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**TODAY**  
Sunny/Wind  
High: 54, Low: 35

**TOMORROW**  
Sunny  
High: 59, Low: 36

## SBC announces fund allocations

Organization leaders reveal mixed reactions about next year's distribution

By **Megan Schmidt**  
Senior Reporter

Some surprises were in store last week when the Student Budget Committee released its funding recommendations for the 2007-08 school year for student organizations.

With 160 organizations requesting a total of more than \$1 million, some groups have expressed excitement with their recommendations, while others disappointment.

Letters sent by SBC to each student organization stated the committee had approximately \$486,000 to allocate this year to campus organizations — less than half of the combined total requested by all organizations.

For some organizations, such as the College Republicans, this meant having funding significantly slashed in comparison to last year's recommendation.

"Not only is it insulting but it is an absolute disgrace," said College Republicans President

Dan Lipian of the \$5,250 SBC recommended for his organization. Lipian said the group requested \$23,500.

"I think SBC was looking for any measure they could to slash funds from organizations, and our organization in particular, given the amount of money we received last year," Lipian said.

The College Republicans received a recommendation of \$14,550 last year — \$12,000 of which the organization used

to fund its Ted Nugent spring speaker event last month.

"We organized \$28,000 for that speaker and we raised the extra \$16,000 on our own," Lipian said. "We've done two or three times as much work this year as we did last year."

But Clint Stephens, interim coordinator of student organizations for OCI, said SBC did not consider how much money an organization received last

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**SBC FUNDING FOR CAMPUS GROUPS**

- University Activities Organization** - \$185,000
- Grad Student Senate** - \$40,000
- Undergrad Student Senate** - \$33,000
- Men's Rugby** - \$16,665
- Men's Ice Hockey** - \$15,000
- Vision** - \$13,550
- Gospel Choir** - \$12,730
- BG 24 News** - \$11,025
- Honors Student Assn.** - \$10,460
- Women's Rugby** - \$10,375

## Rally raises violence awareness

By **Christy Johnson**  
Reporter

The struggle to end domestic violence and rape led students, faculty and community members to the 3rd annual "Take Back the Night" rally and march Saturday.

Approximately 100 men and women headed to the lawn near University Hall to listen to musicians and speakers and share personal stories about domestic violence.

Domestic violence and rape is becoming increasingly more prevalent in America, where one out of every six women experiences sexual assault, and one out of every four women will face some sort of domestic violence during her lifetime.

Women of color are even more likely to experience domestic violence or rape, said Emily Resnik, president of the Organization for Women's Issues, which sponsored the event.

The event was geared toward making people more aware of the violence against women and the title, "Take Back the Night," is an ode to the fear women may have walking the streets alone at night fearing an attacker could be lurking around the corner.

Historically, the topic of domestic violence has been swept under the rug and was not discussed in a public forum.

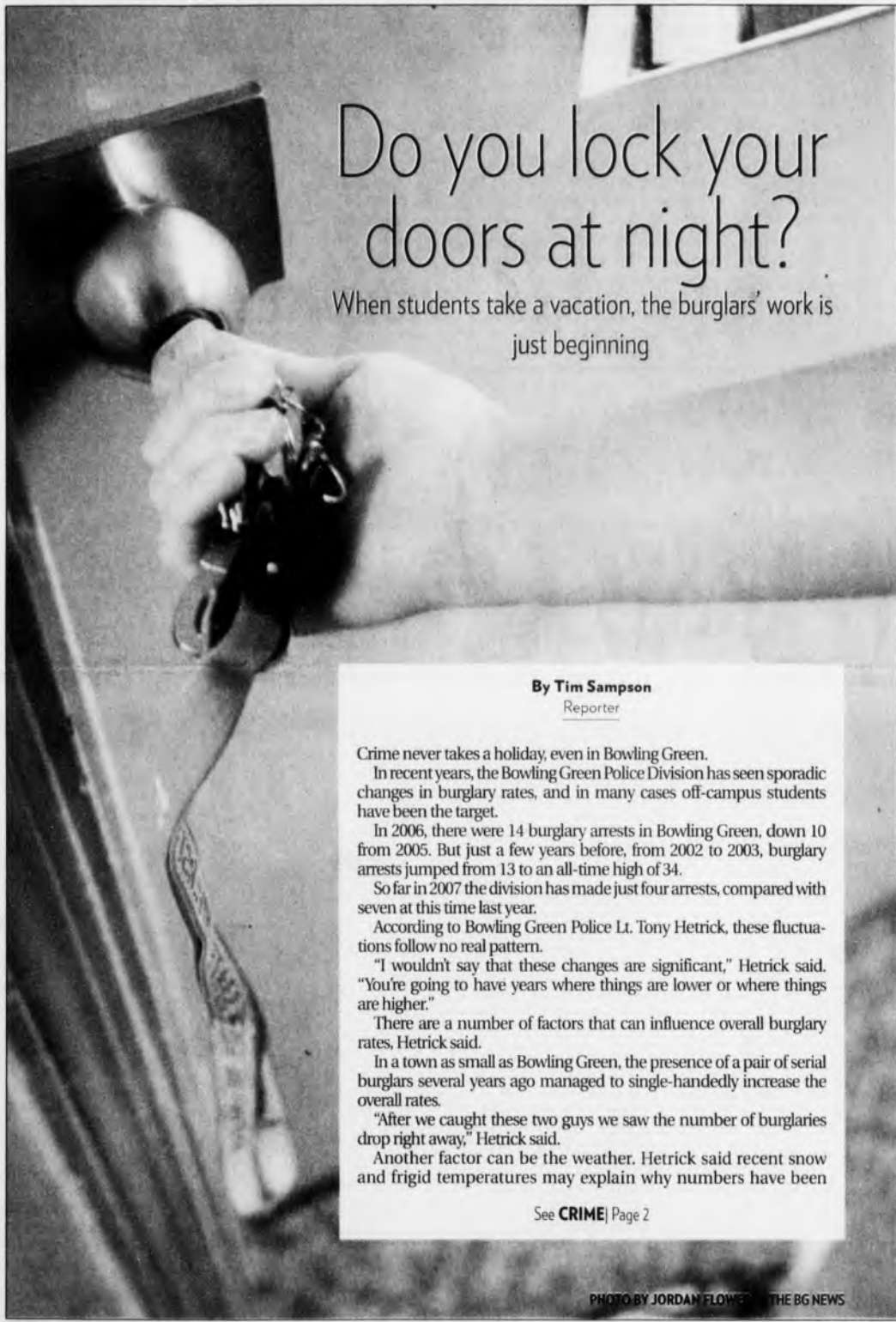
This year, everyone who attended was allowed to take part in the march, which has not been done in previous years where only women were allowed to march.

"I love the march, because the march makes me feel the most empowered, we are demanding our voices be heard," said Joelle Ruby Ryan, president of Transcendence.

Even though men do not have to deal with near as much domestic violence, they serve an important role as allies.

An ally is someone who has not

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## Do you lock your doors at night?

When students take a vacation, the burglars' work is just beginning

By **Tim Sampson**  
Reporter

Crime never takes a holiday, even in Bowling Green.

In recent years, the Bowling Green Police Division has seen sporadic changes in burglary rates, and in many cases off-campus students have been the target.

In 2006, there were 14 burglary arrests in Bowling Green, down 10 from 2005. But just a few years before, from 2002 to 2003, burglary arrests jumped from 13 to an all-time high of 34.

So far in 2007 the division has made just four arrests, compared with seven at this time last year.

According to Bowling Green Police Lt. Tony Hetrick, these fluctuations follow no real pattern.

"I wouldn't say that these changes are significant," Hetrick said. "You're going to have years where things are lower or where things are higher."

There are a number of factors that can influence overall burglary rates, Hetrick said.

In a town as small as Bowling Green, the presence of a pair of serial burglars several years ago managed to single-handedly increase the overall rates.

"After we caught these two guys we saw the number of burglaries drop right away," Hetrick said.

Another factor can be the weather. Hetrick said recent snow and frigid temperatures may explain why numbers have been

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PHOTO BY JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

## Auction of Oprah's dress benefits BGSU

By **Christy Johnson**  
Reporter

Who knew that a used little black dress could raise so much money.

At the 40th Anniversary of the William T. Jerome Library, Oprah Winfrey's dress did just that, being auctioned off to highest bidder for \$7,500.

All of the money raised by the dress will go to the library.

"People know the University needs money for scholarships and athletics, but we [the library] also rely on the generosity of the community," said Kelly Broughton, co-interim dean of University Libraries, after the dress was auctioned off.

About 200 people came to celebrate the library's anniversary

and bid on items to help raise money for the library's future.

"I think we sold every single one of our auction items," Broughton said.

The importance of the library to the University and its students was the predominant theme of the night. Guests showed up ready and willing to bid on silent auction items as well as Oprah's dress because they knew it would benefit BGSU.

"The library is the center of it all at BG, it is a place where knowledge grows and our character is truly defined," said University President Sidney Ribeau.

The auction was held on the 8th floor of the library, which was decorated with a musical theme.

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**BIG EVENT:** At the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Jerome Library Oprah's Little black dress was up for auction.

## Univ. ups price of birth control

By **Janeen Morgan**  
Reporter

The cost of preventing birth now comes at a higher price.

According to the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the prices of birth control have almost doubled, and as part of the act, Medicaid took away incentives for pharmaceutical companies to discount prices to universities across the country.

The legislation intended to focus on Medicaid, the main federal health insurance program available to the poor.

Before the act was even put into place, pharmaceutical companies typically sold drugs at deep discounts to a range of health care providers. This meant the price of birth control for college students would be less since there were dis-

counts from the companies.

Now, new regulations limit nominal best price transactions the manufacturers were permitted to exclude from the calculation of their best and average manufacturer prices, which determine their Medicaid reimbursement rates. Since this new regulation would take place, the price would now be more for birth control.

Because another intent of the legislation was to maximize manufacturer rebates to the states for medications purchased by Medicaid recipients, this act affected all other state colleges and universities.

