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SHELLY WILLGREN
Senior,
Apparel Merchandising
and Product Development
"Maggie May"
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WEATHER

TODAY
Isolated T-Storms
High: 79, Low: 57

TOMORROW
Mostly Sunny
High: 82, Low: 60

A Fallen Soldier



JAIME R. CARRENS

BGSU's ROTC reflects on alum's death

By Ryan Sullivan
Campus Editor

On September 25, the University announced that 2005 graduate Michael Medders was killed while serving in Iraq.

Medders was commissioned a second lieutenant by the University's Army ROTC, and a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Even though only one of the current ROTC students was around while Medders was a member of the program, and barely knew him, the group still took the loss to heart, said Lt. Col. Steven Letzring, a professor of military science.

According to Letzring, the last time a member of the University's ROTC program died was during the Vietnam War.

"We are all affected by events like this," Letzring said. "I don't know if it was a serviceman, it hits a little

deeper into [people's] psyche. During a student's senior year, he or she learns about the psychological aspects of war, including losing friends in their units. Letzring said the students also study the laws of war and combat conduct.

"Actual war isn't like the movies," Letzring said. "You have to prepare yourself both mentally and physically."

With the ROTC classes averaging 14 to 20 students each, he estimated approximately half would "be away from campus in the near-term future."

The current Army ROTC participants have already seen action in the war in Iraq, including Adam Lawson, a Westwood majoring in adolescent young adult education.

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Sarah and the Flag City

VP candidate Palin visits Univ. of Findlay

By Freddy Hunt
Editor-in-Chief

FINDLAY — With the election now less than two weeks away and the race still tight in the Buckeye State, vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin was in the area yesterday stumping for the Republican ticket.

Palin warmed up the crowd by inviting country singer Lee Greenwood on stage to sing the national anthem and his own "Proud to Be an American" — a reward for her supporters who woke early to wait in the cold, long lines outside the University of Findlay, she said.

Joined by her husband, Todd, and daughters Willow and Piper, Palin began her speech by addressing comments made by Sen. Joe Biden at a recent fundraiser in Seattle.

On Sunday, the Democratic vice presidential candidate said there would be four or five scenarios that would place America at risk in the first six months of an Obama administration. He said the situation would be a generated international crisis "to test the mettle" of Obama.

"First, got to say thanks for the warning, Joe," Palin said. "And that's just another case of Joe getting carried away at the podium."

But Biden didn't identify exactly what the four or five crisis scenarios could be, Palin said, and then identified four of them as Obama's plans to sit down with "some of the world's worst dictators with no preconditions," his intentions to employ American troops in Pakistan, to prematurely pull out of the War in Iraq and conflicts between Russia and Ukraine.

"I guess that the looming crisis that most worries the Obama campaign right now has got to be Joe Biden's next speaking engagement," Palin said.

Fitting her stump speech to the Flag City crowd, Palin said it's great to be in the hometown of



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FACING FINDLAY: Sarah Palin speaks on energy independence, business taxing, and small businesses during a rally in Findlay.

WHY HELLO THERE: Sarah Palin meets with enthusiastic fans after her speech at a McCain-Palin rally in Findlay.

Pittsburgh Steeler's quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger.

"I would be so proud of him," she said. "Ben and Findlay obviously know a little bit about victory, and I am hoping we can count on you to put us over the top on Election Day."

But not everyone in attendance was a McCain/Palin supporter. Wearing an Obama '08 button, 18-year-old Colin Walker, of Findlay, said he just wanted to see Palin in person. According to him, there are plenty of reasons why he opposes the Republican ticket.

"The war was started in false pretenses," Walker said. "And I disagree with capital punishment and pro-life."

But Palin never mentioned capital punishment and only touched on abortion. She focused mainly on the economy and energy independence.

Referencing another Northwest Ohioan, Palin congratulated "Joe the Plumber" for finally getting Obama to speak his intentions in a clear language. She criticized Obama's plan to hike taxes and increase spending, coining him the name "Obama the Wealthspreader."

"The first thing you do when



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you find yourself in a hole and you don't want to be there is you stop digging," Palin said, referring to the federal government's \$10 trillion debt.

Besides limiting government spending, Palin stressed energy independence, which she said is at the top of McCain's list of things he wanted her to speak about.

By developing clean-coal technology and off-shore drilling, and utilizing wind and solar energy,

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As election nears, poll gaps narrow

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The presidential race tightened after the final debate, with John McCain gaining among whites and people earning less than \$50,000, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that shows McCain and Barack Obama essentially running even among likely voters in the election homestretch.

The poll, which found Obama at 44 percent and McCain at 43 percent, supports what some Republicans and Democrats privately have said in recent days: that the race narrowed after the third debate as GOP-leaning voters drifted home to their party and McCain's "Joe the Plumber" analogy struck a chord.

Three weeks ago, an AP-GfK survey found that Obama had surged to a seven-point lead over McCain, lifted by voters who thought the Democrat was better suited to lead the nation through its sudden economic crisis.

The contest is still volatile, and the split among voters is apparent less than two weeks before Election Day.



MICHAEL F. CHAMBERS/AP/WIDE WORLD

EMPTY-HEADED: Clay lead models of Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama.

"I trust McCain more, and I do feel that he has more experience in government than Obama. I don't think Obama has been around long enough," said Angela Decker, 44, of La Porte, Ind.

But Karen Judd, 58, of Middleton, Wis., said, "Obama certainly has sufficient qualifications." She said any positive feelings about McCain evaporated with "the outright lying" in TV ads and his choice of running mate

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The Sylvaniaian police officer and the mustache mishap

SYLVANIA (AP) — A police officer was suspended for three days without pay in a tussle over whether he whacked his mustache to regulation length.

The facial hair of Officer Ron Dicus was the subject of a three-hour hearing Tuesday night before the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees.

Trustees determined the nine-year police veteran had been insubordinate. Dicus countered that he shortened his bushy mustache once when he was warned and again when he was charged.

Police Chief Robert Metzger described the 'stache as a "General Custer-type" that extended below the mouth in violation of department policy.

Dicus said he plans to take the dispute to arbitration.

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PALIN

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Palin said thousands of American jobs will be created.

Suzie Altieri, of Monroe, Ohio, saw McCain on Sunday and said Palin was "tons better." She was accompanied by her husband and four sons.

"I really like the fact that there's a woman running — that there's a woman running and she's a real person," Altieri said. "I think she brings the campaign to an average-person level."

But Altieri can relate to Palin on more levels than just being a woman. Like the Alaskan governor, Altieri has a child with special needs, and believes if McCain becomes president, education will be a priority of the administration.

Comparing herself and McCain to former President Ronald Reagan, Palin said she and McCain don't believe America is the prob-



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C'MON, ALREADY: An excited crowd waits in anticipation for Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin to speak.

lem, but the solution.

"And we still believe that America is that shining city on a hill that Reagan used to speak of," she said. "And I thank God we have a man ready and worthy to lead it — someone who inspires us with heroic and trustworthy deeds and not just words."

ROTC

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Lawson has served two tours in Iraq, each lasting a year, and is looking to make a career out of military service.

"My first tour, I went straight out of high school and was part of the spearhead through Iraq," Lawson said.

Lawson's first tour of duty, which started in January 2003, was part of the initial surge that helped capture Iraq and forced Saddam Hussein into hiding.

During his second tour that started in September 2005, Lawson was in charge of nine soldiers while in Baghdad and other hot spots.

Serving in Iraq helped Lawson prepare for the ROTC program. He said the experience instilled a sense of responsibility and time management in him.

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Adam Lawson | Sophomore

opener for some that this is a career," Lawson said. "People were saying, 'Wow, this is real world, life and death.' It helps a lot to show whether they want to stay in the program or not."

James Boone, a junior majoring in geochemistry, is another student who has witnessed the realities of war first hand.

"I lost a lot of good friends [in Iraq]," he said.

Boone was a member of the Marine Corps and was active duty for seven months before attending the University. He was the point person for his unit during his tour of duty, the soldier

who kicked down doors and helped lead sweeps, he said.

But the friends that he lost did not die without purpose. Boone said his experience in Iraq was also very rewarding, and is glad that he fought for his country.

"Besides losing people, I had a great time," he said. "We went to this one town and helped out people, took them clean water, food and brought doctors. It felt good to help people who have never been helped before ... You can't treat people that way and expect to get away with it," he said.

After Medders' death, all of the ROTC students were informed. Several of them went to his memorial service, Letzring said.

"Even though [most of us] didn't know him, it still had a sobering effect," Letzring said. "We know how that affects every one from immediate family to the community. [The military is] kind of a large extended family."

Spring Registration

2009

Registration begins for:

Graduate Students	October 20
Non-Degree Graduate Students	October 22
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Juniors	November 4
Sophomores	November 12
Freshmen	November 18
Guest Students	November 24

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Business Administration	371 Business Administration Building	372-2747
Education & Human Development	365 Education Building	372-7372
Health & Human Services	102 Health Center	372-8242
Musical Arts	1031 Moore Musical Arts Building	372-2181
Technology	102 Technology Building	372-7581
Firelands	101 West Building	372-0676

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Superman the septuagenarian

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter

The Man of Steel is turning 70 this year and the University's Popular Culture department is celebrating with two days full of events highlighting the way comics have impacted society.

Charles Coletta, an associate professor of popular culture, came up with the idea of celebrating Superman's anniversary, and sees comics as a uniquely American art form. Coletta said Superman is the right character to celebrate, because Clark Kent is recognizable to people of all ages.

"The Superman symbol is a world famous symbol," he said. "Even if you have never read the comic, ask any little kid and they know what the Superman symbol is or what it stands for."

Among the events being offered in the Union is a workshop about comic books in the classroom.

Angela Nelson, popular

culture department chair, believes the workshop will show practical steps for teachers on how to use comic books as educational tools.

Nelson said children are able to make connections between comics and reading, while also bridging the gap between art and writing.

"The creativity part is what children are drawn to," she said.

Both Coletta and Nelson grew up with their own favorite comic book characters, even if they were only television versions.

For Nelson, her favorites included Wonder Woman and both the Bionic Man and Bionic Woman. She said she remembers the '70s television series Wonder Woman, and enjoyed seeing a woman being strong and fighting for justice.

"Seeing any reminder today of the show, it was so fake," she said. "But back then, it was as real as a junior high girl would think."

The event will also include

sessions with Michael Bitz, The Comic Book Project's founder and director.

The project began in 2001, as a way for Bitz to allow young people to build creative and literary skills.

What began in New York has spread across the United States, including Cleveland, which is the hometown of the creators of Superman.

The goal of the project is to give kids a chance to become better thinkers and writers, Bitz said.

Bitz also believes creating comics allows for planning of characters, conflict, resolution and self-editing.

Bitz shared a story about how the project works with deaf children in New York City. He said it allows the children to express themselves in a creative way.

"For people who have struggled to communicate all of their lives, The Comic Book Project has become an outlet for them to communicate," he said.

SPOOKY HOLIDAYS REFLECTED IN GLASS



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ART FOR SALE: Pumpkin related art pieces from the Student Art Glass Association (SAGA) wait to be sold. Most pieces range from \$10 - \$40. SAGA will be holding their glass sale in front of the Student Union until 5:00 p.m. today.

Pub speech encourages student involvement

By India Hunter
Reporter

Amidst the bustling, noisy activities in the Black Swamp Pub, Undergraduate Student Government President John Wayne gave his State of the Student Body Address last night.

The brief speech addressed the activities USG has tackled up to this point.

"USG works for you," Wayne said.

He spoke of the difficult times the country is experiencing in regards to the economy. But Wayne urged students to not become discouraged of the downturn.

"When change is scary, opportunity shines the brightest," Wayne said. "This year opportunities are endless."

One item USG has worked on that students can see is the addition of two stops added downtown on the off campus shuttle.

"Last year's USG administration laid the groundwork for this, and this year's executed that goal," Wayne said.

Wayne encouraged students to become investing in issues that concern them by voting locally.

An issue that touched many students, particularly off campus students, was the zoning law issue which USG worked tirelessly on, Wayne said.

"We petitioned to have it changed to four unrelated people living together and collected

1,572 signatures," he said.

Even though USG collected many signatures, many became disqualified for several reasons.

He told students that although nothing changed about the law this time around, USG will continue fighting for a change.

Junior Joe Coleman, who attended last night's address, said he was disappointed about the outcome of the zoning law efforts.

"I signed that petition and was hoping that law would be changed," he said.

Another project USG has been working on concerns faculty evaluations. Wayne said USG hopes to make choosing faculty on campus a more informed decision for students, something more than scouring the Pick A Prof Web site.

He said by the Spring 2009 registration time period USG hopes to post the results of faculty evaluations from last year on the USG Web site.

With the popularity of the going green theme, USG would like to make the campus more green, too. Wayne spoke of a bike program where students could check out bikes for free and ride around campus as opposed to driving cars to classes.

Wayne also spoke of the success of USG's campus beautification project. Flowers have been planted and grasslines trimmed along the sidewalks.

He said the idea stemmed from speaking with students over the summer about the physical

appeal of the campus.

"Many students complained that the campus looked run down and tired," Wayne said.

In addition, USG is working on putting Falcon logo signs on the highways and also throughout campus.

"It will become a reality," Wayne said. "You will see Falcon signage on the highway."

Even though the speech was given in the pub, some students said they didn't know about it.

"I didn't know about the speech," Haldeman said. But had she attended, she said she would have liked to hear something about the health insurance requirement. Haldeman said she would like to see this policy changed.

"It was annoying to have to go through that process of appealing it," Haldeman said. "I don't think it should be required."

And although Coleman attended, he said he just happened to be at the pub, and didn't plan to attend the speech.

"I was just at the right place at the right time," he said.

Wayne told students to be proud of their campus, noting the successful alumni of the University such as James Pickens Jr., an actor on "Grey's Anatomy."

"Wear your bright orange and become engaged on campus," Wayne said. "Join an organization and become involved."

The speech will be re-broadcast in dorms across campus on a date to be determined later.

Friday's events:

9 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
318 Union

10 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

11:30 a.m.
Lunch on Your Own

1 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

2:30 p.m.
Refreshment Break
318 Union

3 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

4:30 p.m.
Break

4:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

6:15 p.m.

Break

6:30 p.m.
Plenary Session: Keynote Address, "Comics: A Medium in Transition": Scott McCloud
Theater 206 Union

7:30 p.m.
Graphic Language: The Art of the "Comic" Book Exhibition Opening Reception
Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery Fine Arts Center

Saturday's events:

8 a.m.

