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Agents warn rail hoppers

CSX issues citations to students illegally crossing train tracks

By **Tim Sampson**
City Editor

Students and locals stumble up and down Wooster Street about 30 minutes before last call as a train horn cuts through the cool, damp air.

As they reach the railroad crossing, dozens of partiers and bar crawlers gather at either side as the gates slowly descend. A few make a quick dash to beat the

red and white striped barrier, but most come to a halt.

A group of four CSX railroad security officers wait on the side of the crossing in the dark Dairy Queen parking lot. They are in town as part of a two-day enforcement blitz, warning and citing individuals for failing to cross the tracks at designated crossings and crossing after the gates have come down.

CSX, based out of Jacksonville, Fla., operates over 21,000 miles of

track across the eastern United States, including the rails that run through Bowling Green.

A locomotive barrels toward the city's crossing and a beefy, 6-foot-3-inch Falcon linebacker dashes across, hiking his knees up to waist level.

His darker, smaller 19-year-old brother follows, ignoring shouted warnings from security officers charging at them from the parking lot.

Then a CSX agent yanked the

linebacker's gray shirt. Another agent pulled his brother from the crossing area. Both were handcuffed. Red, white and blue lights flashed as the crowd looked on.

University senior and third-string football player Andrew Stanford, 22, would later be charged with criminal trespassing. His younger brother Dave was cited for ignoring an active crossing signal.

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A Quick Recap

July 6, 2007: University student Timothy Gregory, 21, of Findlay, Ohio, is seen lying on the train tracks near East Merry Street before being struck by a passing train. His death was ruled an accident by the Wood County Coroner.

July 15, 2007: Dr. Jason Sheehan, 32, of Toledo, is struck by a train between Sunrise and Lehman Avenue. The coroner has not yet ruled on the death.

Aug. 10, 2007: Police arrest Carolyn Knezevic, 22, of Highland Heights, Ohio, for attempting to touch a passing train at the Clough Street crossing.


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THE NEW WAY TO SPEND MONEY AT THE UNIVERSITY

Freddie Falcon

Story by Kelly Day | Illustration by Ashley Kruso



The University transitions from credit to debit

The Reason What It Is How To Use It Where To Use It

The state told the University last year they were out of compliance with the law by extending the credit of the state to students through the BIG Charge system. The University had to come up with a new way for students to spend money, but setting up an entirely new system that runs by debit rather than credit isn't an easy transition. The University was told it must have a new system in place by Jan. 1, 2007. This fall, the University has debuted the new system: The BG1 Card.

The BG1 Card is the new way to purchase items on campus, including books and food, while also providing access to sporting events and library privileges. With the new card, students can no longer charge purchases on campus to their Bursar account through the BIG charge. Instead, the University has started the new debit system, which requires students to deposit money into their accounts before making purchases.

Before using your BG1 card there is one essential step: Deposit money into your account. There are several places throughout campus where students can deposit money into their BG1 accounts, including the University bookstore in the Union and new Account Management Centers near the Union Information Desk, the Student Recreation Center and the Jerome Library. Students can also access accounts at all times through MyBGSU. Deposits are also accepted through mail to BG1 Card Services and fax.

- The University Bookstore
- Campus Dining Halls
- The University Libraries
- Athletic Ticket Office
- Health Services
- Vending Machines
- Big Boy
- Domino's
- BGSU on Main
- Student Book Exchange (SBX)

Israel to refuse 'swelling number' of fleeing refugees from Darfur

By **Matt Friedman**
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel said yesterday it will no longer allow refugees from Darfur to stay after they sneak across the border from Egypt, drawing criticism from those who say the Jewish state is morally obliged to offer sanctuary to people fleeing mass murder.

Israel has been grappling for months over how to deal with the swelling numbers of Africans, including some from Darfur, who have been crossing the porous desert border.

The number of migrants has

shot up to as many as 50 a day, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, apparently as word of job opportunities in Israel has spread. The rise has led to concerns that the country could face a flood of African refugees if it doesn't take a harsher stand on asylum seekers.

But Israel has not turned back refugees from Darfur until now, and last month Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said a limited number would even be allowed to remain in Israel. Yesterday, a government spokesman said all new asylum seekers would be sent back to Egypt, with no exception.

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Changes abound on campus

Check out page 17 for all the campus modifications

SADDLEMIRE

Deconstruction should be complete by the second week of September to make way for Wolfe Center for the Arts.



CAMPUS BRIEF

Library opens café

Thinkers Cyber Café is the newest addition to the seventh floor of the Jerome Library.

To express appreciation for Bowling Green Libraries, Janet Parks, retired professor in human movement, sport and leisure studies, began phase one of developing the café and study area on the seventh floor by raising more than \$45,000 to fund the construction of the space.

Trial runs to be held during various times of the day will continue throughout the semester to test the success of Thinkers Cyber Café. The next trial run is estimated to be in mid-September.

Jacoby named trustee

University student Daniel Jacoby has been named student trustee of the University's Board of Trustees.

Jacoby, 22, of Bowling Green, is an accounting and management information systems major. He is expected to serve on the board for two years.

USG leaders set goals for student, faculty communication

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

The start of the new school year brings many new changes and opportunities, and the same holds true for the Undergraduate Student Government.

Under the new leadership of President Johnnie Lewis and Vice President Nick Gamero, the USG plans to focus on "innovation and dedication within the community of Bowling Green," Lewis said.

"One of our many goals this year is to have a more informed student body," he said. "College has become a place to grow, and in order for this to happen at BGSU, it is important that [the students] are involved with the USG."

Gamero also sees communication with the students and administration as a cen-

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Johnnie Lewis | USG President

tral goal for this year.

"Communication is our philosophy," Gamero said. "We want to know the administration on a personal level [and] we want to be visible to the students."

Along with helping freshmen during move-in days, Gamero and Lewis also plan to spend time in the Union to become more acquainted with University students.

Jeremy Lehman, the USG speaker for the 2007-2008 academic year, also stressed

the importance of increased communication between the USG and the students at the University.

"The USG plans on improving communications with the school and the students this year," Lehman said. "We will do everything possible in order to reach out to the students and let them know who is representing them."

In order to do so, the organization has created an improved and more navigable Web site and is working on more ideas that will help expand new avenues for communication.

According to Lehman, the USG also plans to work more closely with other organizations that need help.

"Although we don't have much, we plan on working with the money that we have and helping other student organizations that need it," Lehman said.

But for the University to benefit from the USG, Lehman stressed the need for students to come and discuss any problems they may have with members of the organization.

"We want to be approachable," Lehman said of the USG's quest to know the students. "Come to

the office and hang out with us. Don't be afraid to let us know when there is something you want fixed."

Lewis also plans to focus time and effort toward working with other colleges.

"There is a new organization called the Ohio Student Government Association which the USG will become involved with [this year]," Lewis said. "We will be meeting and working with other student governments from universities across the state of Ohio to ensure that students' college experiences are the best that they can be."

Jill Carr, the dean of students and assistant vice president for the Division of Student Affairs, said she feels Lewis and Gamero will do just that.

"They are doing an excellent job so far," she said. "This is a crucial time of year for the USG with new students moving onto campus, and as long as they put themselves out there [to the students and the administration], I believe they will be able to put their plans into action."

Although both Lewis and Gamero say they feel it will be challenging to meet both the needs of the administration and the students, they promise neither will be forgotten during the course of the year.

"We are a student-run government, but we need to be able to work with the administration in order for things to run smoothly," Lewis said. "We are here to stand for the students. Who better to represent the students than students?"

USG IN BRIEF



JOHNNIE L. LEWIS
USG President

"We're here to do everything. We're here to answer every question, and if we don't have the answer, we'll find an answer."



NICK GAMERO
USG Vice President

"USG is the place where people can get information about all the important things that are going on,

GSS social events kick off semester

By Jonathan van Melle
Reporter

Before the semester starts, new graduate students have to spend hours in the classroom learning what to expect during their time at the University. To offer a break from the intensive four-day GradSTEP program, the Graduate Student Senate held social activities for the students.

One activity was held in the Ice Arena, where more than 300 boxes of pizza waited for the students. Hundreds of graduate students enjoyed the food while watching some of their colleagues attempt to maintain their balance on the ice.

Priyanka Agrawa, a graduate student in the computer science department, was one student who chose not to skate.

"I don't want to get hurt and prefer to watch. It's more fun and safer," she said as her friend left to give it a try.

Though the event was held by GSS, some of the students in attendance weren't aware of the government body and what it tries to accomplish.

Jeannie Sabaroff, the president of GSS, said she hoped the event would encourage graduate students to be informed about what GSS does.

"We are the voice of the graduate students at BGSU," she said.

"[We] want to build a stronger community for grad students."

Students can participate in any of the group's events and can even help write University legislation, Sabaroff said.

Though she hopes students will attend meetings and social activities, Sabaroff stressed that GSS can play a supporting role for graduate students during their academic careers.

"At times it can be very trying to work towards your graduate degree, and we have many ways to help the students getting there," she said.

GSS meets bi-weekly and will continue to hold events throughout the semester.

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"Decisions made in Faculty Senate will affect students' lives somehow. If it affects faculty lives, it will somehow relate to students."
— Patrick Pauken, professor and Faculty Senate president [see story, p. 19].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Should you choose a major when you first enter college?



"No. You should be able to take different classes in different interests that you have."
SARAH SCHULZ, Freshman, Undecided



"Yes, if your heart is behind something in particular."
MATT CABLE, Senior, Psychology

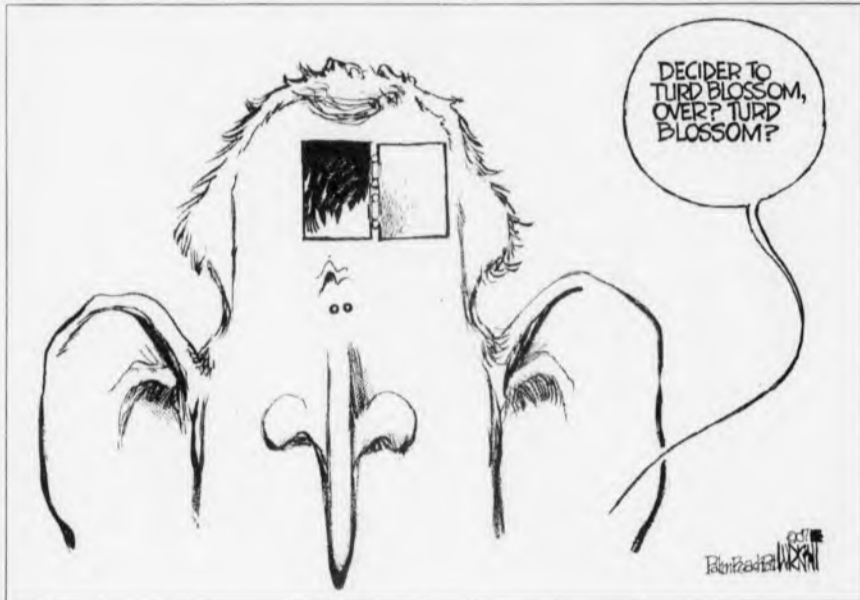


"If you really have your heart set on something, yeah, but you can always change it."
AZIA WHITLOW, Freshman, African Studies



"Yes, but only if it's truly what you want to do."
ROSS WHITAKER, Junior, Early Childhood Education

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Do more than just police the tracks



TONY REGALADO, COLUMNIST

In July, citizens and students of Bowling Green were made aware of the dangers of crossing the railroad tracks when two men, in separate incidents, were killed when a CSX train struck them late at night.
The two incidents were only nine days apart, giving the police an opportunity to go forth with an agenda to increase citations for illegally crossing the tracks.
In fact, CSX sent a police force to monitor the railroad tracks last weekend for any crossings not done at legal intersections. The citations fees are \$150 to \$250, and some also carried risks of jail time.
Right now, there are about 500 people a year who die from these trespassing or illegal crossing offenses. Sixty-two percent of those deaths still occur even when all the proper alarms are functioning — the train has slowed down and is blowing its horn; the lights and bells are working.
Many people have said perhaps the victims were intoxicated or they were under emotional stress.
A month later, police and the county coroner have released little information on the circumstances surrounding these incidents. As a result, it would be premature to make those assumptions.

So what exactly would solve this issue permanently?
Though the fear of a citation may temporarily quell illegal crossings on railroad tracks, it is a weak attack to ensure the safety of pedestrians, most of those pedestrians being students.
Just across the tracks are University-rented apartments available to any student who would prefer to live in them. It would be ridiculous for the police and CSX to assume they will scare those students away from crossing the tracks where they choose.
But we cannot blame police officers for doing their jobs. In fact, it is private property, and pedestrians should be held accountable, no matter how convenient those paths may be.
Only the city and the University can solve this issue. While there are many native residents to Bowling Green, students make up a very large part of its population.
It is the responsibility of the University to cultivate and put into action an agenda that is beneficial to the students. In this case, the necessary agenda would be creating safer routes for students who not only live on the other side of the tracks, but those who also live on the other side of Wooster.
In October 2006, The BG News printed an article that described police having problems with students continuously jaywalking across Wooster Street and Thurstin Avenue. Students living across the street see an inconvenience in taking scenic routes

toward the nearest intersection.
I spoke to Undergraduate Student Government President Johnnie Lewis about past efforts USG and the administration have taken to create more crosswalks. "Those have lost their momentum," Lewis said.
But the University of Georgia, for instance, received \$280,000 through the Transportation Enhancement Act to improve its walkways for students as well as create paths 8 feet wide from student residential areas to the school.
Pedestrian walkway bridges have been created over railroad tracks where pedestrian traffic is heavy. Other more cost-effective measures include having paved pedestrian walkways with an alarm, bell and whistle similar to those at road intersections.
The city should recognize the benefits of having a university close by and respect our wishes to further expand student-friendly initiatives throughout the city, such as allowing the creation of walkways and pedestrian bridges.
It is very tragic that two people have been killed this summer in train incidents. But instead of giving the student population more restriction through citation and fear-mongering, we should come to a compromise that isn't as reactionary and that benefits all citizens of Bowling Green.
E-mail comments about this column to thenews@bgnews.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

USG needs to take an issue and run with it

The Undergraduate Student Government is off to another year of doing nothing, and even though I graduated last year, those failures still echo in my memory.
From almost a thousand miles away, I come to you with one suggestion: Be the best USG ever.
How? Well, adopt one simple issue and stick with it the entire year. The only issue you are not allowed to choose is "communication." That's the goal the USG adopted last year and got nothing done with.
What if the USG chose to fight for domestic partner benefits of same-sex faculty and staff? What if it chose to form a rally in Columbus for increased funding for the future of a globalized America? Or, what if it just chose this one issue: Get us a bus to take back from the bars.
Is it so much to ask that you drop your goals of "communication" that have failed year after year and pick up and run with just one? If you get it done early, well, great! On to the next one.
Sure, let the faculty come in and speak about whatever topic it wants you to approve. Let Edward Whipple come in to speak so he can feel good about himself.
But don't adopt any other mission than the one you choose today. Update the student body on that mission in e-mails every other month. If the administration says "we need to have our attorneys look at this bus thing," then delve into your deep, \$30,000 USG pockets and pay for your own damn lawyer!
There is no reason you can't accomplish in one year just one of the issues your student body cares about, and believe me, "communication" isn't one of them. And if you accomplish just one, then you will be the greatest USG the campus has ever known.
Good luck.
— Matt Clark, Fort Myers, Fla.
BGSU class of 2006

A NEW NAME FOR A NEW YEAR

You're looking at what used to be called the Opinion page. As you can see, we've changed the name this year to "Forum." The name reflects our belief that the page should serve as place where everyone on campus and in Bowling Green should have a chance express his or her views, not just our regular columnists.
What do you think? Look at the "Speak your mind" box on this page for details on how to contact us with your thoughts.

Avoid a major now, save an extra year later



JEFF SMITH, COLUMNIST

There are a lot of factors that can cause you to stay in school for five years instead of four, taking what is referred to as a "victory lap." Most people will tell you the main factor is partying too much, not studying enough or missing classes.
I'm not one of those people. Those factors are minor because you will learn pretty quickly what your limits are. If you don't, then you won't have to worry about a fifth year. You will already have moved back into your parents' home after the first semester, sifting through the "help wanted" sections.
But if you want to make it out of here in four years, follow this piece of advice: Do not choose a major yet.
You've probably been hearing it from everyone around you for at least two years now: You're going to college, so you have to decide what you want to do with your life.
Well, it's a lie. You don't have to decide anything right now, and to do so is a huge mistake.
Choosing a major before realizing what college is all about is like buying a car that may or may not work. The only difference is no one will tell you that choosing the major is a bad idea.
The reason choosing a major now is a mistake is because you really don't know what you want to do; you only think you do. I say this because you are still in high-school mode. You're still used to experiencing things through your parents' eyes.
You need to take some time off from living up to other people's expectations and take some time to find your own expectations.
I'm not trying to bash all you incoming freshmen and tell all of you that you are stupid. You're not. You've all made it this far, so I'm willing to bet you are all pretty intelligent.
But I'm also willing to bet my more than \$80,000 in student loans that an overwhelming majority of you will change your minds about your major at least once, and that is how

the "victory lap" starts. If you start taking classes pertaining to one major and then switch, you might as well put on your running shoes.
I started out as a political science major. A year into taking classes related to that major, I realized that I had zero interest in becoming a lawyer.
I switched my major to exercise specialist, took some kinesiology classes and soon learned again that I didn't want to pursue that path, either.
So during winter break of my second year, I sat down and actually took the time to think of what really interested me and not what would just look good on paper or impress someone else.
That's how I finally decided creative writing was the degree I wanted for myself. I can honestly say I haven't had regrets being in this program, and I actually enjoy going to classes now.
However, by the time I realized what I wanted, I had 30 credit hours of worthless classes that counted for nothing. I was only in my third semester, and already a year behind.
If I would have been a little smarter at the time, I would have never chosen a major and took strictly general education courses. Because by the time I realized what I really wanted to study, my general education requirements would have been fulfilled and I would have been on track to graduate in four years.
But what I did, what most people have done and what most people will continue to do is choose a major they think will earn them a lot of money or what will look nice in a frame hanging on a wall.
So if you want to avoid the "victory lap," be smart and play dumb. Don't come into college thinking you know everything and you have everything mapped out.
Wait it out for at least a semester. Take the time to wait until you know what is all out there and find what your true passion is. If you do this, you just might make it out of here in four years — with a degree in something you actually like.
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FLOWER PATCH: Kim Cooke-Lorenz takes a photo of her daughters, not shown, among sunflowers yesterday along State Route 68 in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

BILL LACKEY | AP PHOTO

System glitch could lose foster data

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio is at risk of losing track of foster care children because of problems in a new statewide computer system, child welfare advocates say.

