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Sunny
High: 87, Low: 65

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Sunny
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Taking a stand on the summit

Student-activists protest last week's G-8 meeting in Germany

By Heidi Grieser
Reporter

As the leaders of the eight most industrialized nations were kicking off their summit in Germany last Wednesday, BGSU graduate student Benard Manyibe took a lonely stand in the free speech zone in front of the Union.

Every year, the heads of state from the Group of Eight meet at a secure location, to cooperatively set and fund action plans.

They address global problems and help regulate the world's economies. Thousands of people arrived at Heiligendamm, Germany to protest this year's meeting.

Some protesters objected to the process of the meeting, and said that the G-8 is not a democratic method of making decisions that could affect the rest of the world. Others said the summit is effective and they protest to bring attention to the causes

they want addressed.

Manyibe was of the latter school of thought, and wanted to make G-8 leaders aware of their influence in Africa.

Raised in Kenya, Manyibe has experienced poverty and lack of educational opportunity — two issues the G-8 pledged to aid in Africa.

Manyibe arrived at the Union at 10:00 a.m. in a brilliantly red and gold African shirt, with his fellow graduate student

Alexander Edwards. Both are enrolled in BGSU's Educational Administration and Leadership Studies program.

They quickly wrote "Make Poverty History" and "The World Can't Wait" in magic marker on a posterboard and said, "these are slogans used by G-8 protesters worldwide. We don't say minimalist statements like 'reduce' or 'eliminate poverty'. We say a serious statement, 'Make Poverty History'."

Manyibe and Edwards emphasized the financial commitment G-8 leaders made at their summit in 2005, which the United Nations said would double aid to Africa by 2015. The U.N. reports that Africa has received only one-seventh of what was pledged, which was 0.7 percent of each G-8 country's gross national product. The average U.S. citizen makes \$43,500 a

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Gillmor talks immigration as debate rages in D.C.

Congressman focuses on education, aid

This article was written and reported by Editor in Chief Dave Herrera, Campus News Editor Christy Johnson, and Opinion Editor Chad Puterbaugh

Although immigration reform stalled in the U.S. Senate last week, the bill — and the immigration issue as a whole — is far from dead, U.S. Rep. Paul Gillmor, R-Ohio, said last weekend.

Gillmor, whose House district includes Bowling Green, sat down with members of The BG News editorial board for a discussion ranging from a proposed point-based entry system to other countries' responsibility to educate their citizens. He was in town as part of a trip to his district last weekend.

The interview came two days after the immigration measure's Senate backers couldn't muster enough support to stop debate for a final vote, known as a cloture motion.

Senators on both sides of the aisle, including usual ideological rivals like Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., and Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., spent months crafting an acceptable bill. Their compromise was

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IN THE HOUSE: Congressman Paul Gillmor talks with The BG News Saturday morning about Congressional reform of immigration law.

Voll named new member of Board of Trustees

By Megan Armentrout
Reporter

Gov. Ted Strickland named Francis Voll as the new Board of Trustees member for the University on May 31.

The Board of Trustees position is a nine-year term whose members are appointed to the state colleges by the governor.

Linda Dobb, executive vice president, explained the board members have jobs outside of the University and meet only a few times a year.

"Board members meet here for two days at a time and four times a year," Dobb said. "Fran Voll is in his

sixth year as principal of Marion Catholic High School."

Voll has had a long history in the field of education and has been very influential on the University.

"I graduated in 1968 from BGSU with a degree in education and I also have a master's degree in education from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ind.," Voll said. "I came back to BGSU in 1984 and coached the women's basketball team the next seven years."

During his time as coach at Bowling Green, he was considered the most successful girls' high school basketball coach in

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University official defends department decision on Adams

By Dave Herrera
Editor in Chief

The University's Vice President for Academic Affairs and interim Provost said earlier this week he supports the Department of Ethnic Studies' decision to not offer a new contract to Carlos Adams, a department instructor.

Mark Gromko said he trusted the department's application and interview process, which he said followed best practices used by several other universities.

"We follow a well-defined pro-

cedure that passes increasingly higher and higher bars," Gromko said.

These include endorsements from the University's legal officials and its Office of Equity and Diversity.

"They're fairly satisfied that we have paid attention to all appropriate procedures," Gromko said.

Adams' supporters started a petition demanding his reinstatement after learning of the department's decision in late April.

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Union hosts Lincoln-Hayes Banquet

By Dave Herrera
Editor in Chief

Republicans are due for a turnaround in the 2008 elections if they stick to their "bedrock principles," a member of President Bush's cabinet said at a gala dinner for party activists in Bowling Green last Friday.