Continental Breakfast
318 Union

9 a.m.
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314-316 Union

10:30 a.m.

Break

11 a.m.

Plenary Session: Keynote Address, "Black in a Four Color World": Jamal Y. Igle
204 Fine Arts Center

12:30 p.m.
Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m.
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314-316 Union

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5 p.m.
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308 Union

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

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

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Exhibit #4: Clay Club
130 and 131 Union - Gallery space

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

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Pumpkin Sale
Outdoor Space - Union Mall

12 - 2 p.m.
HMSL Conference Board Meeting and Luncheon
208 Union - BGSU Family Room

3 - 10 p.m.
HMSL Conference Registration
200D - Ingram-White Castle Foundation Lounge

5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
HMSL Conference
207 Union - Mylander Mtg Rm

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Greek Life: What's the Real Deal with Fraternities and Sororities?
318 Union - Arthur Andersen Mtg Rm

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Gary Broadbent "The Boomerang Guy"
228 Union - Multipurpose Room

7 - 8:30 p.m.
HMSL Conference
206 Union - Theater

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

8 p.m.
Godspell
Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall

8 - 10 p.m.
HMSL Conference Social
207 Union - Mylander Mtg Rm

9 - 11 p.m.
CRU
101 Olscamp

BGSU ATHLETIC BAND AUDITIONS!

Athletic Band 2008-2009

Auditions will be Wednesday, October 29 7:00-10:00pm. Sign up for an audition time at CMA room 1007. Music will be available in the band office (CMA 1010) beginning Wednesday, October 22.

Since there are only three rehearsals, attendance is required at all three:
Sunday, Nov. 2 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 9 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 16 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Rehearsals will be held in Kelly Hall (Room 1012) in the Moore Musical Arts Center. If you have further questions, contact the Band Office at 372-2186. If selected, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required. Performance schedule will be available at the first rehearsal.



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PALIN

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Palin said thousands of American jobs will be created.

Suzie Altieri, of Monroe, Ohio, saw McCain on Sunday and said Palin was "tons better." She was accompanied by her husband and four sons.

"I really like the fact that there's a woman running — that there's a woman running and she's a real person," Altieri said. "I think she brings the campaign to an average-person level."

But Altieri can relate to Palin on more levels than just being a woman. Like the Alaskan governor, Altieri has a child with special needs, and believes if McCain becomes president, education will be a priority of the administration.

Comparing herself and McCain to former President Ronald Reagan, Palin said she and McCain don't believe America is the prob-



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C'MON, ALREADY: An excited crowd waits in anticipation for Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin to speak.

lem, but the solution.

"And we still believe that America is that shining city on a hill that Reagan used to speak of," she said. "And I thank God we have a man ready and worthy to lead it — someone who inspires us with heroic and trustworthy deeds and not just words."

ROTC

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Lawson has served two tours in Iraq, each lasting a year, and is looking to make a career out of military service.

"My first tour, I went straight out of high school and was part of the spearhead through Iraq," Lawson said.

Lawson's first tour of duty, which started in January 2003, was part of the initial surge that helped capture Iraq and forced Saddam Hussein into hiding.

During his second tour that started in September 2005, Lawson was in charge of nine soldiers while in Baghdad and other hot spots.

Serving in Iraq helped Lawson prepare for the ROTC program. He said the experience instilled a sense of responsibility and time management in him.

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"[Medders' death] was an eye opener for some that this is a career."

Adam Lawson | Sophomore

opener for some that this is a career," Lawson said. "People were saying, 'Wow, this is real world, life and death.' It helps a lot to show whether they want to stay in the program or not."

James Boone, a junior majoring in geochemistry, is another student who has witnessed the realities of war first hand.

"I lost a lot of good friends [in Iraq]," he said.

Boone was a member of the Marine Corps and was active duty for seven months before attending the University. He was the point person for his unit during his tour of duty, the soldier

who kicked down doors and helped lead sweeps, he said.

But the friends that he lost did not die without purpose. Boone said his experience in Iraq was also very rewarding, and is glad that he fought for his country.

"Besides losing people, I had a great time," he said. "We went to this one town and helped out people, took them clean water, food and brought doctors. It felt good to help people who have never been helped before ... You can't treat people that way and expect to get away with it," he said.

After Medders' death, all of the ROTC students were informed. Several of them went to his memorial service, Letzring said.

"Even though [most of us] didn't know him, it still had a sobering effect," Letzring said. "We know how that affects every one from immediate family to the community. [The military is] kind of a large extended family."

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Superman the septuagenarian

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter

The Man of Steel is turning 70 this year and the University's Popular Culture department is celebrating with two days full of events highlighting the way comics have impacted society.

Charles Coletta, an associate professor of popular culture, came up with the idea of celebrating Superman's anniversary, and sees comics as a uniquely American art form. Coletta said Superman is the right character to celebrate, because Clark Kent is recognizable to people of all ages.

"The Superman symbol is a world famous symbol," he said. "Even if you have never read the comic, ask any little kid and they know what the Superman symbol is or what it stands for."

Among the events being offered in the Union is a workshop about comic books in the classroom.

Angela Nelson, popular

culture department chair, believes the workshop will show practical steps for teachers on how to use comic books as educational tools.

Nelson said children are able to make connections between comics and reading, while also bridging the gap between art and writing.

"The creativity part is what children are drawn to," she said.

Both Coletta and Nelson grew up with their own favorite comic book characters, even if they were only television versions.

For Nelson, her favorites included Wonder Woman and both the Bionic Man and Bionic Woman. She said she remembers the '70s television series Wonder Woman, and enjoyed seeing a woman being strong and fighting for justice.

"Seeing any reminder today of the show, it was so fake," she said. "But back then, it was as real as a junior high girl would think."

The event will also include

sessions with Michael Bitz, The Comic Book Project's founder and director.

The project began in 2001, as a way for Bitz to allow young people to build creative and literary skills.

What began in New York has spread across the United States, including Cleveland, which is the hometown of the creators of Superman.

The goal of the project is to give kids a chance to become better thinkers and writers, Bitz said.

Bitz also believes creating comics allows for planning of characters, conflict, resolution and self-editing.

Bitz shared a story about how the project works with deaf children in New York City. He said it allows the children to express themselves in a creative way.

"For people who have struggled to communicate all of their lives, The Comic Book Project has become an outlet for them to communicate," he said.

SPOOKY HOLIDAYS REFLECTED IN GLASS



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ART FOR SALE: Pumpkin related art pieces from the Student Art Glass Association (SAGA) will be sold. Most pieces range from \$10 - \$40. SAGA will be holding their glass sale in front of the Student Union until 5:00 p.m. today

Pub speech encourages student involvement

By India Hunter
Reporter

Amidst the bustling, noisy activities in the Black Swamp Pub, Undergraduate Student Government President John Wayne said he was disappointed about the outcome of the zoning law efforts.

"USG works for you," Wayne said.

He spoke of the difficult times the country is experiencing in regards to the economy. But Wayne urged students to not become discouraged of the downturn.

"When change is scary, opportunity shines the brightest," Wayne said. "This year opportunities are endless."

One item USG has worked on that students can see is the addition of two stops added downtown on the off campus shuttle.

"Last year's USG administration laid the groundwork for this, and this year's executed that goal," Wayne said.

Wayne encouraged students to become investing in issues that concern them by voting locally.

An issue that touched many students, particularly off campus students, was the zoning law issue which USG worked tirelessly on, Wayne said.

"We petitioned to have it changed to four unrelated people living together and collected

1,572 signatures," he said.

Even though USG collected many signatures, many became disqualified for several reasons.

He told students that although nothing changed about the law this time around, USG will continue fighting for a change.

Junior Joe Coleman, who attended last night's address, said he was disappointed about the outcome of the zoning law efforts.

"I signed that petition and was hoping that law would be changed," he said.

Another project USG has been working on concerns faculty evaluations. Wayne said USG hopes to make choosing faculty on campus a more informed decision for students, something more than scouring the Pick A Prof Web site.

He said by the Spring 2009 registration time period USG hopes to post the results of faculty evaluations from last year on the USG Web site.

With the popularity of the going green theme, USG would like to make the campus more green, too. Wayne spoke of a bike program where students could check out bikes for free and ride around campus as opposed to driving cars to classes.

Wayne also spoke of the success of USG's campus beautification project. Flowers have been planted and grasslines trimmed along the sidewalks. He said the idea stemmed from speaking with students over the summer about the physical

appeal of the campus.

"Many students complained that the campus looked run down and tired," Wayne said.

In addition, USG is working on putting Falcon logo signs on the highways and also throughout campus.

"It will become a reality," Wayne said. "You will see Falcon signage on the highway."

Even though the speech was given in the pub, some students said they didn't know about it.

"I didn't know about the speech," Haldeman said. But had she attended, she said she would have liked to hear something about the health insurance requirement. Haldeman said she would like to see this policy changed.

"It was annoying to have to go through that process of appealing it," Haldeman said. "I don't think it should be required."

And although Coleman attended, he said he just happened to be at the pub, and didn't plan to attend the speech.

"I was just at the right place at the right time," he said.

Wayne told students to be proud of their campus, noting the successful alumni of the University such as James Pickens Jr., an actor on "Grey's Anatomy."

"Wear your bright orange and become engaged on campus," Wayne said. "Join an organization and become involved."

The speech will be re-broadcasted in dorms across campus on a date to be determined later.

Friday's events:

9 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
318 Union

10 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

11:30 a.m.
Lunch on Your Own

1 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

2:30 p.m.
Refreshment Break
318 Union

3 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

4:30 p.m.
Break

4:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

6:15 p.m.

Break

6:30 p.m.
Plenary Session: Keynote
Address, "Comics: A
Medium in Transition":
Scott McCloud
Theater 206 Union

7:30 p.m.
Graphic Language: The
Art of the "Comic" Book
Exhibition Opening
Reception
Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery Fine
Arts Center

Saturday's events:

8 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
318 Union

9 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

10:30 a.m.
Break

11 a.m.

Plenary Session: Keynote
Address, "Black in a Four
Color World": Jamal Y.
Igle
204 Fine Arts Center

12:30 p.m.
Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

3 p.m.
Refreshment Break
318 Union

3:15 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions
314-316 Union

4:45 p.m.
Break

5 p.m.
Plenary Session: Keynote
Address, "The Death of the
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308 Union

GET A LIFE

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V3: Variations in Vision &
Video
Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine
Arts Center

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Exhibit #4: Clay Club
130 and 131 Union - Gallery space

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

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Pumpkin Sale
Outdoor Space - Union Mall

12 - 2 p.m.
HMSL Conference Board
Meeting and Luncheon
208 Union - BGSU Family Room

3 - 10 p.m.
HMSL Conference
Registration
200D - Ingram-White Castle
Foundation Lounge

5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
HMSL Conference
207 Union - Mylander Mtg Rm

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Greek Life: What's the Real
Deal with Fraternities and
Sororities?
318 Union - Arthur Andersen Mtg
Rm

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Gary Broadbent "The
Boomerang Guy"
228 Union - Multipurpose Room

7 - 8:30 p.m.
HMSL Conference
206 Union - Theater

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Sunday, Nov. 2 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 9 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 16 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Rehearsals will be held in Kelly Hall (Room 1012) in the Moore Musical Arts Center. If you have further questions, contact the Band Office at 372-2186. If selected, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required.

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Senior, Political Science/
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"Jace Raden, my drag name."

JENNIFER DIETSCH,
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Psychology



"Just Mario Slaughter because it's already an awesome name."

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Senior,
History/Asian Studies



"I wouldn't change my name."

SAMMI BALTES,
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Have your own take on today's People On The Street? Or a suggestion for a question? Give us your feedback at bgnews.com.

The Disney era: I simply don't get it



TANNEN
GLIATTA
COLUMNIST

When you wake up tomorrow don't be alarmed if you see people dancing in the streets, breaking out in song during class or busting out choreographed dance moves in the middle of your basketball game. They can't help it because tomorrow one of the most highly anticipated movies of the year, "High School Musical 3: Senior Year," opens.

Without question, "High School Musical" mania has once again taken over Hollywood.

But here's the thing: I don't get it.

And you know what else? I don't get the obsession with the Jonas Brothers. And I definitely don't get the fascination with Miley Cyrus.

At first I thought it was because of the generation gap which seems ridiculous considering I am just one year older than "HSM" star Zac Efron. But the movie franchise along with the Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus all originally were aimed at younger kids. So just as I don't expect my mom to understand my love for "Gossip Girl" I don't expect myself to understand the devotion to "High School Musical." But the thing is, it isn't a generation gap because plenty of people outside of their tweens are huge fans, including right here on campus. Now, I am not calling you out or trying to pick a fight, but I just would like someone to give me a valid explanation as to why these Disney Channel celebrities have taken over pop culture and Hollywood.

First let's take Miley Cyrus, the worst of the bunch. I have watched "Hannah Montana" twice in my life, which was exactly two times too many. The girl can act about as good as her dad, which is not saying much.

But I can forgive her bad acting and I can even forgive "Hannah Montana" because both are very easily avoidable. But then Cyrus had to crossover into mainstream music. Her songs, especially "7 Things," are like nails on a chalkboard. The lyrics aren't clever, the songs are over-produced and the singing is more screeching than singing. And watching Cyrus in interviews or in more mature settings only showcases how unknowledgeable she is of the industries that are making her millions.

The Jonas Brothers suffer from many of the same ailments that Cyrus does but to a lesser degree. Their songs are awkward, and it sounds as if they are going through puberty in the course of one song. It's enough to make me instantly change the radio station. That being said, they do seem like really nice guys though. Based on the few interviews I have seen of them and how they handled being the butt of nearly all of Russell Brand's jokes at this year's MTV Video Music Awards, I respect how they carry themselves, even if I can't stand their music.

Out of all these Disney Channel creations I guess I can attempt to understand the appeal of "HSM" the best. I get why kids are drawn to the happy, mushy, over-simplistic lives of Troy and Gabriella. Essentially Troy and Gabriella are Zack and Kelly from "Saved by the Bell" just with singing and dancing. I mean isn't that really what the whole Disney Channel is; a rehashing of the Saturday morning teen shows of the '90s.

But again, like Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers, the talent level and quality of the product baffles me. Efron is the breakout star of the franchise and maybe the best actor of the bunch, but he seems to do better work outside of the "HSM" world. It's clear, through his acting that he is just going through the motions and is well aware of how cliché the movies are. Efron and Vanessa Hudgens may have an off-screen romance but the chemistry doesn't translate on screen. The scene in the previews for "HSM 3" where Troy and Gabriella discuss saying good-bye makes me cringe every time. Between the acting, the dialogue and the non-existent chemistry it's enough to make me feel sorry for everyone involved.

