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Colleges consider 10-year plan

By **Andy Ouriel**
Reporter

Yesterday the Ohio Board of Regents, along with 13 college sites in Ohio, including the University, met by video conference for the first of its new quarterly meetings to discuss key developments and future goals for higher education.

Chancellor Eric Fingerhut of the Ohio Board of Regents is advocating for an improved standard and the creation of an ongoing way to work together as extensions of higher education.

While the state has already introduced a two-year tuition freeze and seen an increase in enrollment, it still plans on meeting the people's needs by improving the accessibility and quality of higher education.

One of the biggest ideas being offered by Fingerhut is a 10-year plan.

In it, the goals of the state include an increase enrollment of 230,000 additional students from 2007, 20 percent higher graduation rates, easier affordability for all students, gaining investment dollars for

research from the federal government and promoting higher education.

Ohio is also improving its scholarships by introducing two new grant programs.

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship gives \$50 million for students in stem areas of education to encourage students moving from community colleges to universities.

The Ohio Research Scholars Program will take their original \$50 million fund and turn it into \$150 million to invest in research to help universities

and economics thrive.

The other big plan the Ohio Board of Regents is introducing is the designation of the University System of Ohio.

This will be an opportunity for individuals related in any way to universities and colleges to work together with one another.

Some people are concerned by the possibility that this might lessen the uniqueness of individual institutions.

University Board of Trustee member Frank Voll wants the University to retain its own

autonomy from the rest of the Ohio higher education system.

"I'm more interested in being a Falcon than a Buckeye," Voll said, referring to the ability of the University to make its own decisions.

While the Choose Ohio First Scholarships deal primarily with community college students transferring to larger universities, students are upset because their credits are not transferable to these schools.

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R U texting during class?

Phones are seen as disruptive by some students, instructors

By **Scott Recker**
Reporter

One of the fastest-growing forms of communication has become one of the classroom's biggest nuisances.

Text messaging has become popular during class at the University, and sophomore Sely-ann Headley said she believes the majority of students have engaged in this distracting activity.

"I think they do it because it's convenient," Headley said. "If they want to say something now, they will, because they might forget about it later."

Headley said she does not text message in class because she believes it is disrespectful.

"If you are in class, you're there to listen to the teacher talk, not to text message your friend, or your partner or whoever," Headley said.

Accounting instructor Phillip Schurrer sometimes notices students with their phones out and said he guesses they are either text messaging or playing games.

Students are very sneaky and covert about text messaging and often keep their phone on their lap, Schurrer said.

If he catches a student text messaging during his class, Schurrer stops what he is doing completely and stares at the student until they put their phone away.

According to Schurrer, when a person text messages during class, the person they hurt the most is themselves.

"If a student is text messaging, they are really not getting the full value that someone is paying for them to sit in that

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Film festival in BG shows independent projects

By **Kelly Day**
Campus Editor

For independent filmmaker Eric Ayotte of Buffalo, N.Y., there weren't many opportunities to make short films after college.

So instead of trying to break into the Hollywood movie scene, he embraced the idea of do-it-yourself filmmaking and put together his very own traveling film festival — an event where filmmakers can present compelling stories infused with humor or thought-provoking ideas to others.

Tonight, Ayotte and a few of his friends will roll into town on their touring bus with about 25 films on hand. They will present the films they've selected as part of their "Gadabout Film Festival," a free event which will take place in the Chapman Community Center on Wooster Street from 8 to 11 p.m.

Ayotte has traveled to about 50 cities in the last six years, each year with a new set of films.

He travels with his friends. Whether they're giving a talk at a film screening or just running the projector, they all share Ayotte's passion for do-it-yourself art.

Emily Berens, president of the University Film Organization, said one thing she likes about the group is they usually become friends with anyone they work with, whether it's a featured musician or artist in the festi-

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Campus groups look to get share of Coca-Cola funding

By **Gina Potthoff**
Reporter

Student organizations can now compete for a piece of \$42,000 in funding following the recent signing of the Coke contract.

Although the contract has been in effect since May 16, 2007, Chief Financial Officer Sherideen Stoll just signed the 76-page Coca-Cola contract in late September, officially making the University a Coke school for at least seven years.

Coke has agreed to pay more than \$2.5 million to the University in sponsorship fees, granting \$340,000 for pouring rights, campus, educational and athletic initiatives on or before May 15, 2008, and will pay an additional 2.5 percent on top of that each succeeding year until 2014.

The president and his special group of cabinet members determined how much money would be granted to each division of campus and allocated \$50,000 to the Student Budget Committee to distribute, which is \$11,500 more than under the Pepsi contract.

Former Pepsi contract:

- \$35,000 to Student Budget Committee
- \$4,500 to University departments
- \$30,500 to student organizations

Current Coca-Cola contract:

- \$50,000 to Student Budget Committee
- \$3,000 to University departments
- \$42,000 to student organizations
- \$5,000 'rainy day' fund

Information from Coca-Cola Contract

The SBC decided \$3,000 would go to University departments and \$5,000 would go into a "rainy day" fund, leaving the remaining \$42,000 up for grabs among the 300-plus student organizations.

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Students seek out opportunities to volunteer at home, abroad

By **Christy Johnson**
Special Sections Editor

The need to selflessly give to others drives many University students to volunteer — in Bowling Green and around the world.

For these volunteers, finding ways in which to help others came from their student organizations, a friend or a class.

Members of the University Activities Organization explained that they have set their sights on numerous ways to get more involved in the Bowling Green community.

UAO member Sarah Johnson said the new BG Teen Center is a great way for students to give back to Bowling Green teenagers.

The BG Teen Center, which is located in the Veteran's Building in City Park, was the brainchild of the Institute for Child and Family Policy at the University and the United Way of Wood County.

"It is a place where BG teens can come and chill, because they didn't have a place to do that before," Johnson said.

Another volunteering venue

"They care about the people involved, and they don't treat it like a charity."

Tiggist Belete | Senior Volunteer

for Johnson was brought to her through her position as a University Resident Adviser.

All first-year RAs must go through an RA class, part of which includes working on a community engagement project, explained Johnson.

Johnson will be going around with other RAs to community houses asking people if they would like their lawns raked for free.

For those not involved in campus organizations that volunteer, classes can prove to be an unusual way to get involved in different humanitarian causes.

Senior Tiggist Belete traveled to Mexico in March 2006 with her Spanish 395 class.

During her stay in Mexico, Belete volunteered with the organization

Las Caritas, helping with the day-care operations and pharmacy.

Las Caritas is a charity that provides housing and assistance for ex-convicts, homeless people and senior citizens who can not get a job or do not have relatives to help care for them.

Belete said workers in the program view it as a rehabilitation program to help people get back on their feet, more than a hand-out operation.

"Being able to work with people who do this kind of work for a living is the best part of volunteering, because they care about the people involved, and they don't treat it like charity," Belete said.

Students can get involved in volunteering without being part of an organization or class too, said UAO member Elyse Anaszewicz.

"The Office of Campus Involvement is a great resource for people looking to get involved in volunteering," Anaszewicz said.

The OCI is located on the fourth floor of the Union. "Just go in and ask what you can do to get involved," she suggested.

BLOTTER TUESDAY

6:27 A.M.
Joseph P. McGowan, 45, of Bowling Green, was arrested and taken to jail for menacing after he got into a verbal argument with a roommate and threatened to slit his throat.

8:00 A.M.
Overnight someone entered an unlocked car on Leroy Avenue and took a stereo faceplate.

8:35 A.M.
Overnight someone entered an unlocked car on East Reed Avenue and took a Nokia cell phone, a set of keys, a small pocketknife and \$2 to \$3 in change from the ash tray.

4:46 P.M.
Someone entered an unlocked vehicle on Manville Avenue overnight and took two computer textbooks.

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.

Two photos on pages 7 and 8 of yesterday's issue of The BG News were incorrectly attributed to The BG News. They actually came from The Associated Press.

Did You Know...

When an adult Lion roars, it can be heard up to 5 miles away!



Sandstorms sweep California, killing 4

By Gillian Flaccus
The Associated Press

LANCASTER, Calif. — Wind advisories were extended yesterday following blinding sandstorms that helped trigger several car pileups north of Los Angeles that killed at least four people and injured dozens of others, authorities said.

The sandstorms struck Tuesday as wind gusted to 55 mph in the arid high desert.

Advisories warning of gusts up to 50 mph were extended through late yesterday, and more strong wind was likely in the area from late tonight into tomorrow, the National Weather Service said.

The largest crash scattered vehicles across state Highway 14 just west of Edwards Air Force Base on the northern edge of Los Angeles County.

Two people were killed and 25 were taken to hospitals, two of them in critical condition, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Ron Haralson said.

At least 15 vehicles were

involved in three separate collisions on a one-mile stretch of Highway 14, California Highway Patrol Officer Henry Ross said. The crashes were still being investigated, but Ross said poor visibility and high wind "didn't help matters at all."

"It was just boom, boom, boom, boom, boom for 10 or 15 minutes," Gary Goerges, a Northern California motorist passing through, told the Antelope Valley Press.

Nearby at the town of Mojave, two people were killed and eight were injured in separate accidents about 1,000 yards apart along state Highway 58, CHP Lt. Dana Leach said. About six vehicles were involved in the crashes.

Like the rest of California, the Antelope Valley has been bone-dry this year, receiving less than 2 inches of rain.

"It's not unheard of for the area to experience a dust storm, but it's not an everyday type of thing," said meteorologist Jaime Meier in the weather service's Oxnard office.

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making them pay money for courses previously taken.

One of the main points of the 10-year plan is to have more credits transfer to universities by establishing a system of how credits transfer from one school to another.

The other main points in the plan deal with more private and public funding and creating and improving centers of excellence that have national and international rank throughout the country.

By having more money and well-renowned classes, higher enrollment is likely to occur, resulting in fulfilling one of the goals of the plan.

President of the Inter-University Council Bruce Johnson also knows that with these goals and plans, only

positive aspects can come out of higher education.

"People's future is better as the education is higher," Johnson said.

This meeting was unique because it was the first broadcast through video, transmitting it throughout Ohio.

In the past, meetings once a year would be held in Columbus.

With video conferences being introduced, these once-a-year meetings will still be held, but there will also be an additional four meetings.

Through the new technology, it will be much more convenient for members to communicate their ideas.

As an added bonus, the members will not have to travel as far to attend meetings.

City Editor Tim Sampson contributed reporting to this story.

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val, or whoever hosts the group while they're in town.

But what she appreciates most about the festival is that it can give those who've dreamed about making films the inspiration to go out and get started.

"It's a good way to show people that here in Bowling Green, Ohio, we can just make films and we don't have to wait for a studio or find equipment, we can work with what we have," Berens said.

For many people, what they have may only be a digital camera, which to the University Film Organization's treasurer, Alex Bean, has been very beneficial

"People come and they see stuff and they think, 'Hey, I can do that, too.'"

Eric Ayotte | Filmmaker

to independent film makers.