The new Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System, launched in about half of Ohio's 88 counties so far, is designed to collect data on child abuse and neglect cases, making it easier for child welfare agencies to track abusers and victims instead of independent county-by-county databases currently in use.

But the \$93 million project failed to include information from foster care providers who did not have children in their homes at the time the system went online, according to the state's Public Children Services Association.

When children are subsequently placed in those

homes, county agencies can't add their cases to the new computer system, said Crystal Ward Allen, executive director of the association.

The Children Services Association points to a missing foster child crisis in Florida five years ago as an example of the potential risks.

Then, it took Florida's Department of Children and Families 15 months to realize a 5-year-old Miami foster girl was missing. Later investigations revealed the agency had temporarily been unable to find 102 children.

Allen said her organization has asked the state to stop adding new counties to the system until the problems are fixed.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services recognizes the problems in the transitional period, but the department is eager to keep the program on

schedule, said director Helen Jones-Kelley. The database was rolled out last year after a decade of missed deadlines and false starts, she said.

The state is working to enter the missing foster family data, Jones-Kelley said. The database is current to Aug. 1, and as counties discover problems, state workers correct the main system, she said.

To protect the case file information, some counties' case-workers are using backup systems, such as writing out information by hand, said Franklin County's Children Services Executive Director Eric Fenner.

"All the children in our care, we know where they are. The problem is, they are not all in [the computer system]," he said.

By January, all of the state's 88 counties should be using the automated information system, Jones-Kelley said.

Panel allows colleges free land reign

University of Akron proposes purchase of \$22.7 million, 190-room hotel complex

COLUMBUS (AP) — Members of a bipartisan state panel have allowed Ohio's public universities to make about 150 land purchases worth more than \$95 million in the past five years, rarely asking questions or turning down requests, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The latest proposal to go before the state Controlling Board is the University of Akron's plan to buy a 190-room hotel complex at a cost of \$22.7 million. If approved today, it will be the most expensive land purchase by a public university in Ohio in at least 25 years, according to a computer analysis by the Columbus Dispatch.

The \$22.7 million price tag is more than double the property's \$9.8 million official tax valuation. Most properties sell for more than their official valuation, but universities are paying on average about 63 percent more than the land's tax value, the Dispatch said.

The Controlling Board has seven members — three members of the Ohio House, three from the state Senate and a board president appointed by the governor.

Board members will definitely

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have some questions about the University of Akron plan, said Republican state Sen. John Carey, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a member of the Controlling Board.

The board often wonders about universities' land buys when college leaders so often complain that they don't have the proper funding to maintain current facilities, he said.

"It does seem sometimes that just because the land is available the university wants to buy it," Carey said. "Sometimes there's a concern that they are buying to be buying."

The Controlling Board has turned down just one proposal in 25 years — a request from Youngstown State University in the 1990s, the newspaper said.

The University of Akron's plan is to buy the eight-story Quaker Square hotel complex downtown and convert it into dorms for 382 students. Plans also call for offices, a banquet hall and 450 parking spaces.

School officials say the growing campus needs more space. The university is tearing down housing for about 350 students on the other side of the campus to make way for a \$55 million, 30,000-seat football stadium to replace the 68-year-old Rubber Bowl.

State Rep. Jay Hottinger, a Republican from Newark who sits on the Controlling Board, said the Akron proposal won't result in increased tuition, room or board.

"It's their prerogative to decide what their campus is going to look like," he said.

Laid-off teachers seek jobs in Springboro

SPRINGBORO, Ohio (AP) — School districts in Warren County in southwestern Ohio have fielded thousands of teacher applications, many from former teachers in Dayton, Middletown and Cincinnati public schools, where hundreds of positions were eliminated this year.

In Mason, about 25 miles northeast of Cincinnati, more than 3,000 applied for 63 teach-

ing positions. In Springboro, just south of Dayton, 2,000 applied, but just 21 were hired. And in Lebanon, 30 got jobs from a pool of 800 applicants.

"People apply at high-growth districts because that's where the jobs are," said Craig Ullery, assistant superintendent in Mason.

The most competitive area is early childhood education, where there are many more qualified applicants than open

positions. The biggest opportunities are for teachers in special education, math and science, administrators said.

Recent college graduates who are familiar with current teaching methods and new classroom technology were the most likely to be hired, school officials said.

With starting salaries around \$34,000 a year, the newly hired teachers are also attractive to budget-conscious districts.

Lawmakers to close sex offender loophole

COLUMBUS (AP) — State lawmakers are moving to close a legal loophole that would allow a man who killed a 14-year-old girl to walk out of prison next month without having to register as a sexual predator.

Robert Lee Wells, 44, who fatally stabbed Barbara Sue Cauley in 1988, was granted parole in June but remains in the Chillicothe Correctional Institution while the victim's

family fights his release.

State law requires people found guilty of involuntary manslaughter to register as sex offenders but not those who are convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

A judge convicted Wells of voluntary manslaughter based on a bite mark on the girl's left breast that matched Wells' teeth.

"Certainly, the facts of this case would indicate that it was

motivated by sexual conduct," said Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien, who wasn't county prosecutor when the case went to trial but whose research uncovered the loophole.

Republican state Sen. Steve Stivers of Columbus is trying to change the law in a pending victims' rights bill.

O'Brien said he'll join Cauley's family at a parole hearing Sept. 12 to fight Wells' release.

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"Get them connected and get them engaged," she said.

The decreased enrollment is unlikely to have long-term financial effects for the University unless it continues, Swegan said.

Teri Sharp, a University spokeswoman, said administrators are waiting for the 15-day report, which shows finalized enrollment data. From there, the University will determine whether budget cuts need to be made, she said.

REFUGEES

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"Anyone who enters Israel illegally will pertain to everyone, including those from Darfur," spokesman David Baker said. He offered no explanation for the change.

Overnight, Israel returned 48 Africans to Egypt. An Israeli government official said Egypt had guaranteed that any Darfur refugees would not be forced to return to Sudan. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release that information to the press.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit told reporters yesterday that Egypt would accept the refugees for "very pressing humanitarian reasons" but that this type of transfer "would not be repeated again."

Fighting between pro-government militias and rebels in Darfur has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced 2.5 million since February 2003.

Most of the displaced people remain in Darfur, but the U.N. estimates that 236,000 have fled across the border to neighboring Chad, where they live in camps. Tens of thousands of others have sought sanctuary in Egypt, which is ill-equipped to provide them with jobs and social services.

About 400 of the Darfurians who reached Egypt have driven and trekked through desert sands to cross the unfenced frontier with Israel, according to the refugees' advocates in Israel.

Israel's response to the unexpected arrivals has been mixed. Threats to expel them have clashed with sentiments inspired by the memory of

Jews seeking sanctuary from the Nazis before and during World War II and being turned away. Some volunteers have helped migrants find jobs and housing.

Eytan Schwartz, an advocate for Darfur refugees in Israel, objected to any ban on the asylum seekers. "The state of Israel has to show compassion for refugees after the Jewish people was subject to persecution throughout its history," he said.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel said in a statement that it is, "Israel's moral and legal obligation to accept any refugees or asylum seekers facing life-threatening danger or infringements on their freedom."

But Ephraim Zuroff of the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Center said the Jewish people could not be expected to right every wrong just because of its past.

"Israel can't throw open the gates and allow unlimited access for people who are basically economic refugees," Zuroff said.

The Darfurians found sanctuary from the killings in Sudan by fleeing to Egypt, he said, but their arrival in Israel "was motivated primarily by the difficult living conditions and bleak economic prospects in that country."

That the refugees are from Sudan further complicates the matter, because Israeli law denies asylum to anyone from an enemy state. Sudan's Muslim government is hostile to Israel and has no diplomatic ties with the Jewish state.

Although the case of the Darfur refugees is unusual, the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin set a precedent in 1977 when he offered asylum to nearly 400 Vietnamese boat people.

Israel estimates that 2,800 people have entered the country illegally through Egypt's Sinai desert in recent years. Nearly all are from Africa, including 1,160 from Sudan. Many spent months or years in Egypt before entering Israel.

Israel has repeatedly urged Egypt to step up its surveillance of the border to prevent the illegal flow of goods and people. Egypt has responded by beefing up its efforts recently, with almost daily reports of African refugees being arrested before entering Israel.

In July, Egyptian police shot and killed a Sudanese woman who was trying to cross into Israel, the first confirmed death of its kind. And earlier this month, Israeli media reported that Egyptian border guards beat to death two Sudanese men in front of Israeli soldiers. Egypt neither confirmed nor denied the incident.

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Presidential candidates wary of 'flubs' posted online

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Say what? The 2008 presidential campaign theme could be "Oops! What I meant was..."

Just about every Republican and Democrat has flubbed an answer to a question or made a borderline inappropriate comment some so uncomfortable they make you cringe only to take back the remarks or seek to clarify them later when under fire.

This month alone, Republican Mitt Romney backtracked from a comment about his sons' lack of military service. Rival Rudy Giuliani retreated from his suggestion that he spent as much time as Sept. 11 rescue workers at the ground zero site and was exposed to the same health risks. Democrat Bill Richardson stumbled over a question about whether homosexuality was a choice. All sought to skirt controversy by quickly explaining themselves.

It is happening so often, "you'd think it's deliberate!" quipped G. Terry Madonna, a pollster at

Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania.

Joking aside, he said: "I don't think you can go through this grueling ordeal and not find even the most seasoned politician who isn't susceptible to misspeaking or a malaprop here or there. We're seeing some genuinely real moments as these candidates are in the pressure cooker."

Chalk up the glut of apologies and clarifications to changing times.

Candidates of all stripes have become extremely sensitive to the Internet era and painfully aware of video-sharing Web sites such as YouTube that allow images and audio to be posted online immediately.

At the same time, it has become routine for campaigns to send out "trackers" with recorders to capture a rival's every appearance in hopes of catching an election-altering misstep to use in a television ad or Web video.

"In the olden days, this wasn't an issue because if you said something that could be problematic, you just denied that you said it," said Jenny Backus, a Democratic

consultant. "These days, it's too easy to have cold, hard proof."

"You've got to have a strategy to combat the YouTube video," she added. "Now, one mistake can be replayed often."

Typically, Republican and Democratic strategists say, candidates who slip up take one of two damage-control avenues.

Some opt to stand firmly behind their comments and plow forward with their campaigns. They believe that apologizing or clarifying is a sign of weakness and that sticking to their viewpoints shows strength and projects self-awareness. The risk is that they can appear stubborn and unwilling to admit mistakes.

More often, candidates decide to acknowledge their errors or explain their comments quickly. The hope is to take blunders off the table and blunt the impact of any attacks. But they also could appear as though they do not mean what they say and will change positions when they feel the heat.

Regardless of which path they choose, strategists say, each situation must be handled individu-

ally and candidates must strike a balance between being authentic and being willing to admit they are wrong.

"I'd rather be who I am and make mistakes than come across as this very carefully scripted, totally handled person. I think people are so sick of that," said former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Republican whose words sometimes have gotten him in trouble. "People will forgive me for a mistake more than they'll forgive me for phoniness. And, if they don't, then I'm not their guy."

Huckabee once referred to Arkansas as a "banana republic" and, on another occasion, jokingly attributed his 110-pound weight loss to spending time in a concentration camp.

Among the recent gaffes:

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, defended his five sons' decisions not to enlist in the military and said "one of the ways my sons are showing support for our nation is helping me get elected." Later, the Republican said he misspoke, explaining: "I didn't mean in any way to compare service in the country with

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Jenny Backus | Democratic Consultant

my boys in any way."

Giuliani, the New York City mayor during the terrorist attacks, claimed he was at ground zero "as often, if not more, than most of the workers" and was exposed to the same health risks. After drawing the ire of some firefighters, he acknowledged: "I could have said it better" and "What I was saying was: 'I'm there with you.'"

Richardson, New Mexico's governor, said "It's a choice" and then "you know, I'm not a scientist" when gay-rights activists asked during a forum whether people are born gay or whether they choose homosexuality. He quickly clarified. The Democrat also has said, "I screwed up" when citing conservative Byron White as a model Supreme Court justice.

John McCain, a Republican senator from Arizona known for his off-the-cuff style, twice has clarified comments. In separate instances, he referred to U.S. lives lost in Iraq as "wasted" and used the term "tar baby," which some people consider a racial epithet. In both cases, he quickly said he regretted his word choice.

Barack Obama, a Democratic senator from Illinois, also apologized for using the word "wasted" about U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq. During a campaign speech in Virginia, he drastically overstated the death toll in the springtime tornado in Kansas, saying, "Ten thousand people died an entire town destroyed." The actual death toll was 12.

The lesson? Watch what you say.

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Hurricane Dean hits Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Hurricane Dean pummeled Jamaica with gusting winds and torrential rains yesterday after the prime minister made a last-minute plea for residents to abandon their homes and head for shelter. Many residents ignored the call, however, while tourists holed up in resorts with hurricane-proof walls. The storm triggered evacuation calls from the Cayman Islands to Texas, and forced the Space Shuttle to cut short its mission.

France's foreign minister visits Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — France's foreign minister paid an unannounced and highly symbolic visit to Baghdad yesterday — the first by a senior French official since the war started and a gesture to the American effort in Iraq after years of icy relations over the U.S.-led invasion. Bernard Kouchner said Paris wanted to "turn the page" and look to the future.

Survey shows 13 to 24-year-olds value family

NEW YORK (AP) — So you're between the ages of 13 and 24. What makes you happy? A worried parent might imagine the answer to sound something like this: Sex, drugs, a little rock 'n' roll. Maybe some cash, or at least the car keys. Turns out the real answer is quite different. Spending time with family was the top answer to that open-ended question, according to an extensive survey — more than 100 questions asked of 1,280 people ages 13 to 24 — conducted by The Associated Press and MTV on the nature of happiness among America's young people.

Afghan police free German hostage in raid

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan police freed a female German hostage from a Kabul neighborhood and arrested a group of kidnapers early this morning, an Interior Ministry spokesman said. The 31-year-old aid worker was freed during a raid in the western part of the capital not far from the restaurant where she was seized Saturday while dining with her husband, Zemary Bashari said. The woman's husband was not abducted.

Businesses go green to turn billion dollar profits

By Thomas Wagner
The Associated Press

LONDON — Big business fears that the fight against climate change will cost billions are now giving way to a different view: Green can be the color of money.

The United States, Europe and Japan are locked in a frantic race to cash in on the exploding business of saving the planet. London has become the center for the multibillion dollar market in carbon emissions, attracting investors who trade CO2 allowances.

Silicon Valley is leading the way in attracting venture capital for green technologies that shows signs of mirroring the dot-com boom — and critics say eventual bust — of the 1990s. And Japan's Toyota has

sold more than a million Prius hybrid models, its cutting-edge eco-friendly car.

Like all markets, the clean energy industry faces risks. A sustained fall in the world's steep oil prices could make investment in alternatives to fossil fuels seem less attractive.

More important, to sustain business' new attraction to clean energy, governments must maintain, or even step up, efforts to cut carbon emissions. Toward that end, a major U.N. meeting will be held in Bali, Indonesia, in December aimed at reaching a new global climate pact to succeed the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012.

But for now, the battle against global warming continues to offer investors an unusual chance to be idealistic and greedy at the same time.

"Everybody is jumping on the bandwagon," said Milo Sjardin, a senior associate at New Energy Finance, a research house in London on the world's clean energy and carbon markets.

The City of London financial district has taken the lead in making billions from the management of CO2 emissions, one of the fastest-growing segments in financial services.

The carbon market was created after Europe signed the 1997 Kyoto agreement on curbing greenhouse gases. In 2005, European governments started capping the amounts of carbon dioxide that industries could emit, while letting them buy and sell CO2 emission allowances.

The cap-and-trade system encourages factories and industries to cut emissions by giving them "pollution permits." If they

produce less greenhouse gases than the total of their permits, they can sell the surplus certificates — also known as credits — to companies that find them cheaper than cutting their own emissions.