The actors can't solely be blamed though. The driving force behind "HSM" is the cash cow it has turned into. And with the third installment of the franchise being rushed into production, it's obvious quality has been pushed aside in favor of quantity. It makes me question if the movie will even be worth it for the die-hard fans, to pay money for something that was once free.

But on Sunday as the preliminary box office numbers come in and "HSM 3" earns \$30 or \$40 million I am sure I will be left even more confused and still desperately searching for an explanation for its success.

— Respond to Tannen at thenews@bgnews.com

WALKING IS STILL HONEST



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Solve the parking crisis, build a parking garage



JOSH WHETHERHOLT
COLUMNIST

Ah, the yelling, the race against time, extreme stress levels coupled with immense relief when things finally work out and it's all over. No, I'm not talking about midterms; I'm talking about simply trying to find a parking spot on this campus. It usually takes a month or two for me to break, but I'm finally to that point this year where I feel like I can not take the shoddy parking situation anymore.

If you are a commuter on this campus you know exactly what I am talking about. The daily races through the parking lots almost running over students (by the way, sorry about that those of you who I got a little close to in my car). In this situation, parking lots turn into the jungle and animal instincts reign supreme. It's kill or be killed, but in this situation, steal a spot or be stuck driving around aimlessly for twenty more minutes.

The only plus side to this situation is that so far every time I have been late to class is because I could not park anywhere, it seems I have a free pass with my profes-

"In this situation, parking lots turn into the jungle and animal instincts reign supreme. It's kill or be killed, but in this situation, steal a spot or be stuck driving around aimlessly for twenty more minutes."

sors because they too understand what a hassle it can be. It's nice to have that, but there just shouldn't even be reason for that pity.

I feel that the most reasonable way we — by "we" I mean the University — could solve this and that is, simply, build a parking garage. I understand that there have been talks of building a parking garage on our campus for some time now and that there are many preparations that must be undertaken before it can happen, and I understand that it is an expensive endeavor on the part of the school, but I really think it could reduce a lot of stress in a commuter's life.

With a parking garage, we would not have to expand the campus outwards, but rather upwards. Make use of a small amount of land, preferably an already existing parking lot, and build four or five times as many parking spaces as it could hold as a one level concrete

slab. It could even be done to make it so the bottom couple of levels are faculty and the top two or three levels are commuter, thus creating more parking for all. Another great aspect of it would be that in the winter, our cars wouldn't be covered in snow when we left from class in the middle of a blizzard and also the possibility of icy pavement leading to collisions and lost insurance for students wouldn't be as prominent either.

Some might wonder where would I propose that we build this, let's face it, eyesore of a building, and I have thought about a couple spots that would be prime and fairly central to campus. My first choice would be in Lot N next to Anderson Arena, currently a faculty and metered visitor lot. This is a great location for both students and teachers as most of the classrooms and offices are, at worst, a ten minute walk away, hence why it is a faculty lot and always filled to

the brim. If you leave the visitors' meters and then simply build a five story garage over top the rest of the lot, you have a nice solution to commuter and faculty parking.

Now as I have admitted, a parking garage would be a bit of an eyesore on what I consider to be a beautiful campus, and right next to the library and most of our buildings might be a bit much. Therefore my next suggested place would be to move it back to the next closest lot, Lot I, a commuter lot located by the Health Center. In my experience this is the most trafficked commuter lot on campus as it is a constant juggle of incoming and outgoing drivers doing the intricate dance of "beat the other guy to that spot you just saw two rows down."

I really don't think there is any denying it from anyone that there is a problem with our faculty parking and, even more so, commuter parking, and I strongly feel that a parking garage would be the best solution. The fact of the matter is that eyesore or not, it would get the job done and make a lot of the people a lot happier and even more stress free.

— Respond to Josh at thenews@bgnews.com

Past presidents' faith similar to that of average American

By **Matthew Albright**
U-Wire

Of the many questions that have resounded throughout the nation during this presidential campaign, two stand out: Is America ready for a black president? How about a female vice president?

The real question for me is: Are we ready for a president that isn't a Christian?

Historically, every single president has had some sort of Christian faith. But is this faith sincere, or is it a calculated political move designed to court an American population that is predominately religious? How real is a president's faith?

Could Richard Nixon, a man with a notoriously foul temper, mouth and personality — a man whose lasting reputation is that of a crook — really have been a strong believer?

Could Ronald Reagan — who passionately supported military action and whose policies toward the poor and AIDS victims seemed less than Jesus-like — have really been profoundly Christian?

What about Bill Clinton? In a lecture Friday night titled "Religious but Not Too Religious," distinguished Louisiana State University professor David Holmes detailed the faiths of several of our most recent presi-

dents, including Reagan, Nixon and Clinton.

According to Holmes, their faiths may be more genuine than might at first be obvious.

The venerable professor's research into these men's lives reveals most of them were, like anybody else, highly influenced by their parents. Most of them retained the same basic faith with some variation. When professor Holmes described the faith of these presidents, he sounded like he was describing any average Joe's faith journey.

Each of them went to Protestant church as kids, each of them rethought their faith in college and each of them proceeded

to join a marginally different Protestant church as adults.

All of the presidents discussed in the lecture followed this common path or maintained their religion of birth throughout their lives. There were no atheists who magically became Christian, no reformed Satanists and no former Amish — although Nixon was raised a Quaker.

Other than a few interesting tidbits, the lecture was a little boring, but that alone means something. The very fact that these presidents' faith journeys are so much like any other person's detracts from the cynical theory that a president's faith is an ingenuine construct used for political gain.

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A RARE INSECT: Donna Massie holds the preserved remains of an Asian Longhorned Beetle, that she and her husband found this past summer in their Worcester, Mass., backyard. The species has now been found in more than 1,500 trees in central Massachusetts.

STEPHAN SAVOIA | AP PHOTO

Invasion of beetle species poses serious threat to forests

By Rodrigue Ngowi
The Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — A wood-devouring beetle has gained a foothold in New England, and authorities plan to cut down large numbers of infested trees and grind them up to stop the pest from spreading to the region's celebrated forests and ravaging the timber, tourism and maple-syrup industries.

The infestation of Asian longhorned beetles in the Worcester area marks the fourth time the pests have been found in trees in the U.S. and the closest they have ever come to the great New England woods that erupt in dazzling, tourist-pleasing colors in the fall.

"This insect scares us to death because if it ever got loose in the forests of New England, it would be just about impossible to contain and it'd change the landscape dramatically," said Tom McCrum, coordinator of the Massachusetts

Maple Syrup Association. Calling it a national emergency, federal authorities have committed themselves to spending tens of millions of dollars to fight the invasion. They have sent in smokejumpers, tree climbers and other experts to identify infested trees.

The affected area now covers 62 square miles around Worcester and four neighboring towns, and at least 1,800 trees have been tagged for destruction.

The outbreak was detected this summer, after Donna Massie spotted beetles on a tree in her backyard in Worcester. She caught one, searched online to identify it, then called agriculture authorities. Now her tree is riddled with dime-size holes.

"It looks like someone opened fire with a machine gun," Massie, 53, said of the signature exit holes gnawed away by the bullet-shaped black beetle with white freckles, long antennae and a voracious

appetite for hardwood.

The beetles first appeared in the U.S. in 1996 in Brooklyn, probably arriving in the wood of a shipping crate from China, and have since shown up in New York's Central Park and parts of New Jersey and Illinois. Authorities believe that the Massachusetts infestation is unrelated but that the beetles probably arrived the same way.

Eradication efforts in New York, New Jersey and Illinois have cost \$268 million over the past 11 years. Thousands of trees have been cut down.

The beetles have no natural predators in North America, and regular insecticides are useless once the eggs hatch in hardwoods such as birch and poplar.

The beetles lay their eggs in small depressions they chew in tree bark. The larvae and pupae consume the tree from the inside, leaving a trail of tunnels. They eventually chew their way out as adults. The tunneling slowly kills the tree.

Scotch tape found to emit X-rays

By Malcolm Ritter
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just two weeks after a Nobel Prize highlighted theoretical work on subatomic particles, physicists are announcing a startling discovery about a much more familiar form of matter: Scotch tape.

It turns out that if you peel the popular adhesive tape off its roll in a vacuum chamber, it emits X-rays. The researchers even made an X-ray image of one of their fingers.

Who knew? Actually, more than 50 years ago, some Russian scientists reported evidence of X-rays from peeling sticky tape off glass. But the new work demonstrates that you can get a lot of X-rays, a study co-author says.

"We were very surprised," said Juan Escobar. "The power you could get from just peeling

tape was enormous."

Escobar, a graduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles, reports the work with UCLA colleagues in today's issue of the journal Nature.

He suggests that with some refinements, the process might be harnessed for making inexpensive X-ray machines for paramedics or for places where electricity is expensive or hard to get. After all, you could peel tape or do something similar in such machines with just human power, like cranking.

The researchers and UCLA have applied for a patent covering such devices.

In the new work, a machine peeled ordinary Scotch tape off a roll in a vacuum chamber at about 1.2 inches per second. Rapid pulses of X-rays, each about a billionth of a second long, emerged from very close to where the tape was coming

"The power you could get from just peeling tape was enormous."

Juan Escobar | UCLA student

off the roll.

That's where electrons jumped from the roll to the sticky underside of the tape that was being pulled away, a journey of about two-thousandths of an inch, Escobar said. When those electrons struck the sticky side they slowed down, and that slowing made them emit X-rays.

So is this a health hazard for unsuspecting tape-peelers?

Escobar noted that no X-rays are produced in the presence of air. You need to work in a vacuum — not exactly an everyday situation.

ACORN still under investigation

House Republican leader wants group funds blocked until investigation is complete

By Jim Abrams
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republican leader John Boehner urged President Bush yesterday to block all federal funds to a grass-roots community group that has been accused of voter registration fraud.

"It is evident that ACORN is incapable of using federal funds in a manner that is consistent with the law," Boehner, R-Ohio, wrote Bush, saying that funds should be blocked until all federal investigations into the Association of Community Organizations for

Reform Now are completed.

ACORN, a group that has led liberal causes since it was formed in 1970, this year hired more than 13,000 part-time workers to sign up voters in minority and poor neighborhoods in 21 states. Some of the 1.3 million registration cards submitted to local election officials, using the names of cartoon characters or pro football players, were obviously phony, spurring GOP charges of widespread misconduct.

ACORN has said it was its own quality-control workers who first noticed problem registration cards, flagged them and submit-

ted them to local election officials in every state that is now investigating them.

To commit fraud, a person would have to show up on Election Day with identification bearing the fake name.

Local law enforcement agencies in about a dozen states are investigating fake registrations submitted by ACORN workers and the FBI is reviewing those cases.

Boehner said his office had determined that ACORN had received more than \$31 million in direct federal funding since 1998.

Smokers more prone to pneumococcal disease, panel suggests vaccine

By Mike Stobbe
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — For the first time, an influential government panel is recommending a vaccination specifically for smokers.

The panel decided yesterday that adult smokers under 65 should get pneumococcal vaccine. The shot — already recommended for anyone 65 or older — protects against bacteria that cause pneumonia, meningitis and other illnesses.

Federal officials usually adopt recommendations made by the panel, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The vote means more than 31 million adult smokers probably will soon be called on to get the shot.

Studies have shown that smokers are about four times more likely than nonsmokers to suffer pneumococcal disease. Also, the more cigarettes someone smokes each day, the higher the odds they'll develop the illnesses.

Why smokers are more susceptible is not known for sure, but some scientists believe it has to do with smoking-caused damage that allows the bacteria to more easily attach to the lungs and windpipe, said Dr. Pekka Nuorti, a medical epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pneumococcal infections are considered the top killer among vaccine-preventable diseases. It's a common complication of influenza, especially in the elderly, and is considered responsible for many of the 36,000 annual deaths attributed to flu.

The committee voted 11 to 3 to pass the recommendation, with one member abstaining. The panel also added a call for smoking cessation counseling.

Some members said it might be more cost effective to recommend the vaccine for smokers who were at least age 40, because pneumococcal disease is relatively uncommon in younger smokers. Others at the meeting made the same argument.

Dr. James Turner, who oversees student health programs

"I wonder how many young people are truly benefiting from this recommendation."

Dr. James Turner | Univ. of Virginia

at the University of Virginia, said about one in five college students smoke but he has never seen a case of serious pneumococcal disease in a student body.

"I wonder how many young people are truly benefiting from this recommendation," said Turner, speaking as a representative of the American College Health Association.

The shot is less than perfect. First licensed in 1983, it is designed to protect against 23 strains of pneumococcal bacteria. But it hasn't proved very effective against pneumonia, and hasn't been very effective in warding off other pneumococcal illnesses in people with weakened immune systems and people age 80 or older.

It's to be given to smokers as a one-time dose with no booster, but its protection drops off after five to 10 years.

Made by Merck & Co., it's sold under the trade name Pneumovax and costs about \$30 a dose.

A different vaccine — Wyeth's Prevnar, which came on the market in 2000 — is recommended for children under age 2, and for kids 2 to 5 with certain chronic conditions or who are at higher risk for illness.

Prevnar protects against seven strains of bacteria that were the most common causes of pneumococcal diseases at the time the vaccine was developed. But lately, those strains have stopped being important causes of illness. Experts have become concerned about dozens of other strains, including some that have flourished and become resistant to antibiotics.

Wyeth has been developing a new vaccine. It is expected to present study data on it at a scientific meeting later this month, and to apply for government licensing approval early next year.

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SIDELINES



WOMENS TENNIS

Two players to play at ITA Invite

Senior Kelsey Jakupcin and sophomore Christine Chiricosta are participating in both singles and doubles at the ITA Invitational in East Lansing this week. Junior Samantha Kintzel is second on the alternate list for singles.

ONLINE

The BG News Sports Blog

Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog for continued updates on all BG sports. To go with updates, we also periodically have audio slideshows and videos. All this week, we will be covering the football preparation for NIU as well as posting our MAC Pick 'Em and more on Friday. www.bgnewsports.com

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TODAY

Women's tennis: ITA Invitational at East Lansing

OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1996—New York Yankees overcome six-run deficit to beat Braves 8-6 in World Series game.

1955—Dominican League switches to winter league play for the first time.

1931—Former Phillies pitcher and current politician Jim Bunning is born.