"I think newer technologies like digital cameras are really freeing up the film scene," he said.

Ayotte said the films they show are independent in every sense of the word, often with low budgets.

But he said the festival does have to turn people away. The festival won't show films that he said are Youtube quality. Ayotte

said they take films that have a clear beginning and end and a rise in action.

The festival also shows a few international films, but most are from the United States.

Though Ayotte is a filmmaker himself, he doesn't usually show his own films in the festival.

"I'm pretty critical of my own stuff," he said.

Ayotte is more concerned with showing other films and inspiring people to try it for themselves.

"You go to theater or you go to a big megaplex or see a band in an arena, and it seems so out of reach," he said. "People come [to Gadabout] and they see stuff and they think, 'Hey, I can do that too,'" and they feel motivated."

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class," he said.

When a calculator is needed on Schurrer's exams, he said he does not let his students solve them with their phone calculators because he is afraid they will text each other the answers to the exam.

Psychology professor Mary Hare said she thinks some students may text message during class because an hour lecture is a

long time to sustain attention.

"It's not a new behavior, it's just a new technology for the behavior," Hare said.

Freshman Nicole Minnig said she believes text messaging does not disturb any other students or the teacher.

"Pulling out your phone and silently texting someone does not bother anyone else," Minnig said.

Minnig sends text messages during class to make the class go by faster.

"[I text] because I'm bored

of listening to the teacher and I'm texting a friend to tell them what I'm doing tonight and find out what they're doing," Minnig said.

University junior Breanna Kreuz said she also believes text messaging during class is not a disturbance.

"I don't text message to be disrespectful to teachers," Kreuz said.

"I do it because it is second nature to me. It's the easiest form of communication when you have other things going on."

COCA-COLA

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The \$42,000 is spot funding, which means when student organizations need extra money for a special function or project, they can apply to the SBC for up to \$1,000 per semester in funding. The SBC determines what amount is given.

"I encourage every student organization to apply," said Jeremy Lehman, junior and USG Senator.

He said student organizations should know about this opportunity from meeting with the Office of Campus Activities, so they need to take advantage.

Lehman said he wants students to know that he, along with USG President Johnnie Lewis, fought for student organizations and not for USG.

"I encourage every ... organization to apply."

Jeremy Lehman | USG senator

The Pouring Rights Committee felt it was time for a change to Coke after Pepsi's contract was up in May.

Lehman said the Coke contract is obviously better because it offers more money and different options. He said Coke's presentation was also better and that Coke is more willing to help out with athletics than Pepsi was.

"We're getting more than a million over seven years more than Pepsi," said Bill Wheelock, director of purchasing. "Every dollar coming in doesn't have to come from the pockets of students and parents," he said.

The contract was recently

signed after many months of negotiating between Coca-Cola Enterprises Bottling Company and the University's Pouring Rights Committee.

Stoll, who signs all University contracts as the contracting authority, knows that a contract has to go through extensive legal work on both sides of a deal.

Also, when a committee is involved, such as the Pouring Rights Committee, it automatically adds more time into coordinating a contract because of conflicting schedules.

The contract was exactly what Coke and the people at the University had worked out, said Wheelock, who worked on the Pouring Rights Committee to make sure the contract was completed legally according to the appropriate terms and conditions.

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BRIAN BORNHOEFT | THE BG NEWS

HARVEST TIME: A combine hurries through a crop field on Mitchell Road under the October skies of Bowling Green.

Missouri students sign petition

By Sam Guzik
MCT

Nearly 1,000 students at Washington University in Missouri signed onto a Green Action petition yesterday calling for university-wide carbon neutrality and greater sustainability efforts on campus.

The Green Action drive is part of a yearlong effort to raise awareness about environmental issues and to educate students about how they can help make a contribution to sustainability efforts.

"We want to build this up so we can have a large part of the student body behind this movement," said junior Lee Cordova, president of Green Action. "To be in the position where all we need to do is educate is a lot better than needing to change people's minds."

The Green Action effort comes as the university is beginning to undertake an assessment of its "carbon footprint"—the net amount of carbon consumed—and energy usage.

In addition to calling for individual commitments to energy-conscious lifestyle, the petition calls upon the university to "commit to 100 percent carbon neutrality through reliance on renewable, clean energy sources and a substantial cutback on energy consumption."

Carbon neutrality refers to the ability of an individual or an institution to offset its carbon emissions so that there is no net contribution of carbon dioxide to the environment.

Greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, have been linked to global warming.

While the Green Action petition calls for a specific decrease in the amount of carbon emissions, the university has avoided giving any indication about what level of net carbon usage it is striving for.

"The university is not in a position yet to make a decision on what our greenhouse gas reduction commitments can be because, quite frankly, we haven't even gone through the exercise of base lining what our greenhouse gas emissions are yet," said Matthew Malten, assistant vice chancellor for sustainability.

When he joined the university this summer, Malten explained that he would spend his first year assessing the current sustainability situation on campus rather than taking immediate action.

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The Chronology of Human Relationships
130 Union

9 - 11 a.m.

BGSU Relay for Life team
Table Space 118-4 Union

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

FYSS - What do I want to do with my life?
318 Union

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sweetest day basket raffle
Table Space 118-4 Union

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Warm-up BG scarf sale
Table Space 118-5 Union

1 - 4 p.m.

Offenhauer breast cancer raffle
Union Oval

4 - 5 p.m.

FYSS - Why am I here?
314 Union

4 p.m.

Special guest composer seminar with Chen Yi
Bryan Recital Hall, Moor Musical Arts Center

7 - 11:30 p.m.

Creed on campus weekly meeting
201 Union

7:30 p.m.

Visiting writers series: Judith Mitchell
Prout Chapel

8 p.m.

Concert I: Enso String Quartet
Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8 p.m.

Newcomers showcase
Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall

8 - 11 p.m.

Gadabout traveling film festival
Chapman Community Center

Oklahoma college president gets leave of absence

Head of Oral Roberts University faces accusations of lavish spending at donors' expense

By Justin Juozapavicius
The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Oral Roberts University President Richard Roberts asked for and was granted a leave of absence yesterday amid accusations of lavish spending at donors' expense and illegal involvement in a political campaign.

The 58-year-old son of the evangelist who founded the school said he would continue in his role as chairman and chief executive of Oral Roberts Ministries, and denied what he said were untrue allegations.

"I don't know how long this leave of absence will last, but I fully trust the members of the Board of Regents," Roberts said in a news release issued by the university. "I pray and believe that in God's timing, and when the Board feels that it is appropriate, I will be back at my post as president."

The board said Billy Joe Daugherty, the senior pastor of Victory Christian Center in Tulsa, will temporarily assume the president's duties with help from Oral Roberts, 89, who is chancellor of the 5,700-student university but

has left day-to-day operations to his son.

An Oct. 2 lawsuit filed by three former ORU professors says they were wrongfully dismissed and accuses Roberts of mispending at donors' expense, including numerous home remodels and a senior trip to the Bahamas for one daughter on the ministry's dime.

It also accuses Roberts of illegal involvement in a local political campaign, which would jeopardize the university's non-profit status.

The professors say they were forced out after turning over this information to the ORU Board of Regents.

George Pearsons, the board's chairman, said he will meet tomorrow with the outside firm charged with investigating the allegations.

"Nothing is being swept under the rug, nothing is being hidden," he said yesterday. The professors' suit was amended last week to include new allegations that documents were shredded and destroyed days after the initial lawsuit was filed, and hours after ORU and Richard Roberts fired the school's comptroller.

The amended complaint also

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Richard Roberts | President of Oral Roberts University

included an internal ministry report, titled "Scandal/Vulnerability Assessment," documenting allegations of misconduct by the university and the Roberts family. Only a partial report was included in the Oct. 2 lawsuit.

The more detailed account alleges Richard Roberts' wife, Lindsay, spent the night in the ORU guest house with an underage male "on nine separate occasions," and was photographed 29 times with an underage male in her sports car, among other allegations.

The internal report was prepared by Stephanie Cantees, Richard Roberts' sister-in-law. An ORU spokesman said Cantees would not comment on the report.

An ORU student repairing Cantees' laptop discovered the document and later provided a copy to one of the dismissed professors.

In a statement issued Saturday,

Lindsay Roberts said, "I live my life in a morally upright manner and throughout my marriage have never, ever engaged in any sexual behavior with any man outside of my marriage as the accusations imply."

"The last three weeks have taken a serious toll on me and my family," Richard Roberts said in the news release Wednesday. "The untrue allegations have struck a terrible blow in my heart. The untrue allegations of sexual misconduct by my wife have hurt the most."

Gary Richardson, attorney for the dismissed professors, said his clients "stand ready and prepared at the appropriate time to prove the truth of those allegations, and also prove the truth of the fact they were fired after providing the information off Stephanie Cantees' computer to the Board of Regents."

Schwarzenegger signs textbook act

The Textbook Transparency Act is one of two bills aimed at lowering book prices

By Allison White
MCT

Textbooks may be cheaper next semester because of a bill Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Saturday.

Assemblyman Jose Solorio, D-Santa Ana, wrote the College Textbook Transparency Act, which was one of two bills aimed at lowering the cost of textbooks for students, said A.S. Bookstore Director Steve Dubey.

"Both bills are trying to give faculty the most information to make an informed decision,"

Dubey said.

The transparency act requires publishers to state the edition changes in new books when they print them and to tell instructors the prices of books when they are requested, Dubey said. College bookstores must also release information on their pricing policies.

Schwarzenegger signed the act instead of the College Textbook Affordability Act, which would have had the same standards but also required posting edition changes online and listing pricing information without request.

Neither bill outlined what would happen to publishers if they did not follow the new rules, Dubey said.

"They're subtle," he said. "There isn't any teeth on them, so to speak."

Textbook studies have shown legislation is generally ineffective at lowering prices, he said.

"It won't accomplish what we ultimately hope it would," Dubey said. "They're basically feel-good bills."

But students are still hoping the newly approved bill will help with textbook costs.

Is your sleep schedule out of sync with the rest of the world?

You may have a sleep disorder known as Delayed Sleep Phase Syndrome (DSPS)

St. Vincent Mercy Sleep Disorders Center is currently seeking participants for a nationwide clinical trial on DSPS. This trial will investigate the ability of a study medication to shift the sleep period to an earlier part of the night.

Characteristics of DSPS

- Inability to fall asleep at a "normal" time
- Great difficulty waking for early morning school or work
- Inability to move the sleep period to earlier hours
- Quick sleep onset at the later, habitual bedtime
- Normal sleep when allowed to stay up late & sleep in late



DSPS is more than just a choice or a bad habit: it's a deeply ingrained biological rhythm that's very resistant to change. If you are 18 years of age or older, and in reasonably good health, you may be eligible to participate. Qualified participants will receive study-related medical examinations and sleep studies at no cost, and be compensated for their time and travel.

For more information about this study, call the St. Vincent Mercy Sleep Disorders Center at 419-251-0591 or toll-free at 1-877-847-0033.

