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High: 87, Low: 68

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Isolated Storms  
High: 89, Low: 72



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

## Commuter conundrum

Students living off campus struggle with parking problems, less social time outside of class

By **Samantha Johnstone**  
Reporter

While living off campus may free students of dormitory boundaries, commuting to campus has burdens of its own.

Students often choose to live at home in order to work or save money. But, in return,

commuters often deal with the hassles of parking and keeping up with campus life.

Danni Boyd, a senior, experienced the challenges of commuting from Toledo during her freshman year.

"Planning my time ahead was hard, especially in the winter time. I had to leave 30 to 40 minutes early to beat the traffic and make

sure I had a place to park," she said.

Abbey Nichols, a junior, also experienced parking problems when she commuted to campus before living in a dorm room.

"Commuter parking was a mess, especially last year," Nichols said. "If you didn't get

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## Ohio campuses unite for security

By **Freddy Hunt**  
Assistant City Editor

The Ohio Board of Regents Task Force convened for the final time yesterday via video teleconference to discuss ways to improve and maintain statewide campus safety.

The task force has met twice before. The first time, in April, was to address the

Virginia Tech tragedy and to divide into four focused work groups. The second time was in August to take immediate actions toward improving campus safety before the 2007-08 school year began.

Although immediate action has been taken to improve campus safety, the process should be never-ending and always progressing, said Eric

Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents Task Force on Campus Safety, during yesterday's teleconference.

By providing better mental health services for students and developing a method of tracking students who display disturbing behavior, future incidents will be less likely,

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### Task Force on Campus Security's future plans

**Mental Health:**

- Making it known to students that services are available
- Keeping track of students and faculty with histories of violence.

**Communication:**

- Implicating emergency text messaging system.
- Develop a communications strike force composed of professionals in the community.

**Training:**

- University and law enforcement officials statewide will conduct a series of simulated emergency situations.

**Funding:**

- Take steps to utilize Homeland Security grant funds for campus security.
- Budgeting to reduce costs while still providing adequate security.

## Officials concerned with unhealthy drinks

By **Stephen Singer**  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Attorneys general are asking federal regulators to crack down on the makers of energy drinks containing alcohol and caffeine, accusing them of misleading advertising for a product that can pose serious health and safety risks.

In a recent letter to John Manfreda, the administrator of the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, attorneys general from 28 states, Guam and the District of Columbia warn that aggressive marketing of alcoholic energy drinks targets young people who are buying energy drinks without alcohol. Ohio is among the states urging federal regulators to take action.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said yesterday that beverage companies are making outlandish and outrageous health-related claims about the drinks.

"Combining alcohol with caffeine hardly seems healthy—and that false claim is what we seek to halt," Blumenthal said.

"Nonalcoholic energy drinks are very popular with today's youth," Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers said. "Beverage companies are unconscionably appealing to young drinkers with claims about the stimulating properties of alcoholic energy drinks."

The attorneys general singled out three manufacturers: SABMiller PLC's Miller Brewing Co. for Sparks and Sparks Plus; Anheuser-Busch Cos. for Bud Extra; and Charge Beverages of Portland, Ore., for its Liquid Charge and Liquid Core drinks.

Blumenthal said some ads contain misleading health-related claims regarding the products' effects.

For example, he said Sparks and Sparks Plus advertises

**"This product is simply malt beverage that contains caffeine ..."**

Francine Katz | Anheuser-Busch VP

canned drinks and the cases in which they are packaged to look like batteries to imply they are energy drinks. The slogan is "Powered by Sparks," he said.

Julian Green, a spokesman for Miller Brewing, said Sparks was created only for customers who are of legal drinking age.

"There is no non-alcoholic version of Sparks. We work closely with the Trade and Tax Bureau to ensure that all of our products meet federal regulatory requirements," he said.

Anheuser-Busch vice president Francine Katz said the federal government approved the Bud

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LAUREN SHINDOLLAR | THE BG NEWS

**TAKING A CHANCE:** Students gather around the poker tables to try their luck at Casino Night in the Student Union.

## Floods shut down portion of I-75

By **John Seewer**  
The Associated Press

CAREY, Ohio —Dozens of roads were closed, emergency workers rescued residents from homes and school districts canceled classes yesterday as several inches of rain flooded roads and sent riverbanks surging throughout

northern Ohio.

Tim Pontius of Toledo was searching for side roads yesterday afternoon after he ran into a road closure on northbound state Route 15 south of Findlay.

"They're being a little bit vague about rerouting people," said Pontius, who was head-

ing home from Columbus. "This is really a mess."

In northwest Ohio near Bluffton, both directions of I-75, one of the nation's main north-south thoroughfares, were closed from early yesterday morning until about 6 p.m., said Scott Varner

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## DRINKS

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Extra labeling.

"This product is simply a malt beverage that contains caffeine, and is clearly marked as containing alcohol," she said.

The attorneys general also requested a federal investigation into the makeup of alcoholic energy drinks and other flavored malt beverages to determine whether, based on the percentage of distilled spirits contained in the drinks, they are properly classified as malt beverages under federal law. The malt beverage classification, in many states, enables cheaper and broader sale of these drinks, making them more readily available to young people than distilled spirits.

Besides Oregon, Connecticut and Ohio, states involved in the action are Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

## CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

FieldTurf was recently installed on top of compacted stone in Doyt L. Perry Stadium. A story on the front page of Monday's sports section stated otherwise.

A story on page 17 of Monday's BG News incorrectly stated designs for the Wolfe Center were complete.

The associate honors program director's name was misspelled in a story on page 19 Monday. It is Jodi Devine.

## COMMUTE

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there by 8 o'clock in the morning, you had to park at the ice arena."

Without a parking garage, commuters are often stuck driving around campus or parking far away from their classes.

Stacie Enriquez, the manager of the parking and traffic division, said parking far away from your class and using the shuttle service is a commuter's best bet.

"The lots next to buildings start to fill up about 8:30 or 9:30," she said. "The bottom line is that you can't expect to arrive 15 minutes before and find a space where you want."

Enriquez said a commuter might avoid problems by knowing where every commuter

## "If you didn't get there by 8 o'clock in the morning, you had to park at the ice arena."

Abbey Nichols | Junior

parking lot is located and allowing more time during unfavorable weather.

Commuters often have to plan their time ahead for more than bad weather.

"If you're trying to do a group project with people on campus it's hard to find a time that works for everyone because you have to take into consideration the time it takes you to drive there," Boyd said.

With the activities commuters are involved with off campus, it can be hard to find time to branch out and meet new people.

Despite participating in extracurricular activities in high

school, Colleen Neuman, sophomore, said living off campus and having a job prevents her from becoming involved in late-night campus events.

Boyd has similar feelings. While living in Toledo, she said she wasn't able to participate in spur-of-the-moment activities with her sorority sisters.

"I missed out on a lot of social activities because I wasn't hanging out at the house; I was hanging out in Toledo," she said.

Dealing with such drawbacks may make life on campus seem ideal for a college freshman, but there are advantages to commuting.

Nichols, who lived off campus her first semester, said students living on campus have fewer freedoms.

"It's not really your space to be in because you're always sharing it with someone else," she said.

In addition, Neuman said commuting to campus helped her to stay away from the party scene and focus on her classes.

"It's helped me to just stay focused. You're not getting lost and going over to your neighbor's room and talking," she said. "I think it's really helped my GPA."

For future students, though, Nichols suggests living on campus for at least one year.

"As a freshman, you know more people that way," Nichols said. "If you go from living on campus to off campus, you'll always have those friends."

## SECURITY

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said Jon Allison, chair of the prevention work group of the statewide task force.

Campus safety is important but so is the right to students' privacy, said Sandra MacNevin, associate vice president of governmental affairs for the University.