The List

While it is often overshadowed by fantasy football, it's getting close to fantasy basketball time. Today, we're listing the top player at each position for this fantasy season:

1. Chris Paul: Regarded by some as the top fantasy player going into the season, Paul is the number one point guard because he is expected to post big numbers in points, assists and shot percentage.

2. Kobe Bryant: Bryant is the top shooting guard coming into the year simply because he puts up big numbers all across the stat sheet.

3. LeBron James: The Cleveland forward gets better each year, and the fact that he is only 23 means there is plenty of room for him to do even more this season.

4. Dirk Nowitzki: The Dallas power forward can shoot at a high percentage and will grab his fair share of boards.

5. Dwight Howard: Howard is a rebounding machine at center. Howard's only low point is his dismal free-throw percentage.



WINNERS: Gavin Dozier assisted on a goal in BG's 3-0 win over Wright State yesterday.

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No giving up now

Men's soccer posts first win since September

By Jason Jones
Reporter

The men's soccer team finally got things going in the right direction last night with one of their most impressive performances of the entire season.

Playing at home for the first time in over a month, the Falcons hosted Wright State and looked dominant from the start, eventually winning 3-0.

"It's nice to be back home, you've got your friends who come out and see you, and it helps a lot," head coach Fred Thompson said.

Just ten minutes into the game, the Falcons started applying the pressure on the WSU goalie Matt Koewler. Powered by a speedy Gavin Dozier, the offense spent time in and around the box for about four minutes. Then, in the 13th minute, a set piece turned into a loose



Byard Ebling
Scored the first goal against Wright State



Thomas McLean
Sophomore added the third goal for the Falcons

ball in front of the net. Cameron Hepple eventually gained control of the ball and kicked it across the grain to Chuko Ewaraye for his third goal of the season.

The offensive pressure didn't

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Lawrence helps anchor struggling team

By Jason Jones
Reporter

Jacob Lawrence is throwback.

In a time where athletes pull out elaborate celebrations, don't own up to their own mistakes and are prone to making questionable decisions, Lawrence stands out. This season, the lengthy junior has emerged not only as a class act, but also as an unquestioned leader and arguably his team's best player.

"He's a key player to this team," head coach Fred Thompson said. "We never have to worry about his performance."

Since joining the team as a freshman in 2006, Lawrence has stood out on the field and in the classroom. He started in 15 games as a freshman, and scored his first career goal in that year's Mid-American Conference tournament quarterfinal game against Western Michigan. In that same year he was named to the Falcon



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MVP: Jacob Lawrence has two tournament MVP awards this season.

Invitational tournament and was awarded the Dr. Lee and Marge Meserve Academic Award.

During his sophomore year, Lawrence started all 19 games and excelled. He anchored a defense

that recorded four shutouts, the first time BG had had more than one in a season since 2003. He also showed a flash of offensive ability in a game against Florida Atlantic when he assisted on goals by both Thomas McLean and Chuko Ewaraye in a 2-0 win over the Owls. For his efforts athletically and academically he was awarded an Academic All-MAC at year's end.

Then came a three-game stretch earlier this season. The team traveled south to play in the Central Arkansas tournament. After coming from behind to defeat Centenary on the opening day of the tournament, the Falcons found themselves matched up against host school Central Arkansas for the title. The Falcons fell behind 1-0 early, before a late goal by Lawrence sent the game into overtime. Then in the over-

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SCORE: BG receiver Corey Partridge hauls in a touchdown pass from Tyler Sheehan against Miami.

Healthy Partridge putting up big numbers

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Corey Partridge currently leads the Falcon football team in receptions, reception yards, punt return yards, has caught four touchdowns and ranks in the top 10 of the Mid-American Conference in catches per game.

Still, if he were to give himself a grade for his performance on the field this season, he'd probably only give himself a B.



Corey Partridge
Has scored four touchdowns this season

"I haven't played well enough to help us win at all costs, but as long as we come out and win I'm not really worried about how well I play, as long as I can do something to help the team out."

No matter what grade Partridge gives himself for the season, he earned an A+ for his efforts last week against Miami. He caught six passes for 73 yards and a touchdown. And when he wasn't lining up on the outside in the spread offense, he was returning three punts for 72 yards.

He's also earned high marks for his ability to play through

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Ferguson finding early success as new Alaska coach

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

If Alaska-Fairbanks coach Dallas Ferguson was asked the standard job interview question, "Where do you see yourself five years from today?" his answer would be simple.

The same place he's at right now.

Ferguson became the program's eighth head coach in 30 years in May 2008 after Doc DelCastillo abdicated his position in April. DelCastillo, a 1995 St. Cloud State graduate, led the Nanooks to a disappointing ninth place finish in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association last season with an overall record of 9-21-5.

The former coach cited family issues, including the birth of his wife Sue's sixth child, as his reason for leaving the program. Only a year before, Tavis MacMillan had also resigned for personal reasons after a three-year head coaching career with the Nanooks.

But Ferguson said he thinks it will be much easier for him to establish a tenure with the program. The Fairbanks alumnus



Dallas Ferguson
In his first year as Alaska-Fairbanks coach

had already lived in the town with his wife Tara and their two daughters while he was an assistant coach under MacMillan and then DelCastillo.

"My situation is a little bit different," Ferguson said at CCHA Media Day 2008. "My wife's family lives up there and I met my wife there, so Fairbanks is home to them, and it's been my home for the last five or six years."

The family-oriented Ferguson has been successful thus far in his short term as head coach in 2008-09, helping run the Nanooks' record to 2-1-1 and posting the league's best goals allowed average — just four goals in four games.

Ferguson brings an impressive defensive résumé as a coach and former Nanook player, so

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time period, Lawrence connected for his second goal of the game, giving BG the win.

For his efforts in both tournament games, he was honored as the tournament's MVP. The day after the victory, the MAC recognized him as their Player of the Week.

The Falcons returned home the next week to host their own Falcon Invitational tournament. The opening game saw a long scoreless tie broken late in the second half when Lawrence headed in a shot, the third goal in a row for the Falcons scored by Lawrence.

"God blessed me with height, so I get to use my head as often as possible on corner kicks and set pieces," Lawrence said.

Two days later, the Falcons were upset by Saint Francis. In that game, though, Lawrence once again knocked in the Falcons' lone goal.

Despite the loss, BG still won the tournament by way of a tie breaker, and after the final game, Lawrence was awarded the tournament's MVP award for the second straight weekend.

Since that weekend, things have gone down hill for the Falcons.

"As much as I'm flattered to have such a great season, it would be nice to have a winning season at the same time," Lawrence said.

Through all of his success, Lawrence has managed to stay humble, and has never forgotten to put the team first. This, along with a number of other things, makes Lawrence valuable far beyond his impressive stat line.

He grew up in small Brandon, Miss., where soccer wasn't anywhere near the mainstream.

"Soccer was definitely not that big in Mississippi, but luckily for me my high school had some players," Lawrence said.

Lawrence attended Saint Joseph Catholic High School. While there, he became a four-time letter winner while helping to bring home IA-3A state championships in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Along with being named to the second team all-state team in 2004 and 2005, he was named his school's MVP after his senior season.

He was also a member of the Jackson Futbol Club from 1999 through 2006 and was a team captain, as his team won state titles in 2004 and 2005.

Still, after all of this success, he went virtually unnoticed by college coaches.

In 2006, Thompson traveled to Jackson to scout current Falcon Ahmad Smith. While he was there, Lawrence's club coach Shane Barden contacted him and suggested he come take a look at the lengthy defender.

"When I recruited him he stuck out. He was a great defender, was tall and was scoring goals," Thompson said.

Following the visit Lawrence was offered a spot at Bowling Green. He took advantage of the opportunity for both athletic and academic purposes. After changing his major around for the first two years of his schooling, he has decided to major in interpersonal communications, while minoring in both psychology and film. To this point, he remains slightly uncertain about what he would like to do with his degree,



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ASSIST: Lawrence makes assists on and off the field, including returning a BG1 card to a freshman last year.

but did manage to shed some light upon it.

"I might get my bachelor's, my master's and then a Ph.D. and become a college professor. I can see myself enjoying the teaching field," Lawrence said.

A career in helping other people learn seems to be the perfect fit for Lawrence, who is always helping others.

Last year, a University freshman named Sheena Dicob lost her BG1 Card in Founders Hall, and Lawrence found it. Instead of not bothering to take the time to return it, or using it for his own benefit, Lawrence actually went online and found Dicob to alert her that he had found her card.

"I was freaking out because I figured someone had found it and spent my money and I was going to have to pay for a new one," Dicob said.

Lawrence delivered the card to her the day after finding it, calling it a simple act of "southern hospitality."

"That stuff can be a hassle, so I'm sure she appreciated it," Lawrence said.

At the conclusion of an interview, Lawrence let slip what he hoped would happen after this story appeared in The BG News, and it wasn't what most would expect.

"Hopefully my mom will read this and decide to make the trip up to see me play again," Lawrence said.

That would be good news for the Falcons, because the last time Angela Lawrence watched them play, her son started his scorching hot three-game streak.


One thing that is for sure is that his mother, Dicob and BGSU have all found someone they can appreciate.

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subside there however. In the 21st minute, with the Falcons once again laying the pressure on the WSU defense, Dusko Topolic found the bar again, narrowly missing what would have been his first goal of the season.

Moments later the Falcons would out the ball in the back of the net, but have it negated by an offside penalty.

Soon after that, Dozier got the ball on a breakaway but couldn't finish as Koewler knocked the ball away with a slide at the top of the box.

Finally, in the 30th minute, BG's pressure paid off for the second time of the night. The Falcons found themselves in great position to score once again, and this time Byard Ebling delivered off an assist from Dozier for his second goal of the season.

"Maybe a little extra, added energy and excitement went on today," Thompson said.

In the second half, the Falcons looked to put their foot on the proverbial throat of WSU.

"Sometimes teams can feel that they can come back from down 2-0, but it's very hard to come back from down 3-0," Thompson said.

In the 68th minute, that became the harsh reality for WSU as BG's Thomas McLean blasted in a shot from roughly 30 yards away, pro-

viding the game with an exclamation point that sucked the life out of WSU.

Taking a back seat to the offensive explosion, but no less important was the play of goalie Brent Petkus. Starting in only his second game of the season, Petkus made six saves, while recording the shutout.

Late in the game, while feeling the pressure of the WSU offense, Petkus made a diving save to his right.

His most impressive save however came when he deflected a shot high into the air, then made a quick save off the rebound shot.

"He was very composed and calm in there, even at the times where it looked like we could have panicked, we didn't," Thompson said.

That may have something to do with his willingness to communicate from the goalie position, something that both Thompson and Petkus identified as one of his biggest strengths at Tuesday's practice.

The Falcons will now look to gain momentum as they head into the final stretch of their season. They'll travel to Dekalb, Ill. on Saturday, then return home for their final two home games of the season against Michigan State and Buffalo.

They had a strong finish in 2007 and at this point show no evidence as to why they won't again in 2008.

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pain. Even though Partridge, like many of his teammates, is banged up from the grind of the regular season, he's managed to put together his healthiest season yet as a collegian.

The fifth-year senior from Loveland, Ohio, has sustained a number of injuries throughout his time at BG that have caused him to miss playing time. In 2005, he played in 10 games despite a nagging shoulder injury. In 2006, he missed the first two games of the season with a knee injury. And last year, he suffered an ankle injury and missed the last five games of the season.

This year, he hasn't missed a start, and he's figured out ways to keep himself healthy enough to keep producing at a high level on Saturdays. In fact, staying healthy was Partridge's main goal for this season.

"Getting enough sleep is the main thing," Partridge said. "Get to sleep early and get your rest. Then come in every day and get your treatment with Doug Boersma, our trainer, and just do what you can to take care of your body. And try to avoid situations on the field where you could be in a possible injury situation. That's at least what I try to do."

"I haven't [stayed healthy]," he

added. "This would be the first year of my career, if I can pull it off. When you miss a week or sit out a couple of weeks, you feel like you lose touch of everything that's going on. It feels good to be involved and lead this team every week."

Last Saturday's game against Miami was the anniversary of when Partridge went down with his ankle injury last year. And he not only played the entire game, but played extremely well at the receiver and punt returner spots.

With just under two minutes to go in the first half, operating in Miami territory and trailing 14-3, BG called a timeout to set up the rest of the drive. On the very first play after, quarterback Tyler Sheehan dropped back and threw a near picture-perfect pass to Partridge in the right corner of the end zone for a 29-yard touchdown. The TD ensured that, at 14-10, the Falcons wouldn't be too far behind entering the second half.

In the early parts of the third quarter, Partridge made perhaps his biggest play of the afternoon when he fielded a Jake Richardson punt at the BG 16, found a hole in his right and turned on the jets, sprinting up the right sideline for 73 yards to the Miami 11. The great field position would ultimately lead to a touchdown that temporarily put the Falcons ahead on the



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VERSATILE: Not only has Corey Partridge gained ground via the receiving game, he has also given the Falcons a steady punt returner with a long return of 73 yards.

scoreboard.

Sheehan said it was only a matter of time until Partridge broke off a long return.

"He did a great job of making people miss and showing off his speed," Sheehan said. "He always tells me he's lost a step or two because of his age and his knees and things, but that's the fastest I've seen him in a long time. It's great to see that."

With his steady play all season as the offense's go-to receiver, Partridge has made life difficult for opposing defenses. In his healthiest year as a part of the Falcon football program, he's

made life a little easier for his coaches.

Head coach Gregg Brandon had nothing but praise for his senior captain.

"For a kid that doesn't practice much during the week because he's just so beat up, he shows up on Saturdays and just does a great job," Brandon said. "He's a warrior. He's a competitor. He wants to practice and he's earned his stripes. He shows up and he's making plays for us. That's what we need, and that's what we ask him to do."

Not bad for a guy who'd only give himself a B.

HOCKEY

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that early season stat comes as no surprise. He coached Alaska's penalty-killing unit in 2005 when it killed 88 percent of penalties, third best in the nation.

BG coach Scott Paluch said he is not surprised at all with his weekend coaching opponent's early success.

"They have some good young players and Dallas is a good

"They're going to be a tough opponent on the road for us to start our league play against."

Scott Paluch | BG coach

coach," Paluch said. "They're going to be a tough opponent on the road for us to start our league play against."

