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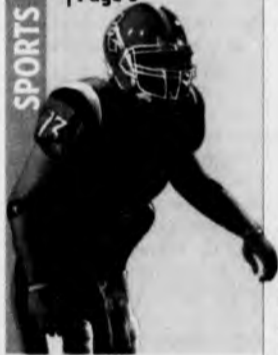
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ARYN BUCHER
Freshman, Journalist

"Affordable higher education, ending the war and lowering gas prices while ending our addiction to foreign oil." | Page 4

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High: 61, Low: 44

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High: 62, Low: 40

For out-of-state students, picking a candidate is just one voting issue

By **Alaina Buzas**
Reporter

As campaigners bombard campus registering students to vote, many out-of-state students brush them off, having no ties to an Ohio ballot. But if they really want their vote to count in the upcoming election, they may want to rethink their registration.

With only four days left before Ohio's registration deadline, non-partisan Web site CountMore.org is rushing to help students find out if their vote will carry more weight in

"It can be hard for people to figure out where their vote counts more."

Matt Lerner | CTO of Front Seat

their home state, or the state where they go to college.

"When you're in college you have so much stuff going on, and you just don't realize you have the choice," said Matt Lerner, CTO of Front Seat, the Seattle-based company that

created CountMore.org. "It can be hard for people to figure out where their vote counts more."

Lerner said that based on the results of past elections, where students chose to vote really could make a difference in battleground states like Ohio.

"In 2000, the election was decided in Florida by 200 votes. There are thousands and thousands of students from Florida that go to school in other states," Lerner said.

CountMore.org has users

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A brave new world, reimagined

By **Hannah Sparling**
Reporter

Radhika Gajjala is an associate professor in the department of communication, but she also designs and sells saris, a type of Asian clothing for women. How does she have time to do both? Easy, Gajjala has two lives.

Gajjala's second life (the one where she sells saris) is on secondlife.com, an online 3-D virtual world. She designs digital saris for avatars using Photoshop, and then uploads them into a stall to sell on Second Life.

"For me it's a research project to investigate the virtual economy," Gajjala said.

The world of SL is much like the world in which we live. Users can buy, sell, trade, watch movies, dance and even get married.

"More or less, you can do anything in Second Life you can do in first life," said Jonathan Van Melle, a second year master's student who first encountered SL through a class at the University.

Users can even make money on SL. The currency used, Linden dollars, is real. Though the exchange rate is constantly fluctuating, one U.S. dollar currently equals 286 Linden dollars. Users can exchange Linden



ENOCH WU (AVATAR: TEXIAWUEUS MAXIMUS) | THE BG NEWS

BIRTHPLACE: Every avatar in the University's section of Second Life spawns here. Each avatar has the opportunity to do almost anything in the virtual world, which has its own economy.

dollars they make in SL for U.S. dollars at any time.

The SL market is not insignificant either. Over 30 million U.S. dollars are floating around the SL economy, Van Melle said, and every day one million Linden dollars are spent.

SL is created by its residents. Users buy land and turn it into anything they want, from virtual sari shops to hug shops. Other users can then visit the different places, sometimes purchasing a good or service, and sometimes just looking around.

"There is so much land and so many different places," Van

Melle said.

Each user in SL is represented by an avatar. The avatar is always present in the virtual world, but comes to life whenever the user logs in. Avatars also have the ability to fly and teleport from place to place.

"You have to imagine a world where any thought can immediately be put into action," Van Melle said. "There are no physical limitations."

The world of SL is international. Many different cultures

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CARRIE CRANE | THE BG NEWS

Debatin' it VP style

The predicted outcome of tonight's debate remains an enigma

By **Steve Kunkler**
Reporter

The vice presidential candidates are taking center stage in tonight's debate, and local experts and politicians are predicting an interesting match-up.

The debate will pit Democratic nominee Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, a long-time member of the Senate, against Republican nominee Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska.

One reason tonight's debate could be interesting, according to Mike Zickar, chair of the Wood County Democratic Party, is that Palin remains a bit of a mystery to voters.

"[Palin] has energized the far-right base, but there have been a lot of questions asked lately [about Palin]," said Zickar. He adds that most of the questions centered around whether or not Palin would be prepared to serve as president if something were

to happen to McCain. Concerns especially exist regarding her familiarity with foreign policy and the economy, he said.

Another reason tonight's debate could be interesting would be the unique pairing of a male and female candidate.

Only one other woman has ever taken part in a vice presidential debate. In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale selected New York Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate.

"Very little is known about

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Student health groups join forces to better educate

By **Christie Kerner**
Reporter

Three organizations that have been available to students to join in the past have now combined to form one organization to better educate students on how to live healthy lives.

The organization known as MEMPSA has combined with SAIN and Bacchus Gamma to focus on a variety of topics about healthy relationships, alcohol awareness, sexual assault and more.

"It's a peer education program with the same mission in mind: healthy lifestyles," MEMPSA President Amanda Lynch said.

The idea of joining into one organization began its planning last year.

"SAIN and MEMPSA were confusing to the campus so why not combine all of them together to make it easier both on a campus wide level and organizational level?" Faculty Advisor Faith Yingling said.

Students in any area of study are welcome to join the organization.

"Membership is growing immensely, we might outgrow the room," Yingling said.

Students can recognize the group at Campus Fest as the students handing out condom beads in promoting a safer lifestyle and on stall talks.

"We're trying to educate people so that they won't do things that will hurt them," Lynch said.

Students involved in the organization can also be found in classes such as UNIV 100 teaching on a

"We're trying to educate people so that they won't do things that will hurt them."

Amanda Lynch | MEMPSA President

variety of health topics.

Students interested in peer educating enroll in HHS 440 and learn how to give presentations on these topics.

"I didn't know what a peer educator was until one came to my class," current HHS 440 student Jeanyne Walker said.

Students can look forward to upcoming events such as Falcons Get Fit, National Alcohol Awareness Week, Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Stress Free Zone.

The organization of students is looking forward to the coming year.

"I'm excited about setting the stage," Lynch said. "I've noticed how attendance has been really high so I feel like we're doing something right."

New members are getting involved and finding that there is more to the organization than they thought.

"There are a lot of different skills concealed within it, and you don't know it until you are a part of it," Walker said.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center located in room 170 of the Health Center.

Providing a helping hand for students

The Counseling Center offers various programs to aid students mentally

By **Courtney Flynn**
Reporter

If you need help with stress, friend problems, depression or a plethora of other problems there is a place just a hop, skip and a jump away.

The University's Counseling Center, located in 422 Conklin, offers a variety of services to students to help their psychological well-being.

"A big piece of our function is helping faculty, staff and peers so they can help students and then filter the ones that need extra help to us," psychology resident Dr. Stefani Hathaway said.

The center offers individual and group counseling, workshops, consultation and a stress clinic.

While there isn't one type of counseling that receives the most attendance, most students assume they should automatically receive individual counseling, Hathaway said.

But sometimes a student may be better off receiving group counseling or another option as opposed to individual counseling.

"Different services allow us to serve a variety of needs," Hathaway said. "There are different benefits at different times for each type of counseling."

Sophomore Elizabeth Bare went to the Counseling Center for school problems. She said school was causing her a lot of stress so a friend took her to talk to someone.

Also if a student is feeling



JUSTIN KLEIN | THE BG NEWS

JUST THINKING: Pictured is one of the photos used by the University Counseling Center for their couch campaign.

overwhelmed with school they can attend the Stress Clinic up to three times a week.

"The clinic gives you skills you can use immediately in your life for stress problems," Hathaway said.

The stress clinic offers five different workshops: Free Your Mind, Relax Your Body, Nurture Yourself, Improve Your Relationships and Conquer Procrastination.

Each class offers different ways to deal with stress physically and emotionally, Hathaway said.

If stress isn't a problem there is also individual counseling where a student can talk one-on-one to a professional about anxiety, depression, body image problems and a list of other issues.

Here, the student can discuss experiences, examine patterns and problem-solve, Hathaway said.

In group counseling, a student may have better progress facing self-esteem or relationship issues where they allow themselves to be easily disregarded in certain situations, Hathaway said.

She said this is a better treatment for such problems because students can work on interpersonal communications more concretely.

The center also offers consultation, where faculty, family and friends can talk to a professional about their concern for a student.

The top three reasons students choose any one of these services is because of depression, anxiety or relationship problems, Hathaway said.

Many members of the campus community ask for services, but the Counseling Center knows they are not needed by the majority, Hathaway said.

"I would go if I really needed someone to talk to, but I also have my sisters for that," sophomore Corey Bitner said.

In order to make students aware of these services, the Counseling Center uses a variety of tactics.

There is a relationship between the center and the University's staff.

"We spread the word among staff to help make students aware," Hathaway said.

Each staff member at the Counseling Center is a liaison

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Last Week's Winner:

Samantha Bleile



After her roommate won the caption contest last week, Bleile thought she would take a crack at it. She is a senior majoring in tourism/event planning and loves attending BG football games. She loves country music and hates being stumped by the Sudoku in The BG News. She's studied abroad in Australia and her favorite marsupial is the kangaroo.



ANDY SHAFER | THE BG NEWS

THE WINNER: "Simon says, 'Stand on your NECK!'"

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with another department on campus. Hathaway is a liaison with Residence Life.

There has also been a new ad campaign launched by the center.

In the ads, one of the couches from the center was taken around campus, from the Spirit Rock to the Thinking Man, and photographed for a new way to get word out about the center, Hathaway said.

For more information on any of the services offered by the Counseling Center, call (419) 372-2081.

DEBATE

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Palin, so there is a curiosity from a gender perspective as well as curiosity about her positions, her views and what she offers in terms of experience," said Melissa Miller, assistant professor of political science.

With Palin's background still unknown, predicting the outcome of the debate may be a challenge.

But Miller said Biden may have the advantage tonight given his longer record of experience. However, Palin's relatability and likability may help her win over the debate

audience, she said. "People really like her appeal, because she is someone people can relate to," Miller said. "And I don't think Biden makes that personal connection."

And although both candidates have had their fair share of gaffes along the campaign trail - see Palin's shaky interviews with Katie Couric and Biden's 'Obama's-not-taking-away-my-shotgun rant' - Zickar believes both candidates will be looking to tow the party line.

"You will not see Palin contradict McCain or Biden contradict Obama," he said.

But there could be doubt about the overall importance

the debate will have on Nov. 4. Only nine out of 44 vice presidents in the U.S. have ever had to assume the office mid-term due to either the death or resignation of a president. And with the vice president's only other constitutional duty being to cast rare tie-breaking votes in the Senate, Palin or Biden may not end up being all that influential once in office.

