

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That's when Daniels decided to take his game to another level to make sure the dream he'd shared with Chris came true.

It was very clear at that point that Antonio Daniels was playing for something more than himself.

"He was a demanding player, he wanted the best of everyone," said former teammate Kirk Cowan. "Even when I was a freshman and not a lot was expected of me — he demanded more."

Seven days after Chris' passing, the Falcons had a home game against future NBA player Earl Boykins and Eastern Michigan University.

"Antonio had not eaten or slept in quite awhile," Larranaga said.

His body may have been weak, but Daniels exceeded many expectations that night. He scored 20 points and dished out five assists. But, Daniels' best moment came at the end of the game.

After Boykins hit a three-point shot with 9.8 seconds left to tie the game, Daniels took the ball the length of the court and made a lay-up with four seconds left to give the Falcons a 72-70 victory.

"He played a tremendous game," Larranaga said. "In terms of a memory, that one will stay with me for a very long time."

The next year Daniels translated the passion for success that he shared with his brother into a great senior season. He averaged 24 points, seven assists and two steals. He was well on his way to the next level when he was awarded the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year Award.

In his final game as a Falcon, Daniels put together one of the best performances that BG fans have ever seen.

The Falcons faced West Virginia in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament and the game turned into a shootout. Daniels led all scorers with 38 points, a career high. He also had eight assists and six steals and went 14-of-23 from the field.

The Falcons lost the game 98-95, ending Daniels' college career, but his teammates knew he put every ounce of energy he had into the game.

"That was just another game where he did everything he could to try and make us win," Cowan said.

The game moved Daniels into



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**PICK-POCKET:** Antonio Daniels goes for a loose ball in a 1996 game against Kent State. Daniels averaged 2 steals per game his senior year.

second place on BG's all-time scoring list and he was ultimately rewarded when the Vancouver Grizzlies took him as the fourth overall pick in the 1997 NBA Draft.

The dream he and his brother shared their whole lives had finally come true. He used the tragic event as motivation to succeed.

"That made me grow up a lot faster than I wanted to but that's a part of life," Daniels said. "I had to use that to make a positive."

As the No. 4 pick in the draft, Daniels became the second highest draft pick in school history. The only player selected higher was NBA Hall-of-Famer Nate Thurmond at No. 3.

In his first year in the league, Daniels' numbers were substantial for a rookie. He started 50 games for the Grizzlies and averaged eight points and 4.5 assists per game. Daniels learned a lot that season.

"That first year in the league is eye opening. That's why I can understand when they say, 'kids need to go to college' at least for a year," Daniels said. "I couldn't imagine going in right out of high school."

The Grizzlies won just 19 games that season. Daniels felt like the team had support, they just could not win.

"We actually had a good following," he laughed. "We weren't good but we had people watching us."

Daniels was traded after the 1997-98 season to the San Antonio Spurs, where he found his eventual role as an energy player coming off the bench behind veteran Avery Johnson.

After spending four years in San Antonio, Daniels was traded to the Portland Trail Blazers for a season.

Before the 2003-04 season Antonio signed with Seattle where

he averaged 9.6 points per game over the next two seasons and became one of the league's top reserves.

The two stellar seasons in Seattle helped him land a five-year deal with the Washington Wizards worth \$30 million.

Now in his ninth NBA season, Daniels plays a much different role for the Wizards. Rather than be his team's main option like he was at BG, Daniels comes off the bench for instant offense and a spark on both sides of the ball.

"He's coming off the bench controlling the game, controlling the tempo, making plays on defense, on offense," said Wizards teammate Gilbert Arenas. "He's doing all of the little things you don't see on the stat sheet."

For Daniels, the NBA has been a great opportunity to grow. He has made the most of all of his opportunities and enjoys what he does.

"That's what my life has transformed into," Daniels said. "I have the best job in the world. I had a hell of a time playing at Bowling Green, but I had to move on."

Daniels still follows the BG basketball program as much as he can, but more importantly he maintains a close relationship with his former coach Jim Larranaga. Fate reunited the two friends in the nation's capital in 2005 when he signed with Washington. Larranaga coaches at George Mason University which is 22 miles from the Verizon Center where the Wizards play.