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Monday	October 27	McFall	Gallery	2:30 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	October 28	Rec. Center	Lobby	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	October 29	BTSU	Room 208	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Thursday	October 30	Founders Hall	Main Lobby	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday	November 3	McDonald Hall	Glass Hallway	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday	November 4	Kreischer	Sundial	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday	November 5	Canklin North	Pulsen Room	1:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday	November 6	Rec. Center	Lobby	4:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday	November 10	College Park	Conference Room #1	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	November 12	Discamp	Room 101A	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday	November 17	Miles Alumni Center	Library	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday	November 20	Kreischer	Sundial	4:30 - 7:00 pm

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ON THE LOOKOUT: An Afghan soldier stands near the site which was bombed by a U.S.-led coalition airstrike.

U.S. makes a costly mistake

By Amir Shah
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S.-led coalition airstrike hit an Afghan army checkpoint yesterday, killing nine soldiers, Afghan officials said. The American military acknowledged that its forces may have "mistakenly" killed allied troops.

The U.S. acknowledged that its forces "may have mistakenly killed and injured" Afghan soldiers in what may have been a case of mistaken identity "on both sides." The deaths come as Afghan President Hamid Karzai presses international forces to avoid airstrikes in civilian areas.

Arsallah Jamal, the province's governor, said the Afghan soldiers died at a fixed army checkpoint in a region where American and Afghan troops have been conducting operations for over a week. Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi, the Defense Ministry spokesman, confirmed nine soldiers died and three were wounded in the airstrike in the Sayed Kheil area of Khost province in eastern Afghanistan.

"As a Coalition forces convoy was returning from a previous operation, they were involved in multiple engagements," a U.S. military statement said. "As a result of the engagements, ANA [Afghan army] soldiers were killed and injured."

Col. Greg Julian, the chief spokesman for U.S. troops in Afghanistan, said American officials would meet with Afghan defense officials to "sort out the details."

In June 2007, Afghan police mistook U.S. troops on a nighttime mission for Taliban fighters and opened fire on them, prompting U.S. forces to return fire and call in attack aircraft. Seven Afghan police were killed.

In the last month, uniformed Afghan police officers have twice opened fire on U.S. troops, killing two soldiers. The police officers were killed by U.S. soldiers returning fire, but the incidents raised fears that insurgents have infiltrated Afghanistan's security forces as a cover to launch attacks.

In the country's southern Uruzgan province, a two-day battle that ended early yesterday killed 35 Taliban fighters and three Afghan police, said Juma Gul Himat, Uruzgan's provincial police chief.

Himat said the battle was led by Afghan forces but also involved helicopter gunships. Afghan forces recovered 35 bodies from the battlefield, he said. Some 100 Taliban fighters were involved in the battle.

Bus advertisements soon to spread atheist beliefs to all

By Jill Lawless
The Associated Press

LONDON — London buses have God on their side — but not for long, if atheists have their way. The sides of some of London's red buses will soon carry ads asserting there "is 'probably no God,'" as nonbelievers fight what they say is the preferential treatment given to religion in British society.

Organizers of a campaign to raise funds for the ads said yesterday they received more than \$113,000 in donations, almost seven times their target, in the hours since they launched the project on a charity Web site. Supporters include Oxford University biologist Richard Dawkins, who donated \$9,000.

The money will be used to place posters on 30 buses carrying the slogan "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." The plan was to run the ads for four weeks starting in January, but so much money has been raised that the project may be expanded.

"A lot of people say trying to organize atheists is like herding cats. The last couple of days shows that is not true," said comedy writer Ariane Sherine, who started the campaign.

While most London buses carry posters for shops or Hollywood movies, Christian churches and Muslim groups have bought bus-side ad space in the past.

Sherine came up with the idea after seeing a series of Christian posters on London

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buses. She said she visited the Web site promoted on one ad and found it told nonbelievers they would spend eternity in torment in hell.

"I thought it would be a really positive thing to counter that by putting forward a much happier and more upbeat advert, saying 'Don't worry, you're not going to hell,'" said Sherine, 28. "Atheists believe this is the only life we have, and we should enjoy it."

The British Humanist Association, which is administering the fundraising drive, said it had been so successful the campaign might spread to other cities including Manchester and Edinburgh.

Most Britons identify themselves as Christians, but few attend church regularly, and public figures rarely talk about their beliefs. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair was rare among politicians in speaking openly about his Christian faith.

Dawkins, author of the best-selling atheist manifesto "The God Delusion," said that religion nonetheless held a privileged position in society.

"Religious organizations have an automatic tax-free charitable status," he said.

Mass grave site found near the Syrian border

Remains believed to be Iraqi army recruits

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials yesterday reported finding mass graves with remains of 34 people, most believed to have been Iraqi army recruits waylaid three years ago by al-Qaida gunmen as they traveled to a training base near the Syrian border.

Farmers tipped off authorities last week about the graves, located in the Euphrates River valley near Syria about 200 miles northwest of Baghdad, according to a local mayor, Farhan Fitaghan.

Fitaghan told The Associated Press that two of the remains were women.

Most of the victims were believed to have been army recruits from the southern Shiite city of Karbala who were traveling by bus in September 2005 to a training camp in an abandoned phosphate plant in Qaim when they were stopped by gunmen and taken away, the mayor said.

"We informed the Karbala authorities and invited their families to come and identify their relatives," said Fitaghan, the mayor of Qaim. "We held an official funeral procession today and paid all expenses to send the coffins to Karbala."

At the time, most Sunnis in the western province of Anbar refused to join the mostly Shiite army and police, forcing authorities to recruit volunteers from Shiite areas to the east and south.

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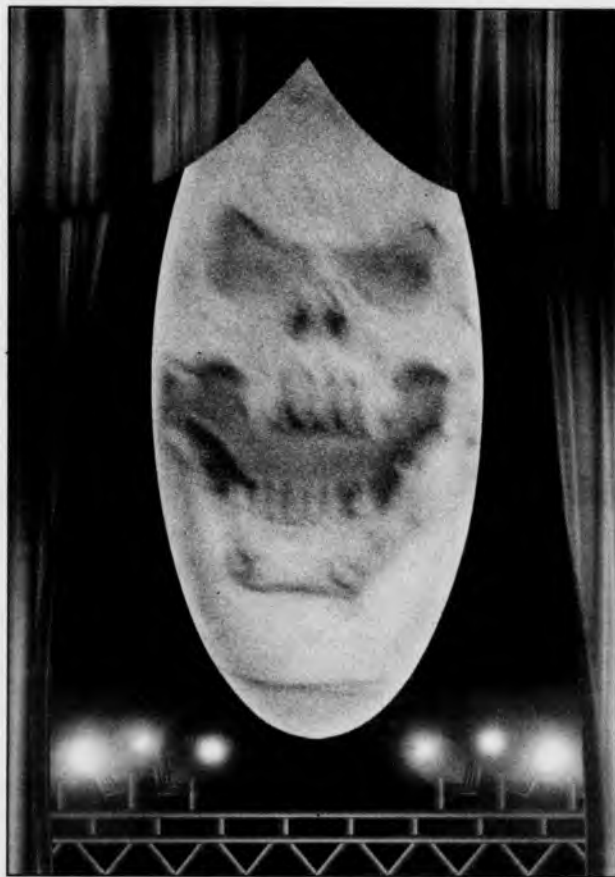
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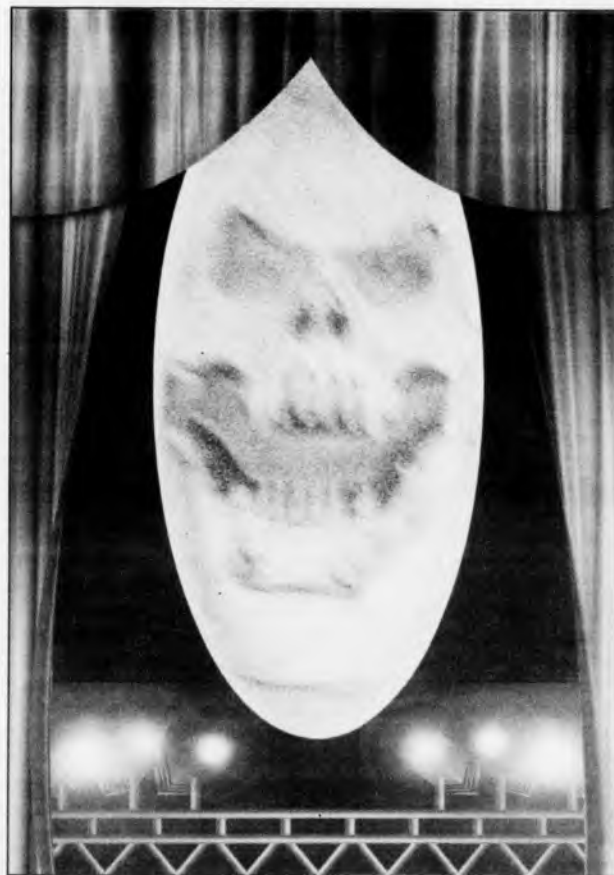
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Dressing scandalously seems to be a big part of Halloween now for girls of college age and older. Costumes such as the bumblebee, cat and bunny have been redesigned for this target market with less fabric and more sex appeal.

Roz Sibielski, an American Culture Studies grad student at the University specializing in Girl Culture, said this is not a new phenomenon among women, and there are examples dating back at least thirty years, if not more.

"Certainly for many people the point of Halloween is to dress like you would not normally," Sibielski said. "I think for young women right now, too, there's an idea in the culture that in order to be empowered you have to highlight your sexuality in certain ways."

Stores selling Halloween costumes would seem to agree with Sibielski. Halloween USA has part of the back wall in their store devoted entirely to scandalous costumes for women. In addition, national chains such as Hot Topic and Wet Seal have also added a selection of costumes for women to their normal stock around Halloween.

Senior Sara Houlihan thinks these stores play a big role in the fact that many women choose to dress scandalously for Halloween.

"It seems very driven by the Halloween store industry, if you look at the costumes offered," Houlihan said.

Arreal Green is an assistant manager at the Wet Seal store at Fallen Timbers in Maumee which is car-

rying Halloween costumes for the first time. While the costumes have been selling, Green doesn't necessarily agree with the decision to sell that particular kind of merchandise.

"It's not that I don't like the fact that we sell them," Green said. "We have a girls room with clothes for younger girls and we sell candy at our register and stuff like that, so I just think it's very contradictory that we also sell those costumes."

Sibielski said that the popularity of these costumes has a definite impact on how women are viewed and what is expected and thought of when people think of Halloween.

"If we only expect women to wear sexy Halloween costumes, it reduces women to merely sex objects as society looks at them," Sibielski said.

From a guy's perspective this is exactly the message girls are sending on Halloween. Sophomore Dave Beck said that, as a guy, he supports women dressing scandalously for Halloween.

"I mean anytime a lady shows off her skin, guys are going to look," Beck said. "Now we have a reason to stare, we're trying to guess what she is."

As for the message girls are sending with their costume choice, Beck believes guys find it pretty obvious.

"Well obviously a guy at first glance would think that if she dresses like that, she obviously is trying to score," Beck commented. "And then for Halloween he thinks he's probably got a good shot at scoring."

Beck's opinion is that girls are dressing this way specifically for the male attention, as a way to improve self-esteem.

"In today's society, it all comes down to being wanted," Beck said. "What easier way to be wanted than to get everyone to look at you?"

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Dressing scandalously seems to be a big part of Halloween now for girls of college age and older. Costumes such as the bumblebee, cat and bunny have been redesigned for this target market with less fabric and more sex appeal.

Roz Sibielski, an American Culture Studies grad student at the University specializing in Girl Culture, said this is not a new phenomenon among women, and there are examples dating back at least thirty years, if not more.

"Certainly for many people the point of Halloween is to dress like you would not normally," Sibielski said. "I think for young women right now, too, there's an idea in the culture that in order to be empowered you have to highlight your sexuality in certain ways."

Stores selling Halloween costumes would seem to agree with Sibielski. Halloween USA has part of the back wall in their store devoted entirely to scandalous costumes for women. In addition, national chains such as Hot Topic and Wet Seal have also added a selection of costumes for women to their normal stock around Halloween.

Senior Sara Houlihan thinks these stores play a big role in the fact that many women choose to dress scandalously for Halloween.

"It seems very driven by the Halloween store industry, if you look at the costumes offered," Houlihan said.

Arreal Green is an assistant manager at the Wet Seal store at Fallen Timbers in Maumee which is car-

rying Halloween costumes for the first time. While the costumes have been selling, Green doesn't necessarily agree with the decision to sell that particular kind of merchandise.

"It's not that I don't like the fact that we sell them," Green said. "We have a girls room with clothes for younger girls and we sell candy at our register and stuff like that, so I just think it's very contradictory that we also sell those costumes."

Sibielski said that the popularity of these costumes has a definite impact on how women are viewed and what is expected and thought of when people think of Halloween.

"If we only expect women to wear sexy Halloween costumes, it reduces women to merely sex objects as society looks at them," Sibielski said.

From a guy's perspective this is exactly the message girls are sending on Halloween. Sophomore Dave Beck said that, as a guy, he supports women dressing scandalously for Halloween.

"I mean anytime a lady shows off her skin, guys are going to look," Beck said. "Now we have a reason to stare, we're trying to guess what she is."

As for the message girls are sending with their costume choice, Beck believes guys find it pretty obvious.

"Well obviously a guy at first glance would think that if she dresses like that, she obviously is trying to score," Beck commented. "And then for Halloween he thinks he's probably got a good shot at scoring."

Beck's opinion is that girls are dressing this way specifically for the male attention, as a way to improve self-esteem.

"In today's society, it all comes down to being wanted," Beck said. "What easier way to be wanted than to get everyone to look at you?"

WOMEN'S TOP TEN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Nurse

1



2. Devil

3

French Maid



4 Airplane Stewardess

School Girl

5



6 Police Woman

7

Secretary



8 Marilyn Monroe

Cheerleader

9



10 Little Red Riding Hood

Freddy's favorite feastings of fall

Acorn Squash

My mom got me hooked on it when I was young. I never appreciated acorn squash fully until I recognized how easy it are to prepare. It truly is my number one comfort food. I have provided the basic cooking directions, but I encourage you to take full advantage of the squash's ability to go well with just about anything. I ALWAYS add butter and brown sugar. It will be hard to go wrong here, add whatever you think sounds good. Some items I have tried: Cayenne pepper, honey, maple syrup, yogurt, crushed walnuts, dried cranberries, raisins, cinnamon, wild rice.

Directions:

Cut squash in half, ends on top.
Preheat oven to 425 F.

Coat baking sheet with no stick cooking spray or butter.
Place squash halves cut-side down — looks like domes, not dishes.
Bake for about 30 minutes, then place each half in a bowl.
Mix in selected ingredients while scraping walls of squash with a fork.