But this fact has not hindered anticipation for the debate among University students who are waiting to hear the views of the two nominees.

Students at the University are interested in the debate for a wide range of issues, including the war in Afghanistan and

Iraq, the economy and health care. Among these students is Sherrie Brown, a junior majoring in tourism and event planning. Brown hopes to see a debate which is more about the future than about the past.

"It's important to talk about the next four years," she said. "So less about what Bush did or didn't do and more about what Obama-Biden and McCain-Palin can do," Brown said. "I want to hear less about the controversies and more about the issues which affect me on a day-to-day basis like education, the economy and retirement because my family is transitioning to retirement right now," Brown said.

BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY

12:04 A.M.

Kristi M. Kelley, 22, of Akron, was cited for OVI.

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are represented in the population.

"People from all over the world come to second life," said Samara Anarbaeva, a second year graduate student at the University. "It's sort of like experiencing a country virtually, but there's some realness to it."

While the population of SL is diverse, much about the avatars

is not. When users first join SL, they have to choose from a set of starter avatars that are not necessarily representative of real life.

When Anarbaeva first started SL, she didn't even choose a human avatar because none of them looked anything like her.

"I started out as a fox just because I couldn't identify with any of them," she said.

Names for avatars are also limited. Users can choose any first name, but the last name has

to be chosen from a list, and the choices are not very diverse, Van Melle said.

The population of SL is also lacking elderly and disabled avatars. All the avatars seem to be young, healthy and attractive, Anarbaeva said.

"I don't see a lot of people that you would see in first life," she said. "On the one hand it's nice that you get to be what you want, what you fantasize about, but I don't think it gives you a lot of options."

Though it might lack something in diversity, the culture of SL is very similar to real life.

People act and communicate in many of the same ways they do in their regular lives, Anarbaeva said. If they like going to clubs in first life, then in SL they'll find clubs.

"It's just a matter of how they're communicating," she said. "The medium is different."

The people in SL are real people, Gajjala said. They are communicating through avatars, but they function through the same symbols.

"It has its limitations because we're not physically there," she said. "But it's certainly not just in your head."

SL is also like real life in the way people are treated. Avatars in SL are often given status by how much experience they have and how much they consume, Van Melle said. If your avatar looks inexperienced, others will often ignore you.

"If you want to achieve status in Second Life you have to show that you have experience in Second Life," he said. "If you are a newbie you are often not taken seriously."

To Gajjala, Van Melle and Anarbaeva, SL is not a hobby but a form of research. Each is trying to understand the social culture of the Web site.

"It's fun, it's time consuming, but mostly I'm interested in finding out why people go there," Anarbaeva said.

Van Melle said he looks at it as a way to understand and keep up with new technology. He encourages students to get involved with programs like SL because the more they are exposed to it the quicker they will be able to grasp new technology in the future.

"You need to update yourself because technology is so important," he said. "I would really say, don't think of it as a game. Think of it as a required form of literacy."

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choose their school and home states, then compares current polling data, the states' 2004 election results and the number of Electoral College votes each state has to determine where a student's vote will carry the most weight.

In some cases, it's a toss-up, but no matter the outcome, students are told their registration deadline, given the link for voter registration and encouraged to tell their friends about the site and the CountMore.org Facebook group.

"The Facebook group has been a great way to organize people. We have almost 700 members and we've gotten about 50 volunteers to e-mail different schools and states about CountMore," Lerner said.

But CountMore.org grassroots movement didn't start with Facebook.

Leading up to the 2004 presidential election, CountMore developers Lerner and Jesse Kocher were touring campuses, registering student voters. Lerner said 30-40 students were being registered every hour in swing states.

"That was so effective that we wanted to make a Web site that would make it easy for any college student to figure out where their vote counted more," Lerner said.

Aleisha Jacobson, office manager at Front Seat, said thanks to the large amount of public information available on elections, the idea for the Web site became a successful reality in less than a week.

"I think it's been a good success especially for how quickly the site was put together," Jacobson said. "Our original goal was to register 150 people to vote and we have surpassed that. Yesterday [Sept. 30] we were at 214."

According to Lerner, even though registration dates in most states are coming up quickly, the site will continue running even after the November election.

"We've gotten great feedback from students that say this is really empowering," Lerner said.

Some students, like Sara McGuire of Allen Park, Mich., are aware of their ability to choose and stuck with voting on their home state's ballot.

"Michigan and Ohio are both pretty much swing states so I'm sticking with my roots. It's mostly just a territorial thing for me," McGuire said.

Senior Ross Duncan will be voting on his home state of Texas' ballot, even though CountMore.org would suggest he cast his vote in Ohio.

"I know I had the choice... I'm registered in Texas because that is more of my state than Ohio. I'm only in Ohio for school," Duncan said.

Other students have chosen to vote at school for convenience, not for the weight of their vote. Michigan native junior Wade LaFever registered to vote in Ohio over the summer.

"I figured since I'll be in Ohio during the election, it'd just be easier to vote here, rather than drive up to Michigan," LaFever said.

Even though many students understand the choice they have, some question the importance of the choice of where to vote.

"Some students have been saying 'why should it matter what state I live in for a presidential election?'" Lerner said.

Lerner uses CountMore.org to explain the importance to battleground states in a presidential election but thinks the question leads to an even more important issue.

"In some ways I think CountMore raises a good question about whether or not the Electoral College is still effective," Lerner said.

What am I?

I fly in the air, But I am not always there. I cannot be touched, But I can be felt or held. Think very hard, But if you live near the equator, You may have a tough time seeing me.

BG participates in Banned Book Week

By Kevin Morrissey
Reporter

Sept. 28 through Oct. 4 is Banned Book Week across America which is sponsored by the American Society of Journalism.

Bowling Green decided to participate in this week by hosting a lecture about the topic for the weekly Brown Bag Luncheons series.

Mary Born, a University alumna, works for the Wood County Public Library and was the host of a lecture on banned and challenged books nationwide.

At the library she deals with books that are challenged often.

A challenged book is the first step for a book being banned.

Often a book that is viewed as obscene by a concerned member of the community will be brought to the attention of the head librarian.

Upon filing a formal complaint, the head librarian will lead a committee that evaluates the book.

After evaluating the book, the committee will decide to hold a public meeting to decide whether to ban the book or to establish the book as suitable for a public library.

The Office of Intellectual Freedom, a sub-section of the American Library Association, collects these challenges.

With these challenges, they have sorted through the data and compiled a list of the 100 most challenged books. Looking at the lists, it is not a surprise to see authors such as Stephen King ranked seventh most challenges, J.K. Rowling who is ranked fourth and R.L.

Stine places in at ninth.

Born said that what is surprising is Harper Lee's novel, "To Kill A Mockingbird," would be ranked as the twenty third most challenged book as of 2007.

"What is surprising about 'To Kill A Mockingbird' is that it is a required text by most high schools," Born said.

The Office of Intellectual Freedom also has determined the reasons for challenges. Offensive language tops the list, followed closely by sexually-explicit content, with miscellaneous reasons coming in third, and unsuited to age group and violence coming in a close fourth and fifth.

At the Wood County Public Library there has only been one challenge. "We wanted to add several Academy Award-winning movies to our collection.

"But 'Boys Don't Cry' was challenged due to 'children being able to view its homosexual content.' Yet this movie never got to a hearing," Born said.

Born also stressed that "free people read freely... It is part of our First Amendment right." Yet only 56 percent of Americans could name freedom of speech as one of the five rights guaranteed by the First Amendment according to a survey done by the Jefferson Center of Expression.

"Most Americans are willing to give up their First Amendment rights in order for security," Born said.

Because of this, Born believes this makes Banned Book Week just as important as any other commemorative week or month such as Black History Month or Women's Heritage Month because it deals with our right to read what we want and express our beliefs.

ENJOY THE PIE ... IN YOUR FACE!



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CREAMPIE: Starmisha Page launches a plate of whipped cream at Alicia Gilbert. The Black Student Union hosted the "Pie in the Face" Auction to raise donations for a scholarship.

Diversity of input helps to shape BGSU's future

By Nicole Krohn
Reporter

Three weeks ago students were flooded with e-mails, posters, and ads about Charting our Future Week on campus.

Many students are wondering if the program was a success and what the final outcome will be.

According to the program's co-chair, Bill Mathis, it was a huge success.

"The goal was to get a max-mix of students, faculty and administration and I think we did," Mathis said.

One of the major issues was getting students to participate and share their opinions.

Mathis said, "What a great thing it was to have students sit at a table and give a perspective to people who wouldn't normally get that."

Mel Hudson-Nowak, co-chair, said approximately 600 people came to the meetings and 15 percent of them were students. "It was a good ratio compared to what we were expecting," Hudson-Nowak said.

Ebony Ross, senior, said, "I was not able to go to the meetings, but I think it is a great idea, if they really plan to use students' ideas."

According to the co-chairs, all the ideas will be divided into major themes which will each be considered in the final plan.

One of the most important themes is how the school operates in relation to the state.

"We want to be a premier learning community that is collaborative instead of competitive," Mathis said.

After the meetings, the co-chairs worked for four hours going through all the input received.

Now that students and faculty have expressed their ideas, the ideas will be looked over by University Interim President Carol Cartwright and a strategy for enforcing the plan will be developed.

"We hope in the future we will be using the strategic plan as a guiding force in all the decisions we make," Mathis said.

Within the coming years, the plan is meant to be an example and outline for the University.

"This is a continual process and there is no definite day when it will start or end," Hudson-Nowak said. "The plan is meant to be a living document. If the plan ends up in a binder on a shelf somewhere, then we have lost."

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GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Some of the calendar of events is taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 - 9 a.m.
BG@100 CSS Town Hall Event
113 Olscamp

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ohio Academy of Pediatrics Autism Training
101A Olscamp

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Exhibit #3: "Collection I"
130 and 131 Union - Gallery Space

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

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Rummage Sale
Table Space on Educ Bldg North Steps

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fall EXPO 2008 Job & Internship Fair
Perry Field House

10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Talent Show Ticket Sale
Union Table Space

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Homecoming Merchandise Sale
Union Table Space

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
V3: Variations in Vision & Video
Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center

1 - 2 p.m.
FYSS Series: Basics for Living in Bowling Green
316 Union - Alumni Meeting Rm

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Tri-Boards Reception
202 Union - Lenhart Grand Ballroom

7:30 p.m.
International Film Series
Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Meet UR X-Factor
208 Union - BGSU Family Room

7:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Creed Weekly Speaker Series
308 Union - McMaster Meeting Room

8 p.m.
"Raised in Captivity"
Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall

8 - 11 p.m.
Homecoming Concert featuring Soulja Boy & Yung Joc
Anderson Arena

9 - 10:30 p.m.
H2O Live
228 Union - Multipurpose Room

9 - 11 p.m.
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www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/firstyear/page18306.html

...For All

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...For All Technical Safeguards

On October 10, 2008 a new technology will be implemented that will allow legal use of peer to peer (P2P) at BGSU while detecting attempts to obtain copyrighted content in violation of the DMCA. Examples of P2P software include, but are not limited to: BitTorrent, Gnutella, and LimeWire. When a computer is determined to be using P2P to obtain illegal copyright materials or using an evasive P2P client, a preventative technical safeguard will be implemented. For more information, see www.bgsu.edu/dmca-safeguards

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are the most important issues to you this election?