"I go down and watch

### ABOUT ANTONIO

**HOMETOWN:** Columbus, OH

**DRAFTED:** Fourth overall by the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1997.

**CAREER STATS:** 8 points, 3 assists per game in 692 games.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Member of 1999 NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs, 1997 MAC Player of the Year, 1994 MAC Freshman of the Year.

the Wizards play whenever my schedule will allow it and Antonio and his wife have been to several of our George Mason games when the Wizards have had some time off," Larranaga said.

Life has been good for the former Falcon. He is content with his current situation.

"Being here with these guys — a great group of guys. It's a team I love to play on," Daniels said.

Although he may not always appear to be a game-changer on the stat sheet, Daniels has the respect of players around the league for what he does.

"People that understand the game understand what his role is out there," said Detroit guard Flip Murray, who played with Daniels in Seattle. "He has fire and leadership out there, he's a floor general out there on the court."

Daniels remains a hard worker. Is he still as demanding?

"Always."

And he'll always remember why he plays.



EVAN VUCCI | AP PHOTO

**DEFENSIVE STANCE:** Portland Trail Blazers guard Jarrett Jack, left, is guarded by Washington Wizards guard Antonio Daniels, right, during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game in D.C.

## REID

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charges of lying to authorities, simple assault, making terroristic threats and possession of a controlled substance.

Asked if this leave could lead to a longer one, Banner said: "No. I don't know if he's coming back on (March) 13th or the 17th or the 18th. That's why that's a little bit vague, but he will be returning in and around that time frame."

Reid has led the Eagles to the playoffs six times, including four trips to the NFC championship game and one Super Bowl, in eight seasons as head coach. He's dealt with several challenges the past two seasons from the Terrell Owens' soap opera and a series of key injuries in

2005 to losing five-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb in Week 11 this past season.

Despite McNabb's injury, the Eagles won their final five games behind Garcia, finished 10-6 to capture their fifth NFC East title in six years and reached the second round of the playoffs. Many considered it Reid's best coaching job in Philadelphia. Players credited his steady approach for helping them overcome a difficult midseason stretch and the season-ending injuries to McNabb and star defensive end Jevon Kearse.

"People deal with circumstances in life of all different kinds, some more serious, some less serious, some more pre-occupied and less so, and are still able to carry on with their careers and their professions," Banner said.

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# Portugal's abortion law still stands because of low voter turnout

By Barry Hatton  
The Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — A national referendum to scrap Portugal's strict abortion law appeared headed to defeat Sunday because of low turnout, even though a majority of voters approved it.

Turnout was below the 50 percent required to make the ballot valid, according to exit polls. The government has said it would enact legislation easing the abortion law if most of those

who voted Sunday backed the proposal.

Debate over the abortion law, one of the most restrictive in the European Union, pitted the Socialist government against conservative parties and the Catholic Church, which claims more than 90 percent of Portuguese as followers.

Under current law, the procedure is allowed only in cases of rape, fetal malformation or if a mother's health is in danger, and only in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

In most other EU nations, abortion is permitted within much broader limits. Women can ask for abortions up to the 24th week of pregnancy in Britain and up to the 12th week in Germany, France and Italy. Portugal's center-left Socialist government wants to grant women the right to opt for abortion during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Between 57-61 percent voted in favor of allowing women to ask for abortions up to the 10th week, compared with 39-43 per-

cent who opposed the change, according to a poll by public broadcaster Radiotevisao Portuguesa. However, the poll said turnout was around 34-40 percent.

The government has portrayed the ballot as a measure of Portugal's willingness to adopt more modern attitudes. Its effort to change the law, though, has run into emphatic opposition from the church, which wants to keep the restrictions in place.

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1981 ATTACK: The destroyed car of U.S. General Frederick J. Kroesen is seen at the traffic light in Heidelberg, where it was stopped when terrorists fired grenades at the car.

## German terrorist leader paroled

By David Rising  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Yesterday a German court approved parole for one of the last jailed members of the Red Army Faction in a case that has revived painful memories of the left-wing terrorist group's 1970s heyday.

Brigitte Mohnhaupt, 57, will be released March 27 after serving 24 years of a life sentence for multiple murders, the Stuttgart state court ruled.