Chili

Nothing compares to a hot bowl of chili anchored with a corn muffin and a big plopper of sour cream. It's really hard to mess up chili, so any discrepancies are usually centered around how spicy it is. I like my chili pretty spicy with a burn that keeps you craving more. My top three places in BG to get a good bowl are...

1. Call of the Canyon — the bowls are HUGE!
2. Jed's — great jalapeño and bacon corn muffins
3. Wendy's — it's cheap, fast, and gives me gas



3. Sweet Potatoes

Forget sweet potato pie, forget candied yams and forget the marshmallow toppings; sweet potatoes are already sweet enough! Preheat your oven to 400 F and slice your sweet potatoes into 3/4 inch rounds. Place rounds on a baking pan and cook for about 20 minutes. Next, flip your rounds over, sprinkle lightly with either salt, cinnamon or cayenne pepper and cook for another 15 minutes.



Apples

Sure you can buy them anytime, but they taste much better straight off the tree down the road. Apple cider, caramel apples, apple turnovers, pies, apple butter and apple sauce: it all tastes like fall to me. The Melrose is Ohio's official apple variety. It's large with yellow/green skin and streaks of deep red, and is especially good for cooking. Other varieties native to Northwest Ohio include: Winesap, Golden Delicious, Gold Rush, Empire, Rome and Gano.



Pumpkin Spice Latte

I'm a coffee drinker — black, maybe a little cream on occasion. I don't do the four-four specialty drinks — soy latte, white chocolate mochaccino, orange mocha frappuccino, etc... But I am a sucker for Hot Chocolate. And pumpkin pie. Whoever doesn't crave pumpkin pie this time of year is nuts. Drinking a pumpkin spice latte is like drinking a pumpkin pie. It's simply amazing. It's hot chocolate and pumpkin pie in 'one. Autumn may be the only time I can be caught at Starbucks.



FREDDY HUNT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I love autumn for the colors: the mild tones of brown, red and orange. The leaves aren't changing colors because they're dying, they're ripening. I love autumn for the weather, because a hot cup of coffee never tastes better when in perfect sweater weather. I love Autumn for the smells: catching whiffs of winter in the cool air, or a distant bonfire. But I especially love autumn for the tastes. And when I think of autumn, I think of harvest. I think of cornucopias bursting with bounty. I think of warm, comfortable treats that leave me cozy and content to the core. Here are five of my favorite Fall feastings.

THE CUTTING EDGE

These jack-o'-lanterns just got a facelift



The graveyard

Stitch face



The patriot

Scaredy cat



Fright flight

'Trick or Vote'

By Jonathan K. Sims
U-Wire

On Oct. 31 costumes will be donned and the streets of Birmingham, Ala., will be filled with ghosts, goblins and all sorts of ghouls seeking candy.

When answering the door this year, however, you may be reminded about another important event that is taking place just four days after Halloween. These tricksters are not assaulting your door for candy but to remind you to go to the polls and cast your vote on Nov. 4.

This event, Trick or Vote, is a nonpartisan campaign being held across the nation, and sponsored in the Southeast by the organization Empower Alabama.

As a nonpartisan campaign, meaning that they have no formal affiliation with either political party, the only goal is to get young people involved in the electoral process.

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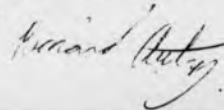
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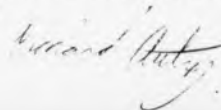
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EDUCATION OF LATINOS

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Staff Writer

The 15th annual Latino Issues Conference took place on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008. The theme for this year's conference was, The Education of Latinos: Where do we go from here? An array of students came to the conference to discuss issues in the Latino community. The main focus of the conference was looking at education towards Latino students.

The conference addressed the many topics in education. Language and community were addressed at the conference. Also, the various levels of educations were discussed, including

elementary through higher education. Rosita Lopez, a professor at Northern Illinois University, was the keynote speaker.

Lopez not only addressed issues with education system, but problems that students face on a regular basis. Lopez addressed trends among the Latino community that could not be ignored. One of the trends was the fact that **only 20 percent of Latino households have Internet access and 14 percent have e-mail capabilities.** Comparing those statistics to the fact that two-thirds of black households have high speed

internet connection versus the 53 percent of the general population.

Another trend Lopez addressed was the fact **Latina women are one of the fastest growing groups of women in the U.S labor force but remain one of the most of the least represented in top positions at Fortune 500 companies.** Faculty and students all came to hear Lopez and other faculty from BGSU as well as other educators from surrounding areas.

Lopez stressed to students "In order to get where we want to go we must understand our past and where we are now".



DR. ROSITA LOPEZ

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

LATINOPALOOZA

Weekend dedicated to spreading cultural awareness through music, food and personal interaction.

**LSU Brings Students and Community Together
for Celebration of Latino Culture and Heritage**

ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, the scene at the Alumni Mall between Kreisler and Harshman Quads was impossible to miss. Latino Student Union host their annual carnival as part of Latinopalooza; a weekend long celebration of Latino culture and heritage.

Upon arrival at the carnival, guests were immediately greeted with bright colors and a variety of activities to participate in. The set-up included face painting, jousting, a bounce-a-round, music and much more. The activities weren't just open to Bowling Green State University students and faculty, but members of the community as well. **Many would agree that the overall atmosphere reflected unity and a sense of family.** From the children swinging at the piñata to the students plastered against the Velcro wall, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. When asked why it was

important to have such an event on Bowling Green's campus, sophomore Jadelynn Maldonado responded, "It just brings people together, and it's fun!"

In reference to fun, one of the most festive characters at the carnival was Mr. Happy Pants, a.k.a. Nathan Olmeda, the president of Latino Student Union. The former Obsidian photographer was enthusiastic about the events taking place, noting that he loves Latinopalooza because **"It is Latino culture in its purest form."**

Even though the carnival was only the first part of Latinopalooza it was an excellent kick-off to a weekend filled with interactive events. When asked about other big plans for Latino Student Union this year, Olmeda mentioned they are placing a huge focus on political awareness as well as working on building a sense of community.

Ultimately, one of the most important goals of LSU is to **"remember the people of the past, appreciate the people of the present, and promote the leaders of the future".**

Photos shown: Students and children of the community enjoy the activities at the Carnival sponsored by LSU.



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DIAMANTE AWARDS HIGHLIGHT LATINO ACHIEVEMENTS

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Diamonds are often noted for their sparkling, dominating presence. Diamonds are desirable and highly sought after, often used as an engagement ring. Further, diamonds possess qualities other gemstones do not. For instance, diamonds are stronger and are able to withstand more pressure on them than other stones. **Diamonds in many people's mind symbolize the best of the best of gemstones. The same could be said of the over 40 students from BGSU, The University of Toledo, Owens Community College and Lourdes College who received awards and scholarships at the 19th annual Diamante Community Awards held on Sept. 12, 2008 at Owens**

Community College. Diamante means diamond in Spanish, hence the Diamante awards. Each year, a different host university within the above-mentioned schools hosts the program. Last year, BGSU hosted the ceremony.

The Diamante Awards were created in 1990 by IMAGE, a chapter of a northwest Ohio Latino nonprofit organization. **This awards ceremony was established to recognize Latino contributions in the Toledo area and to raise scholarships for those individuals.**

Among the students honored from BGSU were Michelle Bologna, Rose Gonzalez, Jacqueline Hernandez, Jessica Jaimes, Nathan Olmeda, Erik Soto, Chris Yabarra and Kevin Zamora.

One of the scholarship recipients, Rose Mary De Hoyos-Gonzalez said she is appreciative and humbled by the awards she received during the Diamante Awards.

"I'm very happy I got the scholarships, but more importantly I'm so happy to have found a place to belong and I've found that with LSU and other organizations I am involved in," Gonzalez said. Gonzalez also volunteers for the Latino Networking Association along with being a member of Latino Student Union here at the University. **She said belonging to LSU is like having a second family which is of reassurance to Gonzalez.**

"I've never experienced anything like this on campus before, I'll see people from my class who will walk right past me without so much as saying hello, but when I go to LSU meetings, it is like seeing my family – people will give me a hug just to show their support," Gonzalez said. Gonzalez carries a 3.1 GPA and is a Human Development and Family Studies Major. She hopes to earn her Master's degree in College Student Personnel.

"My goal is to attend graduate school and then hopefully work in a career where I can assist college students in trying to reach their goals," Gonzalez said.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on several criteria, including leadership, grade point average, financial need and dedication and commitment to the Latino community.

The keynote speaker for the Diamante Awards Ceremony was Greg Guzman, who is the Director of Financial Aid at BGSU.

Earning an award for service to the community and hard work in school is a special recognition Gonzalez said she won't forget. "It is something I'll look back on and always be proud of while I was here at BGSU," she said.

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Ceremony celebrates students work

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DIAMANTE AWARDS

WILL THIS BREAK OBAMA

**"Division Now is
Defeat Later"**

- UNKNOWN



"Obama missed the biggest latino event--the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute's annual conference--in Chicago. He is the senator of Illinois."

- ANONYMOUS
BGSU Student

"Honestly, there is too much hype about Obama and black people. If he is going to be President, he has to address everyone's issues."

- MIGUEL JUAREZ
Texas A&M Senior

"Obama focuses his campaign where he feels he can benefit strongly from it. Unfortunately, there is a low percentage of Latinos in college or educating themselves through the news."

- MARIA VAZQUEZ
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LATINO VOTERS NOT BACKING OBAMA

Why is Obama lacking in Latino votes?

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Ever since the time preceding the primaries, the conversation that has raged in America has been on the election. With this election occurring during a time of such national and international chaos, it is not surprising that many people are concerned about who will lead our country for the next four—possibly eight—years. With gas prices at all-time highs and conflict overseas with our soldiers mixed in the struggle, it seems more and more people are flexing their voting muscle. However, it seems that one of the candidates seems to be lacking in Latino votes. **Democrat Presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama, by recent poll projections, is noticeably lacking in that area.**

One can only wonder why. But there are many reasons why Obama may be in a Latino deficit.

Now before one can generalize why a Latino voter wouldn't vote for a specific candidate, one must address why any voter generally wouldn't vote for a specific candidate. Usually an educated voter chooses to vote for the candidate who favorably addresses the issues and concerns the voter agrees and identifies with. If the voter is from a family that struggles with keeping up with medications and medical bills, a candidate that addresses a better healthcare system could be appealing. So one possibility why Obama doesn't rake in the Latino vote may be because he does not address Latino issues.

Another possibility is that Obama's past political actions could

be unfavorable for Latino voters. A commonly expressed concern in the government is the illegal immigrants migrating from Mexico into Texas. To solve this problem, **the government had proposed that a wall be built separating Mexico and the United States along the entire border. Obama supported the idea.** This proposal is a touchy topic because it can be argued in two different directions: one being that it is to stop a major influx of population that will be taking money earned back into Mexico and, therefore, out of the United States' economy. Another being that it is to stop Mexicans from entering without United States approval. Whichever way a politician votes or supports, it can be distorted and given a false interpretation. Some Latino voters might be holding him up to the fact

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Another possibility may be that Obama hasn't shown much effort in obtaining the Latino vote. Obama has been making a lot of appearances in an effort to appeal to a lot of voters. **It is only a speculation, but Obama's focus audience of his campaign may not be striking the voting Latino population as strongly as it could.** Of course, it doesn't mean that there aren't Latino supporters for Obama, but polls continue to stress his Latino deficit. Maybe as his campaign continues, more Latino voters will be persuaded in his favor.



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Our own campus of Bowling Green State University has two Greek organizations that are predominantly Latino and Latina. They are Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc and Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Incorporated was founded April 4, 1986 at Iowa State University and the brothers are informally known as the Betas and the Lambda Betas. Their colors are royal purple and pure white. Their motto is "Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture". **Their four standing principles are brotherhood, scholarship, community service, and cultural awareness.** Here at Bowling Green State University, there are eight active undergraduate members and one graduate member. Their national programs

include CPR Awareness to spread the knowledge of CPR methods. Regionally and locally, the Betas hold a Beta Week, which usually consists of cultural awareness events, brotherhood events, and community service events. The Nu Beta chapter at BGSU also sponsors Greek Closet and plays a major role in starting the Greek Independent Board. With that, **Sigma Lambda Beta assisted in the creation of their sister organization Sigma Lambda Gamma.**

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Both organizations are cousins to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and collectively are known as the Royal Fam or the F.I.R.M. Fam.



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First celebrated by the Olmecs and the Aztecs of ancient Mexico over 3500 years ago, Día de los muertos, or Day of the Dead, continues to be an ongoing tradition in the Mexican and Central American community.

The celebration began as a way to celebrate the dead and also the duality of life and death. During Día De Los Muertos, it was important for celebrating families to maintain good relationships with their deceased ancestors since it was believed that they interceded in earthly goings on and brought food and fortune to the living.

Preparation for Dias De Los Muertos began in mid-October. The family and friends of the deceased would clean, paint and decorate the gravesites of their deceased with flowers, religious relics and more. The petals from the marigolds were often scattered on graves in the belief that their strong aroma and bright color would help deceased souls find their way back to earth.

At the end of the month, the eve of the celebration, night time processions to these cemeteries to picnic with the dead were held. During this time offerings of food and drink were brought to the dead that they might regain the strength needed to return to their other world. The personal belongings of departed relatives and friends were also laid on or near their graves as a sign of reverence and in the hopes that the dead might enjoy their short stay.

Also, family and friends of the deceased created ofrendas (altars) in their homes to welcome the spirits home. Las Ofrendas were adorned with pictures of the deceased to commemorate their memory and remind younger generations of their familiar and cultural roots. Also the skeleton, a major symbol of the celebration, was regularly employed to represent how the spirits still lived

after they had left their flesh on earth.

Unlike the Western explorers who would later conquer the area in which the holiday is celebrated, ancient Mexicans and Central Americans did not view death as the end of life. Rather, they saw it as the continuation of life. According to their cultural beliefs, life was a dream and only in death did they become truly awake. Thus, instead of fearing death they embraced it.

Yet the celebration was by no means a mournful one, but rather a time to share with family members and visit with the souls of the departed. During Día de los Muertos, time no longer barred one spirit from another by reason of death.

And today it is no different. Día de los Muertos continues to be celebrated annually as its participants recognize the significance of life and death as dual concepts existing within each other. While the holiday is called day of the dead, it is actually celebrated over the first two days of November. The first day "Día de los Angelitos" is used to welcome back the spirits of deceased children. The second, "Día de los Difuntos", welcomes the rest of those who have died.