That created the fast-growing carbon markets, where certificates are bought and sold like a commodity. It also includes investments in projects that help to generate additional credits.

About \$30.4 billion of allowances were traded last year, representing 1.6 billion tons of CO2, double the volume of 2005, said Point Carbon, a company of market analysts based in Norway.

New Energy Finance estimates that \$33.8 billion carbon credits will be needed to meet targets under the Kyoto Accord and the European Emissions-Trading Scheme by 2012.

Britain has emerged as the clear leader in carbon fund management, with 72 percent of private carbon funds and 50 percent of all carbon funds being managed out of London, New Energy Finance said.

The United States, which rejected the Kyoto agreement, has never adopted a federal system of controls for carbon-dioxide emissions, although California has binding targets to cut CO2 emissions and other states are expected to follow.

America, however, has emerged as the world leader in developing clean energy technologies.

It involves a wide range of sectors, including wind, solar, biofuels, biomass (organic material to produce power and heat), energy efficiency technology, hydrogen and fuel cells, and tidal power.



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PRAYER: Dannette Moynier, Dannette's daughter McKenzie and McKenzie Harbel pray for the trapped miners.

Optimism fades in coal miner rescue

By Michael Rubinkam
The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, Utah — Six coal miners caught in a cave-in may never be found and could forever be lost to the still-quivering mountain, officials conceded yesterday, abandoning the optimism they've maintained publicly for nearly two weeks.

Air readings from a fourth hole drilled more than 1,500 feet into the mountainside found insufficient oxygen

to support life, and the latest efforts to signal the men were again met by silence.

The news marked a shift in tone in mine officials' assessments of the chances the men would be rescued, hopes they had maintained even after three rescuers were killed and six more hurt Thursday in another "bump" inside the mountain.

There has been little evidence that the six miners survived the initial Aug. 6 collapse. Workers have gained limited access to the mine through four bore-

holes into which video cameras and microphones were lowered. Rescuers banged on a drill bit and set off explosives Saturday, hoping to elicit a response, but heard none.

Video images taken from the fourth hole showed signs of collapse in the cavern but no indication the miners were there, said Richard Stickler, head of the federal Mining Safety and Health Administration. Three previous efforts to reach the men via drilling have proved futile.

Southern Texas prepares for a possible strike from Hurricane Dean

By Monica Rhor
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Even with powerful Hurricane Dean days away and its path uncertain, officials in sodden south Texas left little to chance yesterday, readying planes, gasoline and hundreds of buses to get residents out in a hurry.

Authorities passed out sandbags, evacuated inmates and opened emergency operations centers in a region still soaked from the remnants of Tropical Storm Erin, which caused severe flooding and at least one death yesterday in Oklahoma.

"We're preparing for Hurricane Dean just as if it is going to be direct hit," said Johnny Cavazos, the chief emergency director for Cameron County at the state's southernmost tip.

A state of emergency was declared in the resort town of South Padre Island. About 3,300 jail and prison inmates in the area were to be bused to correctional facilities else

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Johnny Cavazos | Emergency Director

where by yesterday night.

In Washington, R. David Paulson, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said up to 100,000 people might have to be evacuated from the state's southeastern coast and its immigrant shantytowns near the Mexican border. The storm is on course for northern Mexico, but could shift and hit the region around Brownsville, Texas, Paulson said.

In Oklahoma, what was left of Erin flooded homes and roads and blacked out thousands of customers, mostly in the Oklahoma City area. One drowning was blamed on the flooding and a motorist was missing, local and state officials said.

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History:

1939: The first black bowling league (National Bowling Association) is formed.

1945: The Dodgers' Tommy Brown (17) becomes the youngest player in MLB history to hit a homerun.

1985: Dwight Gooden of the Mets becomes the first NL pitcher to strike out 200+ batters in his first two seasons.

The List

The top five college football games to watch this season.

1. Louisville at West Virginia

(Nov. 8): This game will feature three legit Heisman contenders in Brian Brohm, Steve Slaton and Pat White. It could also decide the Big East.

2. Virginia Tech at LSU

(Sept. 8): SI.com ranks this game as the top non-conference game of the year.

3. Texas vs. Oklahoma

(Oct. 6): Both teams have combined to win the last 12 Big 12 South titles. Plus they hate one another's guts.

4. Ohio State at Michigan

(Nov. 17): The Wolverines have lost five of the last six meetings to the Buckeyes, but are extra-focused to turn it around in '07. And the Bucks lost a lot more starters than Michigan.

5. Florida at LSU

(Oct. 6): Both teams will be looking for a huge win in a possible SEC title game preview.

Some new turf to defend



New-look field draws praise, excitement from

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

A driving rainstorm and mud characterized BG's last game played at Doyt Perry Stadium. It may still deal with a driving rainstorm this season, but the mud will be no more as the Falcons have installed FieldTurf to replace the natural grass that turned into mud during last season's game against Miami.

"FieldTurf is a product that our players and coaches have a great deal of confidence in," BG Athletic Director Greg Christopher said.

"[The new surface] allows us greater flexibility with the stadium, meaning many of our teams can practice on the surface and Perry stadium can host more events, and [it] helps the department generate more revenues," Christopher said.

The 2007 season will mark the first time in 41 years that the Doyt will have a new playing surface. BG will become the 29th school nationwide and sixth in the MAC to install FieldTurf as its playing surface in its home stadium.

"It's looking great - I check it out everyday," linebacker Loren Hargrove said. "Everyday I go up there it looks better - they got the lines, and now they got the logos in the end zone. It looks great, and it's almost done."

Hargrove is happy the mud is no longer a worry for the players and coaches in their preparation for the game.

"You don't have to worry about the mud anymore," Hargrove said. "I think it's going to help our whole environment. The fans are going to love it because it's a whole new look for us."

The decision for a change in surfaces came primarily after last season's game against the Miami RedHawks in which the natural grass turned into mud after enduring a driving rainstorm for the entire day.

The result of that game was a very sloppy contest in which the RedHawks defeated the Falcons 9-7 after the Falcons missed a go-ahead field goal. That field goal was attempted when the entire field had more or less turned to mud.

It was obvious a change needed to be made by the start of this season.

"Our concern was with the condition of the existing drainage system, which also was installed in 1966, we believe this change best serves the interest of our program," Christopher said.

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TOP: Doyt L. Perry Stadium had new synthetic FieldTurf installed this offseason. The new surface should eliminate any prospect of another Mud Bowl occurring at the stadium.

LEFT: The Sebo Center is a new athletic facility located at the north end of Doyt L. Perry Stadium. The University has received over \$77 million in donations for the building.

PHOTOS BY JORDAN FLOWER
THE BG NEWS

WHAT PLAYERS SAY ABOUT FIELDTURF...



SEAN O'DROBINAK,
Defensive Tackle

"Yeah, it's rubber, and it holds a lot of heat, but it's great having sure footing. It just feels like you're faster."



DIYRAL BRIGGS,
Defensive End

"I feel like it gives me an edge ... I feel a lot lighter and it makes me feel a lot faster."

PROS

These are reasons why FieldTurf was a good thing for Doyt L. Perry Stadium.

- **Less maintenance:** No sprinklers, no lawn mowers, no pesticides, no fertilizer, no problem.
- **Better drainage:** As we all know from the Mud Bowl Incident of 2006, the drainage under the football field had a few problems. Drainage was included with the installation of a new field.
- **Promotion:** There's less of a drawback for having high school teams play on a field that won't need to be completely redone in time for the Falcons to play on it.
- **Footing:** The new field allows players to get better footing than the grass that used to be there. That could make for some very fast Falcons.

CONS

These are reasons why the FieldTurf could be a bad thing for the Falcons.

- **Heat:** The turf tends to gather more heat than grass does. That can make playing conditions harder, but with mostly evening games at home, the Falcons may not have to worry about this.
- **Hardness:** The turf has concrete underneath it, so the field loses that soft, grassy feel to it. The jury is still out on whether or not it causes more injuries, though.
- **Nature:** Football is usually played on grass, it's weird to see that change, but it may be for the better.
- **Money:** The cost was around \$1 million. Although, it can be argued that the turf will save money in the long run.

Soccer team improved from '06

By Pete Schramm
Reporter

As the two-a-day practices wind down for the BGSU men's soccer team, the anticipation for the upcoming season is skyrocketing.

The Falcons, who are led by a small but strong senior class, will welcome a few new and talented faces this year.

"We are adding about 10 players," said coach Fred Thompson. "So the first thing we have to do is get everyone on the same page and start acting like a team on the field."

"It's just repetition and getting to know people's habits, and getting to know who's going to do what at what time, so that's what we are focusing on right now."

In all, the team will return about seven starters along with a number of talented players, including 13 letter-winners.

Three of those players are the team's seniors: Abiola Sandy, Alec Perea and Ryan Perea. Thompson will be counting on their leadership and experience to help the young team

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FANCY FEET: Ryan Perea(10) dribbles in a game last season. Perea is one of three returning seniors for the Falcons.

High hopes, big expectations for netters

By Nathan Parsons
Reporter

As the BGSU women's tennis team begins preparing for the upcoming season, the team is confident it can continue where it left off last year.

The Falcons advanced to the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament after coming from behind to beat Miami in the quarterfinals. BG's semifinal birth was the team's first

in the last seven years.

BG hopes the late season success will carry over to this year.

"It's huge," said BG coach Penny Dean. "It's very exciting. It's a confidence builder for sure. Everybody had that experience."

The Falcons will have something else to look forward to besides the start of a new season - playing on brand new courts.

Andrea Volle, who has earned

three varsity letters, says the courts should do wonders for the team.

"They will improve morale," Volle said. "It will be good to have good-looking courts to play on. Makes us look better as a team."

BG finished last season with an overall record of 13-9, while going .500 in the MAC.

According to Dean, all the pieces are in place for the team

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TENNIS OUTLOOK

- BG is returning seven players from last year's team.
- The team will be playing and practicing on brand new courts in 2007.
- The Falcons finished 13-9 last season and went .500 in the MAC last season.
- Dean's team advanced to the semifinals of the MAC Tournament last season.

Our job is to report objectively



COLIN WILSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Whether you're in lecture, drinking your morning coffee or sitting on your porcelain throne, you need a stellar sports page to read. As the sports editor of The BG News, it's my job to provide that for you.

Our sports staff will be doing its best to give a fair assessment of how the school's teams are performing in the upcoming season.

That said, we are not cheerleaders. Our job is to watch the games and report what happens.

While we are students at BGSU and do support its athletic programs, we're trying to prepare for the real world in our profession. In the real world,

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MAC EAST PREVIEW

Beasts of the East

Falcons picked to finish fifth in division

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

The Mid-American Conference East division is made up of seven teams, and five of them hail from the Buckeye state.

It's safe say the division champion will come from Ohio. For four straight years, a different team from Ohio has represented the East in the MAC Championship game.

In fact, the only other state to represent the East was West Virginia, when Marshall was dominating the conference in the late '90s to the early part of the 21st century.

Marshall has since moved on to Conference USA, and West Virginia no longer has a MAC representative.

So if you go by trends, expect one of the following teams to win the division this year: Kent State, Ohio, Akron, Miami or Bowling Green.

The division has also seen a different representative for the last four years, with Kent State being the only team to not represent the division at the championship during this time.

Could this be the year for coach Doug Martin and his Golden Flashes?

The Flashes are coming off a 5-3 conference season last year, but had a disappointing finish, losing three of its last four conference games after

winning its first four.

But a sub-par finish did not stop two of the KSU players from being confident about this season.

"We expect to win the MAC. Not only the East, but the whole MAC," quarterback Julian Edelman said.

"We've just got to play our game. We have to prepare well, practice well. We're at the point where we're athletic enough to stay with all these teams, and now it's all on the mental game."

Jack Williams, defensive back for the Golden Flashes, echoed Edelman's statements about wanting to win the MAC.

"Our expectations are that we want to win it," Williams said. "We expect to be the number one team, we want to be champion of the MAC East."

"We definitely want to build on last year's season," Williams said. "We had a pretty successful season, but we didn't finish the job. Anything less than the MAC East champs is a disappointment."

The Flashes will be in a fight for the division crown with other teams that feature some gifted offensive weapons.

Ohio running back Calvin McRae ran for over 1,200 yards last season while amassing 15 touchdowns in the process, second only to Garrett Wolfe's 19.

McRae is one of the reasons why the Bobcats were picked by members of the media to repeat as division champions.

If the Bobcats make it that far, they will look for better results than they had in last year's contest — a game in which they lost 31-10 to CMU.

One of Ohio's chief rivals in Miami will also be in the hunt led by quarterback Mike Kokal. Kokal finished second in the league in passing yards per game with about 220 yards per game.

BG is an interesting team because of how young they are. They beat division champion Ohio 21-9 in Athens, but only wound up going 4-8 in conference.

BG coach Gregg Brandon believes the East is wide open this year.

"I think we're right in the hunt," Brandon said. "I think it's a very balanced division. Our side, I think any number of teams could emerge. I think it will come down to who can manage their schedule and who can keep their players healthy through the stretch run."

BG's success will depend on how its young players mature and gain experience throughout the season.

Akron is also a team that should garner some division champion hype. The Zips



BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

YOUTH MATTERS: Chris Bullock made an impact as a redshirt freshman and this year he's part of a three-headed rushing trio that has been picked to finish fifth in the East.

were just a year removed from winning the conference in 2005, but fell off last season and only posted a 3-5 record in conference.

Coach J.D. Brookhart said he believes his team is out to prove the prognosticators wrong.

"I don't know. It's scrambled every year and no one has picked it right yet in the three years that I've been here,"

Brookhart said. "I think every team you look at here is very close — parity is there."

Buffalo and Temple round out the East division, but are not expected to compete for a title after compiling 2-10 and 1-11 records respectively.

No matter who wins this division, it should be an exciting chase for the opportunity to get to Detroit for the MAC Championship.



BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

A PLEASANT SURPRISE: Julian Edelman and Kent State are looking to improve on their surprise 2006 season.

2007 BG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| | | |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1 | at Minnesota | 8 p.m. |
| Sept. 8 | at Michigan St. | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Temple | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Western Kentucky* | 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | at Boston College | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 13 | at Miami | 3 p.m. |
| Oct. 20 | at Kent State | 4 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | Ohio | 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 2 | Akron | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 9 | at Eastern Michigan | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 17 | at Buffalo | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 23 | Toledo | 2:30 p.m. |

*Homecoming

2006 MAC STANDINGS

The football season was full of surprises as Ohio and Kent had great seasons. The Flashes came out of right field to beat Miami, BG and Akron, but faded at the end.

| East | Div. W-L | Ovr. W-L |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Ohio | 7-1 | 9-5 |
| Kent State | 5-3 | 6-6 |
| Akron | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| BG | 3-5 | 4-8 |
| Miami | 2-6 | 2-10 |
| Buffalo | 1-7 | 2-10 |

Central Michigan all but dominated the MAC West in 2006 while Western Michigan and Northern Illinois jockeyed for second place all season and both earned bowl berths.

| West | Div. W-L | Ovr. W-L |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Central Michigan | 7-1 | 10-4 |
| Western Michigan | 6-2 | 8-5 |
| Northern Illinois | 5-3 | 7-6 |
| Ball State | 5-3 | 5-7 |
| Toledo | 3-5 | 5-7 |
| Eastern Michigan | 1-7 | 1-11 |

PRESEASON MAC POLL

| East | Points | West | Points |
|------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Ohio | 216 (15) | Western Michigan | 175 (15) |
| Kent State | 203 (13) | Central Michigan | 173 (10) |
| Akron | 171 (6) | Toledo | 138 (6) |
| Miami | 163 (1) | Ball State | 134 (4) |
| BG | 130 | Northern Illinois | 90 |
| Temple | 64 (1) | Eastern Michigan | 46 |
| Buffalo | 61 | | |

*first place votes in parenthesis

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Trojans on top of first poll

Pete Carroll, USC receive third preseason No. 1 ranking in past four years

By **Ralph D. Russo**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK—After a season of chasing, Southern California is again the team being chased.

And that's just the way coach Pete Carroll and the Trojans like it.

For the third time in the past four years, USC begins the college football season No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25.

"It's exactly where we hope and expect to be," Carroll said. "It's a symbol of what we're all about."

Southern California received 62 of 65 first-place votes and 1,622 points from a panel of media members. USC easily outdistanced No. 2 LSU in the poll released Saturday. The Tigers received two first-place votes and 1,511 points. They haven't started a season ranked this high since 1959, when they were preseason No. 1.

No. 3 West Virginia received the other first-place vote. The Mountaineers have never been ranked higher in the preseason. No. 4 Texas and Michigan round out the top five, and defending champion Florida is sixth.

USC has been the country's top program since 2002, going 59-6 with two national championships and a near-miss. This season, the Trojans expect to walk away from the BCS national championship game in New Orleans with the crystal football.

"That's what we're here for. We're here to do it better than anybody has ever done it before," Carroll said. "That's the single thought. That's what drives us. If that's the case, you want to be No. 1 forever."

For the Trojans, this is the 82nd time

they've been No. 1 in the poll. Only Notre Dame (95), Oklahoma (95) and Ohio State (88) have more.

