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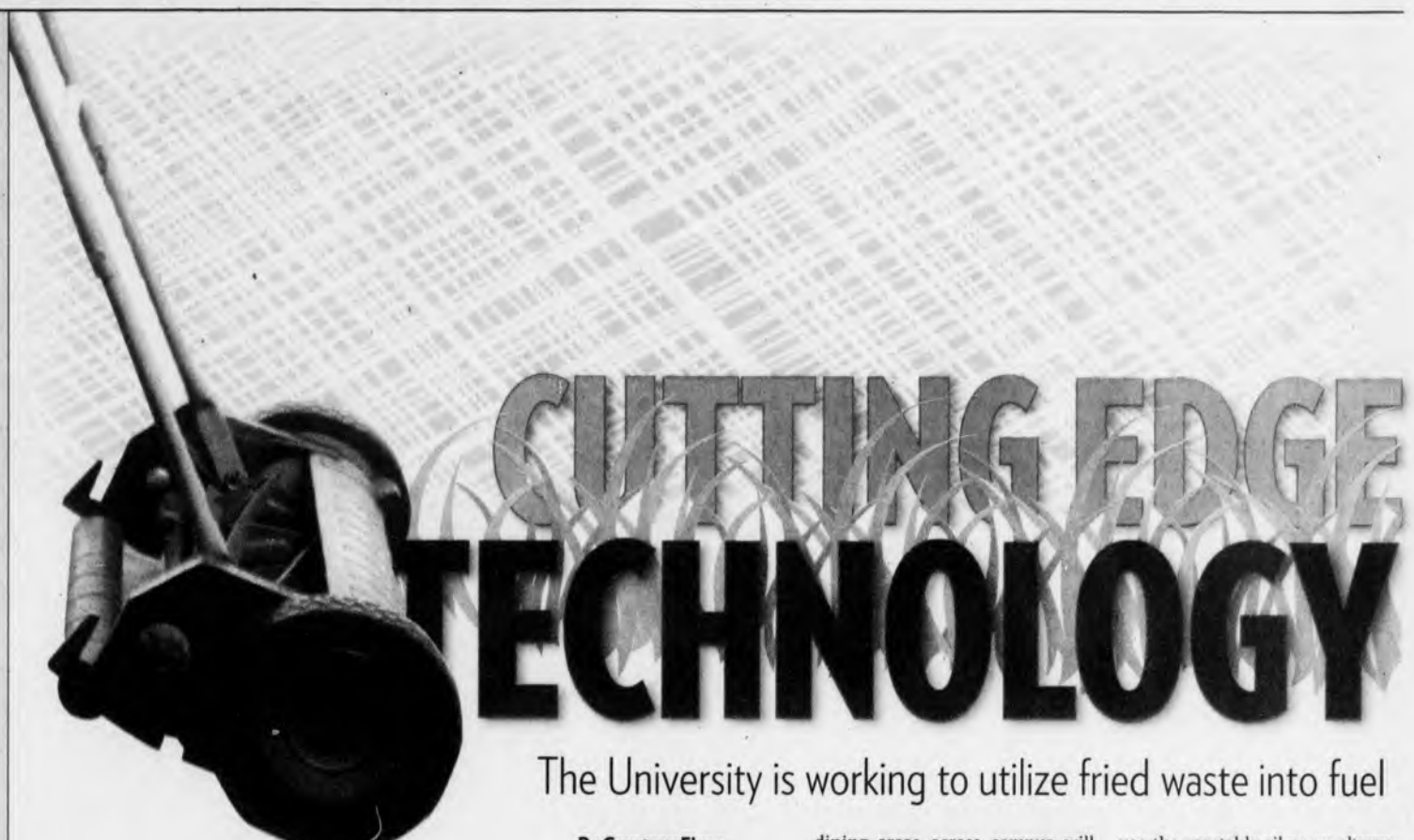


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Cloudy
High: 34, Low: 13
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Mostly Cloudy
High: 16, Low: 3



The University is working to utilize fried waste into fuel

By Courtney Flynn
Reporter

A fried food leftover may not be healthy for the body but it is helping the University implement sustainable practices.