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LEASING BEGINS OCT. 24TH

PEOPLE ON THE STREET Do you text message during class? If so, how do you conceal it? [see story, p. 1]



"Yes, I usually go behind peoples' backs."
MARY SIBERT,
Sophomore,
Telecommunications



"I normally don't. I'd kinda like to have good grades and not get distracted."
JOHN MORELAND,
Freshman, Undecided



"Yes ... usually I just do it in front of everybody, I don't care to hide it."
ELIZABETH SCHOCH,
Sophomore, AMPD



"Yes, if it's in a big lecture ... I usually just put it under my desk."
JORDAN MATHEWS,
Sophomore, Undecided

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A needed resource for the survivors of assault and violence

DANIELLE MARCUM | GUEST COLUMNIST

The last couple of months I have been able to do the coolest thing! I have been training to be a victim's advocate for Behavioral Connections off campus. Wow is it intense, but rewarding! I learn so much at each training class; I often go home and just think. Some of what I hear makes me angry, sometimes I cry; but mostly it drives me to learn more and be the best advocate I can be.

What is a victim's advocate? To put it simply, we supply free and confidential services to survivors (I like to say survivor rather than victims) of sexual assault and domestic/dating violence. I am there to provide emotional support while I answer any questions they may have. And I mean

any questions. I have been learning everything from sexual assault facts to the legal system, to counseling techniques. Whew! Quite an intro huh? I had to memorize that for when I am introducing myself to a new client in the future (after I pass my tests, fingers crossed) but often I wish I could say more!

Victim advocates are here for you 24/7. Pretty neat huh? It doesn't matter how "small" of an issue you think you have, what your gender is, who you partnered with or how long ago "it" happened, we are trained to be there for you. There is not anything you could say that would shock me, and there is even an on-campus office for those of you who need some support close by.

When I first applied to begin my training as an advocate, I honestly wondered, "What will I be doing?" I knew I wanted to help victims of sexual assault and violence so I went for it. I wasn't even sure what the LINK was. Was that where I would be working? It turns out no, I volunteer and work out of Behavioral

Connections, the LINK is who calls me when someone is in need.

When an advocate is on call, we carry a beeper and beeper book that basically contains any info an advocate might need. This beeper can go off at any time (when the LINK calls it), and the call can be just about anything. I may have to go to the hospital to be an advocate for a sexual assault survivor. I may have to talk to a woman who was just beaten by her boyfriend or there might be a person who just needs a friend to talk to at 3 a.m.

The cool thing is, I am ready for anything! I am trained to listen and be there for you. I won't tell you what to do, I will be your friend and support. I will answer your questions. So if you're out there, and you need a person to be on your side, call and ask for an advocate. After all, we are here for you!

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The seating chart shuffle

BONNIE COLEMAN | THE DIXIE SUN

We all know that when you walk into a classroom for the first time, you're not quite sure what seat you will be comfortable sitting in. You have to try different seats out, but once you find one, that becomes your seat.

The process of finding the right seat should only take about two to three days, no more. Moving around from seat to seat is not cool! No one likes it, especially after a week into the semester. If you're still moving from seat to seat, I would guarantee that at least five to seven people in your class are annoyed with you.

I mean, come on, it's nine weeks into the semester — you should have your seat picked out by now. The reason everyone has that unmentioned assigned seat is because that's where he or she is comfortable sitting. Plus, people might just like the people they sit by, most likely their friend or someone they want to be their friend.

I don't know if I speak for everyone else on this, but when I go into class and someone is in my seat, I get thrown off. I

"My advice to seat changers is to find your desk, and find it fast if you want to be liked by your peers."

have no idea where to go to. I feel like a deer caught in the headlights.

I have no idea where to sit, and then all through class I don't focus on what my teacher is talking about. Instead, I give dirty looks to the person in my seat, and I think mean thoughts about him or her too (usually something like, "I would know what the teacher was talking about if I could see the board from this stupid desk"). I basically blame every problem I have that day on the person sitting in my seat.

In fact, this problem happened to me recently. I walked into class to sit by my friend, and someone was in my seat. So I sat behind her, but when my friend turned to talk to me she realized it wasn't me and

didn't know what to do. She continued to give the person in my seat a dirty look until the person moved. So thanks to my friend, I got my seat back.

I've also heard other students complain about this problem. Sometimes there are certain people they want to look at in the class; that is probably the reason why they choose that desk. Well, when you move around you block their view, and that doesn't make these other students happy.

So my advice to seat changers is to find your desk, and find it fast if you want to be liked by your peers. If you don't like the desk you picked right off, that's OK. Just scope out the room and find a desk that no one sits in, and then next class period sit there. Don't throw anyone off because that displaces more people, and it's just a domino effect. This causes the whole class to be in the wrong seat, and then no one focuses. Do you really want to be the cause of all that?

The Dixie Sun is the student newspaper at Dixie State College of Utah in St. George, Utah.

TOMORROW IN FORUM

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I wanted an explanation. I got nothing

KRISSY HERNANDEZ | GUEST COLUMNIST

Perhaps the College Republicans are having a hard time understanding why they're the vilified organization on campus. I honestly wonder if their members genuinely think, even now, that there was anything insensitive about last year's "Catch an Illegal Immigrant Day." It sure seems that way, as now four officers of their organization, including their president, have written into The BG News in an effort to scapegoat their organization and try to shift the finger-pointing to someone else.

As a student who attended the debate, I was appalled that the first words out of the College Republicans' mouths weren't an apology for last

year's fiasco. If I were an organization that was genuinely sorry for personifying actual human beings as animals to be caged, that would be my No. 1 concern.

They want to blame reporter Tim Sampson for only focusing on the 20 minute uproar at the debate in regards to their activity last year. Evidently, since every debate bullet point wasn't outlined in full, Sampson didn't do his job as a journalist.

This rationale, of course, is silly and nothing more. If a world leader gives a speech and spends two minutes talking about how his or her nation is going to initiate an Armageddon, instantly, those two minutes are what reporters around the world are going to write about. A reporter, at least

"I was appalled that the first words out of the College Republicans' mouths weren't an apology."

to my knowledge, isn't going to spend equal time talking about the leader's plan to switch from gas-based cars to hybrids; the actual "news" is that the world might end.

Similarly, the debate talked about an issue most people are already on the same page about. Basically, we need to make sure the borders are secure for our own personal safety. Yes, we get it.

But the reason the debate

even occurred was because some member(s) of the organization might think it would be fun to cage their own members in an effort to raise awareness about illegal immigrants. I wanted to hear their rationale on that more than anything else. And of course, I never got that.

Their members planned a full-scale assault with the basis being Sampson is to blame for their PR misfortunes. This would be a great strategy if it weren't so transparent that the only people they are fooling are themselves.

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With beauty comes unexpected baggage

LINDSAY CASALE | THE ORION

Beauty is like money. We think life will be easier if we have it, but it just distracts us from what's important.

Beauty can be a gift and a curse. A gift in that people tend to be nicer to you if you're attractive, and a curse in that people may not take you seriously.

It's unfortunate, but it happens. It even happens to me.

If I see someone incredibly attractive, I think, "How could they ever worry about anything looking like that?" But people with perfect bone structures can feel depressed or overwhelmed, too.

Even stores are preoccupied with beauty.

Abercrombie and Fitch is the one store you feel like you have to be attractive just to walk into.

The last time I went, a shirtless male model greeted me at the door, as if the giant poster of some man's pecks wasn't intimidating enough. After getting past the saturated perfume stench and blaring techno music, I went to the back of the store where the vibe wasn't so intense.

While looking at \$40 T-shirts, an employee with annoyingly white teeth approached me and asked, "Are you currently employed? Because if you aren't, you're just the kind of person that we look for to work here."

Apparently Abercrombie hires based on looks. And they're not the only ones beauty counts with.

"Overwhelming evidence suggests that physical beauty

"Abercrombie and Fitch is the one store you feel like you have to be attractive just to walk into."

has an adaptive mechanism for the promotion and evolutionary advancement of the species," according to the Chicago Health Medical Staff.

It's survival of the fittest. But just because some people get ahead at work based on their looks doesn't mean their attractiveness is going to help them elsewhere.

When it comes to relationships, real love has nothing to do with looks. Even gorgeous Jessica Alba split up with her man.

Being attractive doesn't make it easier to find and keep love. If anything, you're more likely to find someone who's just attracted to your looks and not everything else you have to offer.

Beauty also affects sex. Being attractive may allow for more sexual opportunities but also more chances to get hurt.

If people think they're with someone who likes them when the person's only attracted to them, there's a feeling of being used.

We also assume that beauty and promiscuity go together. But not everyone is getting lucky.

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Antioch College to close its doors from lack of funds

By James Hannah
The Associated Press

YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio — Hanging by a chain from the ceiling in the main hallway of Antioch Hall is a black sign: "Office of Transition."

The placard points Antioch College students to the place that can help them transfer away from the private, 155-year-old liberal-arts school nationally known for non-traditional approaches and social activism, now on the brink of shutting its doors.

But the administration's plan to temporarily close the school has rallied its former students to the kind of buck-the-establishment cause they were steeped in here.

In e-mail campaigns and gatherings across the country, Antioch alumni have raised about \$15 million in cash and pledges.

At a trustees meeting today they are ready to press their plan to keep the school operating, including fundraising, retaining a solid core of faculty members and renovating dorms as finances allow.

"This is the only chance we'll ever have because if we blow this, it's gone," said Rick Daily, executive director and treasurer of the Antioch alumni association.

"It is almost unspeakable," said alumna Catherine Jordan, 58, of Minneapolis. "I haven't cried yet because I don't believe it can happen."

Then she began to cry.

School officials announced in June that because of declining enrollments, heavy dependence on tuition and a small endowment, Antioch will close after spring term in 2008, reorganize, and reopen in 2012. But some alumni, teachers and students fear the school would never reopen — at least not in its existing form.

Antioch officials have said they don't have the money to keep the school operating. They say by closing the school temporarily and addressing the financial problems, they can reopen as a strong institution.

Antioch, the alma mater of Coretta Scott King, "Twilight Zone" creator Rod Serling and two Nobel Prize winners, doesn't grade classes, encourages students to develop their own study plans, and combines academic learning with experience through a co-op program in which students leave campus to work in various fields.

After each graduation ceremony, graduates recite in unison the phrase coined by the late school President Horace Mann, an educator and a statesman who advanced the cause of universal, non-sectarian public schools: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

Over the years, activism and civil disobedience became part of the fabric of the school, with anti-war protests in the 1960s and '70s and student takeovers of campus buildings in 1973 and in 1994, when students protested plans to turn a building into an admissions office instead of a student-activity center.

Jordan, a 1972 graduate, credits Antioch for her own success. She is CEO of Achieve Minneapolis, a group that got summer jobs this year for 630 inner-city teens.