"BGSU has increased prices to mirror all other college health services," said Cindy Puffer, head pharmacist for the University's

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## BLOTTER FRIDAY

**6:50 A.M. - 3:13 P.M.**  
Three mailboxes reported smashed on Conneaut Avenue.

**11:35 A.M.**  
Beer bottle reported thrown at a vehicle at Al Smith Chrysler Dodge on North Main Street, causing \$1,000 in damage.

**3:39 P.M.**  
East Napoleon Road resident reported someone had used her credit card number to purchase items online and attempted to get a loan.

**3:52 P.M.**  
Kayak, value \$1,000, reported stolen from a vehicle parked in a Gustin Avenue driveway.

**4:52 P.M.**  
Mark A. Demecs, 49, of Toledo, arrested for theft at Kroger on North Main Street after witnesses reported he concealed \$91.78 of baby formula under his shirt. According to police reports, he ran away from a manager tried to confront him and was eventually held down by employees.

**6:44 P.M.**  
James W. Sorg, 38, of Bowling Green, arrested for two counts of bad checks after a warrant was issued. He was taken to the Wood County Justice Center on \$20,000 bond.

**7:04 P.M.**  
South Mercer Road resident reported fraud after she tried to purchase a camera on eBay and never received the digital camera, value \$899.99.

**8:21 P.M.**  
Third Street resident reported his neighbors were urinating off the balcony. When police arrived, they learned the other

resident and his friends had been cleaning the apartment and threw dirty water over the balcony.

**11:45 P.M.**  
John R. Feichtner, 20, of Cleveland, cited for using a fake ID manufactured in Canada at Ziggy Zoomba's on East Wooster Street.

## SATURDAY

**12:23 A.M.**  
Peter S. Rippee, 19, of Medina, Ohio, cited for using a fake ID at Ziggy Zoomba's on East Wooster Street.

**12:28 A.M.**  
Benjamin R. Henning, 19, of Curtice, Ohio, arrested for public urination at a Campbell Hill Road apartment complex.

**12:37 A.M.**  
Brian M. Murawski, 20, of Holland, Ohio, arrested for prohibited acts and misrepresentation to obtain alcohol at Ziggy Zoomba's on East Wooster Street.

**2:03 A.M.**  
Steven I. Howard, 19, of Cleveland, cited for public urination in Lot 1.

**2:18 A.M.**  
Amber J. Medina, 27, of Bowling Green, arrested for fighting in a North Prospect Street parking lot.

**2:29 A.M.**  
Thomas Michael Oestrike, 24, of Flat Rock, Mich., given a civil citation for public urination in Lot 1.

**3:35 A.M.**  
Patient in the emergency room at Wood County Hospital on West Wooster Street reported being assaulted near Taco Bell on East Wooster Street.

Read a full version of the blotter online | [bgnews.com](http://bgnews.com)

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student health center. "We had no choice but to pass on the higher prices to our students." Puffer also said the Senate Finance Committee staffers have noted the omission of college and University health services. It was an oversight in the legislation and was not meant to intentionally exclude the transactions.

The staffers also stated there was already flexibility in the existing legislation for the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services to provide a remedy. One alternative to their remedy is to change the legislation, but while the committee is in the process of making changes, the cost of birth control will remain high.

Students are dealing with the changes although some don't agree.

"I have to pay my co-pay which is almost \$30 a month," said Jennifer Hunt, junior. "Basically, everything is going up because of inflation in the economy."

The increase in cost of birth control pills might deter some students from buying the contraceptive.

"Students are not happy about this change," Puffer said. "They feel the price increase will not dissuade them from purchasing the product but the impact is noticeable."

Places like The Pharm, that sell birth control, haven't noticed a big increase in cost. "I haven't seen that much of an increase, only from \$2 to \$4," said Debbie Berlekamp, manager at The Pharm on North Main Street.

## CRIME

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lower so far.

"Nobody likes to go out when it's nasty — even burglars," he said.

But the most dependable influence on burglary rates is whether or not the University is in session.

"We tend to see a spike during vacations," Hetrick said. "Students leave their stuff in their apartments and burglars know this."

Students are often prime targets because they tend to own expensive electronic devices like stereos and computers. And because many live in large apartment complexes, it is difficult to tell who lives there and who is a stranger.

When the University goes on vacation and many students leave for home, their deserted apartments become prime targets.

As a result, the police usually increase patrols when school is not in session.

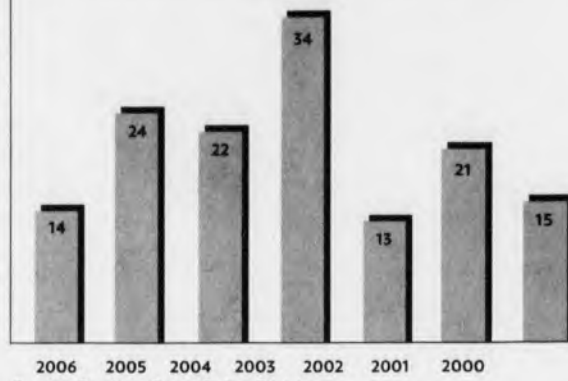
"While the University is on break, we will step up surveillance in areas of student housing," Hetrick said. "But unfortunately we never know when we've prevented a burglary. So it's one of those things where you never know how effective it's going to be."

Because of the increased risk for apartment dwellers, many local landlords and property managers place a high priority on security.

"You're always concerned about the safety of your tenants," said Chris Ostrowski, president of the Wood County Apartment Association and leasing agent for Winthrop Terrace apartments.

## BURGLARY ARRESTS IN BOWLING GREEN

The graph shows the differences in arrests by year. 2001 was the highest with 34 arrests and 2002 saw a drop of 21 arrests, with 13.



Source: Bowling Green Police Division

He said vigilance is the key. In addition to having secure doors and windows and making sure parking lots and sidewalks are well lit, he said some of his employees live in the apartments to keep an eye on things.

Ostrowski also advises his tenants to keep their eyes open.

"Students should just be on the lookout and make sure they get to know their neighbors so they know who they can trust," he said.

Some students who do live off campus say burglary is not a major concern.

"We never really worry about it," said senior Jacob Miley. "We keep our doors unlocked a lot of the time."

But Hetrick said this is not a good idea.

"Often times students come from towns where it's customary to leave doors unlocked," he said. "But that's how a lot of break-ins occur."

In addition to keeping doors and windows secure, Hetrick also advises students leaving town on vacation to use automatic timers on their lights, ask a neighbor to keep an eye on things and to take any expensive electronics with them.

Taking these preventative measures is important because many burglaries will frequently go unsolved.

Hetrick said there is usually little physical evidence left at the crime scene, and unless there are eyewitnesses to identify the culprit, the police are often unable to make an arrest.

"Probably in a majority of cases no one is ever arrested or identified," Hetrick said. "That's why prevention is necessary."

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experienced rape, domestic violence or assault, but is interested in fighting for the cause; someone who uses their voice to create a better world, Resnik said.

Sophomore Phil Boda, acting as an ally, tried to get people to come to the event through Facebook invitations and word-of-mouth.

"If we can't sit there for a couple of hours a year to speak on an issue that's becoming an epidemic, if we can't be there for women, then what are we doing here?" Boda said.

## CITY BRIEF

### Party leads to arrests

Eight people, including three juveniles, were arrested at a party on Clough Street Friday night.

Craig Patrick Frederick, 20, of Adrian, Mich. and Matthew S. Grimsley, 19, of Canton, Ohio, were arrested for public urination.

The resident Ryan M. Jodway, 23, of Medina, Ohio, was arrested for nuisance party violations. Kristin M. Wenzinger, 20, of Miller City, Ohio, Peggy M. Zeligson, 18, of Auburn, Ohio and Justina T. Pham, 18, of Defiance, Ohio, were arrested for underage under the influence.

## NATION BRIEFS

### Gonzales speaks out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, fighting to save his job, said in prepared Senate testimony yesterday he has "nothing to hide" in the firings of eight federal prosecutors but claimed a hazy memory about his involvement in them.

Two Republican senators said Gonzales has yet to shore up his credibility amid shifting explanations of his role in the dismissals. Vice President Dick Cheney reaffirmed White House support for the attorney general — but left it to Gonzales to defend himself to lawmakers who have called for his resignation.

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# Eva Marie Saint honors former University professor

By Gina Potthoff  
Reporter

Actress Eva Marie Saint returned to the University to visit the theater that bears her name on Saturday and performed with her husband, producer and director Jeffrey Hayden.

"It's been said you can't go home again but you can go back to your alma mater," Saint said.

The award-winning actress, who graduated from the University in 1946, paid tribute to her former teacher and mentor, Elden Smith. Saint became emotional when discussing her past professor and his upcoming memorial service.

Saint said Smith was the first to encourage her to get involved in acting and convinced her to try out for her first acting role in the University play titled "Personal Experience."

The couple performed "On the Divide: An Afternoon with Willa Cather" while standing beside each other at separate podiums in front of a forest tree background. The setting was fitting, since they were paying tribute

to Cather's works that include basic themes of land, rural versus city folk and freedom.

The couple chose two of Cather's works to recite to an audience of more than 400 people. The event lasted about two hours, with a short intermission.

"I couldn't think of a better way to spend my Saturday afternoon," said Cheryl Windisch, a life-long Bowling Green resident.

Windisch described the performance as "captivating." She said she found the synergy between the couple to be a delight.

Windisch came to see Saint, whom her father had known when he was a student at the University. Windisch, like Saint, also had Smith as a professor in college.

"It wasn't what I expected," said Angela Stein, a junior who attended the event for her theater class.

"I've never been to anything like it before."

There was also a benefit performance to raise money for



**Eva Marie Saint**  
She performed at BGSU Saturday with her husband

the Eva Marie Saint Scholarship Fund in the hopes of giving out two scholarships per year instead of one.

Tickets, which were essentially donations to the fund, ranged from \$50 to \$150, with a separate reception afterwards for the more expensive ticket holders.

Sarah Turner, the theater business manager, said Saint requested all students get in free.