Much of the Trojans' time at No. 1 has been since late in 2003, when they took the top spot at the end of the regular season and finished No. 1 the AP poll — despite being left out of the national title game. LSU finished No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

The next season USC became the second team, joining Florida State in 1999, to be No. 1 all the way and was the undisputed national champ.

The next season, USC nearly pulled the wire-to-wire trick again, but Vince Young and Texas relegated the Trojans to No. 2 in the end by winning a 41-38 thriller in the Rose Bowl.

Last season, USC was in the top 10 all season, but never did get to No. 1. The Trojans were No. 2 going into the final week of the regular season, but with a chance to play for another national title they lost 13-9 to UCLA.

USC bounced back with a resounding 32-18 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl and that set the stage for the Trojans to start this season as an overwhelming No. 1.

The rest of the top 10 has Wisconsin at No. 7, followed by Oklahoma, Virginia Tech and Louisville.

Ohio State, last year's preseason No. 1 and the loser of the national title game to Florida, is No. 11 to start the 2007 season. No. 12 is California, followed by Georgia, UCLA and Tennessee.

No. 16 Rutgers is ranked in the preseason for the first time, as is No. 23 Hawaii.

Penn State is No. 17 and Auburn, Florida



GUS RUELAS | AP PHOTO

IT'S GOOD TO BE NO. 1: USC's head coach Pete Carroll prepares his team for their upcoming Rose Bowl game against Michigan, in this Dec. 28, 2006 file photo in Los Angeles. After a season of chasing, Southern California is again the team being chased. And that's just the way coach Pete Carroll and the Trojans like it. For the third time in the past four years, USC begins the college football season No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25.

State and Nebraska round out the top 20. Arkansas, TCU, Hawaii, Boise State and Texas A&M are the final five.

The Southeastern Conference has six ranked teams, most of any league. The Big Ten and Big 12 are next with four and the Pac-10 and Big East have three each.

The Trojans are preseason No. 1 for the sixth time overall, tying Nebraska for third most. Only Oklahoma (nine) and Ohio State (seven) have been top-ranked in the preseason by AP more often.

These Trojans have another star quarterback in John David Booty, who could become the third USC passer to win the Heisman Trophy in the past six seasons, joining predecessors Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart.

"He's a natural-born quarterback," Carroll said. "He's got five years of experience. He's been through everything you need to be good."

Booty should have plenty of options, with about a half-dozen high school all-American running backs on the roster and a slew fast and talented receivers. But it's the defense that makes this USC team special.

The Trojans have potential All-Americans all over the field, and perhaps the nation's best linebackers in Brian Cushing, Keith Rivers and Rey Mauuluga.

"They're big and fast and smart and they know what they're doing and they love to play the game," Carroll said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS' COLLEGE FOOTBALL PRESEASON TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2006 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and final ranking:

- Record Pts Pvs
1. Southern Cal (62) 11-2 1,622 4
 2. LSU (2) 11-2 1,511 3
 3. West Virginia (1) 11-2 1,396 10
 4. Texas 10-3 1,375 13
 5. Michigan 11-2 1,371 8
 6. Florida 13-1 1,276 1
 7. Wisconsin 12-1 1,192 7
 8. Oklahoma 11-3 1,166 11
 9. Virginia Tech 10-3 1,148 19
 10. Louisville 12-1 1,031 6
 11. Ohio St. 12-1 876 2
 12. California 10-3 790 14
 13. Georgia 9-4 782 23
 14. UCLA 7-6 605 —
 15. Tennessee 9-4 571 25
 16. Rutgers 11-2 560 12
 17. Penn St. 9-4 542 —
 18. Auburn 11-2 519 9
 19. Florida St. 7-6 392 —
 20. Nebraska 9-5 377 —
 21. Arkansas 10-4 376 15
 22. TCU 11-2 285 22
 23. Hawaii 11-3 256 —
 24. Boise St. 13-0 187 5
 25. Texas A&M 9-4 162 —

Others receiving votes: Missouri 128, Georgia Tech 94, Boston College 75, Oregon 73, South Carolina 69, Miami 68, Alabama 66, Oregon St. 42, Wake Forest 40, South Florida 28, Arizona St. 17, BYU 14, Southern Miss. 12, Notre Dame 11, Virginia 7, Clemson 6, Oklahoma St. 3, Texas Tech 2, Houston 1, Kentucky 1, N.C. State 1, Purdue 1.

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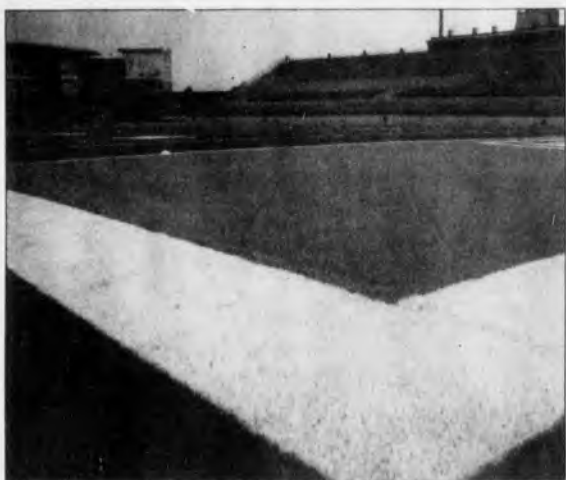
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CASH COW: The Falcons' new FieldTurf cost upwards of \$1 million. The synthetic turf is expected to save the program money in the long run.

TURF

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FieldTurf is synthetic surface that makes it feel like you are playing on real grass, but you don't have to worry about some of the worries of real grass/mud, cost of maintenance, etc.

The reviews are in from some of the players and coaches and it seems like they appreciate the change that has been made.

"The turf is amazing," defensive tackle Sean O'Drabinak said. "Yeah, it's rubber, and it holds a lot of heat, but it's great having sure footing. It just feels like you're faster."

Fellow defensive lineman Diyral Briggs agrees about the feel of the new turf.

"I feel like it gives me an edge," Briggs said. "Being on cement [which is what the turf is laid out

on] I feel a lot lighter and makes me feel a lot faster."

When BG takes the field Sept. 22 against Temple, you can expect to see a completely different stadium than the one you saw last season.

Not only will the stadium feature a brand new playing surface, it will also feature the finished Sebo Center just beyond the north end zone.

Coach Brandon can't wait for the refurbished stadium to be unveiled.

"I've said all along that big game for us is Temple," Brandon said.

"That's our first home game, a noon start. It's an ESPN game, and a MAC East game. It will be the first game in our virtually new stadium.

"When our fans come to that first game, it's going to be a completely different venue. I can't wait; it's going to be exciting."

TENNIS

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to have a great season.

"We should have a very good year," Dean said. "We have experienced players and a lot of talent."

"We can be a top-four seed in the MAC tourney, if not better."

BG returns seven players from last season's team along with freshman Christine Chiricosta, a high school doubles champion.

"She is truly a very good player coming in," Dean said. "She competed a lot this summer, so she's ready to go. She will add to the intensity and desire to play longer points and set them up in practice. [She has] experience already in singles and

"We can be a top-four seed in the MAC tourney, if not better."

Penny Dean | BG coach

doubles and she's a fighter on the court."

Not only will the Falcons face tough, early season opponents, but the team will also go up against a strong conference schedule.

"We have a very strong schedule that will get us ready for the MAC," Dean said. "The MAC conference is unbelievable. No weak teams. Every year they get better."

SOCCER

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succeed.

"We are hoping to see great things out of them since it's their last year, and their last chance to really shine for us. I think they will do well."

With all of the new talent, the team will look to improve in several different ways. One of those ways is on the defensive side of the ball.

"In this class we brought in four solid defenders, and I think that's where we will see a lot of the impact, in our goals against. I think it will go way down this year," Thompson said.

According to the coach, this year's team has stronger overall talent than last year, and should be headed to a more successful year.

"I think we will be pretty successful, we are going to be better than we were last year," Thompson said.

"Last year for awhile we were just a little bit unlucky. I think we had about nine one-goal games we played in, and we are hoping to turn those one goal games around this year for us."

One sign of a strong team is the cohesiveness between the players, and no time is better to judge this than the grueling two-a-day practices.

So far, Thompson is very pleased with what he has seen.

"The attitude and spirit of the team is great. I'm very excited. It's a very good group and they get along well with each other and they work hard for each other."

The Falcons will open at home on Friday with an exhibition against Oakland University.

The team will then open the regular season in Florida before returning to BG on Sept. 14 to face Central Arkansas in the BGSU Invitational.

OBJECTIVE

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writers don't sugar coat what happens to the team they cover. Neither do photographers.

At the end of the day, there are two ways to look at something.

Fans tend to take a subjective approach. They think their team is better than it is most of the time.

I'm not saying that's a bad thing. I hail from Cleveland. That is the birthplace of unintelligent subjectivity.

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Palmer, Johnson not phased by slow start

Preseason woes not a concern, offense has been "very, very vanilla"

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Two games into the preseason, the Cincinnati Bengals' top receiver is someone who won't be around for the first half of the season.

That's their problem right there.

The Bengals (0-2) have yet to score a touchdown with their starting offense. All they managed were field goals during a 27-19 loss to New Orleans on Saturday night, when the only touchdown came in the closing seconds with reserves on the field.

Pro Bowl receiver Chad Johnson didn't realize it was so bad until informed after the game.

"No touchdowns? I didn't know that," he said.

Worried?

"No sense in worrying about it," said Johnson, who has been impressive in practice but gotten few balls thrown his way during his limited time in the games. "The things we're doing right now are very, very vanilla. I'm not worried about it."

"We'll go back to scoring. We don't do any game-planning for these games."

Marvin Lewis | Bengals coach

His point is valid. The Bengals' offense has been extremely conservative with Carson Palmer and the rest of the starters on the field. The line is missing its two tackles — Levi Jones is recovering from knee surgery, and Willie Anderson has a serious foot injury.

So, they've been a little less flashy than usual. Plus, they don't want to show opponents how they've tweaked their playbook in the offseason.

"We just don't want to put too much out there for film," Palmer said.

All the points are valid, but they can't totally erase the early concerns about an offense missing four key players.

The biggest problem is the lack of a No. 3 receiver. Chris Henry leads the Bengals with eight



TOM UHLMAN | AP PHOTO

SACKED: Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer fumbles the ball as he is hit by New Orleans Saints' Antwan Lake (96), and Charles Grant (94), in the second quarter of Saturday's pre-season game.

catches for 112 yards and one of their two receiving touchdowns. He'll sit out the first eight games under his suspension for violating the NFL's conduct policy.

The Bengals were hoping that Tab Perry would step into his role. Perry, who missed most of last season with a hip injury,

had two catches for 19 yards against the Saints, and should have had a lot more.

Palmer and backup quarterback Doug Johnson made an effort to get him the ball. Palmer overthrew him three times, including once at the goal line

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Valentin powers Reds past Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Javier Valentin had no chance to prepare for his pinch-hitting appearance. He responded with a game-winning double, helping the Cincinnati Reds to their first winning road trip in more than a year.

Valentin's bases-loaded, two-run double in the eighth inning gave the Reds a 7-6 victory over the struggling Milwaukee Brewers yesterday.

Cincinnati's backup catcher did not take batting practice, ran in from the bullpen before the at-bat and did not have a chance to swing at a pitch yesterday until getting to the plate. He drove on a 3-2 pitch from Scott Linebrink (4-4) bounced over the left-center field wall for a ground-rule double, scoring Jeff Conine and Edwin Encarnacion to give the Reds their first lead in the game.

"It was difficult," he said. "You have no chance to get loose, no chance to get ready."

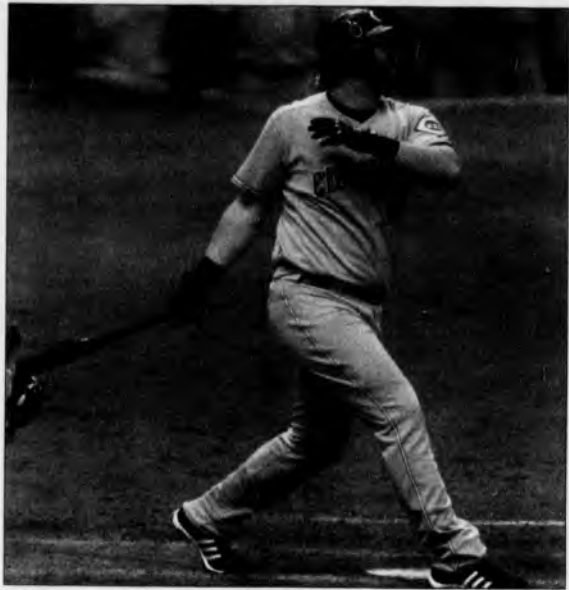
Valentin, a switch-hitter, is batting .297 against right-handers and .213 against left-handers. He expected the Brewers to bring left-hander Brian Shouse into the game, so he took his time getting in from the right-field bullpen.

"That's what I assumed," he said.

Instead, Milwaukee stayed with Linebrink, a right-hander, and Valentin had to get ready quickly.

"All you try to do is make contact and get one out of the infield," he said. "I'm so happy."

Linebrink was holding left-handers to a .214 average since joining Milwaukee in a trade from San Diego on July 25 while right-handers have a .257 aver-



DARREN HAUCK | AP PHOTO

SEE YA: Cincinnati Reds' Adam Dunn watches his two-run home run against the Milwaukee Brewers in the fourth inning of a baseball game yesterday. The Reds beat the Brewers on a two-run double in the ninth by Javier Valentin.

age against Shouse.

"I like Linebrink right there in that situation," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said.

The Reds have won four-of-six, taking two-of-three at Chicago and at Milwaukee, to win their first road trip since June 19-26, 2006 when they went 4-3 at the New York Mets and Cleveland. Since then, Cincinnati was 0-11 in 13 road trips, winning 40 of 104 games.

The Reds trailed 5-0 after three innings, but Adam Dunn and Brandon Phillips homered as the Reds rallied to tie the score — only to fall behind again on J.J. Hardy's solo home run to

lead off the seventh.

"We just kept chipping back," Cincinnati manager Pete Mackanin said. "I couldn't have predicted the outcome, but I'm extremely happy with it."

Reliever Bill Bray (2-0) pitched a third of an inning to earn the win, getting Prince Fielder to fly out to end the seventh on his only pitch of the game. Jared Burton struck out two in the eighth, and David Weathers got Fielder to ground out to second with two on in the ninth for his 25th save in 30 chances.

"Weathers made it interesting, but we're all going home happy," Mackanin said.

Tribe falls in extra innings, 4-3 to Tampa Bay, blows lead twice

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— The Indians wasted another strong outing from C.C. Sabathia and a chance to pad their first-place lead.

Joel Guzman hit a game-winning RBI single in his first at-bat with Tampa Bay, sending the Devil Rays past Cleveland 4-3 in 12 innings on Sunday.

"It was an unbelievable feeling," Guzman said.

Jonny Gomes opened the 12th with a double off Rafael Perez (0-1) and scored on Guzman's hit to center. Guzman had been called up from Triple-A Durham before the game.

"It was a wonderful moment for all of us," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said.

Scott Dohmann (2-0) threw two scoreless innings for the victory.

Sabathia gave up two runs and five hits over eight innings. The left-hander had six strikeouts, giving him 1,101 in his career — the eighth Cleveland pitcher to reach at least 1,100 strikeouts.

"C.C. was fantastic. Just real good again," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "Eight strong innings, he gave us every opportunity to win the ballgame."

Sabathia has three straight no decisions despite allowing two runs in all three games.

"I just go out and keep trying to keep us in games," Sabathia said. "I'm not really concerned about myself or my record. I just want this team to win ballgames. I just want to pitch in the playoffs."

The AL Central-leading Indians had won three in a row following a four-game losing streak. Cleveland has a 1 1/2 game lead



CHRIS O'NEARA | AP PHOTO

NOT SO FAST: Cleveland Indians' Asdrubal Cabrera (13) knocks Tampa Bay Devil Rays second baseman Brendon Harris out of the way breaking up a seventh-inning double play attempt during Sunday's game.

over second-place Detroit, which lost 9-3 to the New York Yankees.

"Our guys are focusing on our game," Wedge said. "We control what we can control. If we go out and execute and step up in RBI opportunities, we're going to score a few more runs and we're not going to make it as difficult for ourselves. That's what we've got to do."

B.J. Upton and Carlos Pena homered for the Devil Rays, who are 14-36 since June 25. Tampa Bay had not hit a home run in its previous eight games, a club record.

Victor Martinez hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the 10th to give the Indians a 3-2 lead. The Devil Rays pulled even in the bottom half on a two-out RBI single by Carl Crawford off Joe Borowski, who blew his fifth save in 39 opportunities.

"We came over here and took the series with a chance to sweep," Martinez said. "It's always good — we still took two of three."

Tampa Bay's James Shields allowed two runs and six hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked one.

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Both QBs improving as battle continues

As Anthony Turner and Tyler Sheehan continue to battle for the starting quarterback job, the coaches have noticed improvement in both players. So far, quarterbacks coach and first-year offensive coordinator Mick McCall has been preparing the QBs for every possible game situation.



Sheehan's studies more complicated than most students

One of the biggest improvements in Sheehan's game this offseason was in his pass accuracy, and according to the sophomore QB, he has spent a lot of time working on his mechanics.



Sheehan also spent a multitude of time getting to know McCall's new offensive system. He said that while he doesn't yet have it all down, he's been working non-stop to figure it out.