"The economy and education."

Taurence Armstrong,
Senior,
Broadcast Journalism



"The war, education and the economy."

Jennifer Paal,
Senior,
Psychology



"Health care, the war, the economy and global warming."

Jamar King,
Junior,
Sport Management



"Off-shore drilling and the financial crisis on Wall Street."

Jesse Whalen,
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Feel free to dance tonight at Soulja Boy



TANNEN GLIATTA
COLUMNIST

Tonight all your hard work and practice will finally pay off. As Soulja Boy takes the stage and the beats of "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" blast Anderson Arena, you will finally get the chance to show off your perfected "Superman" dance. And don't worry, you won't be alone.

In the year since its release "Crank That" and its corresponding dance have become bizarre forces in our culture far surpassing hip-hop boundaries. YouTube is an integral part in the song's success and infiltration into our culture. When "Crank That" was first released to radios, Soulja Boy made an instructional how-to video for YouTube to show viewers the step-by-step dance routine. The video, with over 37 million views, has become a viral sensation. Now anybody anywhere can learn the moves, master them and post their own videos.

Want to watch kids performing the dance in ballet class? How about a middle-aged man in suburbia dancing in his living room? Or the most popular version, with over 50 million views, Sponge Bob Square Pants emulating the routine.

"Crank That" is hugely popular thanks to the Internet, but the dance is really just part of a long tradition of novelty party dances.

Choreographed group dances have been around for decades. In the 1950s teenagers would get together and flap their arms and imitate chickens in, appropriately enough, "The Chicken Dance." In the 1960s it was all about "The Loco-Motion" by Little Eva that got people dancing. Disco in the 1970s inspired lots of popular group dances, none more so than the "Electric Slide." The dance, accompanied by the song "Electric Boogie" by Marcia Griffiths, was a complex 22-step routine. Simplicity was key in the early 1980s with the massively popular "Y.M.C.A." by the Village People. This was a party dance that everyone could participate in with the steps spelled out right in the title. And then there was the "Macarena."

We may have danced to the "Electric Slide" or "Y.M.C.A." at our prom or cousin's wedding but the "Macarena" was the first novelty dance that we were actually part of. The song, by Los del Rio remixed

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by Bayside Boys, spent 14 weeks at number one on the Billboard charts in 1996. The continuous eight steps of arm flinging, pelvic rotation and jumping in a quarter of a circle dominated radio, television and parties alike. Much like the "Y.M.C.A.," minimal talent was needed to perfect the routine so people of all ages could get it in on the fun. The dance is so simple that it's almost impossible to forget. Even though you have not performed the dance in years (I hope) I bet you can still do it flawlessly and the urge to shout "Hey Macarena!" at the conclusion will take over you. Go ahead and try it now, it's okay no one is looking.

I remember being at a sleepover when I was in elementary school listening to the radio all night hoping the song would play. When it finally did my friends and I bolted up, assumed our positions in the line and danced as if we were in the music video. We thought we were so cool.

Which brings me back to "Crank That." Now I am no longer misguided enough to believe that I can dance, especially with "Crank That" which requires some, not much, but some level of talent, but obviously society hasn't learned this lesson. Is "Crank That" really any cooler than the "Electric Slide" or the "Macarena"? No. The only difference is with these past dances our embarrassment is limited to what we can remember but now with YouTube, our jumping around in our living room is forever cemented online. But maybe it is a lesson that isn't important for society to learn. As long as we can accept the fact that in a few years we will be laughing at, not with, ourselves I say dance your heart out tonight.

— Respond to Tannen at thenews@bgnews.com.



JOSH WHETHERHOLT
COLUMNIST

I know that people say this about pretty much every presidential election, but this year we have the most important election of our lives. It's beginning to look like do-or-die time for America, what with our financial crisis, no jobs, housing costs skyrocketing, fighting two wars (neither of which are going as well as expected) and to top it off, our appearance on the world stage is pretty much down the drain. We need a strong, and more importantly, a responsible commander in chief if we are going to hope to get out of this funk anytime soon.

That is why it is important that John McCain and Sarah Palin cannot be the next to occupy the White House. In the 2004 election, Republicans would criticize John Kerry for "flip-flopping." Well, McCain has done such a remarkable flop that it spanned the better part of a decade. He ran against Bush

in the Republican Primary in 2000, only to be run over by the smear tactics of Karl Rove and Co. Leading up to 2004, McCain was one of Bush's biggest critics on the right side of the aisle, opposing Bush's stance on big business, social issues such as abortion, and for attacking John Kerry's war record.

Now you can see McCain cozying up to Bush, and his policies, along with his financial backers and big businesses. In fact, some of his chief advisors and his campaign manager are lobbyists, mostly for big oil companies like Shell, BP and Exxon Mobile, the company that reported record profits last fiscal year while we in Ohio were paying around \$3 per gallon for gasoline.

McCain and Palin are not only bad for America as a whole, they are bad for specifically Ohio as well. We are facing a job crisis in Ohio and McCain doesn't really seem to care. Why should he? His financial supporters are the same companies who are saving millions, if not billions, by taking jobs from Ohioans and sending them overseas, and he hasn't mentioned anything

about stopping that trend from continuing.

We also have a bit of a housing issue if you haven't noticed. Just on a search of homes for sale in Ohio, I found a little over 29,000 that are for sale after a recent foreclosure and that was just one real estate company. Now are you telling me that a man who receives almost \$9 million from real estate companies and banks is going to care that we have a housing problem?

McCain is also one of the very few in Washington still optimistic about the conflicts in the Middle East. He has stated that he will continue the ground war in Iraq and from his own Web site it says, "it is morally essential for the United States to support the government of Iraq to become capable of governing itself and safeguarding its people. He strongly disagrees with those who advocate withdrawing American troops before that has occurred."

Not only does he want our soldiers to stay in Iraq for a lost cause, he is willing to win by any means possible. McCain, a POW during the Vietnam War, actually voted against a bill that would

ban torture techniques, including water boarding, and then praised President Bush when he vetoed the ban after a majority in Congress voted for it.

His running mate, Palin, is a woman with so little foreign policy under her belt that she actually stated in an interview on ABC News that if it came down to it she would use military force against Pakistan, our ally in the War on Terror, in order to try to find Osama Bin Laden. Now I'm all for finding Bin Laden, but to invade a sovereign nation that is our ally? No thanks. No wonder the advisors for the McCain/Palin ticket do not want her to talk to reporters impromptu, not when she keeps dishing out statements like that.

Long story short, this election will be one of the defining moments for our nation. We are in a major quandary with only a small amount of time to fix it and if McCain and Palin are voted into office in January it will only get worse for America and for Ohio.

— Respond to Josh at thenews@bgnews.com.

McCain and Palin's policies make it easy for voters to choose other candidates

Political debates provide little to election, but make for entertaining drinking games

By Asher Smith
U-Wire

God bless presidential debates. God bless the spin rooms, the collections of inexplicably undecided voters corralled by the cable news networks and, most of all, Jim Lehrer. For there's no denying reality: Ever since they've become a set part of the pageantry and narrative of our nation's presidential elections, the debates have made for some truly legendary opportunities for drinking games.

It's true. Whether you're waiting to see how many times Sen. John McCain starts a phrase with "My friends," Sen. Joe Biden fails to control himself from commenting on Sarah Palin's attractiveness or Gov. Palin fires off a riff featuring a similitude that includes pitbulls, hockey moms and lipstick, I predict your night will be far more productive in the long run than those of Sens. Obama and McCain — a prediction made safer by the fact that even the latter doesn't want to be at the debate, despite the fact that debates are one of the few opportunities available to losing campaigns to receive equal time and coverage.

Don't believe me? Think back to the last election and the first debate in which John Kerry dominated the President, forcing him to cry Poland until the colored lights came to his rescue. That's completely forgotten now — and the only episode that

most observers could recall from the 2004 debates, if heavily prodded, is Kerry's feeble attempt late in the final debate to broach the topic of Dick Cheney's lesbian daughter.

The same holds true for practically every election. In 2000 Al Gore's sighing, space-invasion and Dingell-Norwood references failed to move significant swaths of voters one way or the other. In 1996 the debates were purposefully kept low-key by a Clinton campaign comfortable in its status as front-runner. The one modern debate that everyone loves to point to as genuinely influential, the 1976 contest between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter in which Ford seemingly denied the existence of a Soviet domination of Eastern Europe, didn't really change much; Ford had started the campaign insurmountably behind in the polls and his ability to keep gaining on Carter until Election Day remains one of the greatest near-collapse in election history.

In fact, most contemporary political junkies, raised on lore about the Lincoln-Douglas contests of 1858, would likely be surprised to learn how recent a phenomenon regular presidential debates actually are. After the Kennedy-Nixon contest in 1960 debates didn't make a return until 1976, and even in 1980 President Carter felt the events were unimportant enough to duck out of the first one. (Reagan

and independent candidate Congressman John Anderson of Illinois still met to debate each other in Baltimore; predictably, no one much noticed.) The first (and practically only) important modern presidential debate came in 1980, when Michael Dukakis' answer of "no," to Bernard Shaw's question about whether he would demand the death penalty if his wife was raped and murdered, proved his lack of human emotion in the eyes of voters.

While polling following Friday's debate and all subsequent duels may fluctuate slightly either way depending on who "wins," these numbers will inevitably be ephemeral. Now that Barack Obama has a lead as large as any that he held over the summer, who remembers that McCain spent about a week slightly ahead in every poll? To revisit 2004, that first debate swung the polling data by only about four and a half points, according to data compiled by Professor Tom Holbrook at the University of Wisconsin — and that swing was quickly negated by the unconquerable reality of the campaign news cycle, in which yesterday's news might as well have occurred a month ago. Before the issue-related fallout from that first debate could even be fully absorbed, voters had already moved on to questions about a strange bulge coming from the back of Bush's suit jacket.