"We hope to attract talented students to the program," Turner said.

Highlights of the BG alumna's career include winning an Academy Award for "On the Waterfront" and an Emmy for "People Like Us." She has also appeared in the recent films "Superman Returns" and "Because of Winn Dixie."



MIKE DERER | AP PHOTO

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED:** Vivian Stringer, center, coach of the Rutgers women's basketball team, stands with her players and Rutgers officials to answer questions on the campus in New Brunswick, N.J. The team was honored by the Rutgers board of governors for their second place finish in the NCAA tournament.

## Rutgers wary of threats

By Ebenezer Samuel  
MCT

NEW YORK — Rutgers center Kia Vaughn was supposed to take the train and then the subway from New Brunswick, N.J., to her home in the Bronx, and maybe go shopping with her mother, Aja Ellington. Don Imus had been fired; that chapter seemed closed.

That was before Ellington watched the Friday evening local news. During the telecast, she heard that the Lady Scarlet Knights had received death threats. Immediately, her thoughts turned to her daughter.

"It's scary situations," Ellington said.

In a statement, Rutgers athletic director Bob Mulcahy said: "We are not addressing the negative

e-mails and/or calls received." He added that if the school decided that any were "serious enough, our police would handle it."

Women's basketball team spokeswoman Stacey Brann said any negative calls or e-mails had been "few and far between." She estimated the entire team had received a dozen.

Still, Ellington and Vaughn changed their plans Friday night. Instead of riding the train, Vaughn was picked up at Rutgers by a relative Saturday. And there was no mother-daughter shopping — for Vaughn's safety, the pair stayed at home with Brian Barker, Ellington's husband and Vaughn's stepfather.

"Her face has been all over TV," Ellington said about why the family stayed home. "I spoke to her [Saturday morning] and she's okay. But that's my baby girl."

## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

6-7 p.m.  
**Silent Dinner**  
Union Lobby

6-8 p.m.  
**How 2: Bar Basics and Mixology**  
314 Union

6-8 p.m.  
**Capture the Flag**  
Conklin Lawn

6-8 p.m.  
**New Music Ensemble: Ballroom Bash**  
Union Ballroom

9-10:30 p.m.  
**Students for Organ Donation**  
209 Olscamp

## RANDOM but TRUE

In ancient Rome, it was considered a sign of leadership to be born with a crooked nose.

## College housing may encourage cliques

By Eric Ferreri  
MCT

DURHAM, N.C. — In the Wayne Manor section of Duke's Wannamakerdorm, garbage cans are stuffed with empty cases of Busch Light beer. Rooms with lofted beds, couches and flat-screen TVs burst with people when the residents throw a bash.

The 42 residents of Wayne Manor — an all-male social group similar to a fraternity — appear to have little in common with the nine students in Eden's Arts Theme House, which is smaller, co-ed and less likely to host an all-campus party. But these groups — and 22 others recognized by Duke — have a common cause: Their ways of life are targeted for extinction.

The "selective living groups" are

students with similar interests who, with the university's help, establish communities by living together in blocks of dorm rooms. These groups have certain perks. They can rent a grill from the university for a cookout, for example, or get a couple hundred dollars for a group activity.

Most important, according to the recently released Campus Culture Initiative report, they dictate the campus social scene by virtue of the turf they inhabit.

Work on the culture report began soon after three Duke lacrosse players were charged in March 2006 with sexually assaulting a woman hired to dance at a team party.

The report recommends that these groups no longer receive preferential housing treatment.

On Duke's West Campus — where more than half of Duke's undergraduates live — about 30 percent of beds are assigned to selective living groups. These students are overwhelmingly male and many are in fraternities. The result is inequitable room assignment that fosters exclusivity and cliques, the report concludes.

Such conclusions have many members on edge.

Tom Adelman, a junior with Wayne Manor, acknowledges that selective living groups can breed a form of exclusivity. But, he argues, isn't that the point?

To Adelman and many other members of these groups, there is value in living among friends.

"There's always somebody willing to do something with you," Adelman said.

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# OPINION

"My initial reaction is no (they should not be allowed in)." — Australian Prime Minister John Howard, saying Friday that HIV-positive immigrants or refugees should not be allowed to enter Australia, from Time.com

Monday, April 16, 2007 4

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET What did you think of the weather this weekend?



"I was hurt and appalled by it because it played with my emotions."  
**ASHA GRAYSON,**  
Junior, Apparel Merchandising



"I was shocked and confused by it."  
**BREYANA LOWE,**  
Senior, Broadcast Journalism



"It sucked because my sib was here."  
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"The only predictable weather is that it'll snow in April."  
**MATT ACHMOODY,**  
Sophomore, Marketing

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## Conservatives today need to re-evaluate what's important



**BRENDAN KEEP**  
COLUMNIST

As someone who considers himself conservative, the current state of the Republican Party is obviously troubling to me. After a decade of having near-complete control of Congress, too many conservative lawmakers had fallen prey to the maxim that "power corrupts." As scandal after scandal surfaced (Tom DeLay, Mark Foley, Jack Abramoff, and locally, Tom Noe), it became clear that Congress needed some fresh faces. I believe that it was due to the absolute disregard of civic responsibility by these men and others in the Republican Party, and not a paradigm shift to the left by the American populace, that led to overwhelming Democratic victories in the 2006 elections.

When George W. Bush was elected in 2000, he often described himself as a "compassionate conservative." After eight years in office, he doesn't really use that term anymore, but think for a minute about what "compassionate conservatism" was supposed to be. Here is how he summed it up: "It is compassionate to actively help our citizens in need. It is conservative to insist on accountability and results."

Basically, it was supposed to keep the parts of conservatism that want government money to be spent responsibly, and throw away the miserly, penny-pinching parts. Funny enough, the way that the Bush presidency

has gone, things have made a complete u-turn. When was the last time that Democrats were the ones pushing for a balanced budget?

So the compassionate conservative idea didn't work. However, some of its ideas are worth keeping. Particularly the word "compassionate," even if it isn't in the sense that Mr. Bush used it. Too often, I think, conservatives tend to label and ostracize other people in a "holier than thou" sort of way. At its greatest extent, this leads to exactly what conservatives are supposed to stand against: the federal government getting more involved in the lives of private citizens. Case in point: proposed constitutional amendments banning gay marriage, listening to phone calls and reading e-mails of citizens without needing a valid reason. Both of these involve more government regulation and bureaucracy, not less. That certainly is not conservative.

Conservatives need a reformation of sorts for this coming presidential election. Issues have been raised about potential Republican candidates Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney. Giuliani has been divorced a couple of times, and Romney is a Mormon. Granted, conservatives do have other issues with these two men, but certainly the facts that I have just stated have been mentioned as reasons why they might be unelectable, and I just can't stand it. Getting divorced, even more than once, does not make a person unqualified to be President. I know plenty of people who have been divorced who have a great deal more character than almost any politician.

**"Too often, I think, conservatives tend to label and ostracize other people in a 'holier than thou' sort of way."**

As for Romney's Mormon faith, why is this still an issue? Almost half a century ago John F. Kennedy had to answer questions about his Catholicism. He had prophetic words in the same speech in which he said, "I do not speak for my Church on public matters and my Church does not speak for me." Here is what he said in September of 1960: "For while this year it may be a Catholic against whom the finger of suspicion is pointed, in other years it has been, and may someday be again, a Jew, or a Quaker, or a Unitarian, or a Baptist. It was Virginia's harassment of Baptist preachers, for example, that helped lead to Jefferson's statute of religious freedom. Today I may be the victim, but tomorrow it may be you, until the whole fabric of our harmonious society is ripped at a time of great national peril." Prophetic words indeed.

Religious belief, or lack thereof, should never be a prerequisite for public office. Conservatives need to understand this in order for conservatism to continue to be relevant in today's political world.

Send comments to Brendan Keep at [keep@bgsuedu](mailto:keep@bgsuedu).



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## Imus controversy does nothing to settle real issues



**JON BOSSCHER**  
COLUMNIST

"Unacceptable," says Angela Burt Murray of Essence Magazine. I am "deeply hurt," says National Association of Black Journalists president Bryan Monroe. "Disgusting," claims Condoleezza Rice. "Sorry," says Don Imus.

Of course, his apology was far too little and too late to stave off the explosion of disapproving chatter that would eventually lead to the radio host being fired from NBC. In fact, following Imus' on-air gaffe in which he referred to the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos," just about anyone loud enough and willing to express the requisite outrage was dragged onto news programs to air their take on just how "outraged" they were about the comment. Many competed to prove they were more outraged than anyone else on the topic.

If the women of the Rutgers basketball team are the losers in this situation, NBC and the other news stations must be the winners. NBC initially took heat for being the network to televise Imus' comments. They quickly made lemonade out of that lemon by running the item as their main story for the next week and a half. Imus is making NBC more money after being

fired than he was when his show played on MSNBC. The other networks have all followed suit, providing endless commentary from countless pundits who are all desperate to help the unenlightened to interpret such a complex and multi-faceted issue. The best part is that its sort of a sports story too so even ESPN can get in on the game. Meanwhile, Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer who claims Imus' comments robbed her team of their "moment" appears poised to turn the incident into a book deal.

Some say this overwhelming coverage is evidence of a beneficial aspect of the media in which it acts as a watchdog on thorny topics such as race. To be sure, the issue points up racial tensions that exist so close to the surface in American society. Nevertheless, it would seem that the final arbiter of political correctness in America today is not journalism or public outcry but advertising dollars and marketing agents' fear of finding themselves on the wrong side of a debate on race or any other controversial issue.

While Imus' comments, simultaneously racist and sexist, are clearly the words of an aging and increasingly irrelevant shock jock, the issue has done little toward alleviating or even raising awareness of real social injustice. Reminiscent of the reaction to Michael Richards' on-stage meltdown, the Imus issue has heightened racial tensions and

**"While Imus' comments... are clearly the words of an aging and increasingly irrelevant shock jock, the issue has done little toward alleviating or even raising awareness of real social injustice."**

further circumscribed the discourse on race in this country. What can't be said and by whom is becoming clearer every day. Unfortunately, race will never cease to be a problem in this country if no one is willing to speak about it. The media and civil rights watchdogs have expended so much energy establishing what is out of bounds that they may have little impetus toward finding some common ground between races on which sensitive issues can be sincerely addressed. Don Imus found out the hard way the consequences of crossing the boundaries on racial discourse.