"Antioch wasn't for everybody. But it attracts a kind of young person that is self-directed, creative, is willing to take risks and learns how to build leadership," Jordan said. "A lot of us are mavericks. You have to know there is a place somewhere where we belong."

Current students and teachers also are trying to keep the school

open.

Students marched through Yellow Springs as part of the village's Founders Day celebration to generate support for Antioch. They passed a referendum this month calling for Antioch to remain open and to work toward becoming an independent, self-governing school.

"We are living in a very precarious situation," said Jeanne Kay, 22, a second-year student from Cadenet, France, who said she decided to return to Antioch this year to help fight for the school. "The closeness of the community is tighter than ever."

Twenty-three of the 37 teachers are suing Antioch University, charging that it violated faculty personnel procedures by deciding to close the school when less drastic remedies to the college's financial problems existed. Antioch University governs the college and adult-education universities in Yellow Springs, Keene, N.H., Seattle and Culver City and Santa Barbara, Calif.

Art Zucker, chairman of the university's board of trustees, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Across this campus, 15 miles from Dayton in southwest Ohio, "SAVE Antioch NOW" signs are taped to dorm windows. But a school that teemed with 2,000 students three decades ago now has 230.

Recent enrollment declines have been blamed on the poor conditions of dorms and classroom buildings. In addition, efforts to balance the budget over the years through faculty and staff reductions and program changes have eroded the confidence students and parents have in the academic program, the college said.

The financial squeeze is evident. Antioch, which costs \$36,000 a year to attend, has an \$18 million operating budget and a \$2.6 million deficit. It has cut bricks-and-mortar spending and cut staff and services in the admissions office. The number of hot breakfasts at the school cafeteria have been reduced, hours at the two bookstores rotated so one is open when the other is closed.

The uncertainty has Antioch officials operating on two different tracks.

During the day, Admissions Director Angie Glukhov is helping students transfer to other colleges for next year. At night, she's planning a student-recruiting campaign in the event Antioch stays open.

"We are all trying to find our way," said Andrzej Bloch, Antioch's chief operating officer.

Some students have elected to attend Antioch even though they won't be able to graduate from the school if it closes next year.

Ben Horlacher, a first-year student from Mechanicsville, Va., says he has avoided thinking about transferring.

"I have no space in my mind right now for the idea that it will close," he said. "But there was more of an urgency to come here because it was closing. You're not going to get something like this anywhere else but here."

Emma Emmerich, a 19-year-old second-year student from Cincinnati, said she's not interested in any other schools but Antioch because it is inclusive, diverse and addresses sexism and classism issues.

Jordan said there are future college students out there who need Antioch in order to test their wings and learn to be leaders.

"We have taken this for granted," she said of the school. "Now we have to fight our damndest to make sure we don't lose it."

Reliability of touch-screen voting remains big concern

The director of elections in Cuyahoga County gets ready for the 2008 elections

By M.R. Kropko
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The newly appointed director of elections in Cuyahoga County said yesterday getting ready for the presidential election in November 2008 depends largely on the result of tests on electronic voting machines now under way.

Jane Platten, who was selected in June to run voting in Ohio's most populous county, said during remarks at the City Club of Cleveland that assuring the reliability of touch-screen voting remains her big concern.

The Cuyahoga County elections board, which had difficulties adapting to electronic vot-

ing starting May 2006, is under direct oversight of Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner, and Platten said she has discussions with Brunner weekly.

That 2006 election day in Cuyahoga County was marred by absent or poorly trained poll workers, lost vote-holding computer cards and a polling place that opened hours late.

Brunner in late September started a process to put Ohio's electronic voting systems through actual testing to pinpoint potential or actual problems.

Brunner is a Democrat. A bipartisan team of elections officials will advise in the testing process, review findings and help with recommendations for a final report to Gov. Ted Strickland and the state Legislature by about Dec. 14.

If it runs later that that, elections officials statewide might have to make changes in a hurry. Next year's primary is earlier than usual, March 4.

Platten said she is working closely with the county's voting machine vendor, Diebold Inc.'s Premier Election Solutions, to refine electronic voting.

"That's something we have to think about everyday," Platten said. "Until we get a mandate that something's different, we have to conduct and prepare for elections based on what we have."

She said occasional paper jams or other printing glitches hindering clarity of paper printouts from touch-screen machines is an ongoing concern. Those printouts are crucial in the event of a recount.

She said procedure changes made in 2006, particularly training of poll workers on new voting technology, will continue for 2008. She doesn't expect finding enough people to be poll workers will be a problem.

Platten said she will try to increase absentee voting done by mail that will produce paper ballots counted using optical scanners.

"That is potentially huge in terms of something that's different" for 2008, she said. An expected voting turnout in November next year of about 75 percent could stress touch-screen voting or result in long lines at polling places, she said.

"The more voters we can get to vote by mail, the less voters we have at the polling locations," she said.



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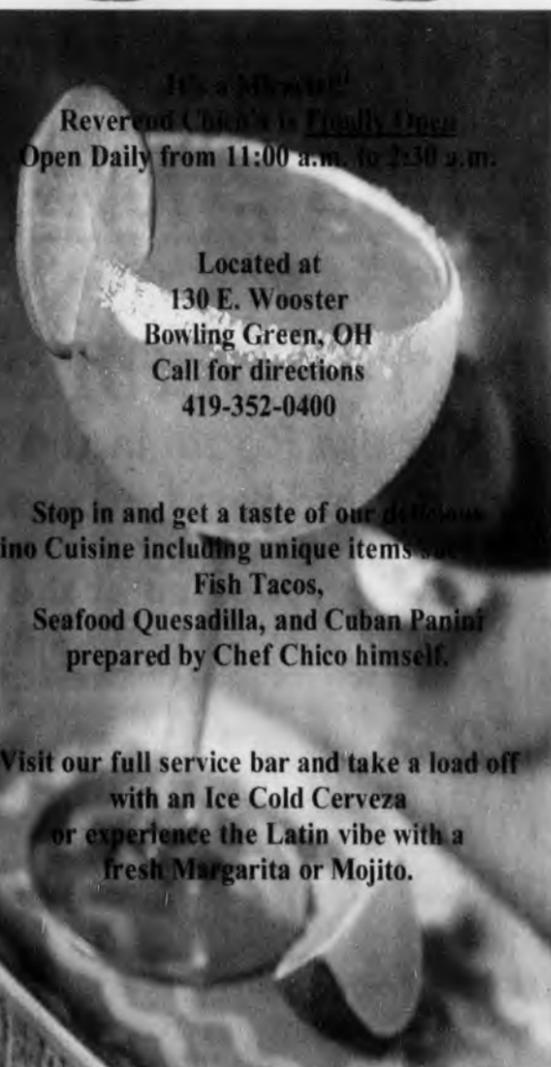
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Mild earthquake rumbles in Lake Erie

FAIRPORT HARBOR, Ohio (AP) — A mild earthquake offshore in Lake Erie shook Cleveland's northeast suburbs yesterday afternoon but no immediate damage or injuries were reported.

The quake had a magnitude of 2.9, strong enough to feel like the rumble of a passing truck, according to the Lake County Emergency Management Agency.

The quake occurred about 4:04 p.m. and was centered in Lake Erie about 15 miles northwest of Fairport Harbor, the agency said.

Sharee Crouser, 49, who lives close to Lake Erie in nearby

Mentor, said the quake startled her.

"My whole entire house shook and I walked outside and I thought, 'What the heck was that?' It was weird," she said. "I heard this guy in the neighborhood saying, 'What was that going on?'"

The area between Cleveland and Erie, Pa., is an epicenter for earthquakes.

Ohio has had seven quakes this year with a magnitude of 2.0 or greater, most of them in the region northeast of Cleveland.

A 2.8 quake occurred Sept. 28 offshore in Lake Erie near Conneaut, located 38 miles northeast of Fairport Harbor.

Pakistan agreement allows prime minister's return

Formerly self-exiled leader relies on Pakistan People's Party's win in parliament to run for third term

By Matthew Pennington
The Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Legions of supporters of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto converged on Karachi for her planned homecoming today from eight years in self-exile and return to the center stage of Pakistan's volatile politics.

Brushing off fears of an attack by Islamic militants, she vowed yesterday to restore democracy and to fight religious extremism. But there is public skepticism she can turn the bold rhetoric into reality.

"My return heralds for the people of Pakistan the turn of the wheel from dictatorship to democracy, from exploitation to empowerment, from violence to peace," Bhutto told reporters in Dubai ahead of the flight home.

Bhutto's arrival was expected to draw 100,000 or more people to the streets of this southern port city.

The path for her return was paved by negotiations with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who seized power in a 1999 coup and has promised to give up command of the army if he secures a new term as president. The talks yielded an amnesty covering the corruption cases that led Bhutto

to leave Pakistan, and could see the archrivals team up in a U.S.-friendly alliance to fight al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Bhutto, 54, whose two elected governments between 1988 and 1996 were toppled amid allegations of corruption and mismanagement, is vying for a third term if her Pakistan People's Party can win parliamentary elections in January.

She described the situation in Pakistan, with rising militancy and enduring poverty, as "very grave."

"The internal situation is very dangerous and there is tension and danger on our frontiers. My heart hurts on seeing poor people without bread, clothing and shelter," she said at a news conference in Dubai, flanked by her husband and two daughters.

In Karachi, where loyalists created a carnival atmosphere with rallies and raucous music and dance, many people were dubious about promises of change.

"Let's see what she can do for us," said Mohammed Asif, a 27-year-old student in the dirt-poor district of Lyari, a Bhutto party stronghold. "She's been prime minister twice but she's done nothing for Lyari."

The Pakistan People's Party said thousands of Bhutto sup-



RETURN FROM EXILE: Former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto talks to the journalists during a press conference in Dubai yesterday.

porters had already arrived in Karachi, a city of 15 million, and many more were expected overnight.

The party predicted more than 1 million people from across Pakistan would greet Bhutto. Other observers said 100,000 or so was more likely — still a far greater turnout than rival politicians could hope to muster.

Schools were scheduled to be closed today, and police blocked access roads to the airport as a security precaution.

Some 2,500 paramilitary

officers deployed around the airport and 10,000 more were on standby. Some 3,500 police, including seven bomb-clearing squads, and 5,000 party volunteers guarded Bhutto's route.

Authorities warned of the threat of suicide attacks and roadside bombings by Islamic militants.

The provincial government appealed to Bhutto to abandon plans for a snail's pace, 10-mile procession into the city, where she planned to speak at the tomb of Pakistan's founding father, Mohammed Ali Jinnah.

Turkish offensive tactics are not appealing to U.S. military

By Christopher Torchia
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Parliament authorized the government yesterday to carry out a cross-border attack on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, approving an offensive that would put Turkey at odds with the U.S. There was no sign of an imminent invasion.

Washington and Iraq have pressured Ankara to show restraint and Turkish leaders signaled that they would not immediately give the order to send in the 60,000 troops, armor and attack helicopters into a region that has largely escaped the chaos of the Iraq war.