Rob Portman, the director of the White House office of management and budget, spoke in the Union Ballroom during the Lincoln-Hayes Banquet, a yearly event planned by U.S. Rep. Paul Gillmor, R-Ohio.

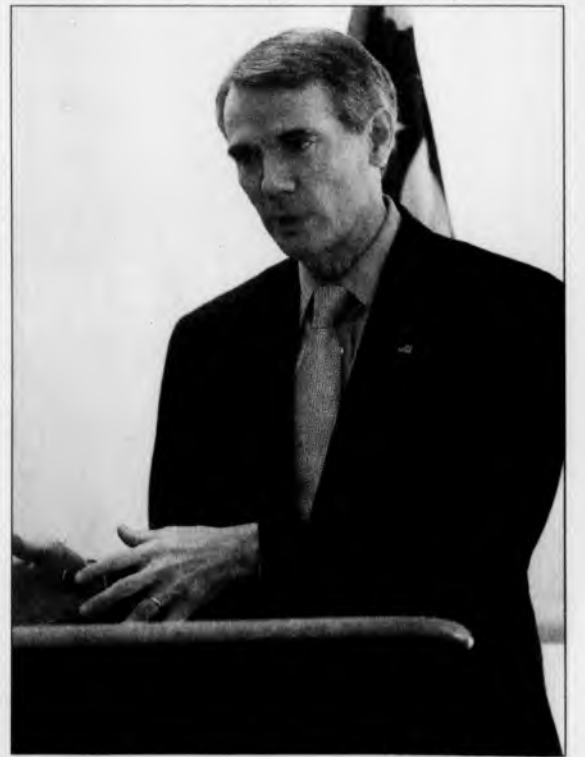
Portman represented Ohio's 2nd Congressional District, in the state's southwest, in the U.S. House prior to being named a United States Trade Representative in 2005.

He was "optimistic" about the party's chances, he said, despite losing control of Congress in last year's elections, as long as its candidates promoted concepts like individualism and small government.

"These ideas make the Republican Party the party of ideas," Portman said. "We're chock full of them."

These ideas include opposing what he said were billions of dollars of tax increases proposed by Democrats — an issue of particular importance for Portman as he is responsible for the President's yearly budget proposals.

"We're kind of back to the traditional tax and spend," he said. It was concerns about similar



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AT THE PODIUM: Rob Portman talks with members of the media before addressing a Republican fundraising dinner Friday evening.

less-delicate issues, like taxes, rather than prominent ones like Republicans' handling of Iraq War, that contributed to Republicans losses in the elections, Portman said.

"Voters were disappointed, especially independent voters ...

and some Republicans stayed home," he said. "There was a sense that Republicans weren't taking care of your tax dollars."

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year according to the CIA World Factbook. In contrast, the average Kenyan makes \$1,200. "We aren't asking for a lot," Manyibe said.

"The world can't wait," he insisted, because he has seen the results of poverty in Kenya. "Africa has received substantial contributions," he said, but he argues African farmers can't compete in western markets, the U.S. supported abstinence

programs haven't been effective against AIDS, and the majority of people can't afford the medicines the U.S. pharmaceutical companies have made available.

Edwards is from Ghana and concerned with debt relief. "It's about time that we got an even playing field. Ghana has been in debt since [its] Independence Day," said Edwards. "So we're doomed, we can't be sovereign."

Edwards had to leave after 20 minutes, so Manyibe stood alone for almost two hours, with his sign and a petition he will send to all the G-8 leaders. His petition asks that the G-8

use their influence to make real change in Africa and to deliver on previous promises.

In the previous two years he has gone to Washington D.C. to hold a sign and gather signatures, and has been happy with his results.

Last year he received replies from the embassies of France and Japan, saying they are aware of their influence in Africa.

Manyibe stayed at BGSU this year instead of traveling to Washington D.C. so he could defend his dissertation the day after his protest. By the end of his protest at the Union, Manyibe had five signatures. But he was not

worried because he planned to spend the evening visiting friends who will sign.

He smiled while he stood, in spite of the wind that kept blowing Edward's discarded poster across the lawn. "One man can make a big difference," Manyibe said. From where he's standing, "the message is sinking in," with President Bush and the U.S.

Because the U.S. is the most powerful country in the G-8, Manyibe said, "I feel obliged to do this. I know there are people all over the world making a small difference and I am part of that voice."

GILLMOR

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introduced roughly one year after Congress, then Republican controlled, failed to pass reform measures.