Leftover vegetable oil from the

dining areas across campus will soon be used to fuel diesel lawn mowers, which also act as snowplows and snow brushes for the University.

Currently the University has 14 machines that run off diesel and one has already been converted to

use the vegetable oil as an alternative fuel.

Duane Hamilton, director of campus services in facilities services, said the University will spend

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Braving the bitter weather

Students, faculty debate just how severe winter weather must be before classes are canceled

By Craig Vanderkam
Web Editor

After blistering temperatures last week, students and faculty alike argued just how extreme the temperature has to be for University administration to take action. Students, in particular, would argue administration has been quite cold on the issue.

Temperatures in Bowling Green last Thursday and Friday reached as low as -8 and -15 degrees Fahrenheit, respectively, with the wind chill exceeding -35 degrees, yet the University remained open.

Victoria Ekstrand, a journalism professor at the University, explains the factors that influence the University's decisions.

"From a University perspective, you want to consider your liability risks," Ekstrand said. "The University is very smart and savvy about this."

Ganga Vadhavkar, a University instructor, commutes daily from Northville, Mich., but says this does not affect her attendance at the University.

"I am committed to teach and am mindful of road and weather

conditions," Vadhavkar said. "I factor potential delays and leave home early."

University policy prohibits faculty from canceling class due to bad weather. For Ekstrand, this restriction can be rendered moot.

"I find very few colleagues actually looking to cancel class," Ekstrand said. "My mentality is to show up and teach, because it is my job."

Of course, Ekstrand understands this policy, but also admits there are scenarios where classes may be canceled.

"Certainly, it happens sometimes when there is a faculty emergency, but I'm sure the University understands when those instances happen," she said.

Cassandra Sieja, a sophomore who travels to the University from Stony Ridge, Ohio, said weather plays a role in her drive.

"Bad weather makes me have to leave earlier. If the weather comes overnight without warning, I don't always know to get up earlier to leave," she said.

Ekstrand empathizes with

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LEFT IN THE COLD: Students braved the recent winter chill advisories as the University was still open, where temperatures were as low as -15 degrees one day.

Bowling Green distinguished as Preserve America community

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

The city of Bowling Green has been preserving their history for over 175 years. On Dec. 12, the city was finally recognized for their efforts.

Bowling Green was officially recognized as a Preserve America community by former first lady Laura Bush, after a team of community members filed the application early in October 2008.

"We were recognized as one of those communities that support and take care of their community," said Tina Bradley, City of Bowling Green grants administrator.

The Preserve America program began after executive order 13287, which was signed into action by then President George W. Bush on March 3, 2003. The order establishes a federal policy that provides leadership in preserving America's Heritage through protection and contemporary use of historical properties.

According to their Web site, the program provides grants, awards and recognizes communities across the United States for their ability to protect and celebrate its heritage, use its historic assets for economic development and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources.

Bradley believes Bowling Green is an excellent example of all three aspects, which was the

"We were recognized as one of those communities that support and take care of their community"

Tina Bradley | Green Grants Administrator

main reason for the honor.

In the application the team of community members made their focal point the year long 175th anniversary celebration of the city in 2008. According to Joan Gordon, chairperson of the Celebration, the city highlighted its rich history through community events, educational programs and commitment to community involvement.

"It's a fantastic thing," Gordon said of the award, "for people to recognize your community for its historic value."

A 5th grade "Mayor for a Day" essay contest, archival photo showings, the presence of four town museums and annual events like the Black Swamp Arts Festival all were used to show how the city's rich history is alive in everyday life.

"I think it's a prominent award. It will allow us to apply for some federal grants," Gordon said.