"We don't want this to be seen as a stigma," MacNevin said. "People who need help will seek it out, we just want them to know there are health services available."

Besides increasing the presence of mental health services on campus, Steve Dettelbach, chair of the response work group of the statewide task force, said more extensive police, student and faculty training must be provided. Dettelbach added the training process must be institu-

## "The state of Ohio should take steps to expand the use of the Homeland Security grant funds ..."

Mark Griffin | Chair of statewide task force

tionalized in order to reach out to all corners of the campus, city and state.

Even if everybody is trained for an emergency situation, alerting students, faculty and law enforcement is essential to maintaining a safe campus, said Teri Geiger, chair of the communications work group of the statewide task force.

Bowling Green has been looking into emergency text messaging, where a message would notify students immediately in the event of an

emergency. Only students who voluntarily provide their cell phone numbers would be notified.

According to MacNevin, the University has a few prospective text messaging vendors and will be making a decision this fall.

These security enhancements come with a large fee, and some universities and colleges will be searching for funding.

Some small campuses, such as the University's Firelands campus, have less law enforcement and resources than larger universities and will need to make vast improvements. These improvements could be very costly, MacNevin said.

One way to get more money is by asking the government, said Mark Griffin, chair of the resources work group of the statewide task force.

"The state of Ohio should

take steps to expand the use of the Homeland Security grant funds for campus safety," Griffin said.

"The state should work with the federal Department of Homeland Security to clarify the use of grant funds for campus security purposes," he said.

The Ohio Board of Regents Task Force on Campus Security was convened under the request of Gov. Strickland and will report the progress of the three meetings on Aug. 30.

Fingerhut said as long as Strickland approves, the Task Force on Campus Security will continue to meet in order to continuously maintain and improve campus safety. Fingerhut said he is anxious to get feedback from the governor and can't imagine him objecting to future task force meetings.

## BLOTTER

### MONDAY

10 A.M.

An unknown subject took a Ryder moving truck from Pioneer Packing on East Napoleon Road. The truck was found at Wintergarden Park and returned to the factory.

11:13 A.M.

Someone tried to pry the front driver's side hubcap off a car parked on West Merry Avenue overnight. Damage is valued at \$50.

1:12 P.M.

A gray pick-up truck towing a red 1960s Chevy drove off from a gas station on East Wooster without paying for \$26 worth of gas.

2:45 P.M.

Someone broke into a car overnight on West Gypsy Lane Road. The person attempted to pry open the passenger side door, broke out the rear window and took a car stereo. Police think this incident may be related to two vehicle break-ins on South Main Street from the night before.

3:30 P.M.


Someone broke out the back left window of a car on South Summit Street overnight and took a Sirius Radio valued at \$50 and a CD player valued at \$150. Police believe this incident may be related to the other break-ins.

5:01 P.M.

Someone took a cell phone, two cell phone chargers, a work ID, three beaded bracelets and a 35 mm camera from an unlocked car on East Merry Street.

8:41 P.M.

Wesley F. Hook, 20, of Bowling Green, reported his car was stolen from the intersection of Bentwood Lane and Scott Hamilton Avenue sometime after midnight on Saturday night.




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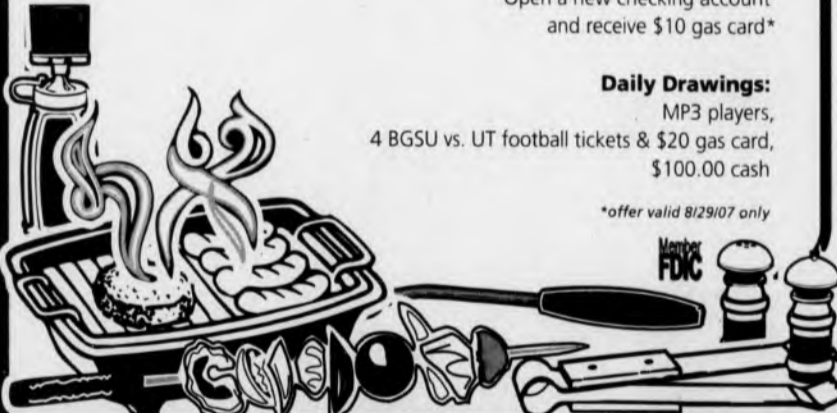
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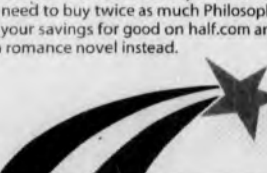
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**GET A LIFE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
**Muslim Student Association Prayer Room**  
204 Olscamp

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Textile Expression: The Movement of the Line, Act, Motif and Idea Expansion**  
130 Union

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Melissa Parrott - Ceramic Sculpture**  
The Little Gallery

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**H2O Welcome Events**  
101 Olscamp

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
**Welcome Back Sweets & Treats**  
Pit

9 p.m.  
**H2O Welcome Kick Off**  
101 Olscamp

9 p.m.  
**Greek Judicial Board Hearings**  
306 Union

9-11 p.m.  
**Name that Tune**  
Black Swamp Pub

9:15 p.m.  
**Risk Manager Meeting**  
\$50 fine if absent  
201 Union

## Hispanic students 'cluster' in college

By Noah Bierman  
MCT

Hispanic students are more likely than other students to cluster at a handful of universities, and to choose those schools based on sticker price and convenience, according to a new survey being released today.

"The conventional wisdom on college choice is not conventional for these students," said Deborah Santiago, vice president of Excelencia in Education, a think tank focused on Hispanic education.

The authors, who looked at federal data from the 2003-04 school year and interviewed more than 100 Hispanic students, found students were willing to skip out on the potential to attend more selective colleges and universities—even when financial aid was offered—because they wanted schools close to home that won't require debt.

The study adds additional

**"The conventional wisdom on college choice is not ... for these students."**

Deborah Santiago | Educator

weight and detail to trends that have long been observed anecdotally. About half of all Hispanic students enroll in only 6 percent of the nation's colleges, usually not realizing they have chosen a "Hispanic-serving institution," according to the study.

Miami Dade College is the nation's largest Hispanic-serving institution. Florida International University in West Miami-Dade, Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla., and Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., are also on the list of schools with at least 25 percent Hispanic undergraduate students.

# University aids undecided

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

**"Some people think that when they come in that they will have a one-hour session and that they will have a major become clear to them, and it doesn't work that way."**

Janet Crawford | Career Center associate

Selecting a major can be one of the hardest decisions a student makes in college.

Fortunately, there is help at the University for students struggling with this choice.

The University offers two courses that help students identify which majors and careers would best suit their interests.

Courses offered include career and life planning and career exploration.

Career and life planning focuses on helping students find a major that fits the interests of the individual.

Julie Jackson, coordinator for the career and life planning course, said the classes can help guide students to an area of interest, but students must still make their own decisions about career focuses.

This was the case for Lisa Murray, a junior exercise specialist major, who took the career and life planning course.

"It [career and life planning] helped me decide I wanted to go into physical therapy," Murray said.

Part of the problem students have with choosing the wrong major is the amount of time they

spend making the decision.

Michelle Simmons, a senior associate director at the Career Center, knows some students who select careers without looking at other options.

"Some people won't spend as much time picking out a career as they will picking out a car," Simmons said.

Simmons has also noticed a change in what is expected from students when they come to college as freshmen.

"Twenty or 30 years ago, it was expected that a student know what they want. Now you have more options," she said.

Simmons also said students shouldn't feel pressured to know what they want to major in right away.

"Tell people you are still deciding, not that you are undecided," Simmons said.

On the other hand, students interested in looking at future career options can take career

exploration.

The career exploration course provides juniors and seniors with a chance to explore career options by looking at what is available to them when they graduate.