The measure had the support of President Bush, who criticized attempts to derail it with contentious amendments and rhetoric.

One such amendment, introduced by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., mandated federal government services and materials be carried out in English. Another, from Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., said the federal government's role was only to "preserve and enhance English as the language of the United States," without any language mandates.

Both passed, indicative of the intense and emotional debate.

Through his spokesman, Brad Mascho, Gillmor said yesterday he supported English as a "pre-

ferred" language, but not an English-only mandate—though he stressed he couldn't comment specifically on the Senate bills as he has not had a chance to read them.

During Saturday's interview, Gillmor also said he wouldn't have voted for cloture were he in the Senate.

"I'm sure they're disappointed," Gillmor said of the bill's proponents.

But "these aren't frivolous amendments that are being talked about."

"You're not likely to vote for something that's going to affect the country for decades just because people are passing flowers," he said.

Gillmor said he was strongly in favor of a point-based entry system proposed in the bill, one of its more controversial aspects that would assign scores to potential immigrants based on factors such as education level, age and English proficiency.

Critics have attacked that system for its reduced emphasis on family ties, worth only 10 points out of a maximum of 100, in favor of prioritizing "highly skilled" immigrants.

"When people come into the country, it's very reasonable to give preference to those who will contribute the most," Gillmor said.

The system "doesn't put a value on human life, but it puts a value on your education," he said.

"[It] doesn't mean you're precluding anybody."

Gillmor said providing that education shouldn't concern the United States, however.

"It's not our responsibility to assure the education for people in other countries," Gillmor said. "And it's not our responsibility to take those people in if their governments fail at [providing] that."

Nor should the U.S. focus too heavily on improving economic conditions in countries where high numbers of illegal

immigrants are coming from, Gillmor argued.

Those economic conditions often spark immigration to America, he said.

"It's the money, it's the freedom ... America's an economic magnet," he said.

Providing more economic assistance to those countries wouldn't be right or practical, he continued.

"It would be totally unacceptable in this district."

In a press release sent out just after the Senate bill's introduction late last month, Gillmor said he expected the plan to "meet a very cold welcome in the House," and that he particularly opposed its weakness in "opposing amnesty."

He has introduced a resolution in the House he says commits to his "five principles" for immigration reform, including increasing resources for border patrol, banning the hiring of illegal immigrants and a temporary worker program.

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They created the "Justice for Dr. Carlos Adams at BGSU" committee and sent copies of the petition, along with letters of complaint, to several University officials, including Gromko.

That petition has gathered more than 400 signatures.

But, Gromko said in an interview, "any response to a petition or to media complaints would not represent best practices."

For one, a response would not

be fair to other candidates who might not have been selected for positions, he argued.

"Do the petitioners have access to all the information that we do? The answer is no," Gromko said. "We have gathered input from many constituencies during the interview process."

Gromko's comments come as the Adams committee gears up for a rally and march to be held next Friday during the University's Board of Trustees meeting.

The committee sent copies of their letters and petition to the board in the last few weeks.

Linda Dobb, the board's sec-

retary, was out of town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Dobb was quoted in a BG News story in May saying the board usually wouldn't consider personnel questions, like that of Adams, at their meetings.

Errol Lam, a University faculty emeritus and spokesman for the committee, said the rally "represents another step in our effort to bring attention to this case."

"This petition is alive," he said.

"We're hoping to make the campus more aware of the fact that our committee is rallying on behalf of Carlos Adams."

BOARD

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the nation. He led the Falcons to two undefeated Mid-American Conference seasons, three regular-season MAC championships, four MAC tournament titles and four trips to the NCAA tournament.

Voll was assistant athletic director and Falcon Club director from 1991 until 1996. Then he coached the Central Michigan University's women's basketball team.

"I look upon this as I represent

"I can have the desired focus of the values of the students, their concerns, ambitions and goals of graduating from BGSU."

Francis Voll | Newly appointed Board of Trustees member

the governor and the people of the state of Ohio and ensure the operation of the University," Voll said. "I have responsibility to the people of the state to operate the University because it is state funded."

Voll believes he's qualified for the position on the board

because of his involvement with the University and his professional career.

"I think with my background and having worked with kids, I can have the desired focus of the values of the students, their concerns, ambitions and goals of graduating from BGSU," Voll said.

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COLLEGE PARK

BGSU unveils Sebo Center

By Chayse Held
Sports Editor

If you build it, they will come.

Although the notion of the Sebo Athletic Center did not come from a voice in the sky, the idea that a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning facility, with athletic department suites, meeting spaces and football offices, would improve the overall attractiveness of BGSU athletic programs to prospective recruits and fans seemed obvious.