The grants Gordon spoke of can be used for education projects, historical preservation and economic development within the city.

In the past three fiscal years

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PRESERVING THE PAST: Former first lady Laura Bush is the Honorary Chair of Preserve America, a White House initiative.

As the past meets the present

By Eric Reed
Reporter

Change doesn't happen overnight.

That was the point of the event called "From Marching on Washington, to living on Washington: So What Now?" sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Black Intellect Group last night in the Union.

The event started by first



asking the audience to answer some questions regarding the nation and its progress since Martin Luther King Jr. and how much of an influence he was on President Barack Obama and the journey to the White House.

Most attendees were there because, as junior Danielle McGhee put it, "It's a topic everyone loves to talk about."

The meeting also contained

a montage of images from the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr. with clips from speeches given by Barack Obama.

"We created this event to commemorate Obama's election and Martin Luther King Jr.," junior Durrel Becton, external affairs officer of BSU, said.

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about \$75,000 to make as many machines as possible. The cost includes buying oil containers for transportation and holding, the building of a filtration system and the modification and revamping of the diesel fueled machines.

He said he hopes to have seven new lawn mowers built within a month, but production has not yet started. The University will be using outside contractors, which will be local fabrication shops, to convert the rest of the diesel fueled machines.

Although about \$75,000 will be spent on this project, Hamilton and one of his partners Enrique Gomezdelcampo, an assistant professor of environmental studies, have high hopes for the amount of money it will eventually save the University.

Before the idea of the vegetable oil fueled lawn mowers on-campus, dining areas were having the excess vegetable oil taken away. Now that oil will be used for alternative fuel, which Hamilton suggested after the University spent about \$18,000 on diesel fuel in 2008.

"I don't have a real strong estimate on how much money we will save," Hamilton said.

"Sometimes it is hardest to estimate the costs," Gomezdelcampo

said.

Hopes to cut costs are also accompanied by hopes to make this campus "greener."

Kaitlyn Majoy, a junior at the University, said there is room for improvement in the University's "green" efforts and the vegetable oil fueled lawn mower is a step in the right direction.

"I think it's a great idea," she said. "Any little bit helps, and this is definitely a step in the right direction for the University."

The University produces about 5,000 gallons of waste per year, and the fabrication and use of these lawn mowers will reduce that amount by 60 percent, Hamilton said. He also said the amount of carbon dioxide released will be reduced by 51 percent and hydrocarbons by 61 percent, compared to the amount released when using a diesel run engine.

"Emissions are half in terms of polluting the air," Hamilton said.

Gomezdelcampo said this was basically what his 402 Environmental Studies capstone class of 2005 had in mind when they decided to convert a diesel fueled University lawn mower to a more sustainable prototype.

"The students chose this because it is a simple technology, but institutionally it has not been done," he said.

In order for the project to be successful the students had to

develop a filtration system for the used vegetable oil from dining services and fabricate a new gas tank to hold and use the vegetable oil.

"The filtration process is very simple," Gomezdelcampo explained. "You just pass it through a filter."

Once the vegetable oil is captured and filtered at a central filtration site — which will be the old greenhouse on campus — the oil is ready to be placed in the fabricated gas tank and used, said Hamilton.

In order for the once diesel fueled machine to work properly the engine needs to be started on the diesel tank. This allows the fuels to warm up. Once the fuels are heated properly the gas line is then switched to the vegetable oil for the duration of the machine's use. At the end of the operation the vegetable oil needs to be purged out of the engine. The gas tank must then be switched to the diesel to burn out the rest of the vegetable oil — this prevents coagulation in the gas tank, said Hamilton.

"There is no difference in performance, sound or operation," Hamilton said. "It is the same engine; we just changed the fuel supply and added a second gas tank."

"It does smell like you're at the carnival though," Hamilton added.

Thousands rally in Washington against abortion

By Brian Westley
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of abortion opponents rallied yesterday on the National Mall to mark the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade amid concerns they could face political setbacks under the new president.