The crisis along the Turkey-Iraq border, where the Turkish forces have massed since summer, has driven up oil prices along with tensions between Ankara and its NATO ally, the United States.

President Bush said the U.S. was making clear to NATO ally Turkey that it should not stage a major army operation in the Iraqi north, much of which has escaped the sustained violence and political discord common in the rest of Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

Bush said Turkey had troops stationed in northern Iraq "for quite a while," a reference to about 1,500 soldiers deployed for years to monitor the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, with the permission of Iraqi Kurd authorities.

"We don't think it's in their interest to send more troops in," he said.

Although the vote lifted the last legal obstacle to an offensive, Turkish leaders apparently hoped that the threat of an incursion would prod Iraq and the U.S. to move against rebel bases.

Turkey, which last carried out a major incursion into Iraq a decade ago with 50,000 soldiers, estimates 3,800 Turkish Kurd guerrillas operate from Iraq and 2,300 are inside Turkey.

An attack would put the United States in a difficult posi-

"If you don't solve the problem now, we will have no choice but to pursue the PKK inside Iraq."

Nouri al-Maliki | Turkish Leader

tion between key allies: Turkey, a relatively stable Muslim democracy in a strategic region prone to conflict, and the Iraqi central government as well as the Kurdish administration in Iraq's autonomous northern region.

In a 507-19 vote, Turkey's Parliament approved military operations against rebel bases in northern Iraq over the next year, but the government appeared willing to give diplomatic pressure on the U.S.-backed Iraqi administration more time to work.

Turkey also moved to explain its decision to invade Iraq in pursuit of the PKK to its Arab neighbors with Turkish Foreign Minister Ali Babacan visiting both Egypt and Lebanon.

Oil prices surged briefly to a new record of \$89 a barrel after the vote. Traders worry that any escalation in the conflict will cut oil supplies from northern Iraq.

Hours before the vote, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to say Iraq's government was determined to halt "terrorist activities" of the PKK on Iraqi territory, his office said.

A close aide to al-Maliki said later that the two leaders agreed the Iraqis should deal with PKK fighters based inside Iraq and the Turks would take care of guerrillas operating in Turkish territory.

But Erdogan warned that Iraq must rein in the guerrillas, the aide added. "If you don't solve the problem now, we will have no choice but to pursue the PKK inside Iraq," he quoted the Turkish leader as saying.



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British government makes new plans to combat obesity trends

By Tariq Panja
The Associated Press

LONDON — Most British citizens could be obese by 2050, a new government report warns, and the nation's health secretary called yesterday for a fundamental shift in the way the nation tackles obesity.

Health Secretary Alan Johnson didn't blame British eating habits, calling obesity "a consequence of abundance, convenience and underlying biology."

"As this report starkly demonstrates, people in the U.K. are not more gluttonous than previous generations and individual action alone will not be sufficient," he said in a speech to Parliament.

The obesity analysis by the Foresight program, run by the Office for Science, concludes that excess weight has become the norm and described Britain as an "obesogenic" society.

Obesity costs Britain the equivalent of \$90 million a year already. Obese people have a greater risk for life-threatening conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

The number of overweight and obese people has tripled in the last 25 years. One in four adults are now obese, according to the most recent Health Study for England.

By comparison, about one-third of adults in the United States are obese; two-thirds are overweight.

The Foresight report projects that by 2050, 60 percent of British men, 50 percent of women and a quarter of children and young people will be obese unless

"People in the U.K. are not more gluttonous than previous generations"

Alan Johnson | Health Secretary

drastic action is taken.

The study's authors, who based their findings on research from 250 experts over two years, said there was scant proof that current anti-obesity policies worked. The government pledged to draw up new plans to combat bulging waistlines.

Solutions to the problem will not be found "in exhortations to greater individual responsibility or in the futility of isolated initiatives," the health secretary said.

The report made a series of proposals:

— Earlier action when young children start gaining too much weight.

— Targeting people who are at increased risk.

— Controlling high-calorie foods.

— Changing the design of towns to make them more physically demanding.

— Increasing employer responsibility.

"There is a danger that the moment to act radically and dramatically will be missed," said Sir David King, the government's chief scientific adviser and head of the Foresight report. "It is a problem that is getting worse every year."

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Putin works to curb U.S. influence in Iran

American economic, military ties to Mideast need to be cut, Russian president says

By Vladimir Isachenkov
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Vladimir Putin issued a veiled warning Tuesday against any attack on Iran as he made the first visit by a Kremlin leader to Tehran in six decades — a mission reflecting Russian-Iranian efforts to curb U.S. influence.

He also suggested Moscow and Tehran should have a veto on Western plans for new pipelines to carry oil and natural gas from the Caspian Sea, using routes that would bypass Russian soil and break the Kremlin's monopoly on energy deliveries from the region.

Putin came to Tehran for a summit of the five nations bordering the Caspian, but his visit was aimed more at strengthening efforts to blunt U.S. economic and military ties in the area. Yet he also refused to set a date for completing Iran's first nuclear reactor, trying to avoid an outright show of support for Iran's defiance over its nuclear program.

Putin strongly warned outside powers against use of force

"We are saying that no [Caspian] nations should offer their territory to outside powers for aggression or any military action against any of the Caspian states."

Vladimir Putin | Russian President

in the region, a clear reference to the United States, which many in Iran fear will attack over the West's suspicions that the Iranians are secretly trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made similar comments.

"We are saying that no [Caspian] nations should offer their territory to outside powers for aggression or any military action against any of the Caspian states," Putin said.

The five national leaders at the summit later signed a declaration that included a similar statement.

Putin has warned against such attacks previously, but reiterating them in Tehran gave them greater resonance — particularly at a sum-

mit for a region where Moscow deeply resents U.S. and European attempts at greater influence.

In Iran's confrontation with the West, Russia has tread a fine line, warning against heavy pressure on Iran and protecting it — for now — from a third round of U.N. sanctions, while urging Tehran to heed the Security Council's demand that it halt uranium enrichment.

Putin's careful stance on completing the Russian-built Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran suggested the Kremlin is seeking to preserve solid ties with Tehran without angering the West.

"Russia is trying to sit in two chairs at the same time," said Fyodor Lukyanov, editor of Russia in Global Affairs magazine.



DMITRY ASTAKHOV | AP PHOTO

INTERNATIONAL PLANNING: Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov seen during their meeting in the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow yesterday.

Military: Despite U.S. efforts, terror network still 'very lethal'

By Kim Gamel
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An explosives-laden sewage truck blew up near a police station and a car bomb struck an Iraqi army checkpoint Tuesday — attacks that bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida and showed extremists can still hit hard despite recent gains by U.S.-led forces.

A U.S. military spokesman said the terror network is on the run in some areas, but it "obviously remains very lethal."

The bombings and a series of shootings mainly targeted Iraqi security forces and tribal leaders facing internal rivalries, but bystanders also were struck. At least 25 people were killed or found dead nationwide.

The deadliest attack occurred when a car blew up near a gas station across the street from an Iraqi army checkpoint, killing four civilians and two Iraqi soldiers and wounding 25 others.

Flames shot out from a military pickup as ambulances raced to the scene, driving past a long concrete barrier that recently was decorated with murals by local artists in an attempt to beautify the city.

It was the latest in a series

of car bombings in the capital despite stringent security measures put in place as part of a U.S.-Iraqi military operation — now in its ninth month — and celebrations marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

In the northern city of Mosul, a suicide bomber in a sewage pump truck detonated his payload as he approached a police station recently rebuilt after four previous attacks, police said.

The blast collapsed most of the building, killing at least four policemen, including the station chief, and wounding 75 people, police said. A police spokesman, Brig. Gen. Mohammed al-Waqqa, said several nearby shops and cars were damaged.

Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, has seen a rise in violence that many blame in part on an influx of militants who fled the Baghdad security crackdown.

Nobody claimed responsibility for the attacks, but both bombings bore the hallmarks of Sunni Arab insurgents, particularly al-Qaida in Iraq. The terror group had promised to step up attacks during Ramadan, which ended over the weekend with the Eid al-Fitr holiday.



MATTHEW STERN | AP PHOTO

INTRODUCTIONS: U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert prior to their dinner meeting in his Jerusalem residence yesterday.

Rice wins Egyptian support for Mideast peace negotiations

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won public support Tuesday for a Mideast peace conference from a skeptical Egypt, boosting her bid to secure critical Arab backing for pushing Israel and the Palestinians to resume formal negotiations to end their conflict.

Pressing ahead with an intense four-day shuttle diplomacy mission, Rice appeared to have convinced the Egyptians of U.S. seriousness in organizing the conference to be held in Annapolis, Md. in November or December.

After her talks here with President Hosni Mubarak and other top officials, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said at a news conference with Rice that she had given them "a lot of trust and confidence" about American intentions for the meeting.

"She has helped us to understand the American objective," Aboul Gheit told reporters. "We

feel encouraged regarding what we heard from Secretary Rice and promised her that we would help and we would help the parties as well in order to achieve the objective."

Aboul Gheit said Rice had assured the Egyptian government that President Bush, who announced in July that the conference would be held in the fall, was committed to forging an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal before he leaves office in January 2009.

"She says that she is determined, and the president of the United States is determined to have a breakthrough during the remaining year of this administration," Aboul Gheit said. "We have to believe them. I cannot doubt them."

Just a day earlier, Aboul Gheit had spoken of postponing the conference about which Egypt and Jordan, the other main Arab player in the peace process, and Saudi Arabia had expressed serious doubts. They all fear the gathering will be merely symbolic.

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Honorable Mention- Harry S. Bunting Colony Award for the colony who demonstrated general excellence on their way to receiving a charter



LISA POOLE | AP PHOTO

SKEPTICS: Rachel Magni plays with her children Stella Magni, 4, left, and Jesse Magni, 22 months, right, at their home in Newton, Mass.

Parents concerned over vaccinations

By Steve Leblanc
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Sabrina Rahim doesn't practice any particular faith, but she had no problem signing a letter declaring that because of her deeply held religious beliefs, her 4-year-old son should be exempt from the vaccinations required to enter preschool.

She is among a small but growing number of parents around the country who are claiming religious exemptions to avoid vaccinating their children when the real reason may be skepticism of the shots or concern they can cause other illnesses. Some of these parents say they are being forced to lie because of the way the vaccination laws are written in their states.

"It's misleading," Rahim admitted, but she said she fears that earlier vaccinations may be to blame for her son's autism. "I find it very troubling, but for my son's

"But for my son's safety, I feel this is the only option we have."

Sabrina Rahim | Worried Mother

safety, I feel this is the only option we have."

An Associated Press examination of states' vaccination records and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that many states are seeing increases in the rate of religious exemptions claimed for kindergartners.

"Do I think that religious exemptions have become the default? Absolutely," said Dr. Paul Offit, head of infectious diseases at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia and one of the harshest critics of the anti-vaccine movement. He said the resistance to vaccines is "an irra-

tional, fear-based decision." The number of exemptions is extremely small in percentage terms and represents just a few thousand of the 3.7 million children entering kindergarten in 2005, the most recent figure available.