What debates really do is provide the reporters, columnists, political scientists and historians following the race with useful little vignettes that help in framing the already decided-upon narrative. It's difficult to explain exactly how Ronald Reagan was able to utilize his unique gift of cleverly coating over whatever the real story was — until you can point to him successfully dismissing Jimmy Carter with that famous "there you go again" riposte. It's easy now to use Al Gore's sighs and over-eager wonkiness as evidence of his complete and utter inability to connect with ordinary folks — so long as you ignore the fact that, regardless of what you make of those Florida results, at least half a million more Americans voted for him than they did for then-Gov. Bush.

So sure, go to your debate parties, and let the ups and downs of what is in essence two hours of campaign infomercials have an inordinate impact on your personal happiness. Sit in awe and wonder as you contemplate whether Jim Lehrer is a real human being or an action figure that's just taken out of the packaging and wound up every four years to deliver questions in that matchlessly bland level of monotone of his. But all the while, make sure to acknowledge the debates' true purpose: creating drinking games that geeks are actually good at.

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Study sheds new light on origin of AIDS virus

By Malcolm Ritter
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The AIDS virus has been circulating among people for about 100 years, decades longer than scientists had thought, a new study suggests.

Genetic analysis pushes the estimated origin of HIV back to between 1884 and 1924, with a more focused estimate at 1908.

Previously, scientists had estimated the origin at around 1930. AIDS wasn't recognized formally until 1981 when it got the attention of public health officials in the United States.

The new result is "not a monumental shift, but it means the virus was circulating under our radar even longer than we knew," says Michael Worobey of the University of Arizona, an author of the new work.

The results appear in today's issue of the journal *Nature*. Researchers note that the newly calculated dates fall during the rise of cities in Africa, and they suggest urban development may have promoted HIV's initial establishment and early spread.

Scientists say HIV descended from a chimpanzee virus that jumped to humans in Africa, probably when people butchered chimps. Many individuals were probably infected that way, but so few other people caught the virus that it failed to get a lasting foothold, researchers say.

But the growth of African cities may have changed that by putting lots of people close together and promoting prostitution, Worobey suggested. "Cities are kind of ideal for a virus like HIV," providing more chances for infected people to pass the virus to others, he said.

Perhaps a person infected with the AIDS virus in a rural area went to what is now Kinshasa, Congo, "and now you've got the spark arriving in the tinderbox."

"It means the virus was circulating under our radar even longer than we knew."

Michael Worobey | Univ. of Arizona

Worobey said.

Key to the new work was the discovery of an HIV sample that had been taken from a woman in Kinshasa in 1960. It was only the second such sample to be found from before 1976; the other was from 1959, also from Kinshasa.

Researchers took advantage of the fact that HIV mutates rapidly. So two strains from a common ancestor quickly become less and less alike in their genetic material over time. That allows scientists to "run the clock backward" by calculating how long it would take for various strains to become as different as they are observed to be. That would indicate when they both sprang from their most recent common ancestor.

The new work used genetic data from the two old HIV samples plus more than 100 modern samples to create a family tree going back to these samples' last common ancestor. Researchers got various answers under various approaches for when that ancestor virus appeared, but the 1884-to-1924 bracket is probably the most reliable, Worobey said.

The new work is "clearly an improvement" over the previous estimate of around 1930, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md. His institute helped pay for the work.

Fauci described the advance as "a fine-tuning."

Experts say it's no surprise that HIV circulated in humans for about 70 years before being recognized.

Possible link to dead hiker

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — A hiker in rugged eastern California found an ID and other items possibly belonging to Steve Fossett, the adventurer missing more than a year since going on a pleasure flight in a borrowed plane, authorities said yesterday.

The items were found in the area of the town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo National Forest spokeswoman Nancy Upham said.

"We have some ID that has the name Steve Fossett," Mammoth Lakes police Investigator Crystal Schafer said. "They were turned in to us and are in our possession."

A hiker who found the ID and some cash came to the police department office Tuesday, Police Chief Randy Schienle told CNN.

"The ID is well weathered," Schienle said. "We have heavy winters up here."

A sweatshirt was also found in the area, but no wreckage was located, he said.

Fossett disappeared Sept. 3, 2007, after taking off in a single-engine plane borrowed



Steve Fossett
Hiker who went missing more than a year ago

from a Nevada ranch owned by hotel magnate Barron Hilton. A judge declared Fossett legally dead in February.

This year's biggest search for Fossett focused on Nevada's Wassuk Range, more than 50 miles north of Mammoth Lakes. That search ended last month.

Mammoth Lakes is a community at an elevation of more than 7,800 feet on the eastern flank of the Sierra Nevada, where peaks top 13,000 feet.

Fossett made a fortune trading futures and options on Chicago markets. He gained worldwide fame for more than 100 attempts and successes in setting records in high-tech balloons, gliders, jets and boats. In 2002, he became the first person to circle the world solo in a balloon.

Sentenced for sex scandal

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A former math teacher sentenced to federal prison for a sex crime with a minor says the age of the 13-year-old schoolboy she fled with to Mexico didn't matter to her.

"We didn't see age anymore. ... In my mind he quit being a teenage boy. ... to me, he was a man," Kelsey Peterson said in a taped interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" aired yesterday.

Peterson, 26, was sentenced Monday to six years in federal prison and five years of supervised release. She also must register as a sex offender. She pleaded guilty in July to a charge of transporting a minor across state lines to have sex.

Peterson was the boy's sixth-grade math teacher at Lexington Middle School in south-central Nebraska during the 2005-06 school year and started having sex with him in November 2006, according to court documents.



Kelsey Peterson
Former teacher sentenced to six years in prison

The pair disappeared in October, soon after the district's superintendent confronted Peterson about allegations of an inappropriate relationship with the boy.

She was arrested a week later in Mexicali, Mexico, after the boy made a cell phone call to his family.

Peterson still faces state charges that include kidnapping, felony child abuse and first-degree sexual assault. Dawson County Attorney Elizabeth Waterman said Monday that her staff will work to get custody of Peterson so she can face those charges.

Peterson said in the ABC interview that she was drawn to the boy, then 12, and thought to herself, "I can change this guy."

Computer helps look for cancer

By Stephanie Nano
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A computer is as good as a second pair of eyes for helping a radiologist spot breast cancer on a mammogram, one of the largest and most rigorous tests of computer-aided detection found.

Like spell-checkers looking for mistakes, the computers flag suspicious areas on X-rays for a closer look by a radiologist. Mammograms are used to screen women for early signs of breast cancer but the tests aren't perfect. In the U.S., the X-rays are read by a single radiologist and cancers are sometimes missed.

Computer-aided detection, or CAD, was developed to help radiologists pick up more cancers. Approved a decade ago, these computer programs are now used for about a third of the nation's mammograms. But the value and accuracy of the technology has continued to be debated.

Now, British researchers are reporting results from a randomized study of 31,000 women. Mammograms in Britain are routinely checked by two radiologists or technicians, which is thought to be better than a single review. Researchers wanted to know if a single expert aided by a computer could do as well as two pairs of eyes.

They found that computer-aided detection spotted nearly the same number of cancers, 198 out of 227, compared to 199 for the two readers.

In places like the United States, "Where single reading is standard practice, computer-aided detection has the potential to improve cancer-detection rates to the level achieved by double reading," the researchers said. Their findings were published online yesterday by the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study was done at three centers in England that do a large number of routine mammograms. Most of the women in the study were assigned to have their mammograms reviewed twice — once by a pair of experts and a second time by a single reviewer aided by a computer.

"What we demonstrated was

"In the United States, it's just not practical in most practices to do double readings."

Carol H. Lee | Radiologist

that one reader using CAD could pick up as many cancers as the two readers could," said radiologist Fiona J. Gilbert of the University of Aberdeen, lead author of the study.

She said computer-aided detection could be used to expand screening by Britain's national health service, which now offers the test every three years to women 50 to 70. The cost-effectiveness will have to be determined first, she said.

The new findings are encouraging, said Dr. Carol H. Lee, a radiologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

"In the United States, it's just not practical in most practices to do double readings by physicians," said Lee, who is head of the American College of Radiology's Breast Imaging Commission. "These results are reassuring to me that single reading with CAD can achieve that same sensitivity."

The U.S. government recommends mammograms every one or two years starting at age 40. Experts said there aren't enough radiologists to give mammograms two readings, and insurers don't pay for a second look. Medicare does pay an additional \$15 for computer-aided detection.

That extra money helped spur the adoption of the computer checks, said Dr. Ferris M. Hall, a radiologist at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where computers are used. He expects more places to use them as they switch to digital images from film X-rays, which eliminates a step in the process.

The research was funded by the British government and Cancer Research UK, a charity. Two of the researchers have received fees from the maker of a computer system and served as unpaid consultants to another.

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Wells wants Heisman

Despite missing the past three games, Ohio State's running back Chris "Beanie" Wells believes he is still in the running for the Heisman trophy saying the award is based more on the who is the best player in college football than stats.

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1972—Expos pitcher Bill Stoneman throws his second career no-hitter.

1963—Sandy Koufax strikes out a record 15 Yankees in the World Series.

1909—First ever rugby match takes place in Twickenham.

The List

With the Tampa Bay Rays and Chicago White Sox beginning their series tonight, we are taking a look at five players who may have a big influence on the outcome of the series:

1. Carl Crawford: The Rays leadoff hitter missed most of the team's final seven games due to a hand injury but may play in the playoffs.

2. Jim Thome: The White Sox designated hitter (below) brings plenty of playoff experience from his days in Cleveland to this team.

3. Evan Longoria: The rookie third baseman returned at the end of the season from injury and his power stroke is key to the Rays' line-up.

4. Mark Buehrle: The White Sox have a strong pitching staff, but they need Buehrle to have a good outing in game two against Scott Kazmir.

5. Scott Kazmir: While he isn't starting game one, Kazmir is the go to guy in the Rays' rotation.



THE MAIN FEATURE: Tyler Sheehan (left) had his best game of the season against Wyoming, one week before the Falcons open the conference season.



AND HIS SUPPORTING CAST: Top offensive performers from Wyoming Marquis Parks. Willie Geter, Chris Bullock and Corey Partridge (left to right).

Right here, right now

Falcon offense finds it stroke right before MAC season

By Andrew Harner
Assistant Sports Editor

"It's always nice to peak right before the most important part of the season."

Tyler Sheehan | Quarterback

rhythm at the right time.

"It's always nice to peak right before the most important part of the season," Sheehan said.

And while the offense starts with the quarterback, strong play from other pieces of the offense make it run as a whole, which are areas the Falcons have plenty of depth in.

It's general football knowledge that good

running will open up the passing game. When applied heavily against Wyoming, the Falcons found the old adage to be true.

In the two previous games, the Falcons had effectively used the run game, but not to the extent they did against Wyoming, and they had better success when they complemented a heavy passing game with the most rushes all season.