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# Storm system hits eastern U.S. causing havoc

By Karen Matthews  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A powerful nor'easter pounded the East with wind and pouring rain yesterday, grounding airlines and threatening to create some of the worst coastal flooding in 14 years.

The storm also flooded people out of their homes in the middle of the night in West Virginia. Other inland states faced a threat of heavy snow.

One person was killed as dozens of mobile homes were destroyed or damaged by wind in South Carolina. The storm system already had been blamed for five deaths on Friday in Kansas and Texas.

The Coast Guard had warned mariners to head for port because wind up to 55 mph was expected to generate seas up to 20 feet high, Petty Officer Etta Smith said yesterday in Boston.

Airlines canceled more than 350 flights at the New York area's three major airports, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. More

cancellations were expected throughout the day.

The storm also rained out yesterday's Washington Nationals game with the New York Mets at New York's Shea Stadium, the Pittsburgh Pirates home game against San Francisco, the Houston Astros at Philadelphia, the Kansas City Royals at Baltimore, and the Los Angeles Angels at Boston. Last weekend, snow dumped by another major storm system wiped out scheduled Mariners-Indians games at Cleveland for four straight days.

Heavy rain and thunderstorms extended from Florida up the coast to New England yesterday. Wind gusted to 71 mph at Charleston, S.C., the weather service said.

Storm warnings and watches were posted all along the East Coast, with flood warnings extending from North Carolina to the New York area. Winter storm warnings were in effect for parts of New England and eastern New York state.

Meteorologists expected sustained wind of 40 mph and a storm surge of 3 to 5 feet, a combination that could



**DEVASTATION:** Streets are shown underwater in Danville, W.Va., yesterday, after overnight storms flooded many out of their homes in Southern West Virginia. A powerful nor'easter pounded the East with wind and pouring rain yesterday.

cause as much coastal damage to New York's Long Island as a winter storm that wreaked havoc there in late 1992, Gov. Eliot Spitzer said.

Ferry service to Fire Island, off the south shore of Long Island, was halted, and New

York City opened nine emergency storm shelters in flood-prone locations. Spitzer sent 3,200 National Guard members to potential flood areas.

Some residents of low-lying areas along the New Jersey shore packed up to leave.

"This is going to be bad," Shaun Rheinheimer said as he moved furniture to higher spots at his house on New Jersey's Cedar Bonnet Island. Streets were flooded and waves splashed over bulkheads into backyards.

BOB BIRD | AP PHOTO

# New Jersey governor begins recovery after SUV crash

By Maryclaire Dale  
The Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — Gov. Jon Corzine was beginning to respond to people yesterday as he recovers from an SUV crash that left him on a ventilator with a dozen broken ribs and a severely fractured leg, among other injuries, his spokesman said.

Corzine's three children and his girlfriend visited the governor and were pleased with his progress, spokesman Anthony Coley said. Despite his sedation, Corzine has been able to communicate to some degree, Coley said.

The governor, who remains in critical condition, underwent a procedure to remove fluid that had collected outside his left lung. The procedure, which lasted less than 15 minutes, is common for patients who sustain a number of rib fractures and doctors said it was successful, Coley said.



**Jon Corzine**  
New Jersey  
governor

Corzine was injured Thursday when his SUV crashed on the Garden State Parkway, after his vehicle was hit by another vehicle that swerved to avoid a pickup truck, sending the governor's SUV into a guard rail.

The 60-year-old governor, who was apparently not wearing his seat belt in the front passenger's seat, broke his leg, 12 ribs, his breastbone and suffered a broken collarbone. He also had a head laceration and a minor fracture on a lower vertebra.

The governor has already undergone two surgeries on his badly broken leg and a third is expected today.

Senate President Richard Codey, who is acting governor as Corzine recovers, said he would not promote his own agenda while Corzine recovers. New Jersey does not have a lieutenant governor.

"One of the tough things here is I don't know how long it's going to be," Codey told The Record of Bergen County.

The accident comes as Corzine's administration was heading into its second budget battle with the Legislature, pushing a \$33 billion budget that included big property tax rebates.

He also has plans to shore up the pension system and to raise money for the state by selling state assets like the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway, where the crash occurred.

Corzine had been on his way to a meeting at his mansion in Princeton between radio show host Don Imus and the Rutgers women's basketball team.



COLIN ARCHER | AP PHOTO

**CRASH:** A New Jersey state trooper works the scene of a crash where New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine was injured last Thursday in Galloway Township, N.J.

## NATION BRIEFS

### Prisoners file suit over mosquito bites

DENVER (AP) — Three prisoners serving potential life sentences in Colorado say their lives have been threatened by mosquitoes.

The inmates at Walsenburg and Limon prisons sued, saying they were at risk of contracting West Nile virus or other diseases after they were bitten repeatedly by mosquitoes and suffered "the emotional and mental distress of whether or not each mosquito's bite would result in death or serious bodily injury."

Prison officials said no confirmed cases of West Nile virus have ever been found in the prison population, and inmates are provided mosquito repellent.

### Man charged in arson fire, killing five children

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) — A man was charged with setting a house on fire in western Illinois early yesterday and killing five children, police said.

Four other people, including a firefighter, were injured in the blaze. The bodies of four boys and a girl — ages 8 months to 10 years — found on the second story were likely family members, officials said.

Zachary Q. Meeks, 27, was charged with five counts of first-degree murder, one count of aggravated arson and one count of arson, police said.

### Bank president to keep job in spite of problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz said yesterday he will stay on the job, carrying out the bank's mission to reduce poverty around the world.

"The bank has important work to do and I will continue to do it," he said at a news conference winding up a meeting of the steering committee for the bank and the International Monetary Fund.

There have been calls for Wolfowitz to resign as the head of the 185-nation lending organization over his involvement in a huge pay increase awarded to a close female friend.

"We have to ensure that the bank can effectively carry out its mandate and maintain its credibility and reputation as well as the motivation of its staff," the committee said.

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Chi Omega's Moonball:  
9:15pm- Eppler South Gym

## Tuesday, April 17

Delta Chi's Hot Dog Eating Contest:  
7:15pm- Delta Chi House  
Delta Zeta's Greek God and Goddess:  
9:15pm- Olscamp 101

## Wednesday, April 18

Greek Independent Board's Twister Tourney:  
5:00pm  
OAR Concert:  
8:00pm- Anderson Arena

## Thursday, April 19

Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Sigma Phi's Speed Dating:  
7:00pm- The Greenery  
Alpha Omicron Pi Family Feud:  
9:15pm- Olscamp 115  
Gamma Sigma Alpha Academic Bowl:  
9:15pm- BA 114  
Tom Hayn Memorial- at Lambda Chi Alpha:  
6:00pm

## Friday, April 20

Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bust:  
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2:00-3:00pm- Mac Beach

# Three suspected terrorists face trial on conspiracy charges

By Curt Anderson  
The Associated Press

**"The trial will ultimately become the United States vs. Islam."**

William Swor | lawyer

MIAMI — It's been nearly five years since then-Attorney General John Ashcroft declared the United States had thwarted an al-Qaida plot to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb" in a major city and had arrested a "known terrorist," Jose Padilla.

Ashcroft darkly suggested the plot could have caused "mass death and injury" and said President Bush had designated Padilla, a U.S. citizen, as an enemy combatant who would be held in indefinite military custody rather than face civilian charges.

"He was involved in planning future terrorist attacks on American civilians in the United States," Ashcroft said in June 2002, while the jittery nation still reeled from the Sept. 11 and anthrax attacks in 2001.

However, as jury selection begins today, the case against Padilla has no mention of the "dirty bomb" allegations or purported plots inside the United States.

Instead, Padilla, held for 3 1/2 years as an enemy combatant, and co-defendants Adham Amin Hassoun, 45, and 44-year-old Kifah Wael Jayyousi face charges of conspiracy to "murder, kidnap and maim" people overseas and of providing support to terror groups. All three pleaded not

guilty. They could face life in prison if convicted.

"It has had so many unbelievable twists and turns," said Michael Greenberger, a University of Maryland law professor who directs the school's Center for Health and Homeland Security. "It really will be the stuff of legend in terms of how we attempted to deal with terrorists in the war on terror."

The three are accused of being part of a North American support cell that funneled fighters, money and supplies to Islamic extremists fighting "jihad," or Muslim holy war, in Afghanistan, Chechnya, Bosnia, Tajikistan and elsewhere around the world. The trial is expected to take at least four months.

Although there is no direct connection, the shadow of the Sept. 11 attacks hangs over the case. Dozens of potential jurors mentioned the attacks when they filled out questionnaires meant to gauge their ability to be fair and impartial.

"It is not going to be possible to

eradicate 9/11 from the thoughts of jurors," said Philip Anthony, chief executive officer of the national jury consulting firm DecisionQuest.

Prosecutors say Hassoun acted as a South Florida recruiter and fundraiser for violent Muslim causes. Padilla, 36, a one-time member of Chicago's Latin Disciples street gang who had moved to Florida, became one of the warrior recruits. Padilla had converted to Islam in a Florida prison while serving a year for a 1991 weapons conviction.

A key piece of evidence is a purported "mujahedeen data form" that prosecutors say Padilla completed in 2000 — his fingerprints are on it — to join an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan.

Jayyousi's alleged major role was publication of the "Islam Report," which prosecutors say was used to spread extremist Islamic ideology and assist in fundraising and terror support. Jayyousi contends he was only reporting on global events of Muslim interest, and his lawyer says prosecutors are attempting to expand the case into a trial of Islamic political and religious groups.

"The trial will ultimately become the United States vs. Islam," said Jayyousi lawyer William Swor.