But public health officials say it takes only a few people to cause an outbreak that can put large numbers of lives at risk.

"When you choose not to get a vaccine, you're not just making a choice for yourself, you're making a choice for the person sitting next to you," said Dr. Lance Rodewald, director of the CDC's Immunization Services Division.

All states have some requirement that youngsters be immunized against such childhood diseases as measles, mumps, chickenpox, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Twenty-eight states, including Florida, Massachusetts and New York, allow parents to opt out for medical or religious reasons only.

Former CIA agent 'settles the score'

Valerie Plame writes a memoir about the White House leak scandal

By Matt Apuzza
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four years after her CIA cover was blown in a newspaper column, Valerie Plame is settling scores with the Bush administration, Republican lawmakers and the journalists involved in the White House leak scandal.

Plame writes about the leak, the fallout and the perjury trial of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby in her memoir, "Fair Game: My Life as a Spy, My Betrayal by the White House." The book is to be released Monday, but The Associated Press purchased it early.

She offers harsh words for President Bush, whom she assails for administration "arrogance and intolerance." She also said criticism of her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, was a "dress rehearsal" for the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth effort that impugned Sen. John Kerry's war record during his failed presidential campaign in 2004.

"It was classic Karl Rove: go after your enemy's strong point," Plame writes, saying Bush's former political adviser was behind both efforts. "In Joe's case it was that he told the truth; in Kerry's case, it was his exemplary military service."

Plame often casts herself as a spectator to the scandal. She discusses being uncomfortable in the limelight, even as she poses for magazine photographs, attends posh Washington fundraisers and is whisked backstage at a rock concert as her husband becomes one of the Iraq war's most public critics.

She describes arriving home one day to find Vanity Fair photographers in her kitchen preparing a photo for the magazine's cover.

"I did not listen to my instincts and threw my extreme caution



LAWRENCE JACKSON | AP FILE PHOTO
SPEAKING: Plame at a press conference.

about public exposure to the wind," she wrote. "In no time, the beauty team had me made up."

Plame began attracting attention after syndicated columnist Robert Novak revealed her identity in 2003 in a story about Wilson's CIA-sponsored trip to Niger.

"I felt like I had been sucker-punched, hard, in the gut," Plame said, recalling reading Novak's column.

Wilson said the Niger trip debunked some prewar intelligence about Iraq's nuclear ambitions, yet the intelligence still found its way into Bush's State of the Union address that year. Plame believes she was outed as retribution for her husband's comments.

Numerous behind-the-scenes details of the leak surfaced at Libby's trial and Plame cannot fill in many blanks. At least four Bush administration officials discussed Plame's identity with reporters — Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer, Rove and Libby — but have said little about it publicly.

Libby is the only person charged in the case and was convicted not of leaking but of lying

and obstructing the probe. Plame recalls that her husband had convinced himself Rove would be charged and she writes of being "puzzled and angry" upon learning he wouldn't be.

Rove's attorney, Robert Luskin, said Wednesday he would not discuss the book because Plame's comments "shed no light on the public record."

Plame reportedly received a seven-figure deal to write the book. Though it represents the first time Plame has publicly discussed the scandal in detail, few revelations were left after the monthlong trial, countless news articles and her congressional testimony.

Some of the details Plame had planned to offer, including discussion of her CIA career and her job responsibilities, are redacted from the book. Sometimes that means whole pages of blacked-out text. The CIA objected to the material's release and Plame lost a court fight to include it.

As a solution, journalist Laura Rozen recounts Plame's early years in the agency as part of the book's lengthy afterword. Rozen, who writes for liberal publications *The American Prospect* and *Mother Jones*, is not covered by the CIA's publication rules.

Critics have argued for years that if Plame was concerned about her CIA cover, she should not have let Wilson discuss his mission to Niger publicly nor write about it in the *New York Times*. She touches on this only briefly in the book, saying neither of them ever considered the possibility it would jeopardize her cover.

Plame also revisits the debate over whether she suggested her husband for the Niger trip. Government officials have testified she did. In her book, she says a CIA colleague suggested it and a supervisor asked Wilson to come in to discuss it.

Potential attorney general could be major change from predecessor

By Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey told senators yesterday he will reject White House political meddling and overstepping its authority in terrorism cases if approved to run the Justice Department.

He said he would resign if his legal or ethical doubts about administration policy are ignored.

Mukasey's plans for the scandal-scarred Justice Department starkly contrast with how it operated under the man who would be his immediate predecessor — former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Mukasey, a retired federal judge, said he also would review opinions issued by the department's Office of Legal Counsel to make sure they are legally sound. He described as "defective" a 2002 memo that defended the Bush administration's use of torture techniques against terrorism suspects.

That opinion "was worse than a sin, it was a mistake," Mukasey told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "It purported to justify measures based on broad grants of authority that were unnecessary."

Likewise, on politics, Mukasey said he would discourage his prosecutors from bringing charges against political candidates shortly before elections and would not let party loyalty be a consideration for people applying for Justice Department jobs.

"That's the standard I'm going to make very clear, very precise, and I'm going to enforce," Mukasey said.

It was a far cry from the policies Gonzales allowed before he resigned in September after months of criticism and questions about his honesty.

An internal Justice Department

"I am awaiting an attorney general who will tell the president some things he may not like to hear."

Arlen Specter | Pennsylvania Senator

investigation is looking into whether Gonzales lied to lawmakers about the administration's terror programs and illegally let politics influence hiring and firing of prosecutors. Gonzales, a close friend of President Bush and a former Texas Supreme Court justice, has denied any wrongdoing.

The scandal tainted the Justice Department's long-cherished independent image and has demoralized its 110,000 employees.

"This is a job interview for a big job, a big job that has become even bigger," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "The next attorney general has to begin to regain the public trust."

"I'm awaiting an attorney general who will tell the president some things he may not like to hear," added Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the panel's top Republican.

Mukasey will all but certainly be confirmed as the nation's 81st attorney general, and Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., predicted he may win unanimous support from Democrats who control the Senate Judiciary Committee — a panel generally suspicious of Bush's nominees.

As Mukasey was testifying on the first of potentially three days of committee hearings, Bush urged the Senate to confirm the attorney general hopeful next week. Democratic aides would not predict if that will happen.

In a calm, measured tone, Mukasey addressed a half-filled hearing room in a daylong

appearance that was pre-empted for about two hours by the Dalai Lama's visit to the Capitol. His family and friends, including former FBI Director Louis Freeh, filled most of 30 reserved chairs in the room.

The hearing promised none of the drama that marked the Senate committee's often-combative questioning of Gonzales earlier this year. But Mukasey did not get off unscathed.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., hammered Mukasey for writing a 2004 speech that derided criticism of the USA Patriot Act as "recreational hysteria." He also described as "somewhat troubling" Mukasey's reluctance to say whether he thinks the administration's terrorism surveillance program crossed the legal boundaries of a 1978 law setting limits on government spying in the United States.

Mukasey said he has not seen details of the surveillance program or other classified Bush administration policies and could not provide an educated answer. He responded similarly to other pointed questions about indefinitely detaining terror suspects and torture methods.

"Judge Mukasey, you're punting now," Specter chastised during a legally technical discussion about rights given to detainees.

Mukasey said he wanted to be careful talking about a legal argument currently being considered by the Supreme Court.

"I'm going to have to do what I was told to do when I was a kid, which is 'I have to watch my mouth about this,'" Mukasey said.

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don't matter. Beauty could be what brings two people together, but it's not what's going to keep them together.

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GQ named Victoria's Secret model Adriana Lima, 26, the world's most voluptuous virgin.

Lima told GQ that "Sex is for after marriage. Men have to respect that this is my choice. If there's no respect that means they don't want me."

But it's hard to give someone respect if they're not taken seri-

SIDELINES



BASKETBALL

Cleveland loses to Orlando in China pre-season game

Lebron James and the Cavaliers led for most of the game, but could not close out as Dwight Howard and the Magic won 90-86. **Page 10**

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The BG News sports blog

Be sure to take a look at The BG News sports blog for extra information on all of your favorite Falcons sports teams.

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TODAY

Hockey:
at Niagra; 7:05 p.m.

Tennis:
ITA Regional Tournament in Ann Arbor, Michigan; TBA.

OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1995—NHL Winnipeg Jets sold to Americans who plan to move them to Phoenix.

1981—New York Giant Joe Danelo ties the NFL record of six field goals in a game.

1980—Detroit blocks 21 Atlanta shots, setting an NBA record.

1974—Chicago Bull Nate Thurmond becomes the first player in NBA history to complete a quadruple double.

The List

The Rockies have already sealed their trip to the World Series. If you're a Cleveland fan, here's five reasons why the Tribe could be headed there tonight.

1. C.C. Sabathia is due: He has been shaky in his two previous playoff starts, but much like Jake Westbrook in game three, he's due to toss a gem.

2. The bullpen: From Rafael Betancourt to Tom Mastny to Joe Borowski, everybody in the pen is getting guys out.

3. Timely hitting: This lineup has delivered big time with two outs, and one through nine, everyone's producing.

4. Eric Wedge's managing: He took a lot of flak for his managing style during the regular season, and even a little bit in the ALDS, but Wedge has stuck to his guns and has taken his own game to another level in the playoffs.

5. Home cooking: They have the chance to clinch in front of their home fans tonight.

From walk-on to the radar



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ROGER DODGER: Roger Williams (31) tries to elude two Temple defenders on a return.

Williams making a name for himself in return game

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

Anonymous no longer – at least one would think.

With seven sparkling kickoff returns for 172 yards in Saturday's game against Miami, Roger Williams Jr. is proving to be a very valuable asset to the Falcons this season. It wasn't always this glamorous, though.

Williams is a former walk-on who fought and battled to get where he is today. He was so anonymous last season that when he returned a kick, it left the communications office scrambling to figure out who exactly number 31 was.

"While I was a walk-on, I had plenty of goals and went through some ups and downs and got a bunch of blessings and I'm just hoping they continue to come,"

Williams said. "I'm just glad to be in a position that I'm in and I'm just glad the coaches believed in me."

With no player biography on the BG athletic Web site, Williams still flies under the radar on this Falcons team, but that does not change how valuable he has been to them.

Against Miami (OH), he was pretty much the lone bright spot with his kickoff return abilities. It was not his fault that the Falcons lost he did everything he could. According to Williams, it is not all about him.

"I'm trying to do what I can do to make the team better but we all know it's not about me, it's about the kickoff return team," Williams said. "They've been blocking so

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ON THE MOVE: So far this season, Williams is one of the team leaders in all-purpose yards with 464. He averages 24.4 yards per return.

Netters Simon and Meek share a bond spanning many years

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

Senior Elizabeth Simon and junior Chelsey Meek share a bond as more than just Falcons. They have played together as Bowling Green High School Bobcats and have both been members of the Premier Volleyball Club in Maumee, Ohio. Simon even first introduced Meek to the sport.