Against Minnesota, BG rushed the ball 26 times for 128 yards and had 29 pass completions for 261 yards. In Boise, the Falcons rushed 36 times, but only completed 22 passes for 204 yards.

However, against Wyoming, BG rushed the ball 40 times for just 101 yards, but they had the Cowboy defense worrying

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The Falcon football offense picked a great time to finally rid itself of turnovers and find its stroke: right before the start of conference play.

After committing zero turnovers and racking up a total of 388 yards, the Falcon offense seems to be back on track, leaving the games against Minnesota and Boise State, games in which the Falcons committed a total of eight turnovers and averaged 40 less offensive yards, in the dust.

"The thing that is encouraging is that we were able to drive the ball and finish drives," coach Gregg Brandon said. "That's where we need to be."

Quarterback Tyler Sheehan was also very pleased the team found its



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

LISTEN UP: CCHA coaches listen as Director of Communications Fred Pletsch addresses the coaches and media during Tuesday's media day at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. BG coach Scott Paluch is seated second from the right in the first row.

Falcons ranked in top 10 after Media Day

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association held its annual Media Day Tuesday in Grand Rapids, Mich., to kick off the league's 38th season.

The league released its pre-season polls and all-conference teams, among other news such as the season television schedule at Van Andel Arena, home of

the American Hockey League's Grand Rapids Griffins.

BG received both good and bad news from those pre-season picks.

The conference coaches voted them to finish ninth, while the media moved them up to seventh.

No Falcons were selected to the pre-season all-conference teams (most players on those lists came from Miami, Michigan, Michigan State, or Notre Dame). Jake Cepis

did receive honorable mention, but that's the closest any BG players came to the top.

Of course, the Falcons could have been like Alaska, Lake Superior State, Ohio State, and Western Michigan. None of those teams' players made first team, second team or honorable mention.

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MAC East gives fans excitement

By Andrew Harner
Assistant Sports Editor

The gap in power within the 2008 Mid-American Conference is fairly easy to see — just take a look at the standings.

So far in MAC play, the West division's record is 8-3 while the East's record is just 1-6. Overall on the season the West sits at 16-12 and the East at 10-23.

The West has the more nationally known players such as Ball State's Nate Davis, Central Michigan's Dan LeFevour and Western Michigan's Tim Hiller. I'm sure there are people out there who know Buffalo's Drew Willy, Kent State's Eugene Jarvis and BG's Tyler Sheehan are, but they are fewer and farer between.

But just because the West has a better record, flashier players and a team with votes in the AP poll (BSU) doesn't mean it's worth forgetting about what happens in the East.

Just take a look at some of the best games MAC teams have played this season. In the first three weeks, MAC East teams played some of the most memorable games of the MAC season.

In week one, the Falcons upset then No. 25 Pittsburgh 27-17, Ohio gave then No. 3 Ohio State a run for their money in week two as they led 7-6 at halftime and 14-12 with 14 minutes left before losing 26-14 and BG played now ranked No. 17 Boise State to a 20-7 loss in which the Falcons didn't allow the Broncos to score in the second half.

Even in conference play, the East has shown that it can hang with the big dogs of the West. Central Michigan, the preseason favorite to win the MAC championship, has narrowly escaped defeat from East teams in their first two MAC games beating Ohio 31-28 and Buffalo 27-25.

Within the East, Buffalo and Temple played to one of the most exciting finishes in all of college football this season. Back in week three, the game was knotted at 21 until the final 2:27 when things started to get wild.

Buffalo broke the 21-21 tie with a 25-yard field goal, but Temple took their time to respond and dropped a touchdown on the Bulls with just 38 seconds left. However, Buffalo would not be denied as Willy completed a 35-yard hail-mary pass to Naaman Roosevelt on the final play of the game to seal the 30-28 victory.

And while the West can be counted on to play consistently, as their teams lead the MAC in scoring offense and defense as well as

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Golf led by Powers, Hewit at Cardinal Intercollegiate

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

While the tournament may not have turned out like the team had wanted, one player showed flashes of excellence that has the team excited.

Freshman Parker Hewit finished in a tie with junior John Powers for best collective Falcon individual score at the Cardinal Intercollegiate played on Monday and Tuesday.

Hewit and Powers both finished the tournament with a two-over par 218. The total of 218 was good for a tie for 28th place.

"Parker played well, it was a good course for [him]," said BG coach Gary Winger. "In the first round, he was playing well and couldn't get the round finished like we would have wanted to and then finished the next two rounds great, and it was a good tournament for him."

Hewit echoed Winger's sentiments about his play during the tournament.

"I just went out there and didn't try to make too many things happen," the freshman said. "I just tried to play even-par golf. Even par is a great score in any golf tournament." Trey Bowling of Eastern Kentucky paced the rest of the tournament



Parker Hewit

Freshman tied with John Powers for 28th place



John Powers

Shot a 218 at Ball State for 28th place

with a blistering 16-under par for the three rounds.

"We were playing against a lot stronger field," Powers said of the tournament which saw seven of the 15 teams finish under par for the tournament. "Obviously we would have had to play our best in order to get into the top five of this tournament."

While Hewit played well for the Falcons, the team struggled to find a consistency and wound up finishing the tournament in 10th place with a 16-over par 880.

The University of Louisville won the team tournament with a 30-

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Wells considers himself in the running for Heisman despite missing games

By Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS—Despite playing in less than half of his team's games so far, Ohio State tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells still thinks he can win the Heisman Trophy.

"Honestly think I can be the best player in college football," Wells said during preparations for the 14th-ranked Buckeyes' game at No. 18 Wisconsin on Saturday night.

Wells injured his right foot in the season opener against Youngstown State and missed the next three games. He returned last week to rush for 106 yards in the Buckeyes' 34-21 Big Ten-opening victory over Minnesota.

He's the team's third-leading rusher, with 27 carries for 217 yards and one touchdown.

But that doesn't mean he's not shooting for the award won a year ago by current Florida quarterback Tim Tebow.

"I like to think that the Heisman is not out of my reach because a lot of times people get to thinking that the Heisman is all about numbers and a team's record," he said. "But when it all comes down to it, it's [about] who is the best player in college football. Plain and simple."

Wells rushed for 1,609 yards and 15 touchdowns a year ago and wasn't in the top 10 in the Heisman voting. Missing three full games (and almost a half of



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HEISMAN HOPEFUL: Wells still has a shot at the Heisman despite his injury.

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Chris Wells | OSU football

over Minnesota after spending the previous month watching from the sidelines.

"He made some good vision moves and there were some times in the game that I felt a little bit like it was at the beginning of the year and he was so anxious to get the ball that he didn't have quite the patience," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said of Wells' return. "But as the carries mounted, you could see that he got more comfortable and a little bit less excited and a little bit more cerebral about what he was trying to do."

Wells, who couldn't plant on his right foot in the weeks leading up to the game, even went airborne on one carry.

another) would seem to all but eliminate him from consideration this time too, particularly since the Buckeyes lost 35-3 at Southern California three weeks ago without him and may not be even in the chase for the national championship.

He has not played in the required 75 percent of his team's games to be listed in the NCAA rushing statistics, although his 108.5 yards per game would put him 20th-best in the country.

Wells, who is wearing a heavy set of linemen's cleats to protect his foot, was understandably excited about playing in the win

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total offense and defense, the East has had several individual breakout performances.

Ohio's quarterback Boo Jackson leads the MAC individually with his 413 total offensive yards against CMU. Buffalo's running back James Stark's 179 rushing yards against UTEP lead the MAC and Ohio's Donte Harden has the longest single rush on the season of 67 yards.

Defensively, the East can also make big plays.

Diyral Briggs' three sacks against Minnesota, Akron's Tyler Campbell's 18 tackles against Wisconsin and Miami's Ben Bennett's 78-yard interception return against Charleston Southern are all pacing the MAC individual leaders.

In the West, the teams to beat right now are Ball State (5-0, 2-0 MAC), Western Michigan (4-1, 2-0) and Central Michigan (3-2, 2-0), but in the East, no team has yet to go above .500 overall leaving all seven teams in the running.

"Anyone can win it right now, especially on our side," BG coach Gregg Brandon said of the MAC. "I don't think any one team is better than anybody else to start off with."

So yes, maybe the West has higher profile players, more prolific scoring teams and a better record but don't forget that the East can make exciting plays and that the division will be a wide open race until the end of the season.

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about the run which allowed Sheehan to complete 22 passes for a season high 287 yards.

Carrying the brunt of those balls (18) was Chris Bullock, who said that the effective run game had a positive effect on the passing game. Not only that, the two-back system involving the bigger, power back Bullock and the smaller, shifty back Willie Geter also forces opponents to change their game plans against BG.

"It's real good to know that if you get tired or nicked up that somebody is going to come in there and get the job done," Bullock said. "Both of us play real hard."

Of course, a quarterback can't have an effective day throwing the ball if he doesn't have a good receiving corps to throw to.

That is not a problem at all for Sheehan this year as there are plenty of guys for him to throw to. Last weekend, he completed passes to seven different receivers with Marques Parks (five receptions for 76 yards and a touchdown) and Corey Partridge (four receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown) leading the way.

"We ran the ball extremely well, and we complement it with our intermediate and deep passing games," Sheehan said of the Wyoming game. "We had a lot of what we call big plays."

The Falcons also did something they hadn't done all season at Wyoming: score in every quarter. And each quarter had at least one touchdown, another strong sign that the offense is clicking.

So while the Falcons' offense had a coming-out party at the right time, their focus is still on what is ahead because, as

Brandon said, the conference schedule is all that really matters for the team this season.

"For us to be successful, we need to win the MAC and get to a bowl game," Brandon said. "The MAC schedule is most important for us."

Sheehan agreed saying the added expectations BG has going into the MAC season makes it that much more important.

"You don't want to say that the non-conference is kind of a pre-season, but to us, the most important thing is the MAC," Sheehan said. "Hopefully we can live up to our expectations because we were picked by a lot of people to win this conference."

Eastern Michigan is a good team for the Falcons to start MAC play against as, even though the statistics suggest otherwise, the Eagles should give BG a run for their money.

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As for the team ranking, this year looks far better than last year, when BG was a unanimous 12th place selection. They went on to surpass those meager expectations, finishing seventh in the conference and hosting (and winning) a play-off series against Lake Superior.

BG coach Scott Paluch said he does not think those preseason rankings actually mean anything.

"There's never been a lot [of truth] in those, especially in our

league when you notice so many teams will come from the bottom," Paluch said. "This year we're seventh. We don't want to finish seventh. We want to finish higher than that."