Conservative politicians and police questioned the decision.

"The RAF terrorists murdered 10 police officers," said Konrad Freiberg, the head of Germany's police union. "Although the ruling follows the rule of the law and the opinion of the judges needs to be accepted, we will not forget these murders. A feeling of bitterness remains."

Mohnhaupt was convicted in 1985 of involvement in nine murders, including those of West German chief federal prosecutor Siegfried Buback and of Hans-Martin Schleyer, the head of the country's industry federation.

She was given five life sentences on the murder charges and con-

"The RAF terrorists murdered 10 police officers."

Konrad Freiberg | Head of Police

victions on other counts. Those included attempted murder for her part in a 1981 rocket-propelled grenade attack on the car of U.S. Gen. Frederick Kroesen — then the commander of U.S. forces in Europe — which injured both the general and his wife.

Mohnhaupt, who will be on five years' probation, was a leader in the Red Army Faction, once known as the Baader-Meinhof gang, which sought to combat what it saw as capitalist oppression of workers and U.S. imperialism.

Active from 1970 — when it grew out of student anti-Vietnam war protests — until 1992, when it abandoned violence, the Red Army Faction formally disbanded in 1998. During that time, the group carried out kidnappings, bank robberies and attacks on prominent government and business figures.

## WORLD BRIEF

President of Iran changes tune about nuclear programs



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad  
Iran's president who now wants talks with U.S.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's hard-line president, who has berated the United States and refused to compromise on his nuclear program, is now softening his tone, saying yesterday he wants dialogue rather than confrontation in Iraq. Tehran also denied it gave sophisticated weapons to militants to attack U.S. forces. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insisted that turmoil in Iraq is bad for his country and dialogue — not force — was the solution to the region's conflicts.

## Getting their money's worth with a 'Meal of a lifetime'

By Jocelyn Gecker  
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — It's been billed as the "meal of a lifetime," a 10-course dinner concocted by world-renowned chefs for the most discriminating palates and — at \$25,000 a head — the fattest wallets.

Few expenses were spared in putting together Saturday night's culinary extravaganza in Bangkok.

But at this price, even the most talented chefs can find it challenging to give diners their money's worth.

Antoine Westermann of Le Buerhiesel, the famous restaurant in Strasbourg, France, says he plans to shave 3 1/2 ounces of Périgord truffles — worth about \$350 — onto each plate.

"For \$25,000, what do you expect?" He said.

Westermann is one of six three-star Michelin chefs — four from France and one each from Italy and Germany — commissioned to fix dinner at the Lebua luxury hotel for 40 "Epicurean Masters of the World." That's the title for the event, organized by the hotel to promote Thai tourism.

The menu features complicated creations like "tartare of Kobe beef with Imperial Beluga caviar and Belon oysters" and "mousseline of 'pattes rouges' crayfish with morel mushroom infusion."

Guests jetted in from the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Deepak Ohri, the Lebua's managing director, declined to reveal their identities, but said they include Fortune 500 executives, a

"It's surreal! The whole thing is surreal."

Alain Soliveres | Chef

casino owner from Macau and a Taiwanese hotel owner.

"It's surreal! The whole thing is surreal," said Alain Soliveres, the celebrated chef of the Taillevent restaurant in Paris.

Soliveres was preparing two of his signature dishes, including the first course: a "creme brulee" of foie gras to be washed down with a 1990 Cristal champagne — a bubbly that sells for more than \$500 a bottle, but still stands out as one of the cheapest wines on the menu.

## North Korea reaches deal with nuclear program

By Burt Herman  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — A tentative agreement on initial steps toward North Korea's nuclear disarmament could set the stage for the first concrete progress after more than three years of talks marked by delays, deadlock and the communist country's first nuclear test explosion.

The U.S. envoy to the talks, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, emerged in the early morning hours today looking weary after a marathon 16-hour negotiating session and announced that a tentative deal had been struck at the latest

round of six-nation talks on the North's nuclear program.

The draft agreement contained commitments on disarmament and energy assistance along with "initial actions" to be taken by certain deadlines, Hill said. Working groups will be set up, hopefully in a month, laying out a framework for dealing with regional tensions, he added.

He declined to give further details of the draft.