There is also a career center located in Conklin North that has several different ways to help students choose a career.

They see freshmen through seniors who are still weighing various career options.

Janet Crawford, who works at the Career Center, knows some students who would rather have their major selected for them.

However, she said she knows students usually don't use just the exams in selecting their major.

"Some people think that when they come in that they will have a one-hour session and that they will have a major become clear to them, and it doesn't work that way," Crawford said.

Through the process of select-

ing a major, students should also seek guidance from their academic advisers.

Peg Bucksy, a job locator and developer at the Career Center, said academic advisers should assist students in selecting a major, while the Career Center should focus on what a student does after graduation.

For students who have gone to see an adviser and are still unsure about what career or major they would be interested in, there is always the option of taking what Simmons called "interest inventory," which is a program found on myBGSU under the quick-links tab "Focus: Career and Educational Planning Solutions."

The career center also has self-exploration exams available to students, which explore what a student likes and dislikes to do.

But despite all of the help these tests can offer, Crawford also cautioned students who take the tests to not let the results decide the career path they should follow.

"You must be honest with yourself when you take the tests. A student could come up with different results different days," Crawford said.

## Students receive free music downloads

By Jason Ryan  
MCT

College students, the defenders of free T-shirts and free speech, have chalked up another victory: free music.

More than 40,000 University of South Carolina students heading to school this weekend will be able to download more than 2.8 million songs to their computers at no cost—thanks to a new agreement between the university and

Ruckus online music.

USC joins 119 other colleges in its agreement with Ruckus. The company makes its money from online advertisements and charges students \$20 a semester for the ability to transfer unlimited songs to a portable music player after they've downloaded them to a computer.

"Downloading is free," said Kimberly South, public information coordinator for USC's technology services. "Transferring is not."

In January, the Recording Industry Association of America named USC as one of the top universities for illegally downloaded music.

At that time, the association sent the university 914 notices of copyright infringement for the school year. Clemson received 71.

In response, USC began negotiations with Ruckus, tightened its Internet policies and discussed music piracy issues at new student orientation meetings this summer,

said Bill Hogue, USC's chief information officer.

Since February, the university has received no notices of copyright violations, he said.

"We've gone from being on a list of notorious universities to being model citizens," Hogue said.

More than 5,000 USC students have started using Ruckus, which became available in June after the spring semester. Students have downloaded more than 1.4 million songs.

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# FORUM

"Some people won't spend as much time picking out a career as they will picking out a car." — Michelle Simmons, senior associate director at the Career Center [see story, p. 3]

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What do you think of the University now selling Coke instead of Pepsi products?



"I love Coke! Pepsi sucks."

**ERIKA SCHRAMM,**  
Junior, Journalism



"I think it's fantastic!!!"

**DOUG NEEL,**  
Graduate Student, Music Performance



"I prefer Pepsi."

**BECCA ILKO,**  
Sophomore, Physical Education



"I like Pepsi, but I do enjoy the variety of Coke, especially Powerade."

**EDMUND MCDUGLE,**  
Senior, Computer Science

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## Raise the drinking age to 25

"These numbers are difficult to grasp for the sheer prevalence of alcoholic destruction. Yet, we, as college students, are responsible for an overwhelming portion of their incidence."



**JASON SHEAD**  
COLUMNIST

As a new school year begins, as dorms fill with new and returning students alike, a single thought frequents the minds of every member of our population: newfound freedom from a summer of jobs and familial responsibilities.

But our return to school coexists with a possibly lethal counterpart: college drinking. Nearly everyone is exposed to parties during college, and one would be hard pressed to find a college party without alcohol.

Most University students indicate in countless surveys they have used alcohol in a social setting before age 21. It is startling just how ineffective current laws have been at curbing underage drinking.

A dramatic change is needed in the way society addresses drinking and the way we enforce existing laws, and it can start with a simple change: making the drinking age 25.

Access and availability are the principal reasons underage drinking has become easy to do. Not through direct availability, but through access to legal-aged "friends."

In a college setting, it is all but impossible not to know a person who is older than 21 and willing to provide alcohol to younger students. Even if unintentional, there is no verification that each person who drinks is of the appropriate age.

However, it should be quite easy to ensure underage individuals don't have access to alcohol. In reality, those who abstain from alcohol are in the minority. Countless people our age consider speeding tickets worse than an arrest for underage consumption.

Is it truly possible alcohol abuse has become so commonplace, so acceptable, that people forget the facts? Each year, 1,400 people die from drinking too much — 600,000 are victims of alcohol-related physical assault and 17,000 are a result of drunken driving deaths, many being innocent bystanders.

Perhaps the most disturbing number: 70,000 people, overwhelmingly female, are annually sexually assaulted in alcohol-related situations. These numbers are difficult to grasp for the sheer prevalence of alcoholic destruction.

Yet, we, as college students, are responsible for an overwhelming portion of their incidence. It is difficult to imagine anyone would wish to assume the role of rapist, murderer or victim. We all assume these things could never happen to us, but I am certain victims in these situations thought the same.

The simple truth is that driving under the influence is the leading cause of death for teens. For 10- to 24-year-olds, alcohol is the fourth-leading cause of death, made so by factors ranging from alcohol poisoning to alcohol-related assault and murder.

For the sake of our friends, those we love, our futures and ourselves, we must take a stand and we must do it now. Advocates of lowering the drinking age assert only four countries worldwide maintain a "21 standard," and a gradual transition to alcohol is useful in reducing the systemic social problems of substance abuse.

If those under the age of 21 are misusing alcohol, it makes little sense to grant free range to those individuals to use it legally. A parent who observes their children abusing the neighbor's dog would be irresponsible to get one of their own without altering such dangerous behavior.

Increasing the drinking age will help in the search for solutions to grievous alcoholic problems, making it far more difficult in college environments to find legal-aged providers.

By the time we are 25, with careers and possibly families of our own, there is no safety net to allow us to have a "Thirsty Thursday." But increasing the legal age is not all that needs to be done. Drinking to get drunk needs to exist as a social taboo rather

than a doorway to popularity. Peer pressure can become a tool to change this. What once was a factor greatly contributing to underage drinking can now become an instrument of good, seeking to end such a dangerous practice as excessive drinking. Laws on drinking ages, as any other law, need to be enforced with the energy and vigor each of us should expect.

Alcohol is not an inherently evil poison. It does have its place, as do all things in the great scheme of life.

But with alcohol comes the terrible risk of abuse with consequences many do not consider. All too often, these consequences include robbing someone of his life or loved one. All communities in the country, our own included, have been touched by such a tragedy.

Because of this, and the hundreds of thousands of victims each year in alcohol-related situations, I ask that you consider the very real possibility of taking the life of another due to irresponsible drinking.

If this is not enough, then take time to think, because that life could very well be your own.

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### TOMORROW IN FORUM

Kampire Bahana and Andrew Herman.

### ONE MORE REMINDER, IF YOU MISSED IT

You're looking at what used to be called the Opinion page. 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 to have his or her views seen, not just our regular columnists.

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## A call for a class to talk about the dangers of new media



**DAVE HERRERA**  
SENIOR EDITOR

A report issued last week caused a small stir among professionals as well as college journalists and educators. Some saw it as indicative of a need for more new media training in college classrooms.

But those desires need to be met with calls for another kind of class — a much more important one. The study, from Bryan Murley of Eastern Illinois University, found a majority of college media advisers see their student media programs as falling behind the industry in terms of adapting to new technology (it's available at [www.collegemediainnovation.org](http://www.collegemediainnovation.org)).

The need for such adaptation is old news to most journalism students like me.

We are constantly told print media are slowly dying. We're told we need the ability to not only write and report, but blog, podcast, shoot video, be familiar with the Web and more — look for an example at Jon Marshall's "Telling stories in different ways" from Quill magazine in April 2007.