Now, with the Sebo Center officially opened for use by BGSU student-athletes, the dividends of the nearly \$9 million investment are being realized.

"It's basically a new front door to the stadium," said Jim Elsasser, assistant athletic director for internal affairs at BGSU, who was part of the planning for the project from its outset. "It's architecturally sound; it's got some energy to it. It kind of just adds life to the stadium."

The approximately 33,500 square foot, privately funded center gets its name from J. Robert "Bob" and Karen Sebo of Salem, Ohio. Bob Sebo, who graduated from BGSU in 1958, pledged \$4.4 million over five years to fund several initiatives, including the Sebo Athletic Center.

But, looking past the bells and whistles of the brand new building, what will take place inside the Sebo Center is what really has those involved with BGSU athletics excited.

"Already I think everybody's noticing a difference. It gives



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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: The Sebo Athletic Center recently opened for use by BGSU student-athletes and athletic department. The 33,500 square foot facility houses a state-of-the-art weight room and rehab center, along with athletic department offices.

everybody something to wake up for in the morning," said Kory Lichtensteiger, three-year letterman and offensive lineman on the football team, and last year's team co-MVP. "For recruiting, for guys in the years to come, it's going to provide people with a facility that you can do it all in."

Previously, the football team's strength and conditioning headquarters, along with several other sports at BG, was located in what were originally four handball courts.

Various athletic department offices were spread throughout the campus, from University Hall to Doyt Perry Stadium, and wherever else the department could find space.

With the opening of the Sebo Center; however, BGSU now has one of the best strength and conditioning centers in the Mid American Conference, according to those around the athletic department, and a building that

will serve as a headquarters for BGSU athletics.

This will only help BG's sports programs recruit prospective student-athletes.

"In my opinion, it's not even close," said Aaron Hillman, director of strength and conditioning at BGSU, referring to BG's new weight room compared to others in the MAC.

"The last couple of years we have been recruiting with the promise of [the Sebo Center], and now we can recruit with the real thing. It is going to help, because facilities are huge in recruiting," he said. "[Student-athletes are] going to be spending so much time in here and in the training room."

According to Elsasser, the advantage the Sebo Center will provide in recruiting has already been seen.

"During [recruits'] official

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SPORTS BRIEFS

2007-2008 hockey schedule announced

BGSU hockey coach Scott Paluch has announced the upcoming 2007-2008 schedule, featuring eight games against teams that appeared in the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

Highlighting the schedule is a home-and-home series with defending national champion and CCHA foe Michigan State to finish the regular season (Feb. 29-March 1).

The Falcons will host CCHA rivals Michigan (Dec. 8), 2007 CCHA regular season and playoff champion Notre Dame (Oct. 23, Jan. 26) and Miami (Jan. 4-5) as part of their 16-game



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READY TO GO: Forward Todd McIlrath celebrates a goal last season. The Falcons 2007-2008 schedule has been announced.

home schedule. BG will also compete in the 2007 Badger Classic (Dec. 28-29) featuring 2006 national champion Wisconsin, along with Northeastern and Colgate.

Reese, Jacoby trophies awarded to MAC's best

The final totals for the 2006-2007 MAC all-sports competition are in, and the BGSU men's and women's athletic programs are on opposite sides of the spectrum of success.

The 12 MAC schools earn points based on final conference standings, which are then divided by the number of sports each school sponsors.

The Reese Trophy, given to the best men's athletic program, was awarded to Central Michigan, while BGSU finished in last for the second consecutive year.

The Falcon women finished second in the Jacoby Trophy (best women's athletic program) standings, behind only Ohio.

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OPINION

"If it were up to me, I would close Guantanamo not tomorrow, but this afternoon." — Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, from Time.com

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What do you think of online applications?



"I just kept my same job, that way it was easier."

ELIZABETH MUNGWE,
Sophomore, Marketing



"I think you should just be able to do hand written, I don't like online."

TARSHREE SAWYER,
Sophomore, Pre-Med.



"I hate them. They're so impersonal, I feel like I'm taking a personality test."

NICK BEDNARSKI,
Sophomore, Physics



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Electronic efficiency or a hurdle for potential employees?



CHAD PUTERBAUGH
OPINION EDITOR

Summer is probably one of my least favorite times for one, and only one reason: summer jobs. Generally, I'm not afraid of manual labor, I don't have a problem with authority and I don't have too many important things that would conflict. My problem? Finding the job.