"Whatever the standings say in March will be a heck of a lot more important than what they do right now."

To read more on each team and what they will be facing this year, as well as both preseason polls, check out Tuesday's live blog coverage of the Media Day press conference at www.bgnewsports.com.

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- B. 50-74
- C. 75-99
- D. Over 100

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under par 834.

"We didn't have anyone play really well so that kind of hurt us," Winger said of the team's performance. "Having to count an 80 isn't what we are looking for."

The Falcons were really behind the eight ball after the first round in which the team was in 13th place after collectively firing a 302.

After the first round, BG trailed tournament-leader at the time Eastern Kentucky by 24 strokes. It is really hard to come back from that start but the Falcons regrouped and fired back-to-back 289's to close out the tournament.

"Individually we've had some good rounds, but I don't think anyone the team believes that we have played to our full potential yet," Hewit said. "We're going to have the

mindset for the next tournament that we can win the tournament and I think we can. It's just a matter of everyone bringing their 'A' game on the same day."

That lack of consistency has plagued the team in all four tournaments this season, but that will happen from time to time with such a young team.

Hewit mentioned how the sport can be very frugal at times and that could be a reason for the inconsistency.

"Golf is just one crazy sport where you can shoot a two- or three-under par the first day and come back no later than 30 minutes later and start another 18 and shoot five- or six-over," Hewit said. "It's definitely a challenge to go out there and play consistent and solid every time."

The Falcons were also blessed to have the other freshman on the team, Drew Preston, back with the team after being away from them.

Preston was a little rusty in the first round and shot an 80 but recovered nicely to shoot a 74 and a 71 in the following rounds in his first competitive tournament in about three weeks.

"It was awesome," Hewit said of Preston's presence back with the team. "We're really glad that he's OK and was able to get back on the golf course. That shows a lot of heart to go out knowing that the team really needed him."

The Falcons will next be in action on Oct. 13 and 14 to compete in the Xavier Invitational.

"We're going to have to have two or three guys play a real solid tournament in order to be up at the top," Powers said of the upcoming tournament. "A couple of us are going to have to be in the top in order for us to compete for the team title."

The team will have a two week break before heading down for the tournament.

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EU monitors present in Georgia

By Matt Siegel
The Associated Press

KARALETI, Georgia — European Union monitors began patrolling Georgian territory yesterday and Russian troops allowed some of them into a buffer zone around the breakaway region of South Ossetia, despite earlier warnings from Moscow they would be blocked.

Russian peacekeepers had said Tuesday that none of the 300 observers would immediately be permitted to be in the buffer zone, raising concerns that Moscow was stalling on withdrawing its troops from Georgia as it promised to do after its war with Georgia in August.

But EU monitors — whose job is to observe the cease-fire and the Russian pullback — were quickly allowed to pass through Russian checkpoints yesterday near two Georgian villages on



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ADDRESSING ISSUES: Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, right, speaks, while EU Foreign Policy Chief Javier Solana listens during a joint news conference in Tbilisi, Georgia.

the perimeter of Moscow's so-called "security zone."

"The situation is very calm," said Ivan Kukushkin, a smiling Russian officer in charge of the checkpoint near Kvenatkotsa.

Russia still plans to keep around 7,600 troops in the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, which the EU and U.S. consider vio-

lations of its cease-fire commitments, and has refused to allow the EU monitors inside the regions themselves.

But Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday that there are no ideological grounds for a new Cold War, or any other kind of war, with the United States, despite its war with Georgia, a strong U.S. ally.

Continued drop in remittances expected

By Traci Carl
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans living in the U.S. sent home 12 percent less money in August, the largest drop on record since the Bank of Mexico began tracking remittances 12 years ago, the central bank reported yesterday.

After years of record gains, remittances have dropped across Latin America. In Brazil, immigration to the U.S. dropped dramatically after the real rose in value against the dollar.

In Mexico, Mexicans began sending less money home this year, economically stranding many small towns and neighborhoods that live off the stipends. The Bank of Mexico said remittances will likely continue to fall in the coming months because of the "difficult problems the U.S. economy faces."

The bank said remittances in August dropped 12 percent

to US\$1.9 billion. That compares to US\$2.2 billion in August 2007.

Migrants living in the U.S. have sent home US\$15.5 billion in the first eight months of this year, 4 percent less than the same period the year before.

A slowing U.S. economy and stepped up immigration enforcement by the U.S. government, including record deportations and increased border security, are behind the drop.

Remittances are Mexico's second-largest source of foreign income, next to oil exports.

Nearly all of it comes from the United States, home to 98 percent of Mexicans living abroad. At least 11 million Mexicans live in the United States.

Mexico's economy has largely weathered the global economic crisis, buoyed by a national housing boom and government-funded infrastructure programs.

But Treasury Secretary

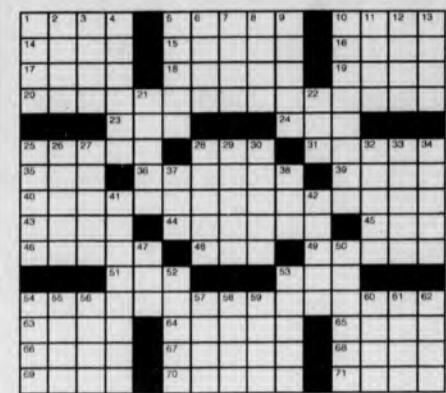
Agustin Carstens said this week that Mexico will still be hit by the global crisis, as tourism drops and continued volatility deflates oil and other commodity prices. He has lowered his annual growth forecast for Mexico to 2.5 percent.

Mexico's IPC stock index rebounded Tuesday, then slipped 1.5 percent yesterday, evidence that the U.S. crisis is still rattling markets here.

President Felipe Calderon has boasted that Mexico is no longer economically dependent on its powerful northern neighbor, arguing against the old adage: "If the U.S. economy catches a cold, Mexico gets pneumonia."

But George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, said there is no way Mexico can escape being hit hard by the U.S. crisis, which comes as the country struggles with rising drug and street violence and falling oil production.

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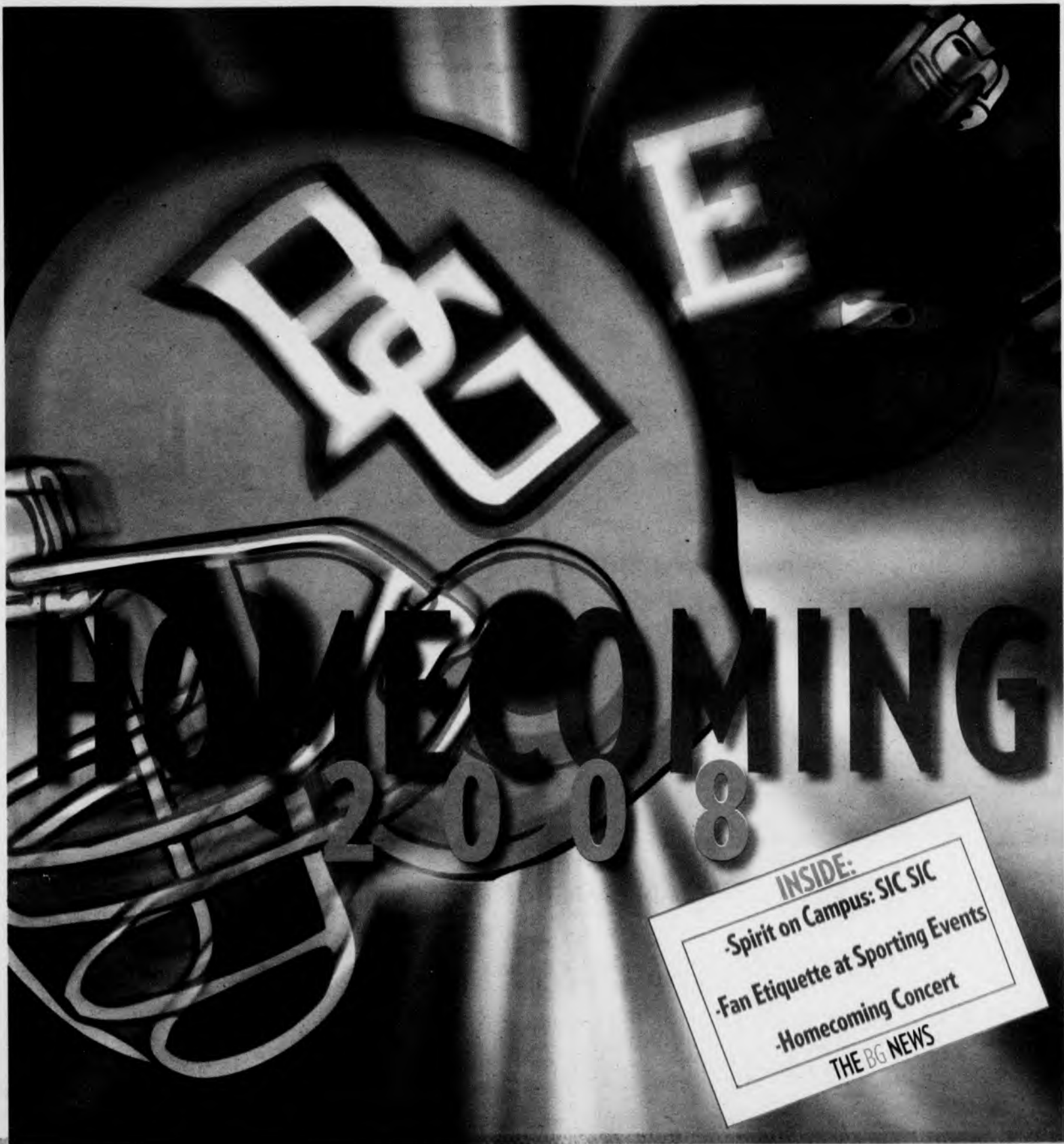
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TOP: Fans show their un-falcon-believable school pride at a home game led by spirit crew members of SIC SIC.

RIGHT: There are many ways to enjoy the homecoming festivities. Many fans choose to tailgate, hang out and play cornhole prior to the game's kick off.

BELOW: Freddie and Frieda Falcon, two of the best mascots in the NCAA, help cheerleaders rev up the crowd both at games and across the University.



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This football player came to BG without a scholarship, but went on to set a MAC record for most interceptions with 10 and finished second on the NCAA all-time pass interception list with 27.

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Homecoming court finalists await announcement

By Michelle Bosserman
Reporter

This year's Homecoming King and Queen are...

Five females and five males are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the Homecoming Royalty Court, but many students want to know how nominees are elected to the court in the first place.

"It all starts off throughout the entire summer, when students, faculty and staff members vote for anyone they want," Lauren Wolk, head of the Homecoming Royalty Court committee, said. "Then a list is compiled of everyone nominated."