Price Waterhouse Coopers reported in May that overall online ad revenue had grown 35 percent from the year before — crucial money for news media that depend on ads to survive.

Editors at newspapers of all sizes say journalism students need to have experience writing for the Web and uploading their stories as soon as they graduate, according to a recent study from James Madison University found e (as reported by Inside Higher Ed on Aug. 13).

The New York Times hosts 30

blogs on its Web site and updates the four videos on its front page several times a week.

The most active students have been demanding changes in the way they're taught so these new skills are emphasized. These students don't want to miss out on the media jobs that will be in demand when they leave school.

Fine, change the curriculum. But I beg of the powers that be: If you do so, also give us a class to talk about the consequences of what journalists are doing as they make these wholesale changes (sometimes excitedly, sometimes not) to the way they work.

Journalists should not leave a university setting without having some larger understanding of the profession we cherish so much, the profession we tout as so vital to a functioning democracy.

Please, professors, talk to us about the democratic implications of how the move toward the Web is primarily driven by economic concerns — not any concern for improving journalism or an informed citizenry (Edward Wasserman said the same thing in the Winter 2006 Nieman Reports).

Print out any number of articles about how Craigslist and Google AdWords are scaring the bejesus out of newspaper advertising departments. Use those to make us nervous about whether news should be driven by the whims of the market.

We also need to challenge whether stories can be told effectively via any medium, as journalists valiantly struggle to adapt their content to new media.

This means asking whether it's a joke to say a graphic filling the front page is in any way as useful as an actual news article.

Make us read Neil Postman's "Amusing Ourselves to Death," which criticizes TV news, and ask whether we really want

to give in to Web video-on-demand so easily. Give us C. John Sommerville's "How the News Makes Us Dumb," which warns of how little knowledge we receive from daily (daily!) publishing, and ask how breaking news e-mail updates are at all informative.

These are just a few suggestions — use any books you like. Perhaps such classes already exist and I'm not aware of them.

But at Northwestern University's Medill School, for example, one of the country's most prestigious journalism schools, they spent 18 months redesigning the curriculum to recognize "today's unprecedented turbulence, challenges and opportunities in journalism."

But a look at their finished product suggests no available class similar to the one I've described (see the curriculum online by searching for "Medill School" and tell me if I'm wrong).

Those of you in dry academic subjects have incentive to demand such a class, too, if only to keep news media interested in your field's work.

Heck, why not make it a general education class? Tech-savvy freshmen are supposedly part of the group causing journalists to change their practices — why not talk with them about the consequences?

By all means, create lots of classes about the great things the Web can do, like hyperlinking within articles. Teach us all about it.

For now, I leave it up to you to decide what classes to keep or close in response.

All I ask for is a little balance — like any good journalist would.

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# Floods cause death and destruction across the nation

By Todd Richmond  
The Associated Press

GAYS MILLS, Wis. — Water-weary residents across the Midwest began counting their losses yesterday as damage estimates from this weekend's deadly flash floods climbed into the tens of millions. The rain moved into Ohio, where roads flooded, schools canceled classes and residents were rescued from flooded homes by boats.

The death toll from the two storm systems — one in the Upper Midwest and the remnants of Tropical Storm Erin in Texas and Oklahoma — climbed to 22 when searchers found the body of a man tangled in a tree about four miles from his wrecked, upside-down car near a creek south of Lewiston, Minn.

Most of Gays Mills, a village of 640 people in southwestern Wisconsin, had been under water Sunday night. About half

of the village was accessible yesterday, and the growl of sump pumps filled the air as residents made their way back in.

"It's heart-wrenching, man," said Deb Holtz, 48, who found the furniture shop she runs with her husband in Gay Mills coated with mud. "Makes me want to cry."

In the Ohio village of Carey, waist-deep waters waded through the tiny downtown, submerging cars to their rooftops. Dozens of flooded streets made it impossi-

ble to cross the town. The Carey Nursing & Rehabilitation Center was evacuated, with 28 residents transferred to a local hospital.

Firefighters used boats to rescue families from flooded homes in Bucyrus after nearly nine inches of rain fell, and the Upper Sandusky school district in north-central Ohio canceled the first day of school.

In Wisconsin and Minnesota, thousands of homes were damaged: A preliminary survey by the American Red Cross in

Minnesota identified about 4,200 affected homes, including 256 complete losses, 338 with major damage and 475 that are still inaccessible, said Kris Eide, the state's director of homeland security and emergency management.

About 100 flood victims met with Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty in a sometimes contentious meeting Monday during which he cautioned against expecting miracles, especially because many flood victims

don't have insurance.

"I think it sucks," Jeff Strain, of Stockton, said yesterday, standing beside muddied boxes of Christmas decorations, a bike and other household goods piled on his driveway. "We need to know what's going to go on so we can start making plans. ... As far as government, I haven't heard anything."

Preliminary damage reports in Wisconsin topped \$38 million yesterday and were expected to keep rising.

# Hurricane Dean sweeps coast of Yucatan peninsula

By Mark Stevenson  
The Associated Press

MAJAHUAL, Mexico — Hurricane Dean swept across the Yucatan peninsula yesterday, toppling trees, power lines and houses as it bore down on the heart of Mexico's oil industry. Glitzy resorts on the Mayan Riviera were spared, but vulnerable Mayan villages were exposed to the full fury of one of history's most intense storms.

President Felipe Calderon said no deaths were immediately reported in Mexico, after Dean killed 13 people in the Caribbean. But driving rain, poor communications and impassable roads made it difficult to determine how isolated Mayan communities fared in the sparsely populated jungle where Dean made landfall as a ferocious Category 5 hurricane.

"It wasn't minutes of terror. It was hours," said Catharine Morales, 30, a native of Montreal, Canada, who has lived in Majahual for a year. "The walls felt like they were going to explode."

One of a handful of people to ignore military orders to evacuate, she weathered the storm in her new brick-walled house with her husband and 7-month-old baby. Winds of 165 mph — with gusts of 200 mph, faster than the takeoff speed of many passenger jets — blew out windows and pulled pieces from their roof.

Hundreds of homes were col-

lapsed in Majahual when Dean's eye passed almost directly overhead, crumpling steel girders, splintering wooden structures and washing away about half of the immense concrete dock that transformed the sleepy fishing village into Mexico's second-busiest cruise ship destination. The storm surge covered almost the entire town in waist-deep sea water.

Dean weakened over land but was expected to strengthen as its eye moved over the Bay of Campeche, home to more than 100 oil platforms and three major oil exporting ports. The sprawling, westward storm was projected to slam into the mainland this afternoon with renewed force near Laguna Verde, Mexico's only nuclear power plant.

"We often see that when a storm weakens, people let down their guard completely. You shouldn't do that," said Jamie Rhome at the U.S. National Hurricane Center. "This storm probably won't become a Category 5 again, but it will still be powerful."

At 5 p.m. EDT, Dean had winds of 80 mph and was centered about 60 miles west-southwest of Campeche. It was moving west at 20 mph, the National Hurricane Center said.

While 50,000 tourists were safely evacuated from resorts on the Yucatan peninsula, many poor Indians closer to the storm's direct path refused military orders to leave their homes,



ISRAEL LEAL | AP PHOTO

**HIGH WATER:** A resident tries to make his way through a flooded street in Bacalan, Mexico.

according to Gen. Alfonso Garcia, who was running shelters in Felipe Carrillo Puerto, 60 miles northwest of Majahual.

Troops evacuated more than 250 small communities, and 8,000 people took refuge in 500

shelters, said Jorge Acevedo, a Quintana Roo state spokesman. Others turned away soldiers with machetes and refused to leave, but some of them changed their minds when the winds and rain intensified, he said.