However, the original dates of the holiday are unknown. When the

Spanish conquistadors came to Mexico and observed the ritual, they believed it to be barbaric and compacted the once two month celebration into "Día de Todos los Santos" (All Saints Day) in an effort to fuse their Christian beliefs with those of the native peoples.

But still, marigolds are picked. Sugar skulls are blown. Candles are lit. Still, the departed make their way back to this world after over 3,500 years. Thanks to Día de los Muertos, our spirits stay alive and will not be forgotten.

Interested in Día de los Muertos?

In Toledo, OH, the holiday will be celebrated on Saturday, November 1st at the Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center at 6pm. It includes music, food, and even an altar competition. For more information call (419) 241 1655.

In Detroit, MI, at Compass Center of Music & Performing Arts, there will be a traditional Día de los Muertos celebration Nov 2nd starting at 10 am. It includes Mariachi music, traditional folk dancing, and great food. For more information call (313) 554 0791.

DAY OF THE DEAD

Keeping Our Spirits Alive, Literally

"God pours life into death and death into life without a drop being spilled."

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Top Left: a drawing of the spirits of the dead celebrating their visit to the living during Día de los Muertos.

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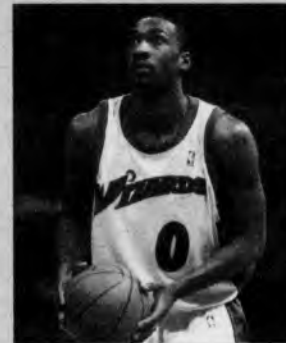
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CLARENCE TERRY, 1949-2008

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Many students may not be aware of who Mr. Clarence Terry Jr. was or what he contributed to the Bowling Green State University campus. But there are some who know Mr. Terry very well. **Mr. Terry was a graduate of Bowling Green State University Class of 1971. He also worked at the University for 23 years as the leader of Minority Recruitment where he helped bring in thousands of minority students to Bowling Green State University's campus.** His recruitment strategy included students from many parts of the United States, including California, Texas and New York. **He saw his role as one of assisting minority students "to reach their lifelong dream of being a college graduate."** Mr. Terry had retired from BGSU in May of 2008 in which he then died on May 13, 2008 at the graceful age of 59.

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Watson also remembers how Mr. Terry made it possible for her to further her education her at Bowling Green State University by recruiting her from New York. She said she views Mr. Terry as an "awesome" man that made things possible. When asked how she best remembers Mr. Clarence Terry Jr., she simply replied, "He was very loyal and devoted. He was a great listener and just a great person in all." Mr. Terry had a great turn out of family, friends, and colleagues, along with former and present student to remember him at the memorial service held on Oct. 3, 2008. Mr. Clarence Terry will be best remembered as **"The man that made things happen" among family, staff and students at home and on the campus of Bowling Green State University.**

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Matthew Thakur is an Indian-American scientist who has made previous advancements to nuclear medicine, but none of this magnitude. **Thakur was recently awarded the coveted 2008 Benedict Cassen Prize during SNM's 55th annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. This prize is largely regarded as the Nobel prize of nuclear medicine.** It is presented biennially to a living scientist whose work has led to a major advancement in nuclear clinical medicine by the society of nuclear medicine or the SNM.

Thakur and his team of scientists have discovered a technique through nuclear imaging that helps detect diseases at the molecular level. Thakur expressed interest in the diagnosis of multiple diseases including breast, prostate, and pancreatic cancer. He holds several patents on previous work and has worked with pharmaceuticals to detect infection rapidly and efficiently. He continues to work hard in his practice and will inevitably make substantial progress in future medicine.

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When asked about his efforts in the work of nuclear medicine, Thakur is very generous in giving his team the praise. Thakur told reporters, "In science, nothing is more gratifying than recognition by your peers." It is undeniable that Thakur will win more awards for his future work in nuclear medicine, **but his efforts in ridding mankind of these horrid diseases is the main benchmark of his success.** Matthew Thakur is a huge figure in all medicinal circles and will be for years to come.

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Coming Out. What does that mean? For most of society, it means a gay person telling people of their true sexuality, but is that it? The concept cannot be that easily defined. **"Coming out" is not just telling people. It is about telling yourself.** According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a leading group in LGBT equality, "Coming out is the process in which a person first acknowledges, accepts and appreciates his or her sexual orientation or gender identity and begins to share that with others." For some, coming out is a strenuous process, which can bring heartache, homelessness, loneliness and sometimes, even death. However, that is not the only way. **Coming out can be a joyous event. It can be a celebration equivalent to a Super Sweet Sixteen.** It is different for everyone. But before one can define coming out, one must understand the letters. You know-LGBTQAIQA. Confused? Don't worry because most people are. The L is Lesbian, G is Gay,



B is Bisexual, T is Transgender, Q is Queer, A is Asexual, I is Intersex, Q is Questioning, and A is Ally.

Coming out is a process, a coming of age. It does not happen at the same time for everyone nor does it happen in the same way. Unfortunately, it does not happen for everyone. Some people are afraid, others are ashamed and some simply don't know how. Coming out is not just revealing to the world that you are a homosexual. It can refer to many things. A person can come out as a lesbian, bisexual, or as an ally, asexual, or questioning. It doesn't matter. **The only thing that matters is the truth.** It is not about wearing rainbows, although



it can be, or shouting "I'm Queer" from the hill tops. Coming out is an acknowledgement that you are ready to share who you are with yourself and those around you.

For those who have already come out, there is this tone, this language, an understanding with others who have come out, even if the stories are different.

"With the 10th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder approaching us, coming out becomes a lot of things to me. It becomes my strength against the part of the world that still hates us; it becomes my courage against animosity; it becomes my freedom. **Freedom to love and be loved,**

to live and enjoy life. Freedom to be me," says Aris Kaleps-Clark, treasurer of Transcendence, a transgender group.

"Coming out is accepting yourself enough to be your whole self in front of everyone, to not hide that part of you that helps you to be a person," says Jennifer Dietsch, SuperQueer of VISION.

"Coming out means being unashamed of who you are. It means being prepared for how society will treat you, and not letting fear control your thoughts or actions," says Abel Tyson

"You accept who you are,



make others respect you and your beliefs, and proudly defend your life choices," says Shaneshia Pugh

"Coming out, to me, means that you are learning to love yourself enough to be the full you. Because of that love, you don't need to hide or feel afraid and you wish to share another detail of your ever-expanding life with those you love, care about, and trust," says Austin Williams, LGBT Resource Center intern.

Coming out means something different to everyone, but all follow one major theme: **strength and love.**

INSIGHT ON THE NEW B.L.D.G IN BG

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Looking to engage yourself in a spot where four of the most common desires meet? **Beats. A Lounge. Designs. Gear. The B.L.D.G. has it all!** It's located in Downtown Bowling Green. Although the title may sound kind of vague, it reveals more to the eye and soul. The owner of this new and beyond extraordinary place is our very own Will "DUB" Wicks, Marcus Seville Simpson, and Micah Nyamari. Digging into the B.L.D.G. a bit deeper, the **Beats** lies in the hands of Will "DUB" Wicks. This music lover calls this section "Music Lovers Headquarters." It offers audio recording, mixing /mastering, cutting and editing, radio/commercial ads, CD duplication, album/ mixtape packages, studio training, artist counseling, barcode acquisition and copyright registration. As for the **Lounge**, the Loft, is simply a place to "chillax" and absorb in **"healthy conversation and meet new people"**. The Loft is available for private parties, small concerts, poetry corner, movie nights, book club meetings and a general meeting place. On Halloween, there will be a grand opening for the expansion of the Loft. Marcus Seville Simpson features the Designs in the "I'm so Mars Creative Services." Simpson is one who identifies

himself as a passionate visionary. His works include graphic design, custom illustrations, web design / hosting, special effect photography, posters / flyers, unique T-shirt designs, business cards, logo/ identity branding, CD covers and tattoo designs. The **Gear** section is complemented by Micah Nyamari, who is over "Nyamari Designs". His proceeds aid in funding organizations such as Save Orphans Today. Nyamari Designs offer stylish items such as tops, dresses, women's shoes, rare sneakers, tees & jeans, handbags, jewelry, watches and skateboard decals. All of these sections coincide to form the B.L.D.G.

In an interview with the three B.L.D.G. owners, Simpson, Wicks, and Nyamari, I was introduced to their thoughts and ideas on their masterpiece.

What inspirations lead you to form the idea of the B.L.D.G.?

WICKS: "I just wanted to provide my skill and service to those who need them like myself."

SIMPSON: "I always wanted to start my own business throughout college. I had a problem working with people not as bright as me."

NYAMARI: "I felt like I was supposed to do it."

As far as the Beats, Designs and

Gear, what are their backgrounds?

What is it that drew you to come this far in creating the B.L.D.G.?

SIMPSON: "When watching TV, I loved watching the commercials and advertisements, everybody else would get mad."

NYAMARI: "I like to show the international clothing, clothes from places such as Italy, France and China."

WICKS: "I have been an all music lover all my life....dancer, dj, poet, and I thought it would be a great opportunity to establish a means of helping others with my same passion."

Do you think the B.L.D.G. is going to benefit young adults in BG and yourselves etc.? If so, how?

SIMPSON: "Yes, our mission statement is B.L.D.G. friendships. It gives people a place to have a good, genuine time."

NYAMARI: "Of course, we want to give them a glance look of the other international designs--see things they never saw before."

How are the prices?

SIMPSON: "It depends on how much time is spent on the completion of the design. Usually from \$15 an hour, even if you don't have any money still come. Learn to be inspired by your trip here. It's a positive energy."

NYAMARI: "Clothes range from \$10-60 and shoes \$25- 85.

If you had the chance, would you make a franchise of the B.L.D.G.? Where would you want it to be?

SIMPSON: "Definitely. Eventually in Detroit and Chicago, BG is the testing grounds. It's easy for us to go international."

NYAMARI: "Next summer we should be in California or Italy."

What are your expectations in the future for the B.L.D.G.?

SIMPSON: "We're adding an extension to the Loft to be a Club, but not anything normal."

When you leave BG, what legacy do you want to leave behind, individually and or with the B.L.D.G.?

SIMPSON: "Friendships. I would say, being a visionary, or pioneer of it. The idea of what we have accomplished will still be here even after we leave. Like Obama going for change, I always have change in the back of my mind. We want this to show young black people that they can start their own business and be successful. You don't always have to seek for someone to work for."

NYAMARI: "Anybody can do it. Find your passion and gift; you have to look on the inside for it."

WICKS: "No Cloud can go untouched, Dreams can be become reality, but having the vision is only a small piece of success, the other portion is implementing it....Don't cry, apply."



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Barack Obama
Campaign Canvassing:**November 1, 2008 from
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ladies and friends of Precious Stones will go door-to-door telling people of the importance of voting and the importance of early voting.

**"What's Love Got to
Do with It?"**November 12, 2008
from 6:30-9p.m.

A conference centered on healthy relationships and the intersectionality of race, gender and sexuality. Other issues of Healthy Love, Domestic Abuse, and Positive Self-Image amongst women will be covered.

"Woman Thou Art Loosed."(Tentative) December 2, 2008
7-9p.m.

Ladies and friends of Precious Stones will learn how to leave the baggage of the past behind and gain hope and wisdom to take into the New Year. One of our guest speakers will be Whitney's mother, Edith Tarver, a motivational speaker, and a recovering drug addict.

OBAMA'S RACE

"Our fate lies between absorption by the white race and extinction in the black."

- CHARLES CHESNUTT
Literary Author

The multi-racial community is growing quickly and tearing down the walls of segregation one brick at a time.

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BGSU Leader Exposes BGSU's 'PRECIOUS STONES' 'Why Be a Rock When You Can Be a Precious Stone?'

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In 2001, Precious Stones was created as a women's enrichment group. Unfortunately, members in the past have graduated, leaving this organization to die down. Despite of this, 2008 is the year of resurgence, as stated by the current president Whitney Tarver.

Q. Why the name "Precious Stones"?

A. Precious Stones was chosen because I, just like the original founders, truly believe that all women are valuable. Just like Precious Stones, all women should be handled with care and treated like royalty.

Q. What or who inspired you to get involved with this lovely organization?

A. My late grandmother Vernell Ingram, who passed away this past February, was my inspiration to re-start Precious Stones. My grandmother had always encouraged me to share my story of adversity and triumph with other women, and how God got me through. Moreover, I felt that there was a dire need to take the women on campus to another level, together-spiritually.



I wanted to re-open an entryway of healing, self-empowerment, and self-love amongst the young ladies on campus.

Q. What does your organization colors represent?

A. The colors copper, silver, and gold, are the official colors of Precious Stones. **Copper** symbolizes the drawing out of mental and emotional impurities. **Silver** is durable by itself, but when mixed with gold, it gives strength. **Gold** is a precious metal that is desirable among many.

Q. What are your goals for this organization as president?

A. Through young ladies participation in Precious Stones, my goal is to create a strong sense of unity amongst young women on campus. Secondly, I hope that young ladies and friends of Precious Stones will allow themselves to evolve into the beautiful and graceful ladies who they were ordained to be. Lastly, it is my hope that the young ladies of Precious Stones will gain or maintain the confidence and self-love needed, to take their rightful place in society, as queens of their own thrones.

Q. How many members does "Precious Stones" have on this campus?

A. Precious Stones consist of over 40 dedicated and graceful young ladies of Bowling Green State University. Included in that 40 are nine members of the executive board; Ms. Lauren Morris-Chaplin, Ms. Kiara Brooks-Political Action Chair, Ms. Kiara Taylor-Secretary, Ms. Porsche Thomas-Treasurer, Ms. Alesia Hill-Historian, Ms. Chantay Walker-Public Relations, Ms. Simone Swanson-Vice President #2, Ms. Constance Dees- Vice President #1, and myself, Ms. Whitney Tarver-President.

Q. As president, what are your hopes for Precious Stones upon reaching success?

A. My hope for the organization and for the ladies of Precious Stones is that they continue to prosper educationally and spiritually. Also, the hope remains that the organization will become a fixture in the lives and memories of the women, beyond their time at BGSU.



WHITNEY TARVER.
President, "Precious Stones"

OBAMA-THE MYSTERY AMERICAN

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Racial lines have been drawn and redrawn over the last 40 years. They have been the cause of lynchings and marches, but those furious lines are becoming a little gray. Presidential candidate Barack Obama may well be the future president of the United States of America, yet so few Americans know the true identity of this mystery American.