The alleged conspiracy goes back more than a decade, with



ALAN DIAZ | THE BG NEWS

**ESCORT:** In this Jan. 5, 2006, file photo, Jose Padilla, center, is escorted by federal marshals on his arrival in Miami. A federal judge rejected a motion by the alleged al-Qaida operative to dismiss terrorism charges against him over claims he was tortured by the U.S. military.

prosecutors claiming more than 50,000 intercepted telephone calls and bugged conversations in Arabic with purported code words.

"Critical to the government's proving its case is persuading the jury that all the dots in what it claims was an international conspiracy can be connected," said Carl Tobias, law professor at the

University of Richmond.

Yet there's little proof that the three were directly responsible for any specific acts of terrorism. In court papers, prosecutors listed generalized victims such as Serbian and Croat forces in the 1990s Bosnian war, the Russian army in Chechnya and "moderate" Muslim governments in Libya, Tunisia and elsewhere.

Defense lawyers say providing assistance to one faction in these conflicts does not necessarily amount to a crime.

"There was a lot of killing on both sides," Hassoun lawyer Jeanne Baker said of the Bosnian war. "Killing only becomes murder under certain specific circumstances. Defending Muslims is not committing murder."

## Two of Anna Nicole Smith's diaries for sale



**Anna Nicole Smith**

Recently deceased television star and model

DALLAS (AP) — Two diaries written by Anna Nicole Smith in the early 1990s failed to sell at an auction this weekend, but are

now available for a minimum bid of \$25,000 each, the auction house said yesterday.

"We have a buy-it-now situation," said Doug Norwine, the director of music and entertainment memorabilia at Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas.

There were at least two bidders on the diaries, but both pulled out of the auction that ended Saturday. Among their

concerns were allegations by Smith's lawyer-turned-partner, Howard K. Stern, that the diaries had been stolen and should be returned to her estate, Norwine said.

"They just got cold feet," he said.

The auction house obtained the diaries and other items from an anonymous German businessman who purchased

the items on eBay for more than \$500,000 several weeks ago. The German businessman decided to auction the diaries after securing the publishing rights, Norwine said.

Norwine said he had vetted the history of the journals and believed they were legitimately obtained by a celebrity memorabilia dealer in Los Angeles before going up for sale on eBay.

## Church diocese faces trial

By Frank Eltman  
The Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. — The nation's sixth-largest Roman Catholic diocese is headed to trial this week in a \$150 million lawsuit accusing church officials of recklessness for employing a youth minister who raped and sodomized teenagers.

But despite its familiar scenario of youths abused by religious leaders, this case is unique: It could be one of the few decided by a jury, rather than a quiet, out-of-court settlement.

The U.S. Conference of Bishops estimates abuse-related costs from lawsuits have exceeded \$1.5 billion, the majority out-of-court settlements. Many of the alleged acts took place so long ago their statutes of limitations have expired.

Many cases are settled out of court, in part to prevent details of the alleged abuse from going public, said Steve Rubino, a New Jersey lawyer who has handled hundreds of church sex abuse cases.

"There is a tendency not to want to run that risk," Rubino said.

On Long Island, a grand jury found nearly two dozen cases of abuse going back decades in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the nation's sixth largest with 1.3 mil-

lion Catholics in 134 parishes.

The case with opening statements set for tomorrow involves Matthew Maiello, who pleaded guilty to rape and sodomy in 2003 and served more than two years in prison. But the real focus is St. Raphael's Church in East Meadow, its pastor, the Rev. Thomas Haggerty, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

"This is about who let the lions loose," said attorney Michael Dowd, who represents two plaintiffs—a man and a woman—who claimed church officials failed to act when confronted with reports that they were repeatedly molested by Maiello as teenagers.

"Our allegations are that the church was not only negligent but reckless in its handling of the employment of Maiello," said Dowd. "There were warning signs ... that weren't dealt with at all by the pastor."

Concerns about Maiello's activities were raised at a December 1999 meeting with Haggerty, but the matter was dropped and no action taken, the lawsuit contends.

Diocesan spokesman Sean Dolan did not return a telephone call seeking comment. Brian Davey, an attorney representing the pastor, the parish and the diocese, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

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# Bus crash toll raises to 28 deaths

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — The toll from a bus crash outside this border city rose to 28 dead and 21 injured, Mexican authorities said yesterday.

Authorities said the bus driver, who was among the dead, was speeding when the vehicle collided with a tractor-trailer early Saturday near Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas.

The truck's gas tank exploded, engulfing the bus in flames.

Officials initially said 23 died and 11 were injured, but revised the toll after determining that the bus was carrying 49 people — some of whom did not have seats and including children who were sitting on people's laps, said Patricia Gonzalez, prosecutor in Chihuahua state.

Many of the bodies were severely burned and it could be months before all the victims are identified, Gonzalez said.

Some of the passengers told El Diario de Juarez newspaper the driver appeared to have fallen asleep.

"People were burning, screaming, praying and there were a lot of kids," Carlos Omar Rodriguez, 12, told the newspaper.



LAUREN SHINDOLLAR | THE BG NEWS

**SERVICE:** Guests of the 40th Anniversary of the Jerome Library enjoyed catered food and personal service. It was a night to be pampered and enjoy a silent auction.

## LIBRARY

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The library was closed to the public during the event.

The silent auction included a digital mosaic of the Jerome Library, different sorts of theme baskets and even an autographed poster of Freddy and Freida Falcon.

The night was lived up with music by the band Hepcat Revival, as well as performances by Eva Marie Saint Scholarship recipients Amanda Clements, Marley Silvestri and Rachel Wycoff.

All of the entertainment led into the highlight of the night — the live auction of Oprah's dress.

Oprah's dress has been traveling throughout the country to and from charitable events, and was donated to the library

**"I did it just to help the library out more than anything ... I think the library [is] the best kept secret around."**

Pat Maurer | Bidder

by Robert and Pat Maurer, who happened to be the highest bidder once again.

Maurer was unsure of which charitable event the dress would travel to next, but was not unsure of his reason for bidding.

"I did it just to help the library out more than anything, it's a good cause," Maurer said. "I think the library [is] the best kept secret around."

## BUDGET

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year when determining recommendations for this year. He said every organization is on a "zero-based budgeting" system and starts with \$0 no matter how much money it received in previous years from SBC.

"A group that didn't receive much money last year was not penalized for that this year," he said. "And a group that did well last year can't just ride those coattails."

What SBC does consider, Stephens said, are factors such as how much fundraising a group has done on its own, how well-attended its meetings and events are, how financially responsible the organization has been and how valuable activities presented to SBC during presentations would be to the student population.

Erin Wethern, vice president of the Organization for Women's Issues, which doubled the amount of money recommended by SBC from last year to this year — from \$2,448 last year to \$5,858 this

**"I think SBC was looking for any measure they could to slash funds from organizations, and our organization in particular, given the amount of money we received last year."**

Dan Lipian | College Republicans President

year — said she was happy with the amount her group received. OWI requested about \$6,700, she said.

"This is only our fourth year in existence as an organization and we've doubled our membership," Wethern said. "And with this money I think we'll definitely be able to reach even more people."

Wethern said during its presentation with SBC, OWI proposed spending its funds on co-sponsoring a speaker with the women's studies department for Women's History Month in March and attending a national feminists' conference.

Like OWI, Vision received a major boost in its SBC recommendation compared to the \$3,805 it received last year.

This year, SBC recommended \$13,550 for the organization.

Vision President Eric Crumrine said the group is "very pleased" with its recommendation, which will be used to fund a speaker, gender issues activist Kate Bornstein, and a performer, star of Rent Anthony Rapp, for next year.

"We had a very predetermined list of the performers and speakers we wanted," Vision president Eric Crumrine said. "We just took that in to our presentation and hoped for the best."

Stephens said organizations which are unhappy or feel an error has been made in their SBC recommendations may file an appeal with the dean of students no later than April 25.

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## Ohio firefighters injured in costly, extensive blaze

WAUSEON, Ohio (AP) — A fire that may have started in a restaurant destroyed several nearby buildings and businesses early Saturday, burning most of a downtown block in the heart of this northwest Ohio community.

Mayor Jerry Dehnbostel said most of the buildings that were destroyed were more than 100 years old. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries fighting the blaze.

"We don't know yet what the cause was," Dehnbostel said Saturday night. "They think right now it started in Doc Holliday's, a restaurant, and spread one building south and three buildings to the north."

"The only reason it didn't keep going south was there was a fire-wall in one of the buildings."

Dehnbostel said there was no estimate of damage, but that the replacement value would be in the millions of dollars.

The state fire marshal's office was investigating the blaze, he said.

More than a dozen fire departments helped fight the fire that destroyed the restaurant, a real estate office, computer shop, clothing store, health food store, photo studio and a small church that served members of the Hispanic community, the mayor said.

"It's devastating. It's leaving a huge void businesswise and buildingwise," Dehnbostel said.

But he said plans already were being formed to explore grants available for rebuilding, and that residents in the town of about 7,400 wouldn't let the scarred block blight the area.

"We will not allow that to happen," Dehnbostel said. "More than 150 years ago, some people built a town here, and we can rebuild."

The owner of one corner building watched as his property burned to the ground.

"There's already talk before the smoke even clears of rebuilding and seeing what we can put in this lot downtown," building owner Dan Ross said.

## Iraqi police: U.S. troops treat partners like 'animals'

By Lauren Frayer  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Cars, minibuses and roadside bombs exploded in Shiite Muslim enclaves across the city yesterday, killing at least 45 people in sectarian violence that defied the Baghdad security crackdown, while a radical anti-U.S. cleric raised a new threat to Iraq's government.

Two officials close to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said his followers would quit their six Cabinet posts today — a move that could leave Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's already weak administration without enough support to stay in power.

And in a rare gesture of dissent from America's partners in Baghdad, dozens of Iraqi policemen demonstrated in front of their station, accusing U.S. troops of treating them like "animals" and "slaves."