**THE BG NEWS SUDOKU**

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## THIS WEEK'S BAD JOKE

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A: Nacho Cheese!

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## You've been warned: Facebook means business



**JOSH BENNER**  
HUMOR COLUMNIST

As anyone who knows me or who reads my column knows, I am quite the Facebook enthusiast. This is my fifth column on the subject. Basically, I'm an expert. If there were a Facebook major, I would be professor emeritus. When cable news shows talk about Facebook, I should be one of their guests.

With that said, I would like to welcome the incoming freshmen to the University. Some of you have probably had Facebook for a few months, while others are new to the family. I wanted to give you all a few dos and don'ts pertaining to Facebook.

First and foremost, do not sign up for every application known to man. The beauty of Facebook is its simplicity, and we don't need to have people defiling the site with a bunch of unsightly applications that turn it into more of an eyesore than SaddleMire.

Next, do not add every person whom you ever meet as a friend. This isn't MySpace and that's simply not how the Facebook

community likes to roll. If you're a first-semester freshman with 900 friends, we don't think you're popular; we think you're a friend prostitute.

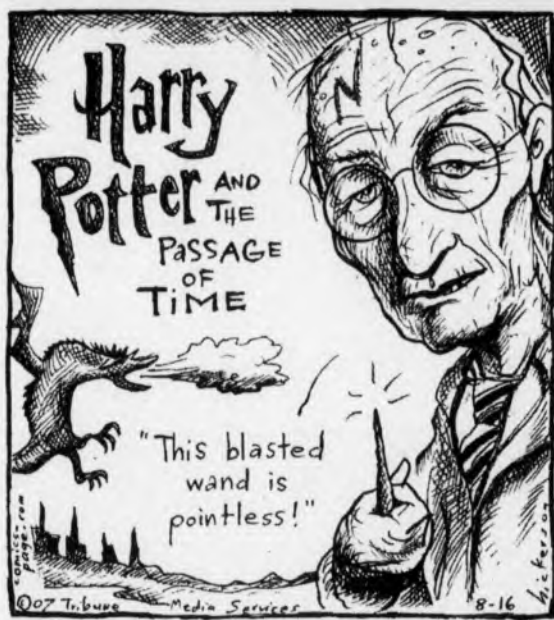
Third, the info section is supposed to provide a basic thumbnail sketch into your life, not serve as a comprehensive autobiography.

Fourth, don't write on your own wall. Ever. As I've said before, writing on your own Facebook wall is like mailing a Christmas card to yourself.

Those are a few basic rules. I'm sure at a later date I will go over Facebook ethics more in depth. Also, Facebook is effective as a news source. You will learn Facebook is typically the first place you go to find out who's dating whom. Also, if there is a girl/guy you like who is dating someone else, Facebook will usually be the place you find out that it's over.

Note for freshmen: If you have someone you are dating right now and they're not on Facebook, then you're not actually dating them in reality. "But they're not on Facebook," you may argue. Tell them to sign up or it's over. It's harsh, but I think we can all agree.

*Please have your significant other forward his/her angry letters to Josh Benner at [jbenner@bgsu.edu](mailto:jbenner@bgsu.edu)*



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Because you don't have anything better to do..

## The top ten things to do at the "SMALL"

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8) Go into a changing room and begin to sing "I see London, I see France. I see the guy next doors' underpants!"

7) Go to the perfume counter and ask the saleswoman which of the perfumes will give you a "really wicked buzz."

6) Go to RadioShack and change every TV to an episode of "Boy Meets World." Begin to tear up and pull the closest shopper into a hug while saying, "That Mr. Feeny was like a teacher to all of us!"

5) Go into the salon and ask the beautician with a very serious face if you can get the hair on your toes permed.

4) Ask a sales associate if a pair of panties complement your beard.

3) Walk up to strangers, show them your I.D. and ask with great emphasis, "Have you seen this person?"

2) Hide with racks of clothing until an unsuspecting shopper comes by. Jump out at them and scream "Surprise!"

1) Walk around aimlessly until someone comes over the intercom. Immediately drop to the ground, grab your ears and scream, "The voices! Not the voices AGAIN!!"

*Source: some information taken from bhunny.co.uk*

## THE BETTER PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is the strangest thing you've seen on campus so far?



"A guy humping a sign that said 'your daughter.'"

**KAIT DUFFY,**  
Freshman, Education



"Two drunk girls singing Britney Spears at the top of their lungs."

**MICHELLE COOPER,**  
Junior, Special Education



"I saw a girl wipe out in the middle of the Student Union."

**JOEL ROBINSON,**  
Senior, Dance Education



"Boom Box Guy."

**ASHLEY SCHANTZ,**  
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## SIDELINES



### FOOTBALL Lichtensteiger put on watch list for Lombardi Award

Senior offensive lineman Kory Lichtensteiger was named to the 2007 Rotary Lombardi Watch List. The award is given to the top offensive or defensive lineman in the country.

### Third high school game scheduled at the Doyt

Perrysburg High School will face Fremont Ross Friday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Doyt L. Perry Stadium.

## OUR CALL

### Today in sports history

**1851:** Yacht "America" wins first Royal Yacht Squadron Cup (America's Cup)

**1934:** Red Sox pitcher Wes Ferrell hits two homers to beat the White Sox 3-2 in 12 innings.

**1946:** Baseball approves a 168-game schedule, but later rescinds it.

**1950:** Althea Gibson becomes the first black competitor in a national tennis match.

**1965:** Dodgers pitcher Juan Marichal hits Giants catcher John Roseboro on the head with his bat and causes a 14-minute brawl.

### The List

With Michael Vick pleading guilty to dog fighting charges, we list five other memorable athletes' prison sentences.

**1. Mike Danton (NHL):** He's currently serving a seven-and-a-half year sentence for hiring a hitman to take out his agent.

**2. Rae Carruth (NFL):** The former Panthers receiver was sentenced to 19 years in prison in 2001 for being involved with the murder of his girlfriend.

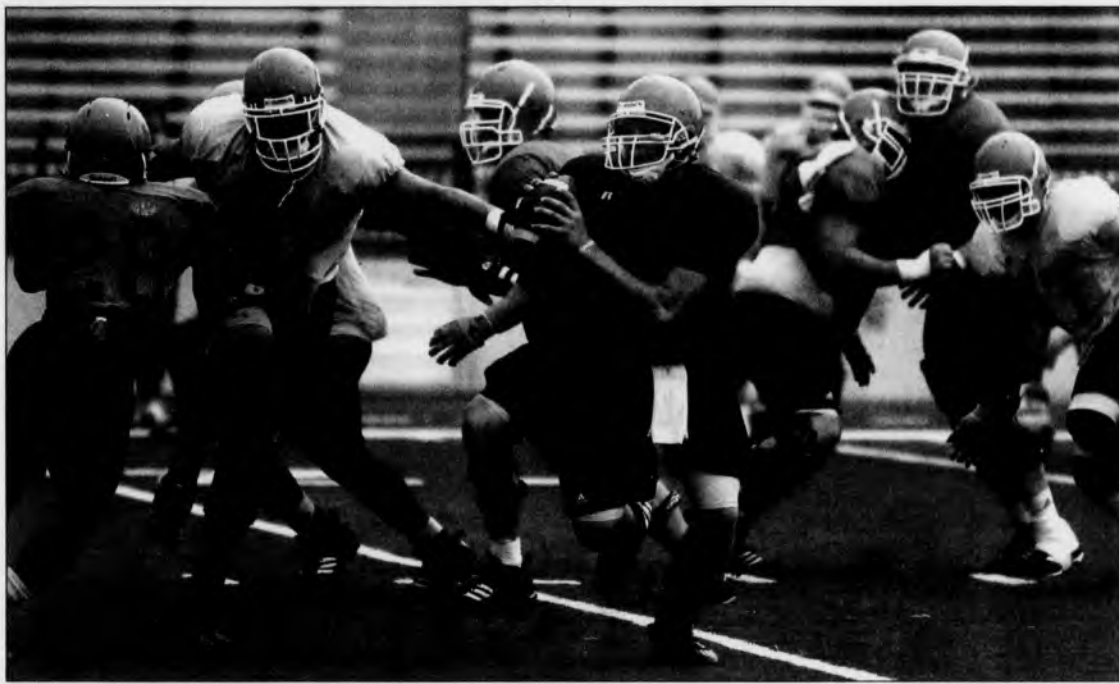
**3. Jamal Lewis (NFL):** Last year, the Browns running back served four months for setting up a drug deal on his cell phone.