For the second year in a row, I've wandered up and down the streets of Bowling Green, searched through the classified sections of three newspapers, checked on the Internet and asked friends for help finding a job.

My search, which last year turned up unsuccessful, has enlightened me in a number of ways, however. For instance, I had no idea that McDonald's had totally revamped its image. Or that Bowling Green is now getting a Quiznos. But my most fascinating discovery is the amount to which, even local stores, are relying on online applications.

Now, I hate filling out applications as much as the next guy. I don't like have to copy, and re-copy information, by hand, and in ink—I'm left-handed—just to tell people who to contact about my qualities. I would much prefer, for instance, that businesses use a uniform application that I could print out and send to everyone who is hiring.

The Problem with internet applications is the time lost on the ensuing personality test.

Most applications ask that you allot at least 45 minutes before you start for a complex evaluation, which takes me at least an hour to complete.

As I've mentioned before, I'm no stranger to working or to manual labor. I've done everything from bailing hay to meat-packing, and I've always done these jobs well. Prior to coming to college, I even turned down a management position in my meatpacking plant.

The point is that I feel more than confident in my ability to be a good employee, but something less confident in my ability to answer questions to that fact. I know, for instance, that I'm not average in the amount of outside reading that I do, nor in the philosophy I've consumed and discussed.

Whatever factors would impede my work, however, seem to shut off whenever the morning whistle blows and I sit down at the assembly line. Thus, online applications are potentially a large burden in my path.

For example, I've filled out a number of these applications and a question that always finds its way in is: "Do you get stressed out when you don't finish a task?" Well first, I rarely get stressed out at all. You have to get up pretty early in the morning to make me stressful. My first thought is to check no, obviously.

But then I start thinking, "Is that what my boss would want to know?" Would the stress of not completing a task look good or bad to my potential boss? Well, stress can be motivating, maybe knowing that I get stressed over not completing a job would mean that I'm

more likely to complete all tasks assigned to me.

By this time in my thought processes, I've already skipped down to the next question, having guessed on the one that got me stuck.

Similarly, a lot of these applications seem to be interested in whether I would tell on my friend if I saw him or her stealing. Of course I wouldn't. But do I really want to tell my boss this?

By the time that I've finished one of these 45 minutes sessions, my back is sore, my eyes are watery from reading the computer screen for so long, and I'm ready to lie down for a nap.

Admittedly, I don't even know whether my future boss will get to see the answers to these questions. It could be that an arbitrary point system is established and my score is computed and turned in to my boss.

My point is that the enterprise of online applications may not be a foolproof manner to hire employees. Ideally, I'd like to see some information published as to the success rates of online applications when put up against standard, paper application.

Also, I'd like to see someone take the initiative to publish information about just how much these online applications are even looked at. Similarly, I'd like to see a few online guides to give thoughtful employees an edge when applying to jobs requiring these types of applications.

After all, there is no sense in being interviewed before your interview, if you can't do it with a little flare.

Court trips equity's progress



KAMPIRE BAHANA
COLUMNIST

According to the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, after one year out of college, women are earning only 80 percent of their male counterparts' wages.

That means that the dude who sits behind you in lecture and falls asleep every class is likely to be earning more than you as early as a year after you graduate if you are a woman. In 10 years it will fall even further to 69 percent.

This is despite the fact that women earn slightly higher GPAs than men in every college major, including science and mathematics.

This is more than 40 years after Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination by employers on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This is why you should be angry about the recent Supreme Court decision in Ledbetter vs. Goodyear.

Lily Ledbetter worked for the Goodyear tire company in Alabama for 19 years before she found out she had consistently received a smaller raise than her 15 male counterparts—her salary was 60 percent of theirs. Ledbetter

filed her complaint within 180 days of her last paycheck but in a 5-4 decision the Court interpreted Title VII to mean that only an actual decision to pay Ledbetter less could be illegal, and that happened well outside the 180-day period.

The statute's wording may have been ambiguous, but why read it in complete opposition to Title VII's very purpose: to ease pay discrimination in a nation where white males consistently earn more than women and people of color?

Considering that a third of private employers prohibit employees from disclosing their wages, and that it is more popular to talk about one's sex life than one's salary, this seems plainly unfair. The decision, read by Justice Samuel Alito does not take into account this difficulty nor make the connection that pay information should be made more transparent and available.

Justice Ruth Ginsberg, the lone woman on the bench, chose to read her forceful dissent, an act used sparingly in the Court—especially by Ginsberg whose style on the bench has previously been more ameliorative. Ginsberg stated, "The Court's approbation of these consequences [of the discrimination Ledbetter faced] is totally at odds with the robust protection against workplace discrimination Congress intended Title VII to secure.