Vrville trying to improve woeful kicking game for BG

The Falcons' kicking game suffered mightily last season, with Gregg Brandon turning to brand new kickers for the 2007.

Handling field goals and kickoffs for the new season will be junior college transfer Simisa Vrville. Over the offseason Vrville has been working extensively on getting better height on his kicks.

"I've always had the power," Vrville said. "I've improved a lot at getting more height (on kicks)."

The Falcons play their first game on Sept. 1 in Minnesota.

Federer defeats Blake for 50th win

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

MASON, Ohio — Fifty for Federer. Top-ranked Roger Federer reached another measure of tennis greatness on Sunday, winning his 50th tournament title by beating James Blake 6-1, 6-4 in the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters.

The 26-year-old Swiss star became the fifth-youngest player in history to reach 50, and only the ninth overall in the Open Era — since 1968 — to win so many tournaments.

Given the way he's playing, he's eyeing the U.S. Open as No. 51.

Federer almost got the noteworthy win a week earlier in Montreal, where he lost the title match to Novak Djokovic in a third-set tiebreaker. This time, he set the tone right away against the eighth-ranked Blake, who was playing in only his second Masters championship match.

Dressed in all-white on a muggy, 92-degree afternoon, Federer extended his mastery of Blake — and all Americans, for that matter.

Federer improved to 7-0 against Blake, who has won only one of their 19 sets — off a tiebreaker in the semifinals at the U.S. Open last year. He's not the only hard-hitting American who can't figure out how to handle Federer's overall excellence.

Federer has won 35 straight matches against Americans since he lost to Andy Roddick in the semifinals at Montreal on Aug. 9, 2003, an astounding streak of dominance. During that span, different Americans have risen and fallen, but none has broken through.

Blake was playing catch-up right from the start. Federer served a pair of aces to open the match, then broke Blake's serve in the next game to take control. The 27-year-old American had three break chances in the fifth game of the opening set, which lasted 20 points and ended with Federer's emphatic forehand volley.

Opponents rarely get such chances against Federer. Deflated that he let it slip away, Blake was broken at 0-40 in the next game. Federer then served it out.

Blake overcame four double faults to hold serve in the opening game of the second set, but was on the defensive the rest of the way. Federer broke him to go up 4-3,



AL BEHRMAN | AP PHOTO

TOTAL DOMINATION: Roger Federer, from Switzerland, hits a backhand against James Blake in the championship match at the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters tennis tournament yesterday in Mason, Ohio. Federer won his 50th career title, 6-1, 6-4.

THE FEDERER FILE

- Yesterday's match was Federer's 35th straight win against Americans
- His last loss against an American came against Andy Roddick in 2003.

then fought off a couple of break points in the next game to retain control.

Finally, he raised both arms in celebration after his ninth ace of the match gave him the title and, in his words, "a very special number."

Bjorn Borg won his 50th title when he was 23 years, 7 months old. Jimmy Connors was four months older when he got to the mark. John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl were 25 when they did it.

In recent years, the Cincinnati tournament has been a good barometer heading into the U.S. Open. Federer won it easily two years ago, then went on to get the second of his three straight U.S. Open titles.

Last year, Roddick emerged from his season-long funk in Cincinnati, won the tournament and took a lot of confidence into the Open, where he reached the title match before losing to Federer.

The Swiss star has momentum in his quest for a fourth straight U.S. Open title, but there's reason for others to see opportunity. Federer wasn't in peak form this week, making a lot of unforced errors. He needed three sets to beat Nicolas Pietrangeli and resurgent Lleyton Hewitt to reach the title match.

Using that as a guide, this Open could be more wide-open.

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after Perry had beaten the cornerback.

Their timing is way off. "Chris Henry and I have had a lot of (experience together)," Palmer said. "We have a great rhythm. It's a shame he's not going to be there for the early games."

"Tab and I haven't had much of a chance to work with each other. He's been banged up and missed some practice. I think he's done a great job. On that deep post (pattern), I just over-threw him. I missed him."

Perry acknowledged that he and Palmer have yet to develop chemistry on the field.

"I've just got to keep working on it," Perry said. "We've got a couple more games to go."

The offensive line also is in flux. Jones is expected back at left tackle before the season opener, but there's no way of telling whether Anderson will be able to take his spot at right tackle.

The Bengals also are trying to figure out who will complement power running back Rudi Johnson, who had six carries for only 15 yards on Saturday night. Second-round draft pick Kenny Irons was expected to give the offense an outside running threat, but he tore the ACL in his knee in the preseason opener and is out for the season.

Quincy Wilson had four carries for 19 yards, and Kenny Watson had eight carries for 18 yards against the Saints. Neither distinguished himself in the competition for the No. 2 role.

Coach Marvin Lewis is disappointed by how the entire team played on Saturday — the starting defense gave up 17 points on New Orleans' first three possessions — but he's counting on the offense to come around once the games count.

"I think we went through that a couple of years ago, and all was good," Lewis said. "We'll go back to scoring. We don't do any game-planning for these games. We are not going to change that. We will keep working on the things we need to."

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Firefighters hold weight-loss contest to improve health of department

Right food choices help you feel best

By Amy L. Edwards
MCT

ORLANDO, Fla. — At 330 pounds, Scott Cooper acknowledges he wasn't in the best shape last year when he joined the Polk County, Fla., Fire Department.

Cooper didn't want fellow firefighters to worry about him while they battle blazes, wondering if he can keep pace.

"I didn't feel I was doing the best job that I could," he said.

Cooper, who works out of a station near Poinciana, Fla., and about two dozen fellow Polk firefighters decided to do something about their health they are holding a contest to see who can lose the most body fat.

Already, Cooper, 39, has shed 50 pounds.

While the contest is friendly participants are donating money to charity and only competing for bragging rights they know there is much more at stake.

More firefighters die from heart disease than from burns or smoke inhalation, according to a national study published this year.

Between their fast-food eating habits and lack of exercise regimes the same study found more than 70 percent of the nation's fire departments don't

have programs to promote fitness and health some firefighters pack on the pounds throughout their careers.

Within the next year, Polk County will join a movement among the industry and require firefighters to participate in an exercise regime and undergo an annual fitness review.

"The better shape we're in, obviously the longer and safer our people will be able to work before they get exhausted," said Lt. Ken Jolly, a trainer with the Fire Department who recently shed 30 pounds.

"If you're 30, 40, 50 pounds overweight, that's just that much more to carry."

For many years, the National Fire Protection Association has made a push to improve firefighters' safety, and that includes physical fitness, said Mike Linkins, Polk County deputy fire chief.

"There's been this holistic approach to the welfare of the firefighter, from stress management, nutrition, fitness," Linkins said.

As part of its new health initiative, Polk County purchased exercise equipment for most of its stations and offered training on healthy eating habits.

While 24 of the county's nearly 200 firefighters signed up for



GEORGE SKENE | MCT

SLIMMING DOWN: Polk County firefighter Scott Cooper has lost more than 50 pounds this year, including 6 inches from his waist. Here, he shows how loose his fire suit has become at his station south of Haines City, Fla.

the friendly competition, many more staffers are making the effort to shed pounds, Battalion Chief Kevin Giliam said.

"They started exercising, working out and losing weight before the contest began," he said. "We're doing pretty well."

Cooper was one of those who began to lose weight before the contest started but estimates he has shed 30 pounds during the competition.

He exercises at least three days a week and is eating healthier by cutting out sugars and sodas and by eating food low in carbohydrates.

"It's given me a lot more energy. I can fight fires a lot longer

and a lot harder," Cooper said. "I'm able to do simple tasks a lot easier. Personally, physically and mentally, I feel wonderful. I know I will feel even better once I achieve my goal."

Fitness programs, already required of Orange and Seminole County firefighters, are also encouraged by the International Association of Fire Fighters.

"We have to make this part of our training on an everyday basis," said Pat Morrison, health and safety director for the IAFF.

"You need a certain amount of aerobic activity," Morrison said. "You don't get that just by showing up and not working out."

MCT — While some students stock up on fruits and vegetables in the dining hall, sometimes it's hard to resist the less-healthy options. The foods you choose affect your energy, concentration, and memory, because your body and brain need the right nutrition to function properly. So before you reach for a cup of coffee or another slice of pizza, remember that the right choices from the different food groups will help you feel your best.

Each person's nutritional requirements can vary, but your diet should provide you with a balance of protein, dairy products, carbohydrates, vegetables and fruits. For specific recommendations suited to your needs, talk to a doctor, registered dietitian, your student health office or your school's nutritional counselor.

Many nutritional experts recommend that the majority of a person's diet come from grains, vegetables and whole fruit. Whole-grain carbohydrates, like brown rice and whole-grain breads, cereals and pasta retain more vitamins, minerals and fiber than their more processed counterparts (like white bread and regular pasta).

It's better to eat fresh or frozen vegetables and fruits, because those that come in

cans sometimes contain lots of added salt or sugar. Also, try not to skip your vegetables in favor of fruit. (You should actually eat more vegetables than fruit for an ideal balance.)

Protein is another essential part of any diet. It's found in meat, fish, poultry, eggs or nonanimal sources such as beans and nuts. Dairy products like cheese, yogurt and milk also provide protein (and calcium). Eating a few servings of low-fat dairy (like yogurt) and 2 to 3 servings of lean protein-rich foods every day will give you nutritional benefits without too much fat and cholesterol. There's no need to completely eliminate snack foods high in sugar, oils and other fats, but they should only play a small role in your overall diet.

When you've been up for hours studying, you might look to something sugary or caffeinated for a boost. But there are healthier alternatives that can give you more energy with fewer negative consequences:

Drink plenty of water rather than caffeinated beverages. Caffeine may provide a short-term fix, but the more you consume, the more you'll grow to depend on it. Staying hydrated can generally give you more energy than quick caffeine fixes. 37 milliliters).

Study to find ethnic differences in breast cancer

"You may think you understand ... but you can't reach out to them like another survivor can."

By Cecilia Oleck
MCT

DETROIT — Ever since they were children, Connie Orr has adored her older sister.

When the two were young, Sherrill Jackson would walk little Connie to class, bring her along on dates to the drive-in and let her tag along to sleepovers at friends' houses.

They've supported each other through marriage, children, divorce, re-marriage and the

deaths of both parents. Now, they're taking on breast cancer together.

Jackson, 60, a 15-year breast cancer survivor and pediatric nurse practitioner in St. Louis, fought it head-on and now leads a 75-member breast cancer support group. Orr, 56, of Novi, Mich., is fighting the disease in a different way: She signed up to take part in the Sister Study, a national look at the sisters of women who have or have had breast cancer.

She's among 39,000 women who have signed up so far and one of 2,324 black women enrolled in the study. As the study enters its final months of recruitment, getting more women of color like Orr to participate is key.

The study's aim? Find out what causes breast cancer and how it varies among women of different ethnic backgrounds.

Nearly 180,000 women annually in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer and 41,000 die from it.

As part of the 10-year-long study, Orr will answer questions every other year about her health and habits. She already filled out questionnaires when she signed up last year and has had a health professional visit her home to give her a physical.

Signing up for the study was a simple yet significant way Orr felt she could help.

"You may think you understand ... but you can't reach out to them like another survivor can," Orr said. "The Sister Study is the

only meaningful thing I can do to help. I feel, in some ways, I've helped all women."

But in order to better understand how a woman's habits, environment and genetics contribute to her risk for breast cancer, researchers need more women like Orr to step forward.

With five months left for recruiting, the study is 11,000

women short of its goal of 50,000 participants.

More troubling to researchers is that only 12 percent of the 39,000 women recruited so far are minorities.

"We really want the study to be representative of the women in the United States," said Lisa DeRoo, an epidemiologist for the Sister Study.

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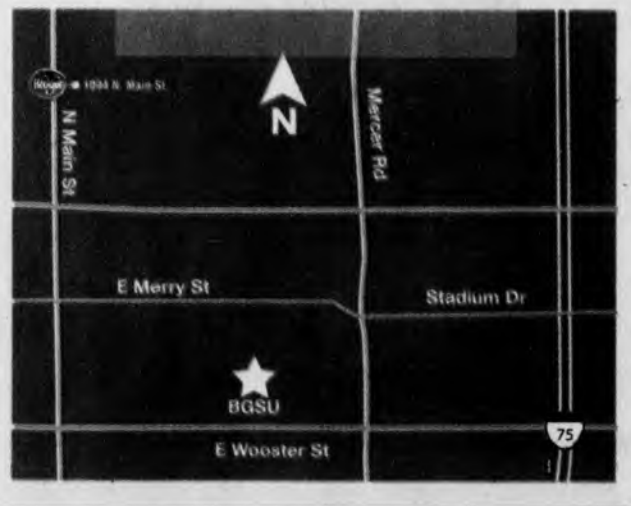
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By Alison Kemp
Assistant Campus Editor

Things change. They always are and always will, even here at BGSU.

Some things are noticeable; others are not. Some are still in progress and others are complete.

Here's a list of what physically changed (or still is changing) on campus. Also included is a listing of parking and transportation information (check out page 18).

If you are new to BGSU, this is the information to follow. If you're a returning student, a refresher might be good for you, too.

Information was provided by Bob Waddle, assistant vice president of capital planning, Gail Finan, dining services director, Stacie Enriquez, parking and traffic manager and Jim Elsasser, assistant athletic director of internal affairs.

OTHER CHANGES ON CAMPUS

Campus: A natural gas line has been added to campus, which will provide the University the opportunity to negotiate directly with gas suppliers to save money when purchasing gas.

Architecture Program: A building at 400 Poe Road was purchased to house the University's architecture program, which was relocated from Saddlemire.

University's new 'do



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Sebo Athletic Center

The Sebo Athletic Center, which is the new addition to the Doyt Perry Football Stadium will be dedicated at the first home football game on Sept. 22. In two weeks, the contractors should be gone from the facility, which has been operational since the end of May.

Stadium: Field turf was installed on the football stadium in place of grass.

Track: The track will be resurfaced later this fall, with a mid-September completion.

Tennis Courts: Eight new tennis courts were built between the baseball and softball fields. One more coat of court sealer is necessary, which will be completed on Aug. 31.

Dining Hall Changes

Campus Corners and Chily's have been painted. The Neighborhood Deli is now called BG Sub. Chily's is installing new back-fill refrigerators so workers refilling the refrigerators are out of shopping areas when customers are shopping.

Jerome Library

The chiller system was replaced in the library, which was a \$700,000 project.

Rodgers

Rodgers Quad has been recarpeted, in addition to tunnel work done around the building, which led to new sidewalks.

Check out the campus' new looks after months of summer changes



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Saddlemire

Saddlemire deconstruction should be completed by the second week of September to make way for the Wolfe Center for the Arts. Ridge Street will be closed from Mercer Road to Willard Drive at the end of the project. Designs for the Wolfe Center are complete.

Health Center

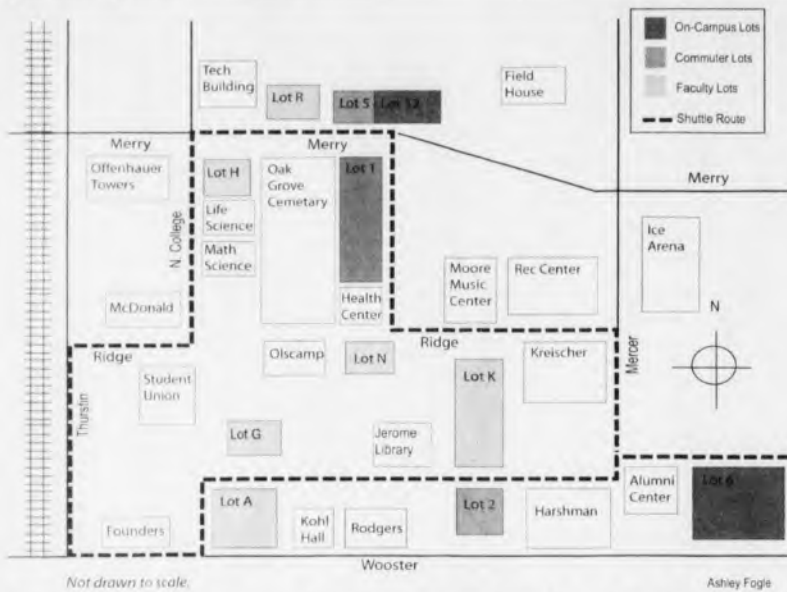
A firm has been identified to design a parking garage behind the Health Center. Construction won't begin for at least a year and a half. Designs are in progress for the addition to the Health Center.

Harshman Quad

The new courtyards are complete at Harshman Quad.



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Meter Prices and Times

- A quarter gets 15 minutes of time at all Union lots.
- At all other meters, a quarter buys 30 minutes.

The Union gated lot has the following fees:

- 0 to 15 minutes: Free
- 15 minutes to 1 hour: \$2
- 1 to 1.5 hours: \$2.50
- 1.5 to 2 hours: \$3
- Each additional half-hour: 50 cents
- Maximum fee: \$8
- Lost ticket: \$8

2-RIDE

- Shuttle Service 2-RIDE is available from 3 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 5 to 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Saturday through 7 a.m. Sunday.
- From on campus, call 2-RIDE (2-7433) or from off campus, 572-RIDE to use this service. 2-RIDE provides transportation to and from the following areas:
 - Wood County Hospital
 - Bowling Green Airport
 - Olscamp Hall
 - Some off-campus apartments (not after 7 a.m.)
 - Campus parking lots 6, 8, 9, 12, 18, 20, etc. (5 to 7 a.m. weekdays and weekends).