The only requirements for student nominations were that the student had to be graduating before May 2009 and had to have better than a 2.5 GPA.

"I hadn't really thought about being on court until I was nominated," male finalist Terry Streetman said. "But I thought it was a cool way to get involved more with the University."

All of the nominees are then notified they were nominated and are given an opportunity to apply to be on the Homecoming Royalty Court via e-mail. If they choose to accept, which every nominee did this year, they are given an application to fill out.

"Someone took the time to nominate me," female finalist Chelsea Scholl said. "I felt I needed to apply and continue on with the process."

The application asks questions about the student's service to the university, campus involvement

"I decided to participate in Homecoming Royalty Court because I believe that everyone can be successful on this campus."

Michelle Doyle | Homecoming Court Finalist

and BGSU spirit.

"Through the application process, the students are given a chance to explain why they should be considered to be on court," Wolk said.

After turning in the applications, the nominees are then judged by different staff and faculty members across the campus based on a rubric.

"I didn't know the process beforehand," female finalist Shacorra Crosby said. "It's really complicated but I like how they do it because it's not just a popularity contest, they make sure they pick people who really love the University."

Most of the nominees expressed they were shocked by the honor and delighted to have a chance to represent BGSU.

"It came as a total surprise to me," female finalist Lori Petrick said. "I was incredibly honored and grateful to be nominated because BG has become my home, I feel this is my way of giving back."

The rubrics the judges look at are based on the application questions and answers. The scores are then totaled and the top 10 males and top 10 females are invited to interviews.

"Here at BGSU, it's a unique opportunity [to be nominated] because it's not just about the votes," female finalist Katrina Caldwell said. "It

shows an appreciation by the students who voted me in."

After all the interviews, where the nominees are judged based on their love of BGSU, how they plan to give back to the University and general persona, the judges invite five females and five males to be on the Homecoming Royalty Court.

"I thought the Homecoming King was the perfect representation of what a BG man is supposed to be and I feel I fill that role," male finalist Mark Lohrum said.

Following the announcement of the top 10, the voting goes back into the hands of the students, Wolk said. Starting Monday, Sept. 29, students were able to vote for one male and one female to be the Homecoming King and Queen.

"I decided to participate in Homecoming Royalty Court because I believe that everyone can be successful on this campus," female finalist Michelle Doyle said. "BGSU offers so many resources to help students succeed that I thought I could prove to people that if you just take advantage of what BGSU has to offer you can go far in life."

The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced Friday at the Pep Rally, as well as Saturday at the football game.

2008 Homecoming Court:



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Scholl



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Schoch



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SIC SIC Keeps up strong tradition of school spirit and secrecy

Kristen Vasas
City Editor

Sixty-two years ago, six unique individuals were called together by former University President Frank Prout to form an official spirit crew for the school.

At 2 a.m. on the night of Oct. 5, 1946, the hand-picked students made their presence known by announcing their existence over the campus PA system — and SICSIC was born.

Since that night, the two sophomores, two juniors and two seniors that make up the members of SICSIC have continued to uphold the time-honored traditions passed down by the original spirit crew by keeping their identities a secret and revving up both students and faculty everywhere the group goes.

"We want people to know we're not just at games," George Washington said. "We are everywhere that school spirit is, and that's all over campus."

The group — which is made up of senior members George Washington and Donald Trump, junior members Queen Elizabeth and Michael Jackson, and sophomore members Abe Lincoln and Darth Vader — said one of the most challenging aspects of being a SICSIC member is keeping their identities hidden behind the masks chosen when they first became part of the group.

"People sometimes try and guess who we are, but for the most part my roommates don't know, my friends don't know, only my mom

"We are everywhere that school spirit is, and that's all over campus."

George Washington | SIC SIC

does," Washington said. "Probably no one would know who the real George Washington is [behind the mask]." SICSIC's masks are chosen personally by each individual member when they are initiated into the group at the end of their freshman year. When the members are unmasked during the spring semester of their senior year, they have the honor of hanging their mask in SICSIC's secret clubhouse alongside masks worn by previous members.

"I chose my mask because my grandpa liked Star Wars and always made me watch it when I was little," Darth Vader said. "When he found out I was in this and got to pick a mask, I picked Darth for him."

And though the group uses their masks to keep their secret hidden, making up little white lies about where they are and who they are with is one of the most effective ways the members throw off suspecting friends and family, Darth Vader explained.

"One time, I told my friends I had a boyfriend when I really didn't," Queen Elizabeth said. "I told them I was always going to meet him and hang out with him when I was really out doing things for SICSIC."



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UNCONVENTIONAL GENEROSITY: SIC SIC members hand out bottles of water to students on campus.

Becoming a new member of SICSIC is also a ritual cloaked in secrecy.

Although the current members of the group make new selections based on a set of core values, the values themselves are generally kept a secret, Washington said.

"Because SICSIC chooses the new members, they are always looking for someone who's dedicated and enthusiastic about BGSU, among other things," SICSIC Advisor Michael Ginsburg said. "They need people who can do this for three years who are good decision makers with good judgment because it is a leadership role."

Potential SICSIC members must make their intentions known during their freshman year either by e-mailing, calling or talking to current SICSIC members. However, telling anyone besides SICSIC that you are interested in joining the group will automatically get you disqualified from the race.

"Once you apply, we are always watching to see how much spirit you have," Washington said. "We are professional creepers."

And though a majority of students on campus would consider becoming a SICSIC member an honor, other students find the jumpsuit and mask wearing group a little creepy.

"I personally love SICSIC, but I know many people are creeped out by them," Ginsburg said. "People just need to remember that they are an integral part of the University's history."

But whether or not students find the fun-loving group scary, SICSIC's main goal is to approach and create spirit in each and every University student.

"We just want to give people candy and cheer them up, not be scared of us," Queen Elizabeth said. "I love what I do for the students and I will never regret [becoming a member] because it has been the best decision I've made."

U. Nevada student trouser dropping tradition

By **Jessica Estepa and Jessica Fryman**
U-Wire

University of Nevada, Reno students broke a world record on Feb. 7, 1996.

More than 1,000 students gathered on the quad just after midnight. Despite protests from the administration, students dropped their pants and mooned.

Brita Muller hopes to recreate that scene tonight at this year's Moon Off to kick off Flipside's Mackay Week, a university tradition that has faded

over the last two decades.

But while Muller, the student government's director of homecoming and former university weeks chair, wants to beat the current world record of about 2,000 Swedish people mooning back in 2001, she said it's more about bringing back spirit to campus.

"There's something missing on this campus," she said. "I want that to change. [UNR] could be so much more than what it is now."

Gone are the days where dozens of

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groups would participate in the homecoming parade or play tug-of-war next to Manzanita Lake. Students no longer dress up in cowboy gear for Mackay Week, and a Winter Carnival week for students, which brought people up to the mountains for discounted ski passes and different races, faded away after the 1980s.

Compared to other universities around the country, which have traditions ranging from rivalries to bike races and drinking games, UNR's lack of tradition is a "sign of the times," history professor Richard Davies said.

Old yearbooks and newspapers show how traditions have changed. A

"The lack of interest from students is what has turned Mackay Week, which used to be a huge university wide party in the spring, into Mackay luncheon."

Richard Davies, History Professor

large photo near the front of the 1987 yearbook shows men drinking beer directly out of a large container. Now alcohol is banned from campus and rush events.

A 1929 photo of the University of Nevada homecoming parade shows crowded streets as the floats went by, and a 1985 yearbook says more than 70 groups built homecoming floats. But university students weren't aware of that commitment in 2005, when the programming board opted out of

having a homecoming parade.

Mackay Week photos in yearbooks from the 1980s show series of students mixing drinks, tugs-of-war and picnics. But last year, Mackay Week events had low numbers in attendance.

"The lack of interest from students is what has turned Mackay Week, which used to be a huge university-wide party in the spring, into Mackay luncheon," Davies said.

Joe Crowley, UNR president from

1978 to 2000, said it should be expected that university traditions change and disappear.

Crowley, who started working at UNR in 1966, described a tradition he learned about from the 1930s and 1940s, when freshman males were required to wear beanies or "dinks" as part of campus tradition. Forgetting to wear a beanie could mean being tossed into Manzanita Lake by the upperclassmen, Crowley said.

But after World War II veterans enrolled at the university, the beanies disappeared because the veterans refused to wear them.

From a campus-wide alcohol ban to students moving off campus, several factors caused UNR to change from what it was in the past.



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FULL MOON: Univ. of Nevada students try to revive a tradition of mooning and break records.

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3. What year did Frieda make her debut?
4. What happened to the paper-mache Freddie Falcon mask during the summer of 1950?
5. What was the original name of BGSU?
6. What former BGSU coach was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1974?
7. What's the mascot of Eastern Michigan University, the Homecoming football opponent?
8. How many years have Freddie and Frieda hosted a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday morning during Homecoming?
9. How many hotels does the Homecoming Shuttle provide service to?
10. What exit number do you take off I-75 to BGSU via Wooster Street?
11. How many people rode the Homecoming shuttles last year?
12. How many offices/departments decorated their offices for Homecoming 2007?
13. When will the University celebrate its centennial?
14. What happened during Homecoming 1975 that attracted national attention?
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4. Answer: It was eaten by mice.
5. Answer: Bowling Green State Normal College
6. Answer: Denny Stolz
7. Answer: Swoop, the Eagle
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11. Answer: 500
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13. Answer: 2010
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15. Answer: Yung Joc and Souja Boy - Thursday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. in Anderson Arena

Students compete in homecoming pageant

By Guyana Hand
U-wire

About 1,100 people packed the Phillips Center on Sunday evening to see 50 women and 15 men compete for six places on University of Florida's homecoming court.

Judges chose Vanessa Douyon, Megan Duda and Jillian Peters as finalists for homecoming queen and Max Weiss, Eric Boulware and Frank Kraemer as finalists for homecoming king.

Six judges selected the female finalists based on casual- and formal-wear competitions, along with an interview before the event.

"This is not a beauty pageant. This is for the most involved people on campus to shine through," said Stefanie Brown, homecoming general chairman.

The curtain rose to reveal 50 female contestants with their backs toward the crowd.

Music boomed as they turned to face the audience and dance to songs such as "She's a Lady" and "American Woman."

The 15 male contestants, dressed in tuxedos, joined them on stage.

Each female contestant sashayed across the stage during the casual — and formal — wear competitions as the masters of ceremonies read aloud their involvement and accomplishments.

During a brief intermission, the judges chose the final six contestants as Irish step dancers performed.