The Supreme Court's

decision does not just affect women. It basically gives only six months to anyone being discriminated against on the basis of their sex, race, religion or national origin to find out what their co-workers are making, discern whether there is enough evidence to prove the employer's actions are discriminatory and decide whether it is worth the negative repercussions of suing their employer.

The gender and race pay gap impacts not only the wage recipients but also their children and partners by limiting their access to quality health care and education, sick leave and secure retirements. Employers may also be affected negatively by the decision, although it appears at first to support them.

The number of lawsuits could significantly increase in the future as the decision basically says, if you have any idea that you are being paid, file now, before the six months are up.

In a year in which there are more women in the American legislature than ever before, I hope to see more powerful women like Ginsberg stepping up against a decision most condemning to them—women like Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton who have fought gender discrimination throughout their careers. Clinton has already promised to lead the fight to introduce legislature to overturn the decision.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Bankrupt students require immediate attention

What does it mean to be a citizen in the 21st century? The complex decisions facing every contributing member of society, from voting to raising kids demands reading literature unheard of in the past. Such is our responsibility.

As a consequence, higher education has become readily available as a responsibility for all citizens. No longer is the university life the privilege of the bourgeois, but a good available for all to purchase.

The shift in education's purpose has not been without uncomfortable baggage. Accompanying the increasing student populations, rising tuition has made college into a multi-million dollar industry. The only issue with rising costs is picking up the tab.

In such a situation, there are generally two sources of funding: government and private citizens. Because college is beneficial to the poor as well as the rich, the lower classes have to seek private lenders to pay for schooling. While there are varying degrees to which the government and private lenders cantilever, today's situation is more dire than ever.

A recent article in The New York Times describes case after case of college students who, have to pay for school with private lenders, have been led into fiscal no man's land because of it. The article recaps some of

the impossible financial situations of college students that would rival any television loan consolidation commercial. Yet these college students are only in their 20s.

We believe that such a state of affairs is ridiculous. What 10 years ago would have led a scholar into a higher paying job, has become little more than a gateway into inescapable poverty.

The treasure of an educated citizenry can benefit everyone, but currently the price for that treasure is exceeding what consumers can pay. It is unacceptable that the search for education would lead those who do not know better into economic despair.

If it is the fault of universities and the financial aid department, we support a drastic increase in the funds going to researching this matter. Already, there has been increasing news coverage and government investigation into universities' participation in scandals involving lenders and their students' loans.

Investigations such as this, as well as enhanced media coverage can get these issues out to the student more quickly. Hopefully, when the news breaks about these scandals, students can learn from the mistakes of their peers, and be a bit more savvy the next time they're asked to fill out a loan application.

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New graduates flock back to parents' empty nests



By Joe Morehart
Reporter

In simplest terms, excluding most of the over-80 crowd, everyone in America fits into one of five existing categories. Each of these categories have distinguishing trends.

The Silent Generation includes the hazy and disputed boundaries of those born in the years of 1925-1942. This generation grew up with Elvis Presley, "Casablanca" and "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac.

They are identified mostly as a group of hard-working, economically-conscious optimists. These are the people that gave birth to the baby boomers.

The baby boomer generation flooded the population in the years 1943-1960. The Beatles, hippies and "Star Wars" were popular for this generation. They are known for being experimental, family-oriented and distrustful of government. From the baby boomers came Generation X.

Although the lines between these generations are any-

thing but definite, Generation X includes the birth years 1961-1981. MTV, grunge music and "Pulp Fiction" were attractive to most of this generation. They are consistently labeled as having a mistrust in traditional values, as well as being cynical and underachieving.

Generation Y logically follows and consists of the years 1982-1995. The things big in pop culture today are big for this generation. They are known for being technologically advanced, relatively tolerant of cultural and sexual differences, and apathetic of their future.

Today's youngest generation does not yet have any popular distinguishing characteristics, but there are some predictions. The most commonly used name for children born in this period is the New Silent Generation, which predicts that this age group will share some of the same defining characteristics as the original Silent Generation.

Both Generation X and Y are seeing a still-rising trend of

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By Matt Manning
He Said Columnist

HE SAID | SHE SAID

How do you deal with issues of commitment and devotion within a relationship?

Commitment. The idea of being attached to one person and one person only, is a scary concept that ranks up there near responsibility, growing old and Tony Danza's acting ability.

But is it really all that scary? Hell yeah it is. Thankfully, you learn to deal and adapt if and when it comes.