Growing Up in BG

Both Simon and Meek's volleyball careers have their grass roots in the same town taking very similar paths to wearing Orange and Brown. However Simon's journey into BG volleyball began earlier than Meek's, before she was even born, as her father Mike and head volleyball coach Denise Van De Walle played on the same team in the town's co-rec club volleyball league.

"When I first came to Bowling Green I met her dad right away, and we played on the same vol-



Chelsey Meek
Went to Bowling Green High School with Simon

leyball team," Van De Walle said. "It was called Pollyeyes Pizza."

Several years later Simon actually got to know Meek through her younger sister, Christine, and Meek became a

second younger sister to her. "I consider Elizabeth like a sister, she's definitely like family to me and I confide with her many things when it comes to volleyball and outside of volleyball," Meek said.

Being like an older sister to Meek, Simon was one of the first people ever to play volleyball with Meek.

"When I was in seventh grade and her and my sister were in

sixth grade, we set up a net in our front yard and me, my friends, my sister and her friends, including Chelsey came over, and that was the first time Chelsey ever touched a volleyball," said Simon.

Three years later Meek and Simon were playing volleyball again. This time it wasn't in Simon's front yard but in the gym at Bowling Green High School. In high school both received honors including MVP, all-league, all-district, and an all-state honorable mention.

Becoming Falcons

After Simon's high school career as a Bobcat, the choice to play and where to play division one volleyball came down to BG, Marshall and Toledo.

"I chose to come to Bowling Green for a number of reasons, it was very high up on my list. I really liked coach, I really liked the team, and I really liked how the team got along. But the big

thing was I grew up watching the Falcons," Simon said. "It was kind of like a goal, when I was first getting recruited by coach, it was seriously the biggest deal ever. I never thought that I would be eligible to play at the division one level. So it was kind of a dream for me to play here."

Simon came in her freshman year and served as the team's part time libero and as a defensive specialist recording 208 digs and 23 service aces. At the same time her former teammate from high school, Meek, was also being recruited to become a Falcon.

Following Meek's senior year, in which she led her team to a



Elizabeth Simon
Played in Premier Volleyball Club with Meek

21-4 record she also decided to come play for Van De Walle at BG. Meek chose BG since it was close to home and the fact that her family could come watch her play. Making the decision wasn't difficult, especially with the assurance from Simon.

"Elizabeth had nothing but great things to say about BG, so it was definitely nice having a close friend on the team," Meek said.

In their first year together as Falcons the team went 18-14 as Meek took over the libero, allowing Simon to be a full-time defensive specialist. In each of the years since the Falcons have improved their record including this season in which they are on a current 10 game home winning streak.

Today

Currently, both Meek and Simon are in the midst of the best seasons of their careers accord-

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Athlete of the Week: Abiola Sandy

By Pete Schramm
Reporter

As one of only three seniors on a very young BG men's soccer team this year, Abiola Sandy has taken the initiative to step into a leadership role and lead by example.

Sandy, an accounting major, has scored a team-high four goals this season eclipsing his previous total of three over his first three years at BGSU.

He also earned a spot as a team captain this year, and says he embraces the role and the opportunity to set an example for the younger members of the team both on and off the field.

"I always try and do the right things," he said. "There's always people watching me, like the



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LEADER: Abiola Sandy has scored a team-high four goals for the Falcons this season.

freshmen and the other guys." "Anything I do for my social life to my grades and everything, I always try to be

responsible just so I can be a good leader for the guys and give them good advice. I just try to help out the freshmen and help them be comfortable and enjoy their first year of college."

Sandy's passion for the game comes from a childhood growing up in Trinidad and Tobago where soccer is almost all he knew.

"I have been playing it since I was four," he said. "I have been playing it for so long, I just love it."

Last year, Sandy's skill as a player was elite enough to earn him a spot on his country's U-20 national team.

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Swim team holds scrimmage

By Andrew Harner
Reporter

The University's swimming and diving team held an intra-squad meet Friday to help prepare for the beginning of the upcoming season.

"We all stepped up and raced really well," sophomore Chelsea Lopus said. "It was fun to see the freshmen race."

In the Brown Vs. Orange Pentathlon, the Brown team defeated the Orange 383-374, which was a mere coincidence according to coach Keri Buff.

Junior Alisha Yee was the top Falcon finishing first or second in all five races and setting meet records in the 100-yard freestyle (54.93) and the 200-yard individual medley (2:11.76).

"Anytime we can be the best that we've ever been, it's a big deal," Buff

said. "Those are great times, and I'm really looking forward to her doing great things."

Lopus finished in the top three, four times including wins in the 100-yard butterfly (59.20) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:10.18), and freshman Carrie Enright finished in the top four three times with a top finish of second in the 100-yard freestyle (55.14).

"I feel that the times we are putting up this year so far are way better than what we did last year at this time," Lopus said.

The Pentathlon did help determine the lineups for tomorrow's meet, but Buff said it also acted as a bridge between the conditioning phase of the season and the meet phase.

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ROGER

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well, I just try to get as many yards as possible for them and maybe even a touchdown."

Williams has done that this season and then some. He has returned 19 kickoffs this season for 464 yards, a 24.4 yard average.

He continues to put the offense in great field position, something that has not gone unnoticed by teammates like quarterback Tyler Sheehan.

"Roger has stepped up big time on special teams," Sheehan said. "Now we got a guy back there who we know if we get the ball in his hands, he can make something happen back there. That's going to be key down the stretch because if he is putting us in great field position, that's going to help us win a lot of games."

On Saturday Williams gave the Falcons an average starting-field position at their own 40 yard line. The Falcons did nothing with that great starting field position and were only able to convert on one drive in which Williams gave them a great starting spot.

Earlier in the season, Williams was struggling to get a hold of the kickoffs in practice. The coaches just kept working with him and that patience has paid off.

"We just worked him and worked him and worked him," said coach Gregg Brandon. "He kept handling kickoffs and handling kickoffs until he got com-

fortable back there with it. He has really emerged back there as a force for us."

While Williams has been great this season as a kickoff return specialist, he could end up making an appearance on defense.

"I'm hoping to get in at corner," Williams said. "I've been working with the 'ones' right now."

From walk-on to starter in two years is a pretty good accomplishment. Just think, if he keeps producing like this on kickoff returns, maybe he'll even get that player bio.

The Roger Williams File

Number: 31

Height: 5-9

Weight: 184 lbs.

Class: Sophomore

Started out: Walk-on

Position: Kick returner, defensive back

From: Lake City, GA. (Booker T. Washington H.S.)

2007 games played: 6

2007 All-purpose yards: 464

Average yards per game: 77.3

Average yards per return: 24.4

Long return: 56 yards

TOGETHER

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ing to Van De Walle. Simon is in the midst of a season where she has recorded 17 aces and second to Meek in digs with 198.

"This is by far the best that Simon has played, she is very verbal now, she plays with confidence, she plays like a senior," Van De Walle said.

Meek has recorded 448 digs this season, 19 aces and averaging 5.60 digs a game, good for 29th in the NCAA this season.

"Currently the way Chelsey's been playing in this mid part of the season is the best that I've seen Chelsey play as well," Van De Walle said.

Meek, Simon and the rest of the Falcons hit the road this

weekend as they head north tomorrow to play Toledo in a 7 p.m. start and then head to Ball State Saturday for more MAC play.

Playing Together: Meek and Simon

First team: "Pollyeyes Pizza".

High school: Both played at Bowling Green High School, where they won awards such as MVP, All-League, All-District and All-State Honorable Mention.

BGSU: Meek and Simon are both having career years for the Falcons this season. Simon has 198 digs. Meek has 19 aces.

SWIMMERS

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The meet phase of the season starts tomorrow with the Tom Stubbs Relays which are a tribute to BG coaching legend and Hall-of-Famer Tom Stubbs and a fun way to start off the season for the swimmers.

"The whole meet is relays so it's really fun," senior Kim Albin said. "I just think of this as a fun meet and another opportunity to race."

But Buff is already thinking about getting the best possible times from her swimmers, even though it's only the first meet.

"We're hoping for in-season bests," Buff said. "Our whole goal

is to start out at our first meet and just keep getting faster and faster times from there."

Last season, BG finished with top three finishes in nine of the ten relays against Eastern Michigan, Akron, and Youngstown State.

The team finished first in the 300-yard backstroke, 200-yard medley, and 400-yard medley races and second in the 400-yard freestyle and 300-yard butterfly.

This year, just Akron and Youngstown State will join BG in the water, but Buff still wants to win just as much as any other meet.

"Obviously, we want to beat Akron and Youngstown at every chance we get," Buff said. "We want to win every relay."

The meet starts at 5 p.m. at Cooper Pool.

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SANDY

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His ride as a soccer player at BG, however, has been a bit of a tougher story at times.

When Sandy first arrived on campus as a freshman he was eager to start playing for the team, but received little direction from the older players.

"My first three years, I wasn't as confident as I am right now, and the players that I played with didn't make me feel as though I could be myself," he said.

"[This year] I can just be me, and everyone is fine with it. It's helped my confidence to know that I can do just whatever I want to do."

Despite some difficult seasons, Sandy's passion for the game still shines through.

He says when he steps on the field, he tries to bring a spark to his team and set a good example.

"[I try] to be that guy to pump everyone up before the game," he said. "I just have to [lead] by example. I try to win every ball, be precise with my passes, be calm, be cool and make good



Abiola Sandy
Men's soccer player

he is not quite satisfied. "I think I can do a lot better," he said.

decisions."

So far this year, Sandy's positive attitude and extra effort have shown as he leads the team in goals.

Despite his personal success, Sandy holds himself to a high standard and says

"I don't feel like I've played my personal best yet. I think it's long overdue, and hopefully I can show it to them."

With only four regular season games left before the Mid-American Conference Tournament, Sandy sees the season, as well as his career at BGSU, starting to wind down.

He knows, however, this is the time in which focusing is most crucial because it isn't too late to fulfill the team's No. 1 goal.

"Win the conference," he said. "Win the [MAC] Championship, and qualify into the [NCAA]

Tournament."

While that lofty goal still hangs in the balance, one thing is for sure: This year's soccer team has a leader whose positive impact will be felt for years to come.

Athlete of the Week

Beginnings: Sandy hails from Trinidad and Tobago.

Sandy's goal as a senior: To win the MAC Championship and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

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Cavs lose to Magic in Shanghai as NBA looks to expand to China

By Stephen Wade
The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — LeBron James stood in the middle of the court at halftime, an advertisement as big as any for next year's Olympics.

He waved a replica of the red and silver torch for the Beijing Games while Chinese and U.S. flags hung from the rafters of newly built Qizhong Arena.

The public address announcer mingled English with Chinese. NBA commissioner David Stern was at the game. Jazz musician Kenny G sat in the front row.