The rally and subsequent march to the Supreme Court came two days after the swearing-in of President Barack Obama, which many demonstrators said emphasized their need to become more vocal with their message.

Among those attending the rally was Kirk Kramer of Cottage City, Md., who held up a sign reading: "The Audacity Of Hope: No More Roe."

Kramer, a Democrat, said he has mixed feelings about Obama. He supports the president's position on Iraq but said he was concerned about statements Obama made during the campaign indicating support for the Freedom of Choice Act, which would overrule many state-level restrictions on access to abortion.

"Love always finds a way. There's a way we can find for every pregnant woman to have a child or give it up for adoption," he said.

In a letter posted on their Web site, organizers invited Obama to speak at yesterday's rally.

"America needs your strong leadership as president of all the people to stop the intentional killing of an estimated 3,000 pre-born boys and girls each day and the brutalizing of mind, heart and body of pregnant mothers," the letter states.

Obama, who did not attend the rally, issued a statement yesterday saying the government "should not intrude on our most private family matters" and reaffirming his support for abortion rights.

"While this is a sensitive and often divisive issue, no matter what our views, we are united in our determination to prevent unintended pregnancies, reduce the need for abortion, and support women and families in the choices they make," Obama said.

A small group of abortion-

rights supporters also gathered in front of the Supreme Court yesterday.

Lisa King of Washington, D.C., said she is disappointed that Obama did not immediately move to overturn the so-called "global gag rule," which denies U.S. funds to any international family planning group that provides abortion-related services or information.

"I'm just waiting and seeing really," King said. "I don't have any huge expectations just because he's a Democrat."

She said she worries the abortion issue will be a low priority, given all the other problems that Obama faces. President George W. Bush regularly voiced support for those attending the annual anti-abortion rally. In audio remarks broadcast to demonstrators last year, he said biology confirms that from the start, each unborn child is a separate individual with his or her own genetic code.

Speakers at this year's rally included Republican Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana.

"We're going to win this fight," he told cheering supporters, "because of your faith and your commitment to your work."

American public opinion about abortion has been fairly stable in recent decades, with polls nearly always finding a narrow majority saying the procedure should be legal in all or most cases.

Lyn Williams, who traveled to yesterday's rally from State College, Pa., said she did not vote for Obama because she said he ran a left-wing ticket, but that she's been pleased with his more moderate choices for his Cabinet.

"Maybe he's going to surprise us, and I'm praying he will," she said.

The rally stretched for about three blocks on the Mall and included many young people.

The Rev. Boniface Ewah, who leads a Corning, N.Y., parish, said he likes Obama's message of hope and believes that Catholics have an opportunity to educate Obama about the importance of protecting the unborn.

"It's a moment for us to pray," he said. "I believe that God can touch the heart of the president."

BLOTTER

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

12:52 P.M.

Complainant reported an attempted break in at his apartment on Thurston Avenue that resulted in a damaged window and screen.

6:33 P.M.

Jennifer Stiger-Yonikus, 20, of Rising Sun, Ohio, was arrested for theft after employees of Asset Protection observed her taking cash totaling \$510 from her register on numerous occasions.

9:26 P.M.

Complainant reported an unknown subject stole the Boy Scout trailer from St. Marks Church on South College Drive. Camping gear from inside the trailer was found along Greensburg Pike Road later in the day.

10:01 P.M.

Kelli-Jo Medina and Jessie Shudal, both of Defiance, Ohio, were cited for underage under the influence of alcohol in Kohl Hall.

11:22 P.M.

Melissa Jones, 31, of Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence after striking and scratching a victim's face at Kroger.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

1:27 A.M.

Complainant reported an unknown subject broke into his vehicle, stealing an LG phone charger, five CDs and a Dell laptop with a black case.

ONLINE: Go to bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

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commuter students and agrees they may be at a disadvantage when bad weather arises.