The agreement could herald the first step toward disarmament since the talks began in 2003. The process reached its lowest point in October when North Korea conducted its first

nuclear test explosion, alarming the world and triggering U.N. sanctions.

In the last few days, the talks had appeared to be on the verge of foundering and envoys made clear that their frustration was increasing and their patience growing thin. The current round was to conclude yesterday but as they progressed toward a deal, negotiators extended it late into the night and then into the early hours of today.

Hill said the draft agreement still must be reviewed by the home governments of the six countries at the talks, but he was upbeat about it. He said he was in "constant communi-

cation" with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"We feel it's an excellent draft, I don't think we're the problem," he said.

North Korea did not immediately make any public comment, but South Korea's envoy Chun Yung-woo said he believed the proposal would be acceptable to Pyongyang.

Chun said the five other countries agreed to evenly share the energy aid outlined under the deal.

However, Japan and Russia were more noncommittal. The Japanese envoy, Kenichiro Sasae, said it was "too early to tell" whether Tokyo was satisfied.

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**MOVIES CARRY MESSAGE:** From left, U.S. actor Richard Gere, French actress Catherine Deneuve and Irish musician and human rights campaigner Bob Geldof, pose for photographers after a press conference for the 'Cinema for Peace' charity gala in Berlin.

## Gere wants the best for Tibet

BERLIN (AP) — Richard Gere yesterday urged Germany, which holds the European Union and G-8 presidencies, to press China about its human rights record and Tibet.

Gere, a longtime advocate of the Tibetan cause, argued at a news conference that the twin presidency marks "a historic moment for Germany to step forward."

"This is a moment of great possibility for ... not just punishing but encouraging China to become part of the modern world," he said. "Tibet should be ever-present in any discussion with China."

China has exercised an often harsh, intrusive rule over Tibet since communist troops marched into the region in 1950.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has publicly raised the broader issue of human rights with Chinese leaders, saying during a visit to Beijing last May that they are "an important issue of bilateral dialogue."

Gere, 57, was in the German capital for the annual Cinema for Peace gala. It gathers celebrities to raise money for humanitarian organizations such as the U.N. Children's Fund.

Also attending was rocker and anti-poverty campaigner Bob Geldof, who echoed Gere's call for action on China.

"It is probably the job of Germany this year, the privilege of Germany this year to embrace China into the international norms that are expected of behavior," Geldof said.



**ACTRESS:** Sharon Stone conducts an auction during the 'Cinema for Peace'.

## Car bombs kill at least 78, injuring many more in Baghdad

By Kim Gamel  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Thunderous car bombs shattered a crowded marketplace in the heart of Baghdad yesterday, triggering secondary explosions, engulfing an eight-story building in flames and killing at least 78 people in the latest in a series of similar attacks aimed at the country's Shiite majority.

The blasts in three parked cars obliterated shops and stalls and left bodies scattered among mannequins and other debris in pools of blood. Dense smoke blackened the area and rose hundreds of feet from the market district on the east bank of the Tigris River. Small fires, fueled by clothing and other goods, burned for hours in the rubble-strewn street as firefighters battled blazes in two buildings.

"Where is the government? Where is the security plan?" survivors screamed. "We have had enough. We have lost our money and goods and our source of living."

The attack appeared timed to coincide with the first anniversary—on the Muslim lunar calendar—of the bombing of a Shiite shrine in the town of Samarra north of Baghdad, an al-Qaida provocation which unleashed the torrent of sectarian bloodletting that has gripped the capital for months.

Yesterday's bombings wrecked the Shorja market, Baghdad's oldest, a day after joint U.S. and Iraqi forces temporarily sealed an adjacent neighborhood. The operation was part of the latest Baghdad security push to which President Bush has committed an additional 21,500 American



**PROTESTS:** An Iraqi watches as a car carrying a replica of the damaged Samarra's Golden Dome shrine passes by during a protest in Baghdad's Shiite enclave of Sadr City, Iraq.

"We have had enough. We have lost our money and goods and our source of living."

Survivors of latest attack in Iraq

troops. The U.S. military would not say if it had increased security patrols against potential violence on the Samarra anniversary.