To narrow their picks, judges asked each finalist what legacy they hoped to leave behind at UF.

Afterward, the six contestants were awarded their sashes while the homecoming queen final-

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Athletic dept. learns from mistakes

By Ryan Sullivan
Campus Editor

The University Athletic Department appears to have learned its lesson after the student section rained seat cushions at the football game against Minnesota.

The give away was meant as a way to make some of the crowd of approximately 23,000 students comfortable while they watched the University's dismantling at the

hands of Minnesota.

Instead, the athletic department is now forced to look for new ways to distribute promotional items due to the behavior of some fans.

Jim Elsasser, the Assistant Athletic Director of Internal Affairs, said the incident was unfortunate and students should learn from what happened at the game.

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MAKING A MESS: The Athletic department now realizes that passing out seat cushions, although a kind gesture, was not the best idea and will change how they go about handing out promotional items.

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"It is things like [the Minnesota game] that make corporations think," Elsasser said. "Now it might be something we hand out post game."

He said rather students should follow the golden rule when it comes to attending athletic events.

"The most important thing is to buy into the sportsmanship ideal," Elsasser said. "Students and fans need to show respect for the teams,

the officials and the other fans."

University sophomore Tony Davis was one of the students who took part in the festivities at the Minnesota game.

"That game was a little crazy," Davis said. "I was chucking seat cushions, too, and I don't know anybody who got thrown out."

He said he thinks the incident is the fault of both the students in attendance and the athletic department for giving them out to people who had been drinking all day.

The athletic department isn't the only group on campus who is

hoping fans like Davis show more restraint when attending sporting events.

Sgt. John Shumaker of the University Police Department, who travels with the team to their away games and works security for the home games, said this is one of the worst incidents he has ever seen for a home game.

"When they were handing them out, I wondered how many would end up on the field," Shumaker said.

He said he has seen fans throw things on the field before, but nothing

like the game against Minnesota.

Besides the decision to hand out items that could be used as projectiles, he said part of the problem was due to people coming to the game so drunk they were unable to control themselves.

"I threw somebody out in the front row who threw a seat cushion at me from maybe five feet away," Shumaker said.

It isn't just students who should be following the unwritten rules of conduct at a sporting event.

He said during the course of the game, he threw out an entire row of people because, according to him, they were too drunk to be there.

"What baffled me about it was these people weren't students," Shumaker said. "They were in their early 30's and were acting belligerent."

Though the number of officers at the football games isn't disclosed for security reasons, the police are there to try to ensure the safety and welfare of all of the fans at the game.

"As long as you don't call some-

body [on either team] by name or use obscene language, you should be fine," Shumaker said. "The other things we look for are underage drinking, fighting in the stands and people who are throwing stuff."

He pointed out a separate incident while working security for a game in Toledo when the cheerleaders gave out Twinkies to fans in attendance during a game.

"The problem was, [the Twinkies] froze and they started throwing them at us," Shumaker said. "They hurt, I got hit with one. It is probably the only time I can say I was afraid of a flying Twinkie."

Shumaker said he hopes that for this and subsequent games, students act more responsible and show more respect when announcers ask them to stop doing something.

He also said while he doesn't agree with the obscene language that was used, it was a good thing some students in the student section were "self-policing" themselves and other students in an attempt to get them to stop throwing the cushions.

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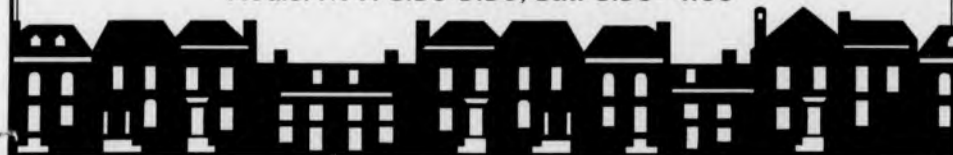
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SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME: Students watched the defeat of their Falcons, showing disappointment by throwing seat cushions on the field throughout the game.

Soulja Boy, Yung Joc perform at Homecoming concert

By Kyle Reynolds
Senior Reporter

BGS-Youuuuu! Crank dat Soulja Boy.

This year, rappers Soulja Boy and Yung Joc will be headlining Homecoming with a show at Anderson Arena on Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.

Both artists are Grammy nominees — Yung Joc was nominated for best rap song in 2007 for "It's Goin' Down" and Soulja Boy was nominated for best rap song in 2008 for "Crank Dat (Soulja Boy)".

UAO is responsible for organizing the concert and Caitlin Wise, UAO director of music, said they wanted to do a hip-hop concert since the past few years had been rock concerts.

"We started off by picking a genre, so we picked hip-hop since there has never been a hip-hop show since Ludacris," Wise said. "So we started looking at different hip-hop artists. There were certain things we had to consider like they have to be approved by the University, it has to be priced within our budget and they had to be able to have the date available."

Wise said in past years the homecoming concert has been "close to sold out". Last year's show was by rock group Third Eye Blind.

This year over 600 tickets were sold on the first night of ticket sales, UAO president Scott Loehrke said, with about 3,000 tickets still available as of Sept. 21.

UAO adviser Denny Bubrig said Soulja Boy and Yung Joc aren't touring together but have recorded sev-

"We started off by picking a genre ... there has never been a hip-hop show since Ludacris."

Caitlin Wise | UAO director of music

eral songs together including the "Donk Remix."

"They were both available at the same time and we knew they would work well together so we got them paired," Bubrig said.

Wise identifies herself as a fan of both artists and said that UAO wanted to attract a different audience than previous years.

"We want it to be a lot more diverse," Wise said. "We want to get a whole different crowd and get a lot of different people together."

Junior Michael Bialorucki said he isn't going because he doesn't think the two rappers have enough hits.

"I think it is ridiculous to bring to our college two artists with one song total that people actually know," Bialorucki said.

Freshman Tempest Moss said she would've liked if different rappers came to campus instead.

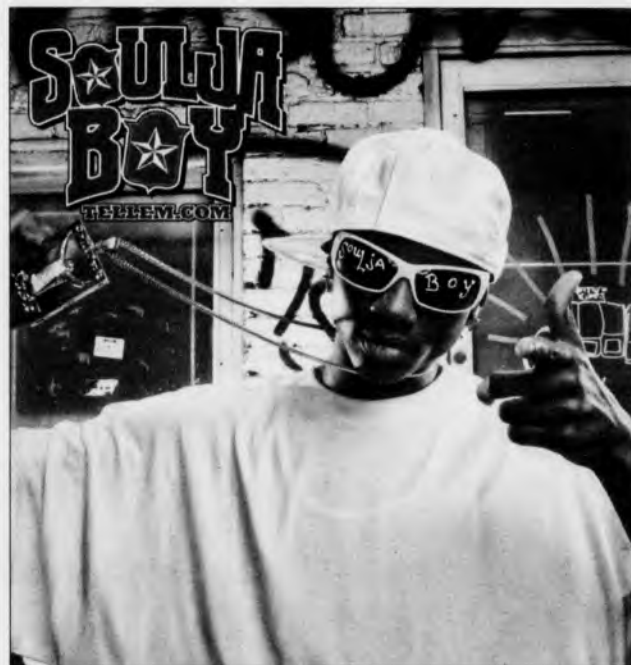
"I'm just not a big fan of Soulja Boy and Yung Joc," Moss said. "I would've liked if they brought someone else like Gucci Mane."

Freshman Scott Sanville is too busy that night to go to the concert but is a fan of Yung Joc.

"I love Yung Joc and Soulja Boy is OK," Saville said. "His rhymes are alright."



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BREAKIN' IT DOWN: Soulja Boy and Yung Joc bring hip-hop to the Bowling Green campus. UAO said this is the first hip-hop show since Ludacris visited, as the last few years have been rock n' roll shows. UAO tries to involve a wide range of genres when bringing concerts to the University

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ists were crowned with sparkling tiaras.

UF public relations major JoAnna Duncan attended the event to support her sorority sister, Vanessa Douyon, one of the finalists.

"I think it's really great that they do the interview and that they place a lot of emphasis on the total package, not just looks," Duncan said.



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BEAUTY: The pageant isn't about beauty, but being involved on the campus

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Freddy's Falcon Talons

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There is no better way to flaunt your falcon pride than by showing up to your BGSU tailgate party with a plate full of Falcon Talons. Ohio State has its chocolate and peanut butter buckeyes, and now BGSU has its Falcon Talons. They aren't hard to make, maybe a little messy, but who minds being covered in chocolate and Butterfinger crumbles? Brace yourself for the creative sweet cashew crunch.



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Ingredients:

- 1 can (9.75 oz) of whole cashews.
- 12 oz. semi sweet chocolate morsels. Mini morsels melt fastest.
- 1 12.5 oz. bag of fun size Butterfingers. Or a few king size.
- 1 T of paraffin wax is optional
- Total cost: about \$10

Setup:

Crunch your Butterfingers. To minimize a crumbly mess, leave the candy bars in the wrapper. The finer the Butterfinger is crumbled, the better. Dump the crumbs into a bowl.

Prepare an ice bath in a large bowl and place at the end of the table. This is the cashew's final plunge. It will help solidify the chocolate so



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the talon doesn't look like a turtle.

Open your nuts and place them on a plate at the front of the table. Scattering them on a plate can help you select the nuts that best resemble a falcon's talon. Although the can says "full cashews," many won't be.

Melt the semi sweet morsels in a double boiler over medium heat. Add paraffin wax to improve the final products glossy look. Once the chocolate is melted (and wax) remove from heat and place on table between the cashews and Butterfinger crumbles.



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Now it's time to turn our nuts to talons. Hold what would be the tip of the talon and dip the other end into the chocolate. If the choco-

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late does not stick well, you may want to let it cool and thicken. Quickly, dip the talon into the Butterfinger crumbles and then immediately into the ice bath. The more quickly you complete this process, the better your talon will look. However, there is nothing wrong with a chunky funky talon. In fact, I prefer chunky chocolate and Butterfinger talons. If you experience a lot of your chocolate dripping off into the Butterfinger bowl, try molding the chocolate and Butterfinger around the cashew. They may not look the best, but they're certainly sweeter. I like to do about five nuts in a row and then I take them out of the ice bath and place them onto a plate. The talons shouldn't stay in the ice bath too long, because the Butterfinger will start to get soggy. Once you fill up a plate, put it in the refrigerator so that the chocolate may solidify further. Get a clean plate and do it again! Recipe should amount to three full plates of Freddy's Falcon Talons, which is about 50 talons a plate.



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MMM MMM GOOD: Falcon Talons are sure to rival Ohio State's peanut butter Buckeyes for the best college mascot snack this fall.

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- A. 1950 C. 1973
B. 1966 D. 1980

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