The son of Kenyan Nyang' Oma Kogelo and Kansas native Ann Dunham, Barack Obama is now a force in the African-American community. His stature has passed former leaders Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton (much to their dismay), and all by a man that is not "completely" black. **He is part of a racial minority that find themselves encompassed between the white and black races.**

Portrayed by the media as a black man, Barack Obama is part of a growing group of Americans that includes Frederick Douglass, Charles Chesnutt, Tiger Woods, and Alicia Keys.

This group is part of a multi-racial community that has either chosen or coerced into choosing a race. The multi-racial community is growing quickly and tearing down the walls of segregation one brick at a time.

For many years, these multi-racial Americans were grouped in with their darker races because of the regulations of the south. **Americans like Frederick Douglass and Charles Chesnutt had no choice but to be black. Today, there are multi-racial Americans who refuse to follow the lines society has set before them.** They involuntarily portray a fraction of Americans that truly show the heart of American society. They refuse to become a part of the highly unethical culture that tries to fit every single person into a box. They are symbolic of a race that exists between two opposite ends of the spectrum-black and white.

The multi-racial community of the twenty first century has largely chosen

one race or the other. Even with the expanding population of prominent multi-racial people, many choose only one of their particular races. It is the norm in American society to be either black or white, yet with this growing population, the division is much harder to make. **Unfortunately, the line between black and white is still present and it offers an unfortunate choice for many Americans.**

It is very clear which side of the line Barack Obama has chosen due to his highly ethnic portrayals of himself in his speeches, yet he still honors his mother's work in his life. For many multi-racial people in America, this is quite a dilemma, but for Barack Obama this choice works well. His racial choice is literally no reflection on his political agenda, but it does reflect the pressures of Obama's generation. This generation still had the norms of our black and white society ringing loud and clear in the

ears of Americans. Obama's generation of black and white politics is slowly starting to disseminate with this new frame of American culture, but it is still up to everyday Americans whether to change the norms.

Whether you are a republican, democrat, black, white, latino, asian, or other the ballot box should reflect the values you hold dear. The fact that John McCain is white or Barack Obama is bi-racial is truly irrelevant in the voting booth. Their ideals, values, and promises are vital to our country's future, and will be shown in the coming month. **So, if you choose to vote for Obama do not vote for him because he is black, nor vote for him because he is white.**

Vote for him because he is neither.

RAMADAN-ISLAMIC HOLY MONTH

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Although it may have been unknown to many, Ramadan the holiest month in the Islamic calendar, has just ended. Though many may have not even heard of Ramadan, it is considered the most important time for 1.2 billion Muslims around the world. **Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar** and this year it was aligned on the first of September. It was during this month, the first revelations of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It is also

the month of fasting in which Muslims during each day of Ramadan get up before dawn to eat and perform the fajr (sunrise) prayer, the first prayer of the day. They have to stop eating and drinking before the call to this prayer (azan) is announced, and continue their fast until the fourth prayer of the day, Maghrib (sunset), in which many Muslims gather among friends and family to break their fast together. Traditionally, Muslims break their fast with fruits and water and are allowed to continue to eat and drink after the sun has set, until the next morning when fajr prayer

call and the process starts again. **Fasting is meant to strengthen one's moral character such as patience, sacrifice and humility.**

During Ramadan, Muslims fast for the sake of God, and offer more prayer than usual. **It is a time to seek forgiveness for past sins, while praying for guidance and help in refraining from everyday hardships; trials and tribulation and to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds.** It is also a time when Muslims are to slow down from worldly affairs and focus on self-reformation, spiritual cleansing

and enlightenment, establishing a link between themselves and God through prayer, supplication, charity, and kindness and helping others. In addition to fasting, Muslims are encouraged to read the Qur'an. It is believe that by reading the entire Qur'an, they receive additional blessings. During this month, Muslims frequently go to the mosque at night to perform additional prayer and reading. This extra prayer is called Tarawih, which are performed every night of the month in which a section of the Qur'an is recited. Therefore, the entire Qur'an would be completed by the end of the month of Ramadan.

On the last day of Ramadan, the celebration of Eid ul-Fitr takes place, which marks the end of the fasting period and the first day of the following month. **Eid ul-Fitr means the Festival of Breaking the Fast; a special celebration is made. Food is donated to the poor, everyone puts on their best, usually new clothes, and communal prayers are held in the early morning, followed by feasting and visiting relatives and friends.**



ISLAMIC HOLY MONTH

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- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

FASHION POLICE: Don't Get Caught With Your Pants Down

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Imagine a city where wearing a backwards hat was considered disrespectful or wearing a tank top exposing an individual's shoulders was against the law. Sounds crazy to be persecuted for one's personal style, but in certain city's in the United States they are developing laws to rid certain personal styles, such as **SAGGING PANTS.**

Many cities and towns in the United States have enacted a law that would make it a crime to be caught with your pants below one's waist with he or she's under garments exposed. Many cities have punishments that are minimal fines, while in other cities the punishment can range from a \$500 fine and up to six months in prison. In the past, these laws have been cited for infringement on a person's **SELF EXPRESSION,** but recently legislation has taken a different path, with grouping sagging pants with **INDECENCY LAWS.**

The law has basically been enacted in parts of Florida, Louisiana, and Georgia. One particular case occurred in Rivera Beach, Florida in September where **a 17 year old male spent a night in jail for riding a bike with his pants "4**



to 5" inches below his waist. A Rivera Beach Judge later claimed that the law was unconstitutional despite it being voted and passed by a majority vote of the townspeople back in March of 2008.

The real question is "what is the purpose for proposing this law?" Many believe this law is an alternative method of **RACIAL PROFILING AND DISCRIMINATION.** Sagging pants was popularized by the hip-hop culture,

which is a main staple of the young African American community. This also could affect all minority youths.

Following that thought some believe the youth, as a whole is being discriminated or targeted by this sagging pants law creating a form of **AGE DISCRIMINATION.** Even if youths do not embrace hip-hop music, it is mainly the youth that has adopted this style and is being discriminated against by the older generation. This

could give legal authorities another outlet to harass not only minority youths, but also **ALL YOUTHS** who are sporting this particular clothing style. Also in the Rivera Beach, Florida law it states, "in a manner not becoming of his or her sex," but this directly correlates to males. Mostly males sport this style, thus causing a disadvantage to a specific population and creating a **GENDER BIAS** against males.

Is this law truly needed and if needed is it lawful? **Can a local, state, even federal government regulate what a person wears in public even if it may offend people?** Many of the law's supporters say yes, once body parts, such as a buttocks are exposed, but certain body parts are **PARTIALLY EXPOSED** all the time such as backs, arms, even breasts. The reality is buttocks are rarely revealed, rather underwear, which is another form of clothing, is usually exposed, which could make the indecency notion null and void.

What if this law came to Ohio? Despite personal opinion on the style or subculture, thoughts of whether the right to regulate clothes in public is **CONSTITUTIONAL** or another method as to advance some type of **HIDDEN AGENDA.**

TAKE UP THE SLACK

Sagging Your Pants is a Crime

The sagging pants law could be another way to harass innocent youths because of "their pants". (color of their

What if this law came to Bowling Green State University?



PRESIDENT, VENEZUELA



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HUGO CHAVEZ: Valiant Leader or Self-Serving Dictator

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Many believe Hugo Chavez is a mysterious figure who rules over Venezuela with an iron fist, while others believe his ideas are ingenious and should be practiced by governments all over the world. So what is the right answer? Chavez began to form his so-called radical ideas after serving in the service and during his study at a university. **Chavez, who was raised in an impoverished environment, began to adopt the ideas of Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin and Juan Velasco. Chavez and a group of others formed a left nationalist movement known as "Bolivarism."** Chavez later dropped out of school, re-enlisted into the military and in 1983 formed his own guerilla military known as the Revolutionary Bolivian Movement-200 (MBR-200). **Chavez later led a government takeover with MBR-200 over the then president Carlos Perez. The mission failed, but this coup d'etat enabled the poor people of Bolivia to embrace Chavez as a man of honor who wanted to fight for their betterment.** After spending two years in prison and over seven campaigning for president, **Hugo Chavez finally became president of Venezuela in 1999.** Immediately after being elected, Chavez setup initiatives such as road reconstruction



and housing construction. Following his mentors, Chavez also began to do away with privatization, which called for mass vaccinations and the halting of perks for the aluminum industry and oil sector. Despite all of the reforms, many believe Chavez is not as "for the people" as he claims. As all of the initiatives were being put in place, **Hugo Chavez was also reconstructing the constitution to his liking, expanding the presidential term and also expanding the presidential powers.** Many saw these changes as violations of people's rights and made him no better than the very government and its officials he and his left wing group wanted to overthrow initially. So who is Hugo Chavez? **His supporters claim he is a Venezuelan savior who has reduced poverty, revived an economy and fought imperialism.**



On the other hand, Chavez opponents make valid points. Many claim Chavez has not completed all of his promises and that he has been distracted by his quest for world recognition and also by his seedy practices of silencing opponents and trying to destabilize oil prices as part of OPEC. **In the last couple of years, Hugo Chavez's image has taken a turn for the worst and for the better in the eyes of Americans.** The image depends on which side of the fence an American is on, either for President Bush or against President Bush. Hugo Chavez has begun to be known as a person who is definitely not a President Bush supporter and it is safe to say President Bush does not favor him either. **Chavez, who believes that President Bush is a tyrant who preys on weaker countries, refuses to deal with the United States in any way**



politically. Despite Chavez's concern for President Bush's treatment of countries like Venezuela, he has also been cited for his shortcomings. Many believe he is heading toward an authoritarian direction instead of Venezuela's traditional democratic way. In the end Hugo Chavez is a man of many faces. **He uses the profits from Venezuela's oil sector to fund public initiatives and aid in the transformation of poor Venezuelan neighborhoods,** but on the other hand, he has changed the country's constitution to expand his own power and allegations of electoral fraud and corruption loom over his presidency. No one will truly understand the motives behind Hugo Chavez, **but no one will be able to question his love for Venezuela and his quest for social prosperity.**

LUIS WALTER ALVAREZ

Luis Walter Alvarez, Radio distance and direction indicator, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1968. He helped design a ground-controlled radar system for aircraft landings and with his son developed the meteorite theory of dinosaur extinction.

MARIO MOLINA

Mario Molina discovered that the release of CFCs could destroy the ozone layer in the stratosphere, allowing more ultraviolet light to get through to Earth and potentially increasing the rate of skin cancer. He received the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

LATINO FACTS

- As of 2002, there were 1.6 million Hispanic owned businesses
- People of Mexican origin owned 44% of all Hispanic-owned firms.
- \$222 billion is the revenue generated by Hispanic-owned businesses in 2002, up 19 percent from 1997
- There are 1.1 million Hispanic veterans of the U.S. armed forces
- There are 714,000 Hispanics, 25 years and older, with advanced degrees in 2004 (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate).
- There are 2.7 million Hispanics, age 18 and older, who had at least a bachelor's degree in 2004.
- 31 Million Americans speak Spanish
- By the year 2040, Latinos will comprise 51 percent of the population of California.
- By the year 2010, nearly one out of every six Americans between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one will be Latino

THE LEGACY OF CESAR CHAVEZ

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Cesar Chavez was a man who wanted equality and would not stop until he reached what he thought was fair.

As a Mexican, he helped many of his countrymen gain higher social status and equality in America during the mid-twentieth century. Chavez also wanted to help the lower to middle working class achieve equal rights in the workplace. Through non-violent techniques, Chavez helped fight for better working conditions toward migrant workers (persons working on farms) for over forty years.

After being born in Arizona, he eventually returned there with his family after his father's business in California was ruined due to the Great Depression. Chavez and his family worked on the farm. There he learned the harsh and brutal conditions a migrant worker experiences on a daily basis.

When Chavez returned from a tour of duty in World War II with the Navy, he joined and later became the full-time organizer of the Community Service Organization. The CSO's main objectives were educating Chicano (a Mexican-American with political determination to make a presence in the United States) residents about the importance of voting. The CSO also focused on fighting against racial discrimination.

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While Chavez's passion was helping people understand what voting and battling racism can do to help the public image of Chicanos, he really wanted to help migrant workers due to the poor conditions accompanied by their low wages. Chavez moved back to California to help create the National Farm Work Association. Through the NFWA, and later the United Farm Workers, Chavez started to become a public figure to Americans with the tactics he used to help get rid of the unfairness major farming and product companies were putting on its workers.

In 1965, Chavez started a five-year boycott of the Delano-area grape products and became successful, getting thousands to participate to help and millions following his quest through television, newspapers and the radio.

A 250-mile march was organized from Delano to the capital of Sacramento to plead their case to the state's government. Their slogan of **"Si Se Pueda!" (yes we can)** would be the union's statement of pride. From all of this support, the NFWA joined the American Federation of Labor Organizations and created the United Farm Workers. He preached tactics of non-violence and used the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King to help his charge against the unfair policies of farming.

Cabanillas said Chavez's legacy would go down with these other two historical figures as people who helped achieved equal status for the people they were not only helping and protecting.

Chavez went on to continue to

fight for the migrant worker. Through several boycotts and strikes, Chavez got many big corporations to fold and bargain with the workers. One of the protest tactics Chavez is best known for was his hunger strike.

For days, Chavez would not eat to demonstrate how bad the migrant workers were being treated.

In 1968, he went on a 25 day hunger strike from the unfairness of the Delano grape companies. Senator and presidential candidate Robert Kennedy even joined Chavez and stated he was, "One of the heroic figures of our time."

In 1988, Chavez went on another hunger strike lasting 36 days due to high amounts of pesticides being put into grapes. This rallied many people to take interest in his cause and would get millions of supporters, forcing the big companies to agree to better conditions and wages for the average migrant worker.

"He was a person who was fighting for the rights of the forgotten workers, the most unprotected workers," Cabanillas said in response to Chavez going through these

strikes and boycotts.

"He is an icon in American labor culture."

Chavez died in 1993, but his legacy is being carried out through the principles he preached. There are many aspects remembering the legacy of Chavez including statues, streets and schools named after him and even his birthday being a national holiday in the state of California (March 31).

He even was the recipient of one of the most prestigious awards given in this country. **In 1994, President Clinton honored Chavez with the Presidential Medal of Freedom—the highest civilian award for distinguished Americans.**

While many students and readers might not recognize the name Cesar Chavez, or what he did, he truly helped the working-class citizen gain rights they did not have even thirty years ago.

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CESAR CHAVEZ'S LEGACY

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CESAR CHAVEZ'S, 1927-1993



CAMPUS LIFE

Students engaging in a variety of activities including: Latino Student Union general body meeting, Latinopalooza and Homecoming festivities