Source: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/safety/page25627.html>

Parking Hints

- All vehicles must be registered within 48 hours of arriving on campus.
- Decals and permits may be used by only the persons to whom they are issued.
- Any student registering a vehicle in his or her name shall be held liable for all violations incurred by that vehicle.
- Parking signs at parking lots specify who is authorized to park in the area and the hours the lots are closed.
- Commuters and residents who can demonstrate need for short-term parking can apply for a special permit to park in lots 8 and 9. Applications are available at Parking and Traffic.
- Student-registered vehicles may park in faculty/staff areas 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 5 p.m. Friday until 7 a.m. Monday, with three exceptions. These areas are reserved: the entire east side of Lot K and north side of Lot G for faculty and staff at all times, lots C and S for faculty and staff 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and all reserved spaces.
- All commuter lots are closed from 3 to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- All drives are fire lanes.
- Metered parking is enforced 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Overnight visitor parking is available in metered spaces or other areas designated on a permit obtained from Parking and Traffic or the Visitor Information Center.

Source: Parking and Traffic

Campus Escort Service

WHAT: This service is a student organization that serves all Bowling Green State University students, faculty and staff, offering an alternative to walking alone after dark.

HOW: In order for the escort to easily identify you and document the activity, this information is necessary when requesting an escort: First and last name, Current location and phone number, Desired destination, Brief personal description for easy identification, Desired pick-up time.

WHERE: The service can provide an escort to any location on campus and from campus to any single location within Bowling Green city limits. A ride may not always be available, but someone will always be available to walk with the client.

ALSO: Request a "standing run" if you have a regularly scheduled time that you will require an escort throughout the semester. Once your information is in our standing run file, you can count on us to arrive and escort you at the time and location of your choice.

CALL: Campus Escort at 372-8360. The service is available from Sunday to Thursday 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday 6 to 10 p.m.

Source: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/safety/page25629.html>

2007-2008 Parking Fees

- Annual Permit: \$70
- Semester Permit: \$40
- Evening Semester Permit: \$20
- Temporary Weekly Permit: \$10

Need a Parking Space?

The highest demand for parking is between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The best places to find a parking spot are the lots at the Perry Field House and Ice Arena, which are shown on the map above, and Visitor Center, which is located east of the Alumni Center.

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Honors welcomes new assistant

By India Hunter
Reporter



Dawn Shores
New assistant director for Honors Program

While studying for her master's degree here at the University, Dawn M. Shores did not know she would invest her knowledge back into the community.

Shores, who was hired to be the assistant director for the University's Honors Program, isn't new to Bowling Green. The St. Petersburg, Fla., native began her academic career at the University of South Florida, earning her bachelor's degree in anthropology and psychology, but went on to earn her master's in college student personnel from BGSU. Shores is excited to utilize her experiences from prior work at Tiffin University and the University of South Florida to contribute her knowledge to the honors community.

"I believe that a lot of the knowledge and experience

that I gained from that position will positively contribute to our recruitment efforts in the Honors Program," Shores said.

The Honors Community fosters academic growth and critical thinking skills — both important values to the Bowling Green community. Shores said she hopes to promote these values within honors students' curriculum by building a strong relationship with her advisees.

"I hope to help contribute to and carry out the vision and mission for the Honors Program," Shores said.

According to Honors Program Director Paul Moore, the mission and chief cornerstone of the program is to "assist students

"I hope to help contribute to and carry out the vision and mission for the Honors Program."

Dawn Shores | Honors Program

in developing critical thinking skills and applying them to the classroom and beyond."

These critical thinking skills, Associate Honors Program Director Jodi Levine said, will help students "to be well prepared to accomplish their personal and professional goals."

By joining the Honors Program, Shores will be an integral component in carrying out the mission.

Shores has already become involved with the honors com-

munity by helping plan the introductory Honors Program courses for first-year students. She also will advise first-year students by assisting them with their schedules — one of the reasons why Shores chose to accept the assistant director position.

"I was looking for a position that would allow me to combine my interests in higher education, which include recruitment and academic advising," Shores said.

Additionally, Shores will work to develop the Student Ambassador Program and Diversity Committee within the Honors Program.

When she is not hard at work with the Honors Program, Shores enjoys traveling to visit family and friends back home in Florida. She loves to watch her favorite college football team — the Florida Gators — and professional tennis on game day.

GWU's former student president found guilty

By David Ceasar
U-WIRE

WASHINGTON — George Washington University's Student Judicial Services found last year's Student Association President Lamar Thorpe guilty of disorderly conduct for "lewd and indecent behavior," and not guilty of sexual harassment and alcohol charges, according to SJS documents given to the student newspaper, The Hatchet.

Thorpe declined to comment on the outcome of his case, only saying "what are you talking about?" when contacted by The Hatchet. In an interview in July, he said he has not "had any judicial proceedings going on" and called accounts to the contrary "great stories" generated by his enemies.

A female sophomore accused Thorpe and then-Vice President of Student Activities Richard Fowler of forcing her to perform oral sex and drink excessively in September 2006, a University Police Department Incident Report states. The report, which was filed on April 22, classifies the alleged offense as first-degree sexual abuse. Both Thorpe and Fowler have repeatedly said they are unaware of the alleged incident and of a case before SJS.

Thorpe, who is a presidential administrative fellow attending graduate school for free at GW this fall, lost an appeal to overturn the disorderly conduct charge, according to SJS records. A sanction letter states that his punishment is one year of disciplinary probation until May 2008.

"Based upon various standards and guidelines as established by campus organizations, departments, administrators, and/or faculty, conditions of your probation may include exclusion from co-curricular activities," the letter states. "Violations

of the terms of Disciplinary Probation or any other violations of this 'Code' during the period of probation may result in suspension or expulsion from the University."

Senior Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak, whose department oversees the fellowship program, said that a student being on disciplinary probation is "not in conflict with being a PAF."

When asked if there were any qualms about Thorpe serving in a prestigious role given his disciplinary record, Chernak said, "If we had a concern, he wouldn't be in the program. Obviously, we don't have a concern."

Sophomore Jason Scheinthal, who was Thorpe's senior counsel last spring, confirmed that the former SA president was cleared of the sexual harassment charge but said that it is not his place to discuss the outcome of the disorderly conduct violation.

An adviser and confidante to Thorpe, Scheinthal said the student leader did not want SJS charge to tarnish the reputation of the SA.

"Lamar's immediate concern was that he didn't want the Student Association to go through another scandal ... I would say that throughout this entire thing -- it wasn't until the summer -- that he was slightly concerned about himself (rather only about the SA)," Scheinthal said.

Then-Vice President of Public Affairs Andrew Cooper was also listed in the UPD report. He said he left Thorpe's room the night of the incident because he "didn't agree with some of the things that were going on" and that SJS never charged him with any violations.

Because The Hatchet has not examined any of Fowler or Cooper's judicial records.

Staff members speak up via senate

By Ella Fowler
Reporter

Faculty senate has been giving the staff of the University a voice since it was implemented in 1964.

Reviewing various policies that affect the faculty here at the University, faculty senate is to the staff what the Undergraduate Student Government is to the students.

"I see the senate's role, generally, on campus is that we serve as an advisee group for faculty members," professor Patrick Pauken, chair of this year's faculty senate said.

The senate, which consists of 62 senators, covers issues that the faculty feels need to be discussed. These issues can range from academic and pay/tenure issues, to faculty welfare and budgets for the college.

All faculty-related problems go through the faculty senate, and they decide which policies will pass and which ones will not. This makes the senate an important aspect on campus and at the same time gives the staff a voice too.

"We are not employees in a faculty," said professor Richard Hebein, secretary of faculty senate.

"We generate knowledge, and the faculty needs to play a role in how that knowledge is discussed," Hebein added.

Hebein, who has been involved with the senate for 38 years, went on to state that the faculty has the right to make final decisions and a right to be consulted about what goes on at the University.

Despite the importance of faculty senate, some students don't know how it affects them.

"I have been here for three years and I feel like I am actively involved in campus, and I'm not sure what faculty senate is," said senior Jackie Maciupa, an applied health science major.

According to Pauken, it is important for students to know what the senate does because it impacts students.

"We are one of the primary policy-making bodies on campus," he said. "Decisions made in faculty senate will affect students' lives somehow. If it affects faculty lives, it will somehow relate to students."

The faculty senate meetings are open to the public, and non-faculty members are encouraged to come.

The first faculty senate meeting is at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the McFall Center in the senate gallery.

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Confronted with controversy, a small R.I. law school aims to keep its reputation

A board member — the law school's namesake — uses a racial slur during a meeting; he resigns and asks for his name to be removed, but uncertainty remains

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The law school at Roger Williams University is a relative infant among peers, opened less than 15 years ago and angling ever since to elevate its national profile and climb the rankings ladder.

Which makes the recent attention it's received all the less welcome.

In a whirlwind week last month, Ralph R. Papitto, 80, the former chairman of the university board, admitted using the n-word at a board meeting in May, then volunteered to have his name taken off the law school — the only one in Rhode Island. The dustup arrived at a delicate time for the university and especially for the young law school, which lacks the

prestige of top tier institutions but has aggressively sought skilled students from outside the area and diversity in professors.

While a top 10 school has deep enough roots to shake off a controversy, it's more challenging at a place like Roger Williams, which is still introducing itself to the national law community, said Andrew Horwitz, a professor at the law school since 1994.

"Obviously, our concern is that people will simply connect the statements that Mr. Papitto has made to the name of the law school and reach inappropriate conclusions based on that connection," he said.

The Bristol law school opened in 1993 and received national accreditation a few years later. It was named in 1996 for Papitto, a successful businessman who

served on the university board for nearly 40 years, despite objections from students who didn't believe the school should bear the name of a person who was still alive and who was not a lawyer.

Joel Votolato, president of the law school alumni association, said Papitto is widely credited with coming up with the idea to open a law school in Rhode Island.

"It comes as a blow when something like this happens," he said.

The school's popularity is still largely regional — half the entering class in 2006 came from Rhode Island or elsewhere in New England, according to school statistics — though it does attract students from across the country.

Raising a school's national reputation takes time, and Roger Williams is no exception.

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Andrew Horwitz | Professor, Roger Williams University

The law school ranks in the fourth, or lowest, tier in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. It also got a dose of bad publicity in 2001 when a newspaper reported that graduates since 1996 were having problems passing the bar exam.

Supporters say Roger Williams has made marked inroads since then, using an honors program

and generous financial aid packages to lure top-flight students who might otherwise select better-ranked schools and retaining professors respected in niche fields like sentencing policy and domestic violence law. The bar pass rate has improved, as have standardized test scores.

Law student Kim Ahern, who helped circulate a petition that was signed by nearly 200 students and demanded that the school's name be changed, said she was proud of having gone to Roger Williams and that the ordeal offered an opportunity for the school to make positive changes and move on.

"If this had happened anywhere, it'd be viewed as a setback," she said.

Professors, alumni and law school board members suggested that Roger Williams would emerge with its reputation intact and said the public would recognize that an entire institution can't be judged by the words of one man.

"One comment by a board member is just one comment by a board member and nothing more than that, as inappropriate as it may be," said Robert Kando, a member of the law school's first graduating class and current director of the state Board of Elections.

Its status as the state's only law school means that students have

access to clerkships, opportunities to argue before the state Supreme Court and a leg up at some local firms.

Papitto used the slur while discussing the difficulty in finding minorities to serve on the board, putting a spotlight on the number of minorities on the board and at the school.

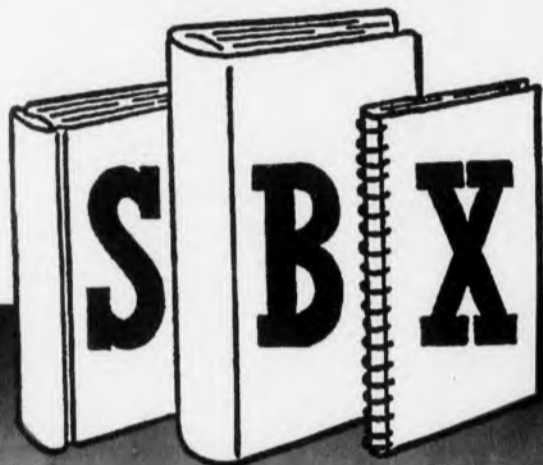
At the time Papitto made the comment, there were 14 white men on a 16-member board and no minorities, and the organization responsible for accrediting the university had raised concern about the group's lack of diversity. Since then, the board has said it's taking steps to diversify.

The makeup of the student body is also less diverse than other schools in the region. Eleven percent of the students at Roger Williams' law school identified themselves as members of minority groups as of last fall, spokesman Brian Clark said. By comparison, 18 percent of students at Suffolk University Law School are members of minority groups, and that number is 27 percent at Northeastern University School of Law, according to their Web sites.

Papitto eventually apologized and stepped down — saying he wanted to spend more time with his family — then asked to have his name removed amid mounting pressure from students, faculty and minority lawmakers. The university has agreed to take his name off the law school.

It was a precipitous fall for a man who had given millions of dollars to a school that bears his name. But in a statement asking to have his name stripped, he indicated that the school needed to move on without him.

"I do not want this controversy, which at present is running out of control, to further the damage already caused to the university."



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By Tyeesha Dixon
MCT

ORLANDO, Fla. — The number of teenagers having babies has declined sharply in the past several years nationally and in Florida, recently released statistics show.

The national birth rate for 15- to 19-year-olds reached its lowest level in more than a decade in 2005, according to a report from the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics released last month.

In Florida, the numbers show similar declines — the birth rate for 15- to 19-year-olds decreased about 27 percent from 1998 to 2005, according to data from the Florida Department of Health. In Central Florida, the rate decreased almost 23 percent during the same period.

Experts say less support of teen childbirth in society and increased awareness of the risks of unprotected sex have encouraged teens to wait longer to have sex and to use contraception when they do decide to start.

"The good news is that teenagers are learning," said David Landry, senior research associate for the Guttmacher Institute, an independent nonprofit organization that focuses on reproductive health. "One, they're having sex at a later age... and two, they're more likely to use contraception when they do have sex."

From 1995 to 2002, 23 percent of the decline in teen birth rates for 15- to 17-year-olds was because of delays in sexual activity, according to a 2006 report from Columbia University and the Guttmacher Institute. Increased and improved contraception use accounted for 86 percent of the decline among 15- to 19-year-olds, the report said.

The study analyzed data from

the National Survey of Family Growth from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A variety of contraceptive methods and an increase in campaigns to prevent teen pregnancy are two reasons adolescents may be paying more attention, Landry said.

"Many of those methods didn't even exist 10 years ago," Landry said.

Locally, experts say programs have focused on preventing teen pregnancy and delaying when teens become sexually active. In Florida, the "It's Great to Wait" campaign focuses on abstinence. It includes an interactive Web site and radio and television advertisements in English and Spanish, said Annette Phelps, director of the Florida Department of Health's Division of Family Health Services.

For teens who have already become pregnant, Florida's Healthy Start program works to help them maintain healthy pregnancies and avoid subsequent pregnancies, Phelps said.

Other programs focus on educating males about the responsibilities involved if they become fathers, as well as teaching girls how to avoid sexual abuse and coercive sexual practices by older men, she said.

Outreach workers say teens are willing to listen — if the information is presented the right way.

"There's a lot more education out there; there's a lot more information, and there's a lot more outreach," said Jenna Cawley, director of education for Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando. Cawley said the organization taught more than 8,000 teenagers about sexual health issues in Orange County public schools last year.

"They listen best when you treat them like adults and just tell them the truth," Cawley said.

Engagement announced for the daughter of the president

By Todd J. Gillman
MCT

WASHINGTON — Jenna Bush party girl, teacher, global activist and first daughter and now, fiancée.

First lady Laura Bush announced Thursday that her 25-year-old daughter is engaged to longtime boyfriend Henry Hager, an MBA student who worked on the president's reelection campaign and was an aide to political guru Karl Rove.

It's an all-Republican match. Hager, 29, is the son of Virginia GOP Chairman John Hager, a former Virginia lieutenant governor and tobacco executive who worked for the bride-to-be's dad until a few weeks ago as an assistant secretary at the Education Department.

At this point it's anyone's guess if there'll be a White House wedding before President Bush leaves office in Jan. 2009.

The first lady's spokeswoman, Sally McDonough, said no date has been set and no site has been picked.

The couple was in Maine when they got engaged Wednesday, though not at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport.

White House aides weren't saying much beyond that. The president and Mrs. Bush have been at the family ranch in Crawford, Texas, since Monday. "There have been some pretty spectacular White House weddings," said Carl Sferrazza Anthony, a presidential historian in Los Angeles whose books include "America's First Families; An Inside View of 200 Years of Private Life in the White House."

President Bush's sister, Doro Koch, married her second (and current) husband at Camp David during their father's term. Both of Lyndon Johnson's daughters got married during his term.

Jenna Bush is the younger twin, named for the first lady's mother, Jenna Welch. Sister Barbara is named for the other first lady in the family, the president's mother.

Born in Dallas, they spent

much of their school years in Austin when dad became governor.