Which brings me to the topic of the week: what to do when the other party is more committed to the relationship than you are?

First off, having someone just like you and want to spend time with you is truly amazing. If you're like me, you have your imperfections and little quirks about yourself that make it truly difficult for you to believe that someone out there finds you interesting, let alone attractive. Take that into consideration before you go out and break hearts.

I'm going to break this commitment into three parts: First, "the subtly committed", second the "truly devoted" and third "the stalker" who shows up everywhere you go, around every corner and calls twice an hour.

The "subtly committed" is extremely easy to deal with. This occurs when you talk to each other almost daily, occasionally making plans. Your partner usually is the one who calls to

Commitment. Men and women alike are both afraid and in love with the word. In my experience, men are more commitment-phobic than women, but just like with any relationship advice, it ultimately depends on the feelings, beliefs and past experiences of every individual.

Showing caution at the start of a new relationship is not necessarily a bad thing. A lot of people need time to find out how they truly feel about the person they are dating. But if you remain standoff-ish while your partner grows more committed to you, it is a sure sign that the relationship will not last.

There are three types of relationships. The one where the person you're dating wants more than you can give. Then there is the one where you want more from your partner. And finally, there is the relationship where both of you feel the exact same way about each other.

Only one of the above combinations actually leads to a healthy, long-lasting relationship. If you and your partner are on different pages, be prepared for some awkward moments.

Women, being the emotional beings that they are, will sometimes say they love their boyfriends too early in the relationship, but what

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From love of music to debut album

By Melinda Jacobs
Pulse Editor

I don't know how to exactly describe the music of Kate Voegele.

You can hear the heavy influence of blues and acoustic rock in both her own voice, and that of her guitar. However with the slight hint of country and folk mixed in, none of the basic genres seem to aptly describe her music. Perhaps the best way to put it is in black and white

— in fact to echo the words of Voegele herself — "it works."

"Don't Look Away" is Voegele's debut album, though it's far from her first experience making music.

"I've always been a huge music lover," Voegele said cheerfully. "I grew up around the stuff, seeing my dad around coffee houses. It's so bizarre to now be in the same boat as other musicians I listened to while growing up."

In fact, it was seeing her dad, she said, that inspired her to learn the guitar in the first place. From that moment on, her life's been devoted to her music.

However, her life of music didn't completely prepare her for her newfound fame.

"It definitely is surreal," Voegele said. "For example, we were doing this signing at Borders and I walked in there and they were playing my music. It's just weird."

Another thing that's weird, Voegele joked, was how she got signed to her record label, MySpaceRecords.

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SEBO

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visits in the winter, they were provided hard-hat tours of the building as it was being constructed, and Coach [Gregg] Brandon had already commented that it was definitely an advantage for recruiting," Elsasser said.

Along with the obvious improvements in recruiting, strength and conditioning facilities for BGSU student-athletes and offices for the athletic department, the Sebo Center adds a sense of pride and pres-

tige to Doyt Perry Stadium and to the BGSU athletic program in general that was perhaps missing before.

"It says [we] definitely have a support system. [We] have people who care. [We] have donors that think well enough of the program that they can donate money," Lichtensteiger said.

However, just because there is a brand new building attached to the football stadium, do not expect the football team or any other BGSU sports team to change their working habits.

"I don't think the Sebo in itself that's going to do it [improve the product on the field] ... it's

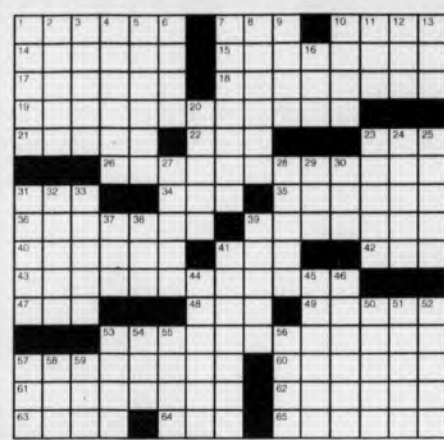
going to be what you put into it," said Erique Dozier, two-time letterman and linebacker for the Falcons. "But, I think the new equipment; the new facilities are definitely an incentive to give people a little bit more oomph or enthusiasm to be here."

Hillman added to this belief.

"Our kids are going to be strong and in shape just as they always were, and we would be in shape if we didn't even have equipment, if we had to flip tires outside," Hillman said. "An improvement on the field is more than a building. It's a belief system and your kids buying into it. I'd like to think we have a good one."