**4. Pete Rose (MLB):** Spent five months in jail in 1990 for tax evasion.

**5. Denny McLain (MLB):** The two-time Cy Young-winning pitcher for the Tigers did significant time for money laundering, embezzlement, mail fraud and conspiracy.



# Changing sides



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

**BREAKING THROUGH:** New defensive lineman Sean O'Drobinak (88) attempts to break through coverage and get after quarterback Tyler Sheehan. O'Drobinak is a converted tight end who will get to play in some red zone situations on offense this season.

## O'Drobinak adjusting to new defensive role

By Colin Wilson  
Sports Editor

You may remember him from last season when he caught a pass on the Falcons' first drive of the game and scampered for 24 yards against Ohio State.

Maybe it was that touchdown against Florida International. Or it could have been in 2005 when he scored two touchdowns against Miami in treacherous weather conditions.

Wherever you remember him from, it probably isn't the defensive line.

This past off-season, BG's coaching staff decided to try Sean O'Drobinak on the defensive side of the ball.

He wasn't exactly thrilled about the idea.

"You never want to change positions going into your last year," O'Drobinak, a redshirt senior said.

Once he got used to it though,

**"It's definitely nice seeing when you're going to get hit rather than going across the middle and taking a rib-shot."**

Sean O'Drobinak | BG defensive lineman

O'Drobinak started to come around to the idea.

"It's a team game and I've always been a team player," he said. "I'm liking it now. At first I didn't but it's growing on me."

O'Drobinak graduated from Crown Point High School in 2003.

He was the team's MVP that season and earned many other local awards including Associated Press honorable mention All-State.

In high school, he also played both sides of the ball. His senior year he was named to an All-Star team as a tight end.

His exceptional size and strength has helped him become a good weapon for

Gregg Brandon's offense. At 6-foot-4-inches and 270 pounds, O'Drobinak is a hard player to bring to the ground.

Now that he's on the defensive side of the ball, he'll use his speed to his advantage.

"[The switch] is a blessing because he's a big, physical guy that's real fast," said linebacker Eriq Dozier. "We do a lot of line movement so it ties up a lot of those offensive guards."

A dominant player at both positions, that leaves the Falcons in a small pinch, but the coaches have said that he'll see time on offense in the red zone.

Even his new defensive com-

rades are happy about that.

"Sean is an exceptional tight end. You don't see many with that size and aggression that he has," Dozier said.

Now that he's on the other side of the trench fight, O'Drobinak has been getting used to the different strategies.

"Getting past the linemen is a different technique," he said.

Although he admits that it's nice to be the one initiating contact more often.

"It's definitely nice seeing when you're going to get hit rather than going across the middle and taking a rib-shot," O'Drobinak said, smiling.

No matter what position he's playing, O'Drobinak has gathered a lot of praise from his teammates.

"Sean is a great leader, he's really found his spot on the defense," said offensive lineman Kory Lichtensteiger. "He's a strong kid, he's got a nose for finding the ball."

## Still no winner as Browns QB battle wages on

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — From flipping a coin to filling in blanks, Cleveland's starting quarterback drama has turned again.

During his post-practice news briefing yesterday, Browns coach Romeo Crennel said he may delay naming a starter until the week before his club's Sept. 9 season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He has narrowed his choice to two candidates: Charlie Frye and a mystery man.

"It's Charlie ... and Yes," teased Crennel, who has Derek

Anderson, Brady Quinn and Ken Dorsey to choose from.

"Who's the other one?" he was asked.

"Who do you want it to be?" Crennel said with a laugh.

"Brady," a reporter said.

"If you want it to be that, then it can be that for you," Crennel said.

Who knows. It could be that for the Browns soon, too.

Crennel's vague reply came one day after he named Frye as his starter for Saturday's game at Denver, the club's third exhibition game and another chance for any of Cleveland's QBs to step up and prove he's worthy of

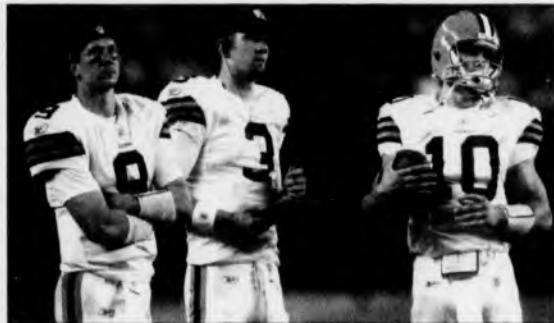
being a No. 1.

So far, Frye and Anderson have failed to impress their coaches or Browns fans, who are clamoring to see more of Quinn.

The rookie from Notre Dame threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes against Detroit in his NFL debut on Saturday night. Quinn went 13-of-20 for 155 yards and played with poise and confidence, something neither Frye nor Anderson has shown much of during the past two weeks of their ongoing derby.

Crennel said Quinn will get more playing time against the

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**THREE'S COMPANY:** Cleveland Browns quarterbacks Charlie Frye (9), Derek Anderson (3) and Brady Quinn (10) look on during a time out in the fourth quarter of an NFL preseason football game against the Detroit Lions Saturday in Cleveland.

## Beijing trying to clean its air before Olympics start in 2008



WANG SONG | AP PHOTO

**GEARING UP:** Chinese officials have been trying to clear polluted air out of Beijing's crowded streets in preparation for the Olympics next year.

By Christopher Bodeen  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Despite a persistent gray haze, officials said yesterday an exercise that removed more than 1 million private vehicles a day from Beijing's gridlocked streets was a success that could mean a clearer sky during next summer's Olympics.

Humidity and wind conditions kept the pollution from dispersing, but the air during the four-day drill would have been much worse without the vehicle restrictions, said Du Shaozhong, the deputy director of the Chinese capital's Environmental Protection Bureau.

"The test was successful. These four days the wind speed was slow, while the humidity and temperature were high," Du told reporters, noting that a gray sky doesn't necessarily mean pollution is bad.

Air pollution has emerged as a key problem for Beijing as it gears up for the Olympics, to be held Aug. 8-24, 2008. Jammed traffic and the possibility of political protests by critics of the communist regime are also concerns, although venue construction is firmly on schedule.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge warned during a visit this month that the competition

schedule might have to be juggled on days when pollution was particularly bad.

The government's own statistics showed that the air quality during the test rated among the top 10 worst days of the month so far — and slightly worse than the same period a year ago.

The traffic ban removed 1.3 million private vehicles from the capital's perpetually gridlocked streets each day. Additional buses and subways were added as residents turned to public transportation, car pools and taxis.

Cars with even-numbered license plates were ordered off

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## Volleyball has big expectations for '07

By Adam Miezian  
Reporter

Following one of the best seasons in school history, the BGSU women's volleyball team will look to take it one step further and win the Mid-American Conference.

But with the pressure on the Falcons to have similar success, can they duplicate it?

Last season, the Falcons fell one game short of their goal when they lost for the third time to Ohio. The team finished with a 26-6 record on the year and finished in second place in the East Division with a 13-3 record.