Nationwide, 133 people were killed or found dead in violence on yesterday, according to police reports. About 30 minutes before the attack on the market, a suicide bomber detonated an explosives vest in a crowd near a popular falafel restaurant in the nearby Bab al-Sharqi area. Nine people were killed and 19 wounded.

A 15-minute period of commemoration in the capital marking the February 2006 attack on the al-Askariya shrine had just ended when attack on the market took place.

The sound of two of the blasts

was caught on tape as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was delivering a speech live on television from the Cabinet building in the heavily fortified Green Zone at the end of the commemoration.

The Shiite prime minister didn't flinch—though his bodyguards did—as he called for unity and said he was optimistic about the U.S.-Iraqi security sweep that officials said will gain momentum this week.

"We have great faith in our security services, army and police who have proved that they are a real protective force for this country, and we have faith that Iraqis have realized that there will be no future for this country unless terrorism is curbed," he said.

## ABORTION

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After the projections were announced, television footage showed cheering activists at the headquarters of civic movements which supported the government's proposal.

The single question on the ballot asked voters if they want to allow abortion up to the 10th week. Voters at more than 12,000 polling stations ticked a box under "yes" or "no."

Recent opinion polls had indicated that a majority of Portugal's 8.9 million registered voters intended to approve the change.

It would be the second time in nine years that a referendum on

the deeply divisive issue failed to draw enough voters. In 1998, a majority of voters rejected a similar proposal; the referendum was declared void because of a low turnout, and Portugal's policy remained unchanged.

Prime Minister Jose Socrates, who has long campaigned for abortion rights, has called the current law "backward" and "a national disgrace."

He says women seeking to terminate their pregnancies simply travel to EU countries where it is legal, especially private clinics across the border in Spain, or resort to shady, back-street clinics at home.

He cites figures compiled by abortion rights groups — and disputed by their opponents — that around 10,000 women

are hospitalized every year with complications arising from botched back-street abortions.

Women opting for illegal abortions risk up to three years in prison. However, none has ever been jailed, though doctors and nurses who assisted the procedure have.

Even if the government proceeds with its pledge to implement more liberal policies, it could be several months before women can choose to terminate their pregnancies.

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**CELEBRATE:** President Bush is pictured on stage with the Jackson High School Black History Tour Group from Jackson, Mich., at an event marking African American History Month in the East Room of the White House in Washington yesterday.

## President honors black history

By Ben Feller  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—To honor black history, President Bush yesterday didn't spend much time looking back.

He focused instead on people contributing today — those who are seizing opportunities gained at great price, the president said. "Their stories," Bush said, "speak a lot louder and a lot clearer than I could."

Like the breakthrough by Lovie Smith and Tony Dungy,

who this month became the first black coaches to take their teams to the Super Bowl. Or the work of astronauts Robert Curbeam and Joan Higgenbotham, who helped rewire the International Space Station.

And then there's Tyrone Flowers, a once aspiring basketball star who was shot and paralyzed. Instead of seeking sympathy or revenge, Flowers became a lawyer and teamed with his wife to form a leadership program for at-risk children.

"That's what we're honoring today: ordinary citizens who do unbelievably fine things," Bush said in an East Room ceremony

honoring Black History Month.

"Our call and our need is to continue to remember the promise belongs to everybody," Bush said. "And our call for this country is never to rest until equality is real, opportunity is universal and every citizen can realize his or her dreams."

The nation has been commemorating black history since 1926. Originally established as Negro History Week, the event changed over the years, formally becoming Black History Month in 1976.

Bush seemed to delight in recognizing some of the star personalities around him.

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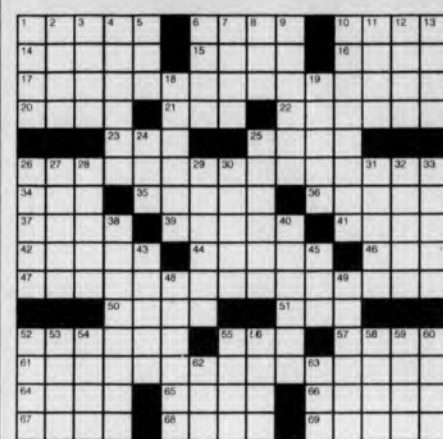
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