The U.S. military command announced the combat deaths of three more Americans. Two British service members died when their helicopters crashed in midair north of Baghdad, and



KHALID MOHAMMED | AP PHOTO

**AFTERMATH:** An Iraqi boy watches a U.S. tank roll by a wreck of a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, yesterday. Two car bombs exploded minutes apart in a busy Baghdad Shurrah market, killing at least 18 people.

hours later a U.S. helicopter was hit by ground fire near Mosul but landed safely with no injuries.

Six powerful bombs, gunfire and artillery blasts enveloped Baghdad in a near-constant din

that seemed a setback for the 9-week-old U.S.-Iraqi military campaign to pacify the capital.

U.S. commanders previously cited a slight decrease in violence since the crackdown began Feb.

14, but urged patience for what they warned would be a long, tough fight.

"Although we're making

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## Vatican envoy breaks Holocaust memorial boycott

By Aron Heller  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Vatican's ambassador to Israel attended a Holocaust memorial service yesterday, reversing an earlier decision to boycott the event that threatened to upset fragile ties between Israel and the Holy See.

Monsignor Antonio Franco said last week he would skip the ceremony at Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial marking the beginning of Israel's annual Holocaust Remembrance Day because Catholics were offended by a caption at the museum

describing the wartime conduct of Pope Pius XII.

The caption next to the picture of Pius reads, "Even when reports about the murder of Jews reached the Vatican, the pope did not protest," refusing to sign a 1942 Allied condemnation of the massacre of Jews.

Pius "maintained his neutral position" with two exceptions — appeals he made to the rulers of Hungary and Slovakia toward the end of the war, the caption says. It also criticizes "his silence and absence of guidelines."

Israel and the Vatican estab-

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DAVID SILVERMAN | AP PHOTO

**NEW DECISION:** The Vatican's ambassador to Israel Antonio Franco, second left, attends the opening ceremony of the annual Holocaust Memorial Day, at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem yesterday. Franco agreed to attend a Holocaust memorial service next to the Yad Vashem museum, reversing an earlier decision to boycott the event.

## Russian police test govt. power, quell anti-Kremlin protests

By Steve Gutterman  
The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Riot police beat and detained dozens of anti-Kremlin demonstrators yesterday on a second day of protests that tested the weak opposition's ability to challenge widely popular President Vladimir Putin.

As in Moscow a day earlier, only a few thousand people turned out in St. Petersburg to criticize the government. Opposition leaders called that a heartening response in the face of the huge police forces massed against both rallies.

Putin's foes said the harsh handling of demonstrators, who included many elderly people, would fuel a growing sense that the leader is strangling democracy ahead of parliamentary elections in December and a presidential vote next spring.

But the opposition is in severe straits. Opinion polls rate Putin as Russia's most popular political figure by far, thanks to newfound political stability and rapid economic growth fueled by high world oil prices. That popularity has cowed mainstream politicians in parliament and allowed Putin to strengthen the Kremlin's powers.

His government controls the main television news, allowing

"The apathy...is being replaced by very vocal, active protest."

Garry Kasparov | Faction leader

his critics few appearances on the prime source of information in the sprawling country. The Rossiya channel yesterday showed only brief footage of the Moscow protest — after opening with a report on Putin, a judo black belt, attending a martial arts match.

Opposition leaders said they were determined to push ahead. Garry Kasparov, a former world chess champion who has become the most prominent figure in opposition factions loosely allied in the Other Russia coalition, called it "truly amazing" that 2,000 protesters would turn out in Moscow to face 9,000 police and interior ministry troops.

"It shows that the apathy in Russian society is gradually being replaced by very active, vocal protest," he told The Associated Press.

While television didn't show much of the confrontations, many ordinary Russians who witnessed the events appeared dismayed by the harsh police crackdown.

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## STATE BRIEF

### Miami student killed in train accident

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) — A Miami University student was killed when she was struck by a train early Saturday, police said.

Beth Speidel, 19, a sophomore from Strongsville, apparently was on foot when she was struck by a southbound CSX freight train, police said.

The railroad reported at 3:16 a.m. that a pedestrian had been struck, and investigating officers found the woman's body on the tracks, police said.

The Butler County coroner's office did not immediately release autopsy results.

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## Kucinich lags in campaign race for fundraising



**Dennis Kucinich**  
Democratic presidential candidate from Ohio

COLUMBUS (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich was far outpaced by his campaign rivals in fundraising during the first three months of the year, campaign finance filings revealed.

The Ohio congressman raised just \$344,891 in the first quarter, according to paperwork filed Saturday with the Federal Election Commission. By comparison, Democratic front-runners Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama collected \$26 million and \$25 million, respectively.

Campaign finance reports for money raised by the Cleveland Democrat from January through March were due to the Federal Election Commission yesterday. After campaign expenses, Kucinich was left with about \$163,887 in the bank, campaign manager David Bright said.

The Kucinich campaign focused on developing a broad base of donors willing to make small contributions, campaign spokeswoman Sharon Jimenez said. The average contribution was \$71 per person, with more than 3,600 of its 4,855 donors giving less than \$50, Bright said.

## SIDELINES



### VOLLEYBALL Falcons head to big tournament in Chicago with 21 other teams

The BGSU volleyball team is competing in a 22-team tournament in Chicago this weekend at the Great Lakes Center. There are 21 Division I college teams and one adult team consisting of a former collegiate player.

## OUR CALL

### On the way up

Indians and D'Backs: Not a lot of people gave these teams a chance this season. They're off to good starts due to good pitching and timely hitting. They're both leading their respective divisions.



### On the way down

Yankees, Phillies and White Sox: It doesn't matter how many home runs you hit if it doesn't add up to more runs than the other team has. These teams are all in trouble if they don't work on that. The Yankees just called up their first pitcher from the minors this week.



### The List

The BG News breaks down the top five fantasy baseball pitchers up to this point in the season.

**1. Felix Hernandez:** He hasn't given up a run yet and opponents are batting .075 against him. Did we mention his 18 Ks in two starts. This guy is an early Cy Young candidate and already showed up Dice-K.

**2. Todd Jones:** He's 6-of-6 on save attempts and has not given up a run yet. The Tigers just have to make sure to keep him from dying or retiring.

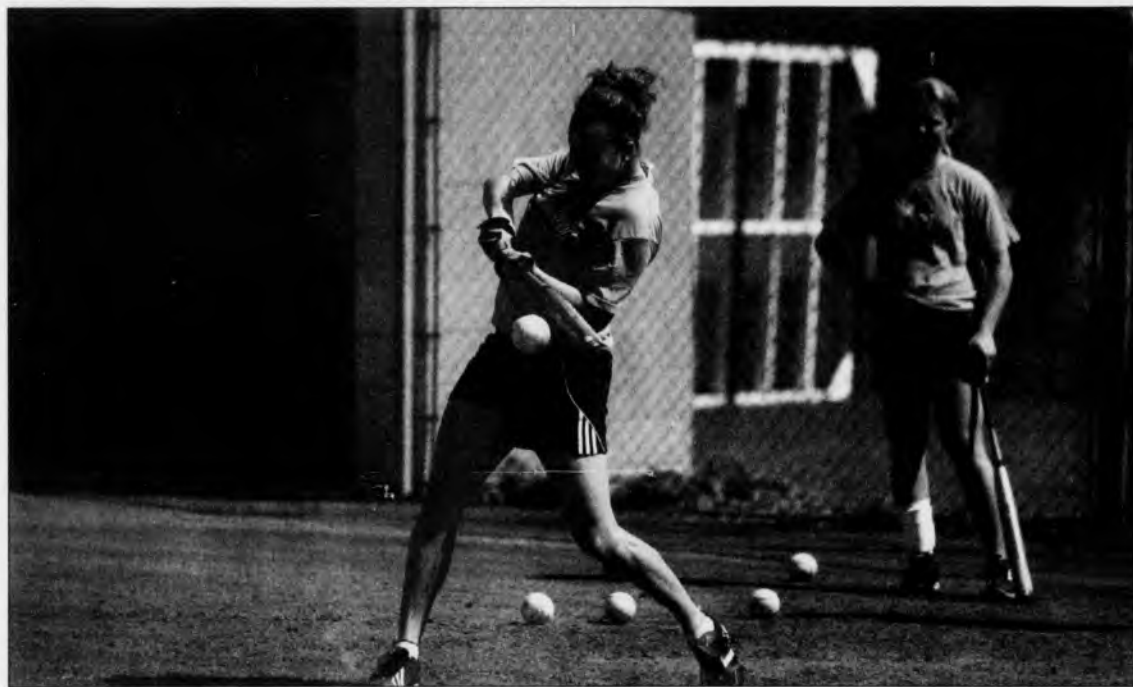
**3. Jake Peavy [below]:** A 2-0 start and a 0.90 ERA are causing some excitement in San Diego, which is German for a whale's — nevermind. Irrelevant, I know.

**4. C.C. Sabathia:** A 3-0 start and a 2.14 ERA are the reason Cleveland calls him their ace. He's now on pace for 35 wins this season. He's got to be mentioned in early Cy Young whispers.

**5. Nate Robertson:** He's off to a 2-0 start and sports an ERA of 1.8 and struck out 14.



# A winning weekend



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**TOP:** Sharon Palma takes batting practice during an April 3 practice. The Falcons have won 8-of-10 MAC games and are in second place in the MAC East.

**BOTTOM:** Carly Riepenhoff fields a grounder and throws to first during practice on April 3. The Falcons only losses in conference both came to Kent State on March 30.



## WEEKEND NUMBERS

- Hayley Wiemer had 22 strikeouts on the weekend. She now has 87 on the season.
- Wiemer also leads the team in batting average and is second in home runs and RBIs.
- BG's three pitchers have held opponents to an average of .199 for the season.
- The Falcons have outscored their opponents 148-61 so far this season.
- Wiemer pitched her sixth complete game Sunday.

## Stellar play continues for Falcons

By Andrew Harner  
Reporter

The BG women's softball team (23-6, 8-2 MAC) finished a long weekend with a perfect 4-0 record defeating conference opponents Miami (15-31-1, 5-6) and Ball State (15-25, 6-6) two times each.