Jenna developed a reputation as more of a party girl. She ended up at the University of Texas, while Barbara went off to Yale, their dad's alma mater. Both graduated in May 2004.

The Bushes long shielded the twins from publicity. They made a sassy coming-out appearance at the 2004 GOP convention, cracking wise about their grandmother.

Jenna lampooned her dad and her own checkered image as an underage drinker, borrowing a line he had long used: "We kept trying to explain to Dad that when we were young and irresponsible, well, we were young and irresponsible."

Jenna Bush has been caricatured on late-night television and was even the subject of a one-woman off-Broadway show in New York a few years ago, "The Miss Education of Jenna Bush."

After college she began teaching in Washington, D.C., and she



Jenna Bush
President Bush's youngest daughter, Jenna, is engaged.

worked for UNICEF in Panama. She's writing a book about a 17-year-old single mother with HIV she met there.

Jenna Bush reportedly began dating Hager in late 2004; he had landed an internship the previous year with Rove, the White House strategist who announced his resignation Monday.

Hager worked as personal aide to Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez until July 2006, when he left to start a two-year business administration graduate program at the University of Virginia's Darden School in Richmond, his hometown. He's about to return for his final year. His undergraduate degree is from Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Obama defends his 'lacking' international experience

By Mike Glover
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democrat Barack Obama on Sunday accused his presidential rivals of political maneuvering for saying he lacks experience and he insisted he could handle the rigors of international diplomacy.

The candidates began their latest debate by critiquing the freshman senator's recent comments on Pakistan and whether he would meet with foreign leaders — including North Korea's head of state — without conditions.

"To prepare for this debate

I rode in the bumper cars at the state fair," the Illinois lawmaker said to laughter and applause from the audience at Drake University.

The debate capped an intense week of politicking in Iowa, an early voting state in the process of picking a nominee. The Iowa State Fair is a magnet for White House hopefuls each presidential election. This year was no exception, especially for Democrats who swept into the state after a GOP straw poll last week.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said she and Obama disagreed over how to conduct international relations with lead-

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Hillary Clinton | New York senator

ers who have been foes of the United States. Obama said at an earlier debate that he would have no qualms about sitting down with leaders of renegade nations such as Cuba, North Korea and Iran.

"I do not think that a president should give away the bargaining chip of a personal meeting with

any leader unless you know what you are going to get out of that," the New York senator and former first lady said.

Obama also has said he would send U.S. troops into Pakistan if the president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, failed to act on specific intelligence about terrorists.

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McDonald Hall Lawn

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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Student Recreation Center

6-8 p.m.

Fire Department Room "Smoke Out"

Learn how to escape from a smoke-filled room and much more. Sessions begin every 10 minutes.
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McDonald North Lobby

6 p.m.

Kickball Game

Sponsor: Alpha Phi Omega
Intramural Fields (across from Harshman and Kriescher residence halls)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

"BG's Got Talent!" Tryouts

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Tomorrow

6-8 p.m.

Fire Department Room "Smoke Out"

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Kohl Hall Lobby

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Free Climbing at the Rock Wall

Sponsor: Outdoor Adventure Club
Student Recreation Center

8-10 p.m.

Video Game Tournament

Enjoy food and drinks during the competition.
Sponsor: Office of Residence Life
Conference Room, Founders

8 p.m.

Casino Night

Enjoy casino games such as Texas Hold'Em and Blackjack with prizes.
Sponsor: Resident Student Association
202 Union

Wednesday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Greek Carnival

Sponsor: Greek Affairs
Union Oval

4-6 p.m.

Annual Welcome Back Cookout

Open to students, faculty and staff.
Sponsors: Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, S.M.A.R.T. program, Jerome Library
Jerome Library Patio

4-7 p.m.

Welcome Back Wellness Week

Enjoy group exercise classes, personal trainers, information tables and food.
Sponsor: Recreational Sports
Aerobic Studio, Student Recreation Center

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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McDonald Hall Lawn
Rain Location: 202 Union

8 p.m.
Sand Volleyball Games
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Welcome Back Falcon 5K Race/Fun Run/Walk
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2-5 p.m.
Khaos in the Quads Field Day
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Location: Lawn between Kriescher and Harshman Quads

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How to survive the surreal world that is freshman year

By Kai Beasley (MCT)

As August enters the home stretch, young adults are preparing for the ritual freshman rush to college campuses. Colleges are preparing too; probably in the last stages of spraying that patented "dorm room smell" in their residence halls. Liquor stores around campus are stocking up on Budweiser and... well, really just Budweiser. Yes, it's time once again to enter the jungle of higher education that we call college.

For most, freshman year is full of homework, beer kegs, personal growth and awkward interactions with the opposite sex. It can be quite stressful, but it's a time they'll never forget.

Only during freshman year can you call your parents after a drunken make-out session with a girl you've never met before and say, "Mom... Dad... I've met someone special."

Only during freshman year is the rulebook of love soaked in beer and coffee, with a hint of NyQuil (to help counteract the massive amounts of caffeine ingested to pull that all-nighter).

Only during freshman year does the meaning of, "Hey don't worry, it happens to a lot of guys," become painfully apparent. God, that's painful. Er... not that it ever happened to me!

And only during freshman year do geeks finally find a place where they belong - with other geeks! It's good to belong... I mean, that's what I would say if I was a geek in college... because I totally wasn't.

With all that goes on, it's a wonder that college freshmen can keep their cool at all.

If only there were a way to get some tips on how to deal with all the new stuff that happens during the first year of college... Oh my goodness, there are some tips right below this sentence? Who put those there?

THE TIPS LIST:

- First, make sure to be friendly to your roommate at least through family weekend. Roommates' families love paying for meals.
- Always remember that despite her incredible skills as an actress, Lindsay Lohan is not your friend. She is to be avoided at all costs.
- It's important to be able to spot a "black-out" drunk. (That's

the guy who is so drunk he won't remember meeting you the next morning.) When the campus eateries have closed, a "black-out" drunk is a good source of food as they are easily convinced that they've promised to buy you a meal earlier that evening.

When dumping your significant other, stick with the basics: "You're in college and you're trying to find yourself." Or, "You're just not ready for a serious relationship." But if your significant other is loaded, wait until after you get those expensive basketball shoes.

There is nothing more dangerous than a man who wears two polo shirts. It's just not right. Be sure not to streak through the quad on a cold day. You will only bring dishonor to yourself and your family.

When being chased by a frat boy, remember to run in a zig-zag pattern. They should be easily confused and will hopefully give up.

Conversations with professors are an unavoidable aspect of college life, but there are ways to survive such encounters. Idioms such as "if you will," "so on and so forth," "ipso facto" and "vis a vie" can be used throughout dialogue. They will make you sound smarter than you actually are. This will translate into better grades in the classroom and an upstanding reputation among faculty.

Homework can always be done after "Grey's Anatomy." Being good looking and popular does make you a better human being than everyone else. No one can argue with that.

The front of the classroom is designated for a certain type of person. Do you really want to be that type of person? I didn't think so.

Never take your first college girlfriend or boyfriend to meet your parents! It's the kiss of death! The first is never the best.

When you visit home, and your parents ask you if you are sexually active, say no!

If anyone under the age of 30 asks you if you're sexually active, say yes!

That guy who has been passed out, outside of your dorm room since the Delta Delta Delta formal should be moved further down the hall. He is a fire hazard.

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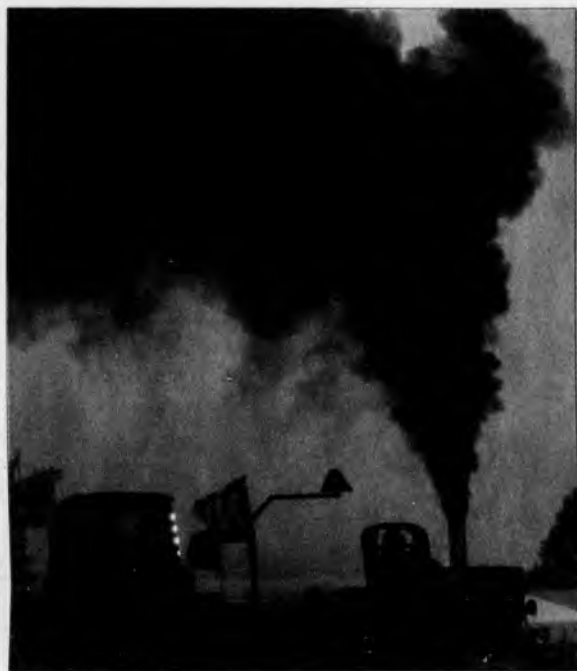
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How to survive the surreal world that is freshman year

By Kai Beasley
(MCT)

As August enters the home stretch, young adults are preparing for the ritual freshman rush to college campuses. Rushes are preparing too, probably in the last stages of spraying that patented "dorm room smell" in their residence halls. Liquor stores around campus are stocking up on Budweiser and... well, really just Budweiser. Yes, it's time once again to enter the jungle of higher education that we call college.

For most, freshman year is full of homework, beer kegs, personal growth and awkward interactions with the opposite sex. It can be quite stressful, but it's a time they'll never forget.

Only during freshman year

can you call your parents after a drunken make-out session with a girl you've never met before and say, "Mom... Dad... I've met someone special."

Only during freshman year is the rulebook of love soaked in beer and coffee, with a hint of NyQuil (to help counteract the massive amounts of caffeine ingested to pull that all-nighter).

Only during freshman year does the meaning of "Hey don't worry, it happens to a lot of guys," become painfully apparent. God, that's painful. Er... not that it ever happened to me!

And only during freshman year do geeks finally find a place where they belong - with other geeks! It's good to belong... I mean, that's what I would say if I was a geek in college... because I totally wasn't.

With all that goes on, it's a wonder that college freshmen can keep their cool at all.

If only there were a way to get some tips on how to deal with all the new stuff that happens during the first year of college... Oh my goodness, there are some tips right below this sentence? Who put those there?

THE TIPS LIST:

- First, make sure to be friendly to your roommate at least through family weekend. Roommates' families love paying for meals.
- Always remember that despite her incredible skills as an actress, Lindsay Lohan is not your friend. She is to be avoided at all costs.
- It's important to be able to spot a "black-out" drunk. (That's

the guy who is so drunk he won't remember meeting you the next morning.) When the campus eateries have closed, a "black-out" drunk is a good source of food as they are easily convinced that they've promised to buy you a meal earlier that evening.

- When dumping your significant other, stick with the basics: "You're in college and you're trying to find yourself." Or, "You're just not ready for a serious relationship is loaded, wait until after you get those expensive basketball shoes."
- There is nothing more dangerous than a man who wears two polo shirts. It's just not right.
- Be sure not to streak through the quad on a cold day. You will only bring dishonor to yourself and your family.

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- Conversations with professors are an unavoidable aspect of college life, but there are ways to survive such encounters. Idioms such as "if you will," "so on and so forth," "ipso facto" and "vis a vie" can be used throughout dialogue. They will make you sound smarter than you actually are. This will translate into better grades in the classroom and an upstanding reputation among faculty.
- Homework can always be done after "Grey's Anatomy."
- Being good looking and popular does make you a better human being than everyone else. No one can argue with that.

- The front of the classroom is designated for a certain type of person. Do you really want to be that type of person? I didn't think so.
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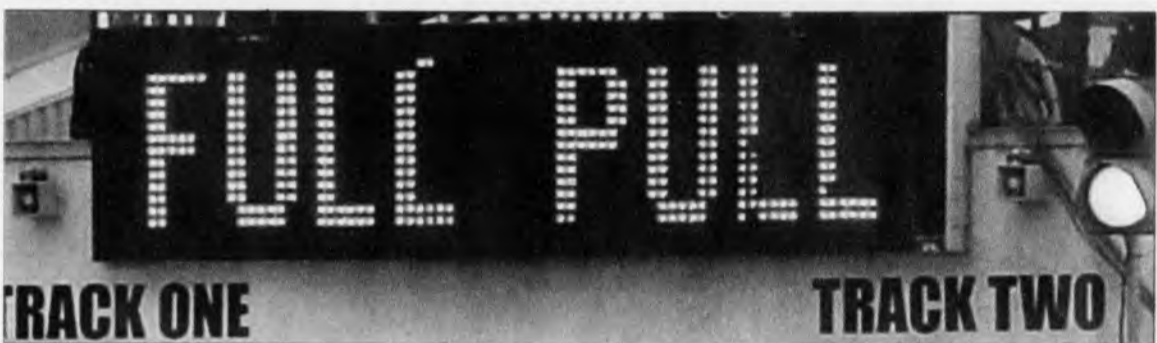
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Facebook users can put themselves at risk

By John Boudreau (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Four out of 10 users of Web site Facebook unwittingly expose themselves to the risk of identity theft and virus attacks, according to a new study that underscores growing concerns among security experts about online social networking.

Sophos, a Boston-based Internet security company that set up a fictional account on the Palo Alto, Calif.-based site, reported that in a random survey of Facebook users, 41 percent divulged personal information, such as phone numbers, birth dates and e-mail addresses, that could be viewed by strangers.

A Sophos fake user, "Freddie Staur," invited 200 Facebook users to be an online friend. Eighty-seven accepted the invitation, and of those, 82 "leaked" personal information.

Sophos said Facebook's privacy features "go far beyond" those of competing social networking sites. And in a statement, a Facebook spokesperson said, "Facebook has long deployed technology that limits the availability of personal information and welcomes every opportunity to educate users about how to protect their data online."

Facebook users are not the only Internet social-networkers to face dangers in this new era of instant information-swapping. In January, News Corp. and its MySpace social-networking site were sued by four families who said their underage daughters were sexually abused by adults they met on the site.

Furthermore, security experts have begun sounding alarms



FACEBOOK FAUX PAS: Revealing photos that show up during a quick Facebook search can pose problems for social network users.

about a new generation of thieves trolling the Internet, from social-networking pages to sites devoted to rental units and real estate, looking for personal information they can use in a scam.

Sophos said it decided to look at Facebook, which has some 31 million users, because the company requests some personal details before giving someone a new account, said Ron O'Brien, senior security analyst with Sophos. Facebook then allows users to cloak that information, though many don't.

"The only way to avoid that is to go to the security setting on your profile and set it so it can only be seen by a limited number of people," said O'Brien.

Eighty-four percent of respondents to the Sophos "user" listed complete birth dates; 78 percent divulged their address or location; 72 percent listed at least

one e-mail address; 87 percent provided details about their education or workplace. Twenty-three percent gave their phone number, while 26 percent provided an instant message name.

Such personal information can be used for targeted scams. For instance, online scammers can send an e-mail birthday card embedded with a link to a Web site that can unleash a malicious virus, O'Brien explained.

"When you provide information about yourself, you are giving a bad person the opportunity to exploit your identity," O'Brien said.

The problem is that young people often view their Web pages much like their bedrooms — they think only those they invite in can see what they are doing. But without privacy settings turned on, they are exposing themselves to virtually anyone online, O'Brien said.



DOCKING: Astronauts Barbara R. Morgan, left, and Tracy Caldwell, during an inspection on the underside of the the space shuttle.

Endeavour leaves station early

By Rasha Madkour Associated Press

HOUSTON — Space shuttle Endeavour undocked from the international space station a day early on Sunday, as NASA kept a wary eye on Hurricane Dean.

Space agency managers worried that the storm would move toward Houston and force them to evacuate to a smaller-staffed makeshift control center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. The Endeavour crew prepared to land on Tuesday as a precaution.

"Endeavour departed," space station commander Fyodor Yurchikhin said as the shuttle pulled away.

The shuttle crew, which includes teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan, had been at the orbiting outpost since Aug. 10. In that time, they attached a new truss segment to the station, delivered cargo and replaced a failed gyroscope, which controls the station's orientation.

They have had to compress their schedule to get ready for the early undocking. Morgan, who was Christa McAuliffe's backup on the tragic 1986 Challenger mission, was scheduled to talk to students

in Massachusetts on Sunday but that event was canceled. A spacewalk on Saturday was shortened so the astronauts could wrap up their work at the station. During that jaunt, the spacewalkers saw the eye of the enormous hurricane swirling in the Caribbean and expressed their amazement at the sight.

The astronauts also skipped flying around the station after undocking to take pictures of the complex, an exercise NASA likes shuttles to do if the schedule and fuel supply permit.

Although it was uncertain whether Dean, a Category 4 storm, might strike the Texas coastline later this week, NASA managers said it would be irresponsible not to cut the mission short, especially since most of the tasks had been completed.

"I would defy just about anybody to tell me at this point that there's zero or even extremely low probability or possibility that the storm is going to come here," said LeRoy Cain.

NASA is ready to rush a skeleton crew of flight controllers to Cape Canaveral, but only if the shuttle cannot land Tuesday for some reason and the hurricane is bearing down on Houston and threatening the city for several days, Cain said.

"That's a fairly, I hope, unlikely scenario simply because all those things have to line up," he said.

In 26 years of space shuttle flight, NASA never has had to call up an emergency Mission Control, although it has been practiced.

NASA's hurricane deliberations followed a decision to forgo shuttle repairs.

Mission managers concluded earlier this week that a deep gouge on Endeavour's belly posed no Columbia-like threat to the seven crew members during re-entry and also would not lead to lengthy postflight shuttle repairs.

For several days, managers had considered sending two astronauts out with black protective paint and untested goo to patch the 3 1/2-inch-long, 2-inch-wide gouge that dug all the way through the thermal tiles.