"It was a year of firsts for the school as we had a 17-match winning streak and a MAC conference title game appearance," said middle hitter and blocker Stephanie Swiger. "Our expectations are higher, though, because we have almost everyone back and we have things figured out."

Head Coach Denise Van De Walle will be returning for her 25th year at BG. She is the winningest coach in MAC history and has had a winning team 15 of the last 19 years.

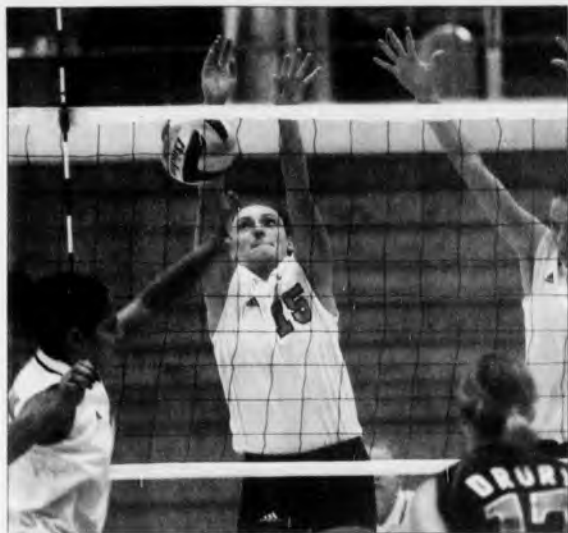
In the MAC Preseason Poll, BG was picked to finish second behind Ohio in the East Division. Ohio was picked to win the MAC regular season and conference tournament.

"We now have a target on our backs," Swiger said. "Every team will give us their best each night and we cannot have a letdown. If we can maintain the intensity, we should be very successful."

Most of the optimism around the team is due to the fact that they will return everyone from last year's squad except captain Chrissy Gothke. Gothke now serves as an assistant coach for the team. After huge years from Stephanie Swiger, Chelsey Meek and Corey Domek, the team will lean on the three as

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HANDS UP: Corrie Mills (15) attempts to block a shot during practice.

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well as a deep bench to succeed in 2007.

"We have a very experienced team with five seniors so we know what to expect," Swiger said. "Everyone on our bench can get hot and contribute to our success. Without Chrissy, we need to step up as a team and fill the void. So far, everyone is giving it their best."

The team currently boasts 11 letter-winners, enabling Coach Van De Walle to recruit a small class in the offseason. That class consists of defensive specialist Alex Zlabis and setter Sam Fish. Fish will have to fill the shoes of the departed Gothke if the Falcons are to make any noise this year. Meghan Mohr will also be setting this season.

**"We have an older team, but that should help us get out to a good start."**

Corey Domek | BG volleyball

"With our team chemistry and great leaders on the court, we should see a very successful season," Domek said. "We have an older team, but that should help us get out to a good start."

The schedule opens up this weekend when the Falcons travel to Dayton to play Illinois on Friday. They will then play Dayton and IPFW on Saturday. The Falcons return home to host Oakland at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28.

MAC play begins on Sept. 20 when BG will travel to Miami, Ohio. The first conference home match will be played at 4 p.m. on

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Broncos, but wouldn't specify when or how much. But another strong showing could move Quinn past Anderson on the depth chart — if he hasn't passed him already.

Quinn played down his debut, which came against a Lions defense of third and fourth stringers.

"I don't want to make it more than what it was," he said. "I was just a guy out there trying to help his team come back and win. That is really what it was."

But it could be much more

if Frye doesn't play better this week and if Quinn, who missed 11 days of training camp in a contract holdout, continues to progress.

Crennel, who resorted to a coin toss to decide whether Frye or Anderson would start the exhibition opener, was asked what conclusions could be made from not yet naming a Week 1 starter.

"Well, it changes and it can change," he said. "With this competition that we've had — which has been a good competition — with Frye being the starter for this game, our first opponent might have to wonder who the quarterback is going to

be. They might have to prepare for two guys, which could be an advantage for us."

Quinn has quickly gained ground on Frye and Anderson. Frye has a 69.4 rating, Anderson's is 54.3 and neither of the QBs has led the Browns to a touchdown while Quinn is 2-for-2 on scoring drives.

And while Quinn hasn't had a chance to show if he can make all the throws, he certainly has the other quarterbacking duties down pat. Yesterday, Quinn deflected praise about his leadership on the two TD drives to his teammates.

"They did a great job of focusing," he said. "I think they knew

what they had in front of them. If anything, I just tried to communicate the best I could and tried to be the general out there."

As for who will lead the Browns against the Steelers, Quinn doesn't think his holdout has hurt his chances of starting.

"I would never say never," he said. "I think it is still somewhat of a competition. Even though the starter has been announced for this game, I think guys are still competing, still trying to show what they can do."

"The roster hasn't been set and this isn't week one yet for the NFL. We have two weeks left of hard work in our camp and we'll see where things go from there."

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roads Friday and Sunday, and vehicles with odd-numbered plates were banned Saturday and Monday. Emergency vehicles, taxis, buses and other public-service vehicles were exempt.

Beijing had an air pollution index of between 93 and 95 during the test days, the city's environmental protection bureau said on its Web site. According to the State Environmental Protection Agency, an index below 100 indicates excellent or good conditions.

"As the air quality during these four days reached the national standard, it was fit for all activities, including sports," Du said.

The index hit 116 yesterday after the test and was 115 on Aug. 16 — the day before the trial began, the Chinese statistics showed.

Officials said a reading of between 101 to 200 indicates slight pollution and people with heart and respiratory conditions are told to avoid exertion and outdoor activities.

Earlier in the month, the pollution index had dipped as low as 42 and generally hovered in the 70s or 80s in the first two weeks of August.

Chris Miller, director of the global warming campaign at Greenpeace, said the car ban was a step in the right direction for China, but he doubted whether it showed any real commitment to improving air quality.

"This is a short-term solution to what is a very acute and long-term problem. In some ways it just highlights how serious the problem really is," he said.

"They will probably be able to get air pollution to at least semi-acceptable levels for a couple of weeks at Olympics sites in and around Beijing, but the question is why can't they then figure out how to make that happen every day?" Miller said.

Beijing residents praised the traffic controls, saying they were necessary to ease gridlock. Zhai Shuanghe, an official with the city traffic management bureau, said average traffic speeds on main roads rose just over 53 percent, to about 27 mph.

"I thought it was very good. There was an immediate effect on the traffic," said a woman who gave her surname as Li. She said she usually drives 2-3 times a week.

A cab driver, who only gave his surname as Wang, said his business did not increase significantly, but he thinks the controls should be in place beyond the Olympics.

**Vick may face more charges**

Larry O'Dell  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. - Michael Vick's legal troubles from dogfighting could get even worse.

The Atlanta Falcons quarterback faces possible prosecution in state court, where punishment might far exceed the maximum five years in prison that could await him in his federal case.

Local prosecutor Gerald Poindexter has said he likely will pursue charges against Vick, who has plummeted from favorite son to a symbol of animal abuse in the four months since authorities raided his Surry County property. Poindexter says the case could go before a county grand jury Sept. 25.

Poindexter did not return messages left by The Associated Press at his office and on his cell phone yesterday.

Among the state laws Vick could be charged with violating are those against dogfighting and animal cruelty. Both are felonies punishable by up to five years in prison.

"The real question is how much overlap there would be between anything the local prosecutor would charge and what the federal prosecutors charged," said Linda Malone, a criminal procedure expert and Marshall-Wythe Foundation professor of law at the College of William and Mary. "There are some limitations on duplication."

Vick said through a lawyer Monday that he will plead guilty to a federal charge of conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and conspiracy to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture. Malone said the state dogfighting charges probably would not be considered duplicative.