"It was a great weekend," coach Shannon Salsburg said. "It was a great team effort."

Friday, in game one, the Falcons held a narrow lead the entire game and eventually won 2-1.

Hayley Wiemer recorded the first RBI by scoring Jeanine Baca on a sacrifice fly in the first inning. In the fourth, Ashley Zirkle scored on a Carly Riepenhoff single.

Emily Gouge pitched 6.2 innings and struck four batters en route to her 10th win of the year. Wiemer recorded the last out of the seventh for her first save.

Wiemer made quick work of the first three Miami batters in game two by striking out the side in the first inning.

BG followed with a Baca walk and stolen base from the leadoff spot and Allison Vallas scored her with a double. Vallas' two-run home run in the third and Susan Sontag's solo shot gave the Falcons their final runs of the game.

Miami threatened in the sixth scoring three runs, but that was all they would get as the BG won the game 4-3. Wiemer pitched a complete game striking out 10 batters.

On Saturday, Vallas put on

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## Rockets end drought, take 2-of-3

By Chayse Held  
Reporter



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

**A PURE SWING:** Jeff Telmanik puts a ball in play in an April 3 game against IPFW. The Falcons won the series opener against Toledo but dropped the next two games.

The ups, and more frequently, the downs, of the 2007 edition of the BG baseball team continued this weekend as the Falcons dropped 2-of-3 games at Toledo.

After beginning the season with wins in seven out of their first 10 games, the Falcons have fought inconsistency at the plate and in the field, resulting in a 7-16 mark since March 10.

That inconsistency was in plain view over the weekend as BG (14-19, 2-10 MAC) took the first game Friday at Toledo's Scott Park by the score of 6-4, but then followed their second conference win of the season with identical 7-2 losses to UT (16-13, 7-5) on Saturday and yesterday.

BG managed a total of six hits in the two defeats.

"It's a great rivalry, it's one of the best in college sports," said BG head coach Danny Schmitz, whose Falcons had won nine straight games against UT before Saturday's loss. "When we go head-to-head with Toledo it doesn't matter what the records are. Both teams put a little extra effort into it, and they were a little bit better than us."

One of the few bright spots in the series for BG was another solid outing from Tyler Johnson (4-3) in the opener. Johnson's complete game, seven-hitter in the 6-4 Falcon win was his second complete game of the season and puts the right-hander's ERA at 3.11 in 55 innings pitched

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## Netters fall, streak ends

Jordan Cravens  
Reporter

The BG women's tennis team had their three-game winning streak snapped by nationally ranked Western Michigan Saturday.

But out of every loss comes something to gain, and BG Coach Penny Dean's team is looking to gain.

"Obviously I would have liked to have won, but we had good matches all the way down, and I am proud of the girls," Dean said.

Western Michigan is currently ranked 63rd in the Nation and has won 24 consecutive MAC regular season dual matches.

Although the close battles are not reflected in the final score of the match, (6-1) in favor of Western Michigan, the Falcons gave their opponents a challenge.

Stefanie Menoff captured the lone win for the netters, improving her season record to 22-2 and remaining undefeated in Mid-American Conference play, 6-0.

Menoff has won 12 of her last 13 matches, including an eight-match winning streak.

BG dropped all three doubles flights to the Broncos, but maintained close scores in all three matches.

The Jenna Nussbaum/Kelsey Jakupcin, Menoff/Andrea Volle and Ashley Jakupcin/Samantha Kintzel pairs dropped their matches, 8-5, 8-4, 8-4 respectively.

In singles action three players including Menoff took their

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## Athletes commend instructors for SAAC

By Chris Voloschuk  
Reporter



Caroline Keating  
SAAC Council President

For the first time ever last night, the BGSU chapter of the Student Athlete Advisory Council hosted an Academic Thank-a-thon, an award ceremony designed to honor teachers and help bridge the age-old gap between the faculty and student athletes.

The event was in the works as early as February, and was planned in its entirety by SAAC members. According to council president Caroline Keating, the ceremony, while only in its first year, will become an ongoing event. The ceremony was planned in part because April 6 is Student Athlete Day, a day in which all Mid-American Conference athletes are encouraged to write a thank you

letter to one of their teachers. BG athletic director Greg Christopher welcomed everyone to the event, which included SAAC members, faculty and various members of the athletic department. Christopher mentioned that BG student athletes had collectively higher GPAs than the rest of the student body, a statistic that showed the continued need for a bridge between athletes and the faculty.

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## Lohse's gem propels Reds over Chicago

By Andrew Seligman  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — There were runners on first and third with the middle of the order coming up, but Kyle Lohse didn't flinch.

Instead, he struck out Jacque Jones lunging at an outside changeup. He caught Derrek Lee looking. And then, he got Michael Barrett on a fly to right to end the sixth inning.

What could have been a game-turning rally was instead a defining moment for Lohse.

The right-hander struck out a career-high 12 in eight innings, outpitching Ted Lilly to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 1-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs yesterday.

"That's a big confidence

boost when you can face that part of the lineup with men on first and third and no outs and get the two strike outs," Lohse said. "That's what we need right there to come through in that situation."

Lohse (1-0) allowed four hits and one walk. Three of those hits were by Ryan Theriot, but the Cubs couldn't muster much else against Lohse. So Jeff Conine's RBI single in the fourth was enough for the Reds.

Chicago wasted another solid outing by Lilly (1-1), who allowed a run and two hits while striking out 10 and walking one in six innings. It was his ninth game with 10 or more strikeouts and his first since June 10 with Toronto.



TONY DEJAK | AP PHOTO

**REPRESENTING WELL:** Cleveland Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia throws out Chicago White Sox Pablo Ozuna at first base in the third inning yesterday's game.

# One hit is enough for Indians in 2-1 win

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND—They both wore No. 42 to honor Jackie Robinson, and then C.C. Sabathia and Grady Sizemore did themselves proud.

Sabathia pitched eight overpowering innings yesterday and Sizemore hit a leadoff double in the first — Cleveland's only hit — as the Indians finished a bizarre, two-city home-stand with a 2-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Out of his customary No. 52 jersey on the 60th anniversary of Robinson's debut, Sabathia hit another significant number: 3-0.

On four previous occasions, the left-hander had opened a season 2-0 only to lose his next start.

"I didn't know that," Sabathia said. "It feels good."

Pitching with a strong wind gusting to nearly 30 mph at his back, Sabathia allowed five hits, struck out 10, walked three and improved to 14-3 — 2-0 this

season — in 22 starts against Chicago.

With the wind howling through Jacobs Field making it feel much colder than the announced gametime temperature of 39 degrees, Sabathia's game plan was to pound the inside corner.

"It was cold," Sabathia said. "Guys kind of think twice about swinging when it's cold and you are coming in there."

The Indians didn't fare much better in the bitter conditions against Chicago starter Jose Contreras (1-2) and four relievers, who combined to no-hit Cleveland after Sizemore's lead-off double.

The last time the Indians won while getting one hit or less was on April 12, 1992, a 2-1 victory over Boston when they were no-hit by Red Sox pitcher Matt Young.

"That's not something you see every day," said Sizemore, who like Sabathia wore No. 42 to salute Robinson for breaking baseball's color barrier. "I don't recall ever winning a game with

just one hit."

Cleveland took advantage of three Chicago errors and some walks to take two of three against one of its AL Central rivals.

Sabathia was lucky to escape the eighth with a 2-1 lead. The White Sox got runners to first and third with two outs, when Rob Mackowiak hit a shot through the middle that caromed off Sabathia's hand and bounced directly to third baseman Casey Blake, who picked it cleanly off the grass and threw out Mackowiak.

Sabathia pumped his arm and screamed in delight before heading back to the dugout.

"I was fired up," Sabathia said. "It was a close game and that was a big moment. That was the game right there."

The White Sox got a two-out, pinch-hit single by Jim Thome in the ninth, but Cleveland closer Joe Borowski struck out pinch-hitter A.J. Pierzynski for his fifth save.

"Right now, we're colder than the weather," Chicago

manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Our bats are cold. We had a couple of chances, but didn't get the big hit."

Contreras did a remarkable job of keeping it close, considering the White Sox made three errors behind him and he walked five in the first four innings.

The right-hander allowed only Sizemore's hit and was able to get big outs when he needed them.

However, Contreras ran into trouble in the fourth with a leadoff walk and an error by third baseman Joe Crede.

Contreras then walked No. 9 hitter Kelly Shoppach to load the bases and then put on Sizemore, giving the Indians a 2-0 lead.

"We didn't help Jose at all," Guillen said. "We made a couple of big errors. It's a shame when a guy pitches like that and you don't win."

Sabathia's performance and the one-hit win concluded pos-

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## SAAC

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Two members from every varsity team on campus selected an instructor or adviser who stood out to them and provided guidance throughout their time at BG. Each athlete introduced his or her faculty member, and that person was then greeted with applause from the rest of the BTSU Multipurpose room. The honorees received a certificate and a pin featuring the Falcon logo.

For Lindsey Jonkhoff, SAAC

representative for women's golf, the Thank-a-thon is a way for BG student athletes to show teachers how much they appreciate their support. Jonkhoff chose her ultimate Frisbee teacher as her honoree.

"I chose my ultimate Frisbee teacher because she's been so accommodating with my schedule, and I find the class very relaxing," Jonkhoff said.

Dawnjane Delong, a junior and member of the women's softball team, thought the event was a great way to show the teachers how thankful athletes like herself were for working with them.

She chose her physical education teacher and academic adviser, Adrian Turner, as her honoree.

"[Mr. Turner's] always done a lot to accommodate me with my schedule, and he really helps working around my schedule," Delong said.

Turner was very pleased with the event, and thought it was a good idea.

"[Being recognized] is actually really nice when it's by an athlete," Turner said. "Dawnjane is very focused on academics and athletics. It's important for the faculty to be supportive of the athletes."

## Tribe to honor Doby in August

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND—Jackie Robinson's 42 isn't the only number with special meaning to the Cleveland Indians.