"The atmosphere was amazing," James said. "Everything I expected and more."

James and his Cleveland Cavaliers lost an exhibition game on the outskirts of Shanghai on Wednesday, beaten 90-86 by the Orlando Magic.

But the final score was the least of it.

This was the first of the NBA's three "China Games," and Stern was on hand to explain the league's massive expansion plans in a country with the world's fastest growing major economy. This is also where 300 million people — the entire population of the United States — are reported to play basketball.

The halftime show — James aside — featured a juggler balancing one-legged on a unicycle. She began with a dozen bowls stacked on her head. She then succeeded in flicking a half-dozen more atop the stack, throwing them with flicks of her right leg.

"I thought it was a big deal tonight even though it was a preseason game," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said. "It almost felt like the electricity you feel in some of the buildings in a game that kind of matters."

The teams play again



EUGENELI HOSHIKO | AP PHOTO
JUMP AROUND: LeBron James celebrates a Cavaliers score yesterday.

Saturday in the former Portuguese territory of Macau. Today in Macau, the Magic face a Chinese all-star team.

James finished with 17 points in 28 minutes and was on the bench in the final quarter when the Magic rallied after trailing nearly the entire way.

Dwight Howard's 31 points and 14 rebounds led Orlando, with Jameer Nelson adding 24. Larry Hughes scored 16 points for Cleveland in 27 minutes. He and James rested late in the game when Orlando took control. The Cavaliers' Daniel Gibson did not see time because of a right hamstring injury but might play in Macau.

Orlando's new coach Stan Van Gundy, with a few top players injured, didn't rest anyone.

"Every night is a test for us as a young team," Howard said. "We've really got to stay focused. They didn't play their guys the whole game, but just to be out there was a good test for us."

The Magic tied it 84-84 on Howard's inside basket with 1:16 to play, then drew away with Nelson hitting four of four free throws down the stretch.

"It showed their first five is better than our second five," said Brown, who promised to use his starters more.

Cleveland general manager Danny Ferry acknowledged the China trip was taxing, but said it might pay off during the year.

"I think it's a pretty good team building experience when you go to the other side of the world as a group and kind of bunker down that way," he said.

Before the game, Stern discussed the NBA's new China subsidiary, NBA China. Timothy Chen, one of China's top business executives, began work Monday as the company's new chief executive officer. Stern said plans call for setting up "the second NBA, the NBA of China."

He didn't elaborate but said the expansion will involve working with the 16-team China Basketball Association.

"This is a long-term project where discussions have literally just begun and would, of course, involve the securing of significant financing from capital sources to finance substantial arena development throughout China," Stern said.

The NBA generated about \$50 million in revenue last year from China, the league's largest market outside the United States. That pales compared with overall NBA revenue of almost \$4 billion. But NBA officials have said the 80-person staff in China is set to grow five times in the next several years with increased revenues sure to follow.

Stern has held two days of meetings in China talking with TV partners, advertisers and sponsors about ways to expand basketball in China.

Sampson made extra calls to recruits—again



CHRIS HOWELL | AP PHOTO

THE TALKER: Indiana Hoosiers head coach Kelvin Sampson was caught violating an NCAA rule for the second time in just over a year—making extra phone calls to recruits.

By Jim Litke
The Associated Press

“What he did was dumb by any stretch of the imagination...But firing him? That’s nuts.”

Jim Calhoun | Uconn coach

Kelvin Sampson has phone trouble. He puts it down due to lousy reception, but by the time NCAA investigators are finished poring over his bill, a weak signal could turn out to be the least of his problems.

When Sampson arrived in Bloomington, Ind., ahead of the 2006 season to take over one of college basketball’s most storied programs, the doubters were already lined up. He was an upgrade over Mike Davis, sure. But to hard-core Hoosier fans, Sampson, like Davis, was never going to be an “Indiana guy,” let alone Bob Knight.

Until last weekend, that didn’t always seem like a bad thing.

In 29 seasons at Indiana, Knight played fast and loose with the coaches’ code of conduct a dozen times, but never once with the NCAA rule book. On a campus that hadn’t felt the sting of major sanctions since 1960, that became a point of pride. It didn’t hurt, either, that Knight won three national championships in a state that didn’t invent basketball, but still believes that’s where it was perfected.

In just 17 months, first at the end of his tenure at Oklahoma and now at Indiana, Sampson has violated the same NCAA rule twice. He won enough last season to buy some breathing room, but squandered most of it talking on the phone. Seems Sampson can’t quit calling potential recruits, no matter how much it costs him.

“I’m not defending him,” Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Tuesday. “What he did was dumb, by any stretch of the imagination. He broke the same rule, not once but twice, and he should suffer the consequences.”

“But firing him? That’s nuts. If some of the people speaking anonymously about him feel that negatively, let ‘em attack their names. In our business, there’s a difference between someone who breaks a rule and people who cheat — who use means that make me ashamed to be a coach — to get a recruit.”

“I know Kelvin well enough to know he’s not one of those guys.”

The results of the university’s internal investigation, released

Sunday, concluded the same thing.

Beyond a brief summary, the details of the violations aren’t worth rehashing, since Sampson has already pleaded guilty. He and his assistants at Oklahoma made way more calls than the NCAA allows, bringing sanctions down on both the program and himself. Sampson came to Bloomington promising it wouldn’t happen again. It did.

“This was 10 calls out of 1,000, but we’re trying to get to 100 percent compliance, and if we had 10 out of 1,000, then that’s 10 too many,” he said.

Suffice it to say that’s a very charitable version of events. Sampson contends he was getting lousy reception at his home and that on some occasions when recruits couldn’t get through, they called his assistant coach, Rick Senderoff, who patched the calls through. (In the interest of full disclosure, my younger son is a senior at IU; coincidentally, he’s been complaining about the lousy reception from the beginning.)

Still, the NCAA infractions committee already had Sampson on its watch list after what happened at Oklahoma, and if investigators decide his version of events is too charitable, the organization could pile more penalties on top of the ones Indiana already imposed.

The school will forfeit one scholarship for the 2008-09 season and Senderoff, who may also have violated NCAA rules with an additional three dozen calls from his home, can’t recruit off-campus or call recruits for a year. He also lost any bonus and possible salary increase for next year. Sampson, meanwhile, forfeited a \$500,000 bonus for the upcoming season, marking the third time in as many years that talking on the phone has cost him a small fortune.

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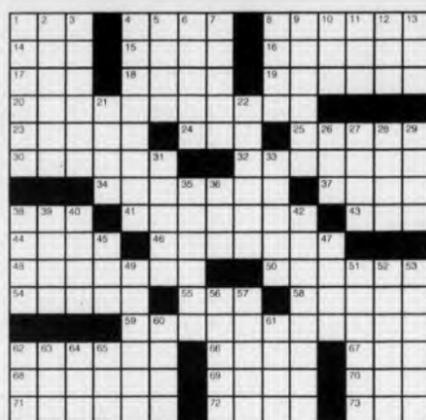
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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney travels through Ohio

On his way to a fundraiser, Romney tells reporters he believes Ohio voters are less concerned with party affiliations and more concerned with competent leadership

By John McCarthy
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio voters who overwhelmingly replaced Republicans with Democrats in last year's statewide elections will look past party labels toward security and economic issues in the 2008 presidential election, Republican Mitt Romney said yesterday.

Romney, in a brief stop with reporters while en route to a fundraiser, said there are more important issues than politics at stake in next year's contest. Whoever the presidential nominee is must have strong security and econom-

ic credentials, he said.

"I think people are going to forget the Rs and the Ds. They're going to look at the nominees and ask who can keep our country safe and prosperous," Romney said.

Ohio Democrats captured four of five statewide races in 2006, including a return to the governor's office for the first time in 16 years.

Romney said the Republican presidential nominee must appeal to all three conservative groups: economic, foreign policy, and social.

"I believe the only way we win the White House is by having the same coalition that allowed

Ronald Reagan to win," Romney said.

Romney was scheduled to visit suburban Dublin for a fundraiser later yesterday. He expected about 125 people to pay \$1,000 or the maximum \$2,300 each to visit with the candidate.

The former Massachusetts governor raised \$408,015 in Ohio during the third quarter, according to the Federal Elections Commission. That's more than any other GOP or Democratic candidate raised in the state.

Romney raised \$9.8 million nationally during the quarter, trailing Rudy Giuliani's \$11.5 million. Overall, Democrat Hillary

Rodham Clinton led all candidates nationally, raising \$27.3 million.

The polls, however, tell a different story. In the latest Quinnipiac University poll of likely Republican voters in Ohio, Romney drew 8 percent support, while Giuliani led all Republicans with 27 percent. The numbers for both candidates were mostly unchanged from July.

No Republican has been elected president without winning Ohio and just two Democrats have done so since 1900. The state was pivotal in 2004, giving President Bush the electoral votes he needed to win the election.



PAUL VERNON | AP PHOTO

ROMNEY Q & A: Republican presidential hopeful, former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney, listens to a reporter's question during a news conference at the Ohio State University Airport.

Iowa moves presidential caucuses ahead

By Amy Lorentzen
The Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa Republicans on Tuesday moved their presidential caucuses ahead to Jan. 3 and said they would not push the contest into December, even if another state tries to jump ahead.

"We figured putting it on [Jan. 3] gets the ball rolling, and our county chairs will be very thankful and they can get busy," said Chuck Laudner, executive director of the Iowa GOP.

The announcement came Tuesday night after the state central committee, two national committee members, the party chairman and co-chairman unanimously approved the date during a conference call.

Laudner said Republicans will continue discussions with the Iowa Democratic Party, which has yet to choose a caucus date. Democrats are believed to be considering Jan. 3 and Jan. 5. If they select the later date, it would mean the first split caucus since the 1970s.

Caucuses for both parties tentatively had been scheduled for Jan. 14.

Iowa's Democratic Party issued a statement after the announcement, saying it would choose a date "based ultimately on what is best for the people of Iowa and the Democratic Party."

Iowa Republicans decided to move their first-in-the-nation contest further ahead on the calendar after both Florida and Michigan moved up their contests.

Giuliani slams Obama

By Libby Quaid
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani on Tuesday ridiculed Democratic rival Barack Obama for saying he would meet, without precondition, with leaders of renegade nations.

The Obama campaign answered back, arguing that Giuliani may not want to engage in diplomacy with outlaw leaders but he's been willing to take their money.

Addressing the Republican Jewish Coalition, Giuliani described Obama's offer, during a presidential debate in July, to meet as president with the leaders of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea.

"Then he went on to explain that Ronald Reagan negotiated with the communists," Giuliani said, pausing and sighing. "I say this most respectfully: You're not Ronald Reagan, you know?"

The audience in a downtown Washington hotel laughed and clapped.

"Here's what Ronald Reagan did before he negotiated with communists," the former New York mayor continued. "First he called them the evil empire. Then he took missiles, intermediate-range missiles ... and he put them in European cities, and he pointed the missiles at Russian cities with names on them."

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