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- 63 Soap unit
- 64 Newspaper honchos, briefly
- 65 Ancient Hebrew mystic

ANSWERS



SHE SAID

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should a girl do if her boyfriend says the "L word" too soon?

Always trust your initial reaction. If the word "love" scares you, you probably are unable to say it back. Instead of lying, tell him the truth about why you can't say "I love you" back.

Is it because you really don't foresee a future with this person? Are you still getting over the last relationship? Have you always had commitment issues?

After you identify the underlying cause of your feelings, it will be easier for you to evaluate whether the relationship is worth continuing.

Now let's say you have been dating for a substantial period of time and your boyfriend mentions the idea of marriage and kids, again something that women are more prone to do — but this can go both ways.

If this is something that you want absolutely no part of, do not humor him. I can not think of a more terrible situation than having to say no to someone who is proposing to you. If the person you are the most intimate with honestly thinks you will marry him, and you have no intentions of doing so, it is safe to say that your relationship lacks communication. You want out.

Getting out of a relationship with someone who is completely infatuated with you is

easier said than done.

Many girls will make subtle hints throughout the relationship.

"I don't want to have kids for another 10 years."

"I like being independent."

"I just don't feel the same ... yet."

And when he still does not get the picture, the best way to make sure he knows you are not as serious as he is, be harsher. Do not give him false hope that there might be a future. If you know this isn't it, tell him so. Do not say things like, "Let's take a break." That will only prolong a messier break up.

The bottom line is that once you know the relationship is not going the way you planned, get out of it quickly.

HE SAID

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talk, but the relationship is kept at a steady pace. Here you have the ability to go out alone without any repercussion — that is unless you break plans. She likes you, but in your mind you're thinking maybe it won't work out and you like keeping your options open.

Next we have the "devoted," the tricky one of the group. This can even be broken down more but to save space I won't. This person wants to be in your com-

pany all the time, but not in a creepy way. You get along great and have fun when together, but maybe you're not looking for something serious, but the other insists on it. Sometimes the other gets upset when you're not spending time together and an argument ensues.

Lastly, the "stalker-type" or the one that doesn't take hints, needs to be avoided at all costs.

This type of relationship may be cool at first, but a couple weeks in, you're afraid for your life.

Constant calls, quick emotional attachments and mad-

ness over not hanging out 24/7 are the symptoms and the aftermath could be quite scary. If this type of person appears, abandon ship.

The "subtle" is the type that you might want to stick around and see how it goes. The "devoted" could work if you do want to get into a relationship, if not the other will get frustrated and always raise the "Do you like me?" question.

My advice — if you have the slightest interest in someone they're worth the effort. Your interest and commitment may grow.

TRENDS

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what has been commonly called "boomerang children."

Boomerang children, also known as "kidults," are ones that leave their childhood home, usually to attend college, and then return to live with their parents. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, nearly 25 percent of adults ages 18-34 live with their parents. This number has been consistently increasing since the 1970s.

"The most important thing: it really is getting harder to get a start on adult life," said Gary Lee, chairman of the University's sociology department.

Lee said that a larger birth cohort, or the sheer amount of babies born to a specific generation, creates a much more competitive job market. The Baby Boomers were one of these large birth cohorts and by having kids, they created another large cohort, known as the "echo boom." The echo boom includes members of both Generation X and Y.

Eric Laugel, a 2006 graduate from the University, described his job hunt to date.

"I had interviews either right before or right after I graduated. One of the jobs I was grossly underqualified for, and the other one was a ground level position working maybe 20 hours a week," he said.

"I moved to California [to pursue a career choice], but in five months I worked maybe 10 jobs and was paid for maybe three of them."

This was just the beginning of Laugel's frustrations.

"I couldn't find paying jobs, and I got turned down even when I applied to non-paying jobs," he said.

Laugel said that the money that got him by on his California trip was from a trust fund started by his grandparents.

"If not for that money, I would definitely have been living at home, trying like hell to figure out what to do."

Lee also said the larger birth cohort drives up the housing costs, and as a result, "adulthood gets delayed."

Emily Bonath, another 2006 graduate from the University, is currently employed, has recently received a promotion and plans to live with her parents for at least one more year.

Considering both college tuition and housing costs, she said, "I was buried in debt, so the smart thing for me to do was to live at home and start paying it off, rather than creating more."

Bonath also said she has a very strong relationship with her family and enjoys living at home.

Although this can get to be a major burden on the financial situation of the parents involved, studies suggest that the healthiest way for parents to cope is to treat their "kidult" as an adult roommate, not as an under-18 child.

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