Less than three months after Robinson shattered baseball's racial barrier in 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Larry Doby made his debut for the Indians, becoming the AL's first black player.

Doby played 10 seasons for Cleveland and the Hall of Famer's No. 14 was retired on July 3, 1994 — 47 years after he was signed by owner Bill Veeck.

Now that baseball has saluted Robinson's 60th anniversary, the Indians have asked Major League

Baseball for permission to have their players wear Doby's No. 14 on July 5 in Detroit to commemorate the six decades since he bravely battled prejudice.

Team spokesman Bart Swain said while the club awaits word from MLB it is planning to honor Doby during the team's Hall of Fame weekend at Jacobs Field when the New York Yankees are in town on Aug. 11-12.

Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia, outfielder Grady Sizemore and second baseman Josh Barfield all wore Robinson's No. 42 in yesterday's 2-1 win over the Chicago White Sox.

Sabathia would love a chance to take part in a similar tribute to Doby, a six-time All-Star who died in 2003.



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# BASEBALL

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this season. RBI singles from Josh Dietz and Andrew Foster supported Johnson in the top of the second to put the Falcons in the lead after falling behind 1-0 in the first. Marty Baird added to that lead in the fourth with a solo homerun (1) and Dietz recorded another run-scoring single to put BG up 4-1.

After the Rockets cut the lead to 4-2, Baird would add to his day with a 2-RBI single in the seventh before Toledo added two runs in the ninth to produce the 6-4 final.

However, the taste of victory that BG experienced in game one would last less than 24-hours as UT took advantage of timely hitting and a solid performance by starter Mike Insele in the 7-2 win.

"It's always bigger when you beat a rival like [BG], and we hadn't beaten them in a while. They'd won like nine straight or something like that so it's real nice to get the win and get that monkey off our back," said Insele, who leveled his record at 3-3 by scattering four BG hits in seven innings of work.

Shortstop Ryan Shay produced most of the offense for BG, as the sophomore had three of the five Falcon hits in the game, including an RBI single in the first. Nick Cantrell (2-5) took the loss for BG, surrendering five earned runs in six innings.

"I thought we had some opportunities early. We came out, scored one in top of the first, and then we had rallies going in inning two and three and didn't quite get that big hit," Schmitz said. "We had a chance to get Insele early in the game but we didn't take advantage of it and he settled down and their offense kind of took over."

BG's inability to produce offense proved costly again yesterday, as the Falcons managed just two runs on a single hit by Baird, and could not capitalize on six Toledo errors.

Dusty Hawk (0-2) suffered the loss for BG, going 5.1 innings and giving up three earned runs.

The Falcons look to rebound this week at home against Dayton tomorrow and another with Toledo (non-conference) on Wednesday, with both games beginning at 3 p.m. at Stellar Field.

# TENNIS

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matches to a tie-breaker.

Kelsey Jakupcin forced her opponent into a second set tie-breaker after losing the first set, 6-3 and falling in the second match 7-6, which was decided by a 7-4 loss in a tie-breaker.

Katia Babina who has been battling an injury this season, also took her opponent to three sets after splitting the match 6-1, 4-6 and losing the tie-breaker 10-8.

In tennis, a normal tie-breaker goes until 10 points, where the winner must win by 2.

Menoff's match is not what you would call a normal tie-breaker.

"In the years I've coached here at BGSU (17), that was the longest match I have ever seen," Dean said.

Menoff overcame a 4-6 deficit in the first match and went on to claim her second set 6-3 causing the match to



**SERVIN' IT UP:** Libby Harrison serves in a match earlier this season. BG lost to Western Michigan Saturday.

go to a tie breaker.

What resulted next was a marathon event, in which Menoff and her opponent, Emily Dudzik volleyed back and forth finally arriving at a 19-17 decision where Menoff came out ahead.

Despite only taking one point from the Broncos, Coach Dean feels the team has a lot to gain in the remainder of the

season.

"We are peaking at the right time for our final weekend and for the MAC tournament," Dean said. "If we compete this hard next weekend we should come out ahead."

The Falcons, currently in fourth place in the MAC, are guaranteed at least a No. 5 seed going into the MAC tournament, and could finish as high as third place with wins against Eastern Michigan and Toledo this weekend.

BG will look to last week's MAC Player of the Week Kintzel going in to their final weekend of play.

Kintzel has won seven of her last nine matches and has gone 18-9 on the season in singles action. With a loss this weekend, Kintzel moved to 4-2 in conference play, but looks to end strong.

The netters will play their two final regular season matches at home on Keefe courts Friday and Saturday with both matches beginning at 1 p.m.

# SOFTBALL

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an offensive show going 3-for-3 with two doubles and a home run as BG shut out Ball State 5-0.

"I was able to make good contact and get good solid hits," Vallas said.

"Allison had one of those days where, as a hitter, you are locked in," Salsburg said.

Gouge allowed only two hits for the game, and they both came in the first inning. Vallas scored Wiemer on her first double of the game in the bottom of the inning.

Back to back doubles by Wiemer and Vallas brought in two more runs in the third. Vallas scored on a Dawnjene DeLong hit to make it 4-0. Vallas' fourth inning home run was the last score of the game.

In the fourth game on yesterday, the Falcons found themselves behind before the game even started. Snow covered the field in the morning and it was up to the team to clear the field before the 1 p.m. game time.

"At the beginning, we are a little frustrated because of all the snow we had to pick up this morning," Baca said.

After the first inning, the Falcons found themselves down by two, but they quickly gained back the lead. Wiemer's two-run home run and Sontag's two-run single led BG's offense to a 4-0 lead after three.

In the fifth, BG added three more runs. Zirkle scored on an error after being advanced to third by a DeLong double, and Lauren Hoffman doubled in two more to make it 7-2. BG added their final run in the sixth.

After the weekend, BG is just one home run shy of breaking the team's season record and is batting .286.

"Our team works so hard in practice [on hitting] and it's great to have it pay off in games," Vallas said.

"It's a huge accomplishment for this team," Salsburg said.

The Falcons travel to Detroit Mercy for a double-header tomorrow and then to Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan for the weekend.

# INDIANS

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sibly the strangest homestand in Indians history.

Cleveland's home opener at Jacobs Field was stopped by snow and the club had its entire four-game series against Seattle postponed last weekend by a blizzard and cold weather.

The next series was switched to Milwaukee's Miller Park, where the Indians played the Los Angeles Angels three times under a retractable roof.

So after taking two of three from Chicago, the Indians went 4-2 on a 10-game homestand with three of those games taking place in a National League ballpark 450 miles away.

Weird enough for you?

Sabathia credited manager Eric Wedge for keeping the Indians focused despite the numerous distractions.

"Before we went to Milwaukee he said, 'Keep focused and just try to win the series,' and that's what we did," he said.

"He didn't want to hear any complaining or anything like that. We just went to Milwaukee and then came home and won the series this weekend."

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BOMB

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steady progress...we have a long way to go," Rear Adm. Mark Fox, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, told reporters yesterday.

The crackdown is believed to have driven many insurgents from Baghdad, and violence has soared in areas outside the capital, such as the bombing in the Shiite holy city of Karbala that killed 47 people and wounded 224 Saturday.

But violence has spiked upward again in Baghdad, with yesterday's six bombings coming just three days after a suicide bomber blew himself up inside parliament and killed a lawmaker.

"This week has been difficult for the Iraqi people," Fox acknowledged.

The carnage caused some to voice doubts about the Baghdad crackdown.

"The security plan has made more troubles for Iraqis than helping them," said Juma'a Khamis, 42, a technician who lives in the capital.

"There have been no positive results. It's a failure, and so is the government."

Others retained hope that the campaign could carve out breathing room for Iraqi forces to regain control of the city.

"We need to build our security forces, and step by step we can achieve stability," said Nassir Amir, a 31-year-old civil engineer.

year at least."
Violence isn't the only threat to the government. A pullout by the al-Sadr faction, which provided the crucial votes that put al-Maliki in office, could collapse his already shaky regime.

Al-Sadr's six followers on the 37-seat Cabinet would officially withdraw from the government today, said Saleh al-Aujali and Hassan al-Rubaie, members of the Sadrist bloc in parliament.

The officials said al-Sadr ordered the Cabinet ministers to quit in protest over the arrests of leaders in his Shiite militia during the Baghdad crackdown and for the prime minister's failure to back setting a timetable for U.S. withdrawal.

Earlier in the day, dozens of Iraqi police officers chanted "No, no to America! Get out occupiers!" during a protest at the Rashad station in Baghdad's eastern neighborhood of Mashtal.

Officers complained that American troops do not treat them with respect, but it wasn't clear if any specific incident set off the demonstration.

The day's first bombings came at midday, when two cars packed with explosives blew up five minutes apart in a busy market area of Shurta Rabia, a mostly Shiite area of western Baghdad.

The first detonated in front of a kebab restaurant, and the second went off as rescuers were evacuating victims, police said. Many women and children were reported among the 18 dead and 50 wounded.

HOLO

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lished diplomatic relations in 1993 following hundreds of years of painful relations between Catholics and Jews. Many sensitive issues remain unresolved, including the Vatican's actions during the Nazi genocide of Jews.

The Vatican has struggled to defend its wartime pope as it pushes his sainthood cause, insisting that Pius spearheaded discreet diplomacy that saved thousands of Jews.

The disputed photo caption first appeared in 2005, when Yad Vashem opened its new museum. Shortly after, the previous Vatican ambassador asked that it be changed.

But Yad Vashem has not done so, insisting its research on the pope's role was accurate.

The memorial service is traditionally attended by all foreign ambassadors to Israel or their representatives. Had Franco stated away, Yad Vashem said it would have been the first time a foreign emissary deliberately skipped the ceremony.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, which commemorates the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II, is observed from sundown yesterday to sundown today with memorial ceremonies, somber music on the radio and historical documentaries and movies on national television. Today at 10 a.m., sirens will wail throughout Israel for two minutes with Israelis standing silently to remember the victims.

Yad Vashem spokeswoman Iris Rosenberg said the memorial appreciated Franco's decision, calling it "the right thing to do."

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