The gouge was caused by debris that broke off a bracket on Endeavour's external fuel tank during liftoff Aug. 8. Engineers still do not know whether it was foam insulation, ice or a combination of both. In any case, NASA said it will not launch another shuttle until the longtime troublesome brackets are fixed.

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Judge says U. Michigan stadium lawsuit will go to trial

By Arikia Millikan
U-Wire

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America will go ahead with their plans to take the University of Michigan to court with a lawsuit alleging that the university is violating the American Disabilities Act by proceeding with the stadium plans.

After four months of legal negotiation, Judge Sean Cox — a university alum — declared at a private status conference in Detroit's Federal Courthouse on Wednesday that the period in which the university could have settled out of court was over.

"In terms of negotiation, settlement or discussion, that is out of the question," said Richard

Bernstein, who represents the plaintiff group. "This matter is going to trial without question."

Now the case has entered the discovery period, which Cox has set for seven months.

During this time, both plaintiff and defendant will request records, seek testimony from key figures involved with the case and gather as much information as possible to build their cases.

Bernstein said the essential matter in the case concerns whether the changes being made to Michigan Stadium are considered alterations or repairs, and that he plans to obtain every document about stadium regarding these classifications.

During the discovery period, Bernstein said he will depose

various university officials, which requires collecting written testimonies and examining the officials under oath.

Bernstein said a key figure in his case is Martin, who has sent letters to university alumni and made public comments in which he referred to the end product of the stadium renovation project as a "new stadium" that would require a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Bill Martin is telling the alumni one thing and the court another. He's going to have to explain everything he's said," Bernstein said.

Bernstein said University President Mary Sue Coleman, various figures in the Athletic Department and members of the University Board of Regents would also be forced to testify.



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Classes help shy people "schmooze" more easily at social gatherings

By Kayce T. Ataiyero
MCT

CHICAGO — The scene: a mock cocktail party for Harper College's Centennial. The cast: students in one of the college's most popular and unusual courses, a laboratory in the science of schmoozing. The student-partygoers mingled outside their classroom, filling the hallway with a rousing chatter that gave the faux festivities a real feel, a bit too real for Helen Sebastian.

After excusing herself to go to the restroom, Sebastian returned to the party to find everyone engrossed in conversation, leaving no easy way to join in. In a scenario that has played out many times in her real life, she stood nervously on the sidelines, fretting about how to approach the group.

"You walk up and people give you the look like, 'Who are you?'" said Sebastian, 41, of Palatine, Ill., as instructor Marianne Rowe-Dimas walked over to coach her on how to dive in. "You rescued me. But we don't have you out there."

For the socially apprehensive, it can be scary out there in the real world really scary. After all, summer is the season of socializing, of barbecues and wedding receptions, high school reunions and company picnics, of fun-and-fear. While many navigate this

social landscape with a natural ease, others often are plagued by awkward introductions, clumsy conversations and fumbled first impressions.

Whether due to anxiety, introversion or shyness, discomfort in new situations and lack of social skills are all hurdles to successful socializing, experts say. Any one of those conditions can cause a person to fade into the background of a social situation or to avoid it all together. The class at Harper "How to Schmooze" aims to yank these could-be social butterflies out of their cocoons.

Although it's unlikely an introverted person will become fully extroverted, it's possible to help them become more outgoing, said Brent Roberts, professor of personality development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Adults between the ages of 20 and 40 typically experience a natural change in personality, and courses such as the one at Harper can help facilitate that, he said.

"If you are setting the goal to change your personality, you should make it a very long-term goal," he said. "If you are going to take a class, take a few and build on them."

A crash course on socializing, "How to Schmooze" is designed to arm students with tools to tackle their social fears. Rowe-Dimas, a communication specialist, walks

participants through the basics, covering everything from handshakes and eye contact to how to initiate, maintain and exit a conversation with grace.

She also serves as wingman during a series of exercises that simulate real world social settings, giving students guidance and encouragement in overcoming social hang-ups.

The one-day, \$39 course, which Rowe-Dimas began at Harper two years ago, is so popular there's a waiting list. The school is planning to offer additional sessions in coming months. The class, which typically has between 16 and 25 students, attracts participants from all stages of life, from young adults facing their first year of college to retirees looking to kick their social lives into high gear.

Rowe-Dimas said she often has students who say their spouses made them sign up so they will be better company at parties.

On a recent evening, she went around the room, asking people why they were there. Several grew visibly tense at the thought of speaking up. Called on to respond, one woman buried her face in her shirt and said, "I hate being around people."

Offering reassurance, Rowe-Dimas said, "Sometimes, the thing we hate we could really enjoy if we stepped outside our comfort zone."

Tuck is top-ranked business school

By Luke Mann-O'Halloran
U-Wire

HANOVER, N.H. — Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business was ranked first in Forbes Magazine's biennial survey of business schools, the magazine reported on Thursday.

The survey ranks schools according to the return students receive on their investment after five years — in other words, the total money earned in the five years after graduation less the cost of tuition and forgone compensation. Tuck's median five-year gain was \$115,000, \$13,000 higher than Stanford, the second-ranked school, and \$37,000 more than the Johnson School at Columbia,

which was ranked 10th. The survey listed 56 schools in total.

One-year programs were ranked in a separate category; their returns are higher because students do not forgo as much salary as they do in two-year programs.

Forbes ranked Tuck first in 2005, when it featured a five-year gain of \$134,000. The return for MBAs have dropped across the board between since the last ranking period.

Dean Paul Danos, the Laurence E. Whittemore Professor of Business Administration at the Tuck School, commented that the ranking reflects the quality of graduates produced by the school.

"This talks of the success of our alumni in the past five years," he said.

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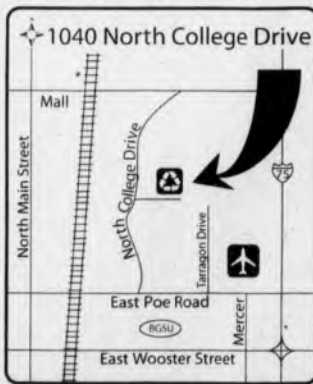


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A HELPING HAND: Greeks help new freshman move in their respective dorms. Eighty percent of the student body moved in this past Thursday.

Leases leave students hanging

Time between moves causing headaches for students

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio—Now that summer is coming to an end, many Ohio State University students are packing their belongings and preparing to move to new places. A big problem for many students is the period of time between moving out of one apartment and before being allowed to move in to the next.

Brittany Sagle, a sophomore in allied medicine, is one student who is having problems with the move to her new apartment. Because Sagle and her roommates are moving in early, damages to the floor, which are supposed to be fixed before they move in, might not get repaired.

"They have to have it fixed for us," Sagle said. "It's in our lease."

Because they are moving in early, they not only have to pay a \$150 fee, they have to sign a paper that said there is no guarantee that everything will be fixed or cleaned, she said.

Many companies will require students to agree to move in to the apartment "as is" if they want to move in early. This means the apartment might need to be cleaned or any dam-

ages in the apartment will still need to be fixed.

Another issue students have is where to keep all of their belongings for the time between moves when they have no place to live.

Amanda Parker, a senior in nutrition, said she is frustrated with having to figure out what to do during the time she has no apartment.

"It's a really big pain because you have to move out by the 31st but you can't move in till the 15th," she said.

Parker, who is from New York, said it is difficult being from out of state because she has to find a place to store all of her belongings. She said she took her belongings to her grandmother's house, but her roommate had to pay for storage.

Julie Hutchison from Buckeye Real Estate said the company does the best they can to accommodate people who want to get in early. She said all of their leases end on Sept. 2 and begin on September 16.

"Everyone wants to stay later than their date and everyone wants to move in early," she said.

Men, women have sex with equal frequency

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — A University of California-Berkeley mathematician released a study refuting the idea that the average heterosexual male has more sex than the average heterosexual woman, suggesting instead that both have sex with same frequency.

David Gale, a professor emeritus of mathematics at UC-Berkeley, said he has been working on the theory for the past 15 years in the hope of showing that the average heterosexual male and the average heterosexual woman must have sex the same number of times.

"It's really common-sense arithmetic because you are counting the number of partners for each gender and the number has to be equal," he said.

In developing his theory, Gale said he did not use sur-

veys or research.

Instead, Gale's theory draws on the High School Prom Theorem, which proposes that if heterosexual boys were to report to have danced with a certain number of heterosexual girls, the number of partners the heterosexual girls would report having danced with would be equal to the boys' number, proving that both genders have the same number of partners.

However, some surveys by the National Center for Health Statistics contradict Gale's idea, proposing that men have more sexual encounters than women.

Cheryl D. Fryar, a health statistician for the center, said there are a number of explanations for the discrepancy, such as people with numerous partners not being as willing to participate in surveys as those who have a lower number of partners.

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David Gale | UC-Berkeley pro-

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Two more arrested in schoolyard killings

By Janet Frankston Lorin
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Authorities arrested two more suspects Saturday in the slayings of three college students who were shot execution-style in a schoolyard, bringing the total number of arrests in the case to five.

The two additional suspects were found in suburban

Washington, authorities said.

Rodolfo Godinez, a 24-year-old Nicaraguan immigrant, was arrested in an Oxon Hill, Md., rooming house just north of the I-495 Beltway at about 1 a.m., said John Cuff, an investigator with the U.S. Marshals Service.

An unidentified 16-year-old, believed to be Godinez's half brother, was arrested in Woodbridge, Va., about

45 minutes later. Both were awaiting extradition to New Jersey, Deputy U.S. Marshal Bill Sorukas said.

Authorities were still searching for an additional suspect.

The suspects were wanted in connection with the Aug. 4 slayings in which the victims were forced to kneel in front of a wall behind an elementary school and shot in the back of the head.

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EMU employs alert system amid federal report

By Lori Higgins
MCT

DETROIT Eastern Michigan University leaders say they're implementing a new alert system and will provide students with regular updates on crimes on campus in the wake of a federal report that blasted the university for the cover-up of a student's killing.

The steps are among several outlined in the school's official response to the report by the U.S. Department of Education, which found EMU failed to alert the public of the rape and killing of Laura Dickinson in December, and that EMU violated federal law by underreporting and misreporting crimes on campus

since 2003.

Since the report came out, three EMU officials lost their jobs: President John A. Fallon III, Vice President for Student Affairs James Vick and Director of Public Safety Cindy Hall. General counsel Kenneth McKanders was reprimanded.

University officials were not available for comment Tuesday. But McKanders, in the response dated July 27, said the university accepts the federal findings. He outlined a number of steps to ensure EMU does a more effective job of responding to and reporting campus crime:

Creating a warning system to alert the campus of threats.

Training 50 staff members on the federal law that requires

universities to report campus crimes in a timely manner.

Completing an independent audit of EMU's crime statistics reported in the last three years.

Completing a safety and security audit of the main campus.

Providing bi weekly campus incident report summaries to students, faculty and staff.

Holding forums each semester for students, faculty and staff to discuss campus crime.

"Let me express EMU's sincere hope that our determined effort to achieve and maintain compliance, along with our cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, will be favorably received and considered by you in the next stages of this process," McKanders wrote.



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Chicago researchers look for brothers

Sexual orientation study searches for genetic basis for homosexuality, may ignite controversy

By Robert Mitchum
MCT

CHICAGO — In Gregg Mierow's family, there were six boys, brothers who grew into two groups as they reached maturity: Three are gay, and three are straight.

"It seems innate to me," Mierow, who works in advertising and as a yoga teacher in Chicago, said of his homosexuality. "It doesn't seem like there's any choice involved, and it seemed very clear even when we were very young."

Mierow stumbled upon a chance to help prove that hunch at the Northalsted Market Days festival four years ago. Spotting a banner reading, "Wanted! Gay Men with a Gay Brother," he stopped by the booth and volunteered for what he thought would be little more than a survey.

Instead, Mierow found himself part of the Molecular Genetic Study of Sexual Orientation — the most extensive study yet to search for a genetic basis for homosexuality — embarked upon by a team of Chicago researchers from local universities.

The scientists hope that by gathering DNA samples from 1,000 sets of gay brothers like the Mierows they will be able

"It doesn't seem like there's any choice involved, and it seemed very clear..."

Gregg Mierow | Chicago resident

to find genetic linkages smaller studies failed to detect. They'll be recruiting brothers again at the Halsted Street festival this weekend.

The results may ignite controversy, the researchers acknowledge, both by providing ammunition in the raging cultural war over homosexuality and by raising fears about ethically questionable applications like genetic profiling and prenatal testing.

But, they argue, the research is essential to our biological understanding of sexual behavior.

"If there are genetic contributions to sexual orientation, they will not remain hidden forever, the march of genetic science can't be stopped," said Timothy F. Murphy, bioethicist adviser to the study. "It's not a question of whether we should or should not do this research, it's that we make sure we're prepared to protect people from insidious uses of this science."

While the question of whether homosexuality is a choice

remains a hot topic for pundits, scientists are largely in agreement that sexual orientation is at least partially determined by biology.

Inspired by the accumulating circumstantial evidence of genetic factors, researchers in the early '90s began trying to narrow down the wide expanse of DNA to a few promising regions. By comparing the genetic codes of gay brothers, who also share 50 percent of their genes, a "linkage study" tries to detect areas that show up in both men at a frequency higher than chance, suggesting one or more genes in that region might be linked to sexual orientation.

In 1993, geneticist Dean Hamer announced his group had found such a region on the X chromosome, which males inherit from their mothers. But the number of brother pairs used in the study was small and subsequent studies failed to replicate Hamer's findings, questioning the result.

"In complex gene scenarios, people figured out that you need a larger sample size in order to get reasonable statistical power," said Dr. Alan Sanders, a psychiatrist at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and the leader of the current study.

To increase the chances of finding genetic areas asso-

ciated with homosexuality, Sanders proposed assembling almost 10 times the sibling pairs of previous studies. The project received funding in 2001 and began recruiting subjects at gay pride festivals, through gay-oriented publications and on the Internet.

So far the Chicago researchers have obtained blood or saliva DNA samples and survey data from more than 600 brother sets, with several hundred other volunteers in the process of submitting one or the other. Sanders hopes to publish his findings from the first wave of DNA samples in a scientific journal sometime next year.

Sanders cautioned a linkage study can single out only regions of the genetic code, not individual genes.

"One of the advantages of linkage studies is that we don't have to know those things ahead of time," Sanders said. "It's a big advantage here because we don't know about the biology of sexual orientation yet, so we can find the genes first and then study the biology."

At this point, the researchers do not know what types of genes they may find; they could be related to hormones, sexual development or a completely unexpected system.

900 scientists gather for taste-testing convention

By Jon Tevlin
MCT

MINNEAPOLIS — They came from the Netherlands to discuss how children make faces in response to food they like or dislike. They came from Glasgow to wonder why people say "not chicken again." And they came from Mexico to find out why Americans will devour "fruity-fatty" and "bready" things, but cringe at "spicy-fatty" foods.

And in their down time, the 900 scientists from 54 countries meeting at the Minneapolis Hyatt discovered the watery delight of walleye and the sensory perfection of the s'more.

The Pangborn Sensory Science Symposium — held in Minneapolis for the first time because of the high number of food producers here — brought together many of the people responsible how you feel, smell and taste things.

The attendees, from chemical engineers to nutritionists, psychologists to "super-tasters," are the people who know more about you than you might suspect. For example, that you're more likely to keep your Fritos on top of your refrigerator than anywhere else.

They are the people responsible for 40 different types of

"It's a whole different world (...) that few people know about."

Elizabeth Parks | Nutritionist

orange juice at the grocery store (High pulp? Some pulp? No pulp?), and for the phenomenon called "butter-flavored" popcorn.

"It's a whole different world behind the food scene that few people know about," said Elizabeth Parks, a nutritionist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. "It's a whole bunch of eggheads who, because they are so trained in the sensory, wear very interesting clothing."

The topics of the four-day symposium, sponsored by sensory laboratories and food companies that included General Mills, spanned the commercial, the scientific and the nutritional.

Some cosmetics industries were also present at the gathering, which is named for Rose Marie Pangborn, a British food scientist who died in 1990.

Some attendees were there to learn how to sell more.



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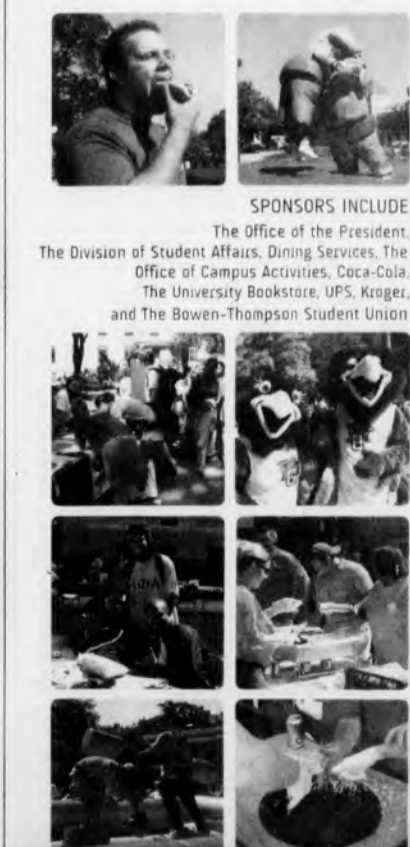
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