"The essence of the conspiracy charge is the agreement" between Vick and his coconspirators, Malone said.

Three Vick associates have pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge and said Vick provided virtually all the gambling and operating funds for the "Bad Newz Kennels" dogfighting enterprise. Two of them also said Vick participated in executing at least eight underperforming dogs, raising the possibility of the animal cruelty charges.

Convictions on eight animal cruelty counts could result in up to 40 years in prison if five-



NICK WASS | AP PHOTO  
NOWHERE TO RUN: Vick faces the possibility of additional charges from the state of Virginia on top of the ones he already faces for dog fighting.

year terms for each count was imposed to run consecutively, but that's seldom done. Each dogfighting count could run the sentence even higher.

Vick also was facing the possibility of additional federal charges from a new grand jury meeting this week in Richmond, but his deal with prosecutors means that's now highly unlikely.

The 27-year-old player will enter his plea agreement Monday. A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms are not final, told The Associated Press that prosecutors will recommend a sentence of one year to 18 months. However, U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson is not bound by that recommendation or by federal sentencing guidelines that will call for less than the five-year maximum.

James D. "Butch" Williams Jr., one of Vick's five defense attorneys, said his client is fully aware he could be facing a long stretch in prison.

"Michael's been fully apprised of all angles, all aspects," Williams said.

It's still unclear whether all this will end the career of one of the NFL's most dazzling players.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell could rule by the end of the week, but will probably wait until Vick actually enters his plea. The league is waiting for a report by its own observers, a group headed by Eric Holder a former deputy U.S. attorney general.

"The commissioner has not decided on a specific timetable on Michael Vick's status," league spokesman Greg Aiello said yesterday.

Vick has been barred from training camp by the NFL, and Goodell has asked the Falcons not to take any action until the league rules.

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# FLOOD

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of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Inspectors reopened the 7-mile stretch of the highway after removing debris and looking for road and bridge damage, he said.

As of 6:30 p.m., there were 30 road closures and 11 restricted roadways, mostly in northern parts of the state, according to ODOT. Counties with significant flood-related closures included Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Richland, Sandusky and Wyandot, and some areas had restricted road travel to emergency vehicles only.

In the village of Carey, waist-deep water swirled through the tiny downtown, submerging cars to their rooftops. Dozens of flooded streets made it impossible to cross the town. A truck driver heading to Michigan with an oversized load didn't know which way to go because several of the major routes in the area were shut down.

"There's nowhere to send the traffic," Police Capt. Daniel Walter said.

The Carey Nursing & Rehabilitation Center was evacuated Tuesday morning, said Wyandot County Lt. Neil Riedlinger. An aide answering the phone at the home said 28 residents were being transferred to Wyandot Memorial Hospital.

At the end of a long block of flooded homes near downtown, Mike Watkins used a generator in an attempt to pump 4 feet of water out of his mother's basement, clearly a losing battle. In front of his house, kids rode bikes through the knee-deep water and residents took pictures of their water-logged neighborhood as more water poured in from the overflowing Spring Run Creek at the center of the village.

"At least the kids are having fun," Watkins said, who added that he had never seen flooding reach his block in his 52 years.

The sheriff's office urged motorists to stay out of the area because of extensive flooding, and, throughout the county, authorities were busy rescuing motorists whose vehicles had become submerged and residents who had water coming into their homes.

Wyandot County Sheriff Mike

Hetzel said as the flood water recedes it will fill up flood basins, causing further problems. The Wyandot County chapter of the American Red Cross opened a shelter for evacuees and a local football team was going door to door to see if anyone was stranded, he said.

"This is the worst I've seen in 30 years," Hetzel said.

Throughout the north-central region, corn and soybean crops — which were in danger of dying out to drought conditions a few weeks ago — faced the new risk of damage due to flooding.

The Upper Sandusky school district in north-central Ohio canceled the first day of school after more than 9 inches of rain surged over river banks, and nearby Mohawk schools, which started the school year Monday, also canceled classes.

To the east in Bucyrus, nearly nine inches of rain fell, and firefighters used a boat to rescue families from flooded homes. The Crawford County Emergency Management Agency estimated that about 80 people were evacuated and up to 200 more are expected to leave the area as the flood water



KELLI CARDINAL | AP/WIDEWORLD

**A NEW RIVER:** Rescue workers and motorists walk down Interstate 75, after crossing the flood waters near Bluffton.

approaches the overflowing river in town, Tim Flock, director of the agency, said yesterday morning.

In Shelby, the Black Fork River overflowed, closing roads and flooding homes and businesses. Police evacuated two roads nearest the river, which runs directly through the center of town, according to dispatcher

Renee Seibolt.

Flooding shut down post office and stopped mail delivery for yesterday in Mansfield, about 60 miles north of Columbus, spokesman David Van Allen told the Mansfield. About 30 postal vehicles were under water but no mail was lost or destroyed, he said. The Barborton Corps of The

Salvation Army was sending emergency disaster vehicles and personnel to deliver food and bottled water to residents of the city in suburban Akron. The group planned to provide clean up supplies on Wednesday.

Associated Press Writers Doug Whiteman and Emily Zeigler in Columbus contributed to this

## Ohio grants add up to \$122 million

Columbus (AP) — The state's bond program for high-tech investment will provide \$72 million for scholarships and research grants for Ohio colleges, bringing total state aid for study in those fields to \$122 million over the next year, education officials said yesterday.

The Legislature previously added \$50 million in math and

science scholarships for each of the two years covered by the budget that took effect on July 1. The state has stepped up aid to higher education to help cover the tuition freeze it ordered for the same period.

Voters in 2005 gave the state the authority to issue \$500 million in bonds to fund its Third Frontier Project, which issues grants for

high-tech business startups and research projects.


"This proposed joint funding program involves a close collaboration of the Third Frontier Project with the University System of Ohio and guarantees that our research goals are fully aligned with the state's economic development strategies," said Chancellor Eric Fingerhut.

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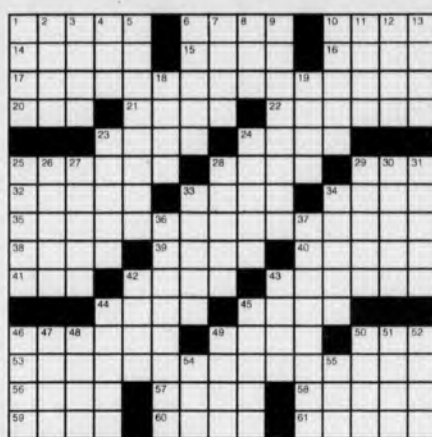
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## The Daily Crossword Fix



- DOWN**
- Give off
  - Soy product
  - Publicity stunt
  - ... at ease
  - Midway organ
  - Garden pest
  - Tea-leaf reader
  - Manhandle
  - Fred Flintstone's time
  - Lace end
  - Cheryl or Alan
  - Choice word
  - Enclothed
  - Acerbic
  - Rod attachment
  - Tree branch
  - Watered silk fabric
  - Thingamajig
  - Played a part
  - Rental agreement
  - French pancake
  - "Kama"
  - Dark yellow
  - Item of bedding
  - "Sorry Wrong Number" prop
  - Missouri tributary
  - How you doin'?

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- Moral system
- Small Egyptian vipers
- Guinness or Baldwin
- Smackers
- Bog product
- Impudence
- Start of a query
- Prom wear
- Cougar's den
- Was without
- Shuttlecock
- Encounter
- Big oaf
- Newcastle product
- Mayday signal
- Freeze over
- Bluenose
- Sound of pain
- Part 2 of query
- Netting
- Anticipation
- Bombay wraparound
- Grand poem
- Deadly poison
- Bacall's love
- Handy bag
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