"I do think about commuter students and worry about them," Ekstrand said. "In those cases I don't say they must get on the road — most professors have absence policies in these cases."

Even for students living in Bowling Green, cold weather can be a concern. Justin Onslow lives in a house off campus and was surprised the University stayed open last week.

"Temperatures [that cold] can be dangerous, especially for someone like me who walks to class," Onslow said. "It really made me feel that the University wasn't all that concerned for the safety of the students."

With more reasonable temperatures forecasted through next weekend, the argument will likely be avoided for the remainder of the winter.

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JACQUELYN MARTIN | AP PHOTO

"WE CHOOSE LIFE": Abortion opponents gather for a rally on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. before marching to the Supreme Court to mark the 36th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade March for Life.

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James Jackson, a former employee for the University Multicultural and Academic Initiatives Office and current director of the University of Toledo African-American Student Enrichment Program, was also on hand to deliver a poignant Powerpoint presentation.

Jackson's presentation was not afraid to ask the tough ques-

tion, "So now that Obama is president, what has changed?"

"I hope [Obama] will be the change that we need," Jackson said. "But, we're all in this together."

Jackson was also encouraged by the open-minded students who talked about what they could do to facilitate the change needed.

And what were some ways the African-American community could bring change to the nation — working together and hope.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New Professionals in Transition: Welcome and Luncheon

202 Union Community Room

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #8: Latino Cultural & Arts Exhibit

130 Union Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room

204 Olscamp

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Graphic Design Exhibition by Deborah Thoreson

The Little Gallery

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

New Professionals in Transition

314 Union

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dance Marathon Sweatshirt Sales

Table Space Union

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Executive MOD Meals

209 Union Greenery

8 p.m.

Bad Astronomy

112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

FOR THE KIDS



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

SHOWING SUPPORT: Sophomore Nicole Krueger watches for people who may be interested in donating money to Dance Marathon by purchasing feet. Each foot will have the donor's name and a message to help encourage dancers and kids at the event later this semester. The sales, hosted by the President's Leadership Academy, will continue for approximately two weeks at the Union tables.

College of Business Administration popular with international students

By Lin Chafetz
Reporter

When walking through the College of Business Administration, there is a world of students at the door — literally.

In the college, 37 percent of the 76 students pursuing a Master of Business Administration are international, according to the Center of Institutional Research. Of the MBA students, 14 percent are from Asia, 10 percent are from Africa and 9 percent consists of students from Eastern and Central Europe, Central Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Sixty-seven percent of the MBA students are from North America.

The MBA program has been listed in the Princeton Review of Best Business Schools, including a high ranking for "greatest opportunities for minority students" in 2009.

Also attracting students to the college is the Supply Chain Management program, which

was ranked in the top 20 on the U.S. News and World Report's list of the leading undergraduate supply chain management and logistics programs nationwide.

Besides being a recognized college, Brian Childs, the associate director of graduate studies for the College of Business Administration, is unsure why the college attracts such a high percentage of international students.

"We have graduate positions for any students, regardless of nationality," he said.

Mayumi Kitaarashi, a student studying at the University for one year, is in the United States and here to improve her English skills.

"I came to America because I have always liked English, and I want to learn more about American students," Kitaarashi said. "In America you have very strong opinions, and I use this to help my English."

There are not only students coming from other parts of the world to study at the University.

According to the 2008 Record of Progress — the annual report from the College of Business Administration — there are now new opportunities to study abroad in China.

Rodney Rogers, dean of the College of Business, and the college's coordinator of study abroad programs, Mark Bennion, went to China to sign agreements with Hong Kong Baptist University, University of Macau and Lingnan University.

According to the Record of Progress report, the programs are taught in English, so students still get the experience of being in another country but also participate in their business programs.

For more information about studying abroad contact the Center for International Programs, Education Abroad at 419-372-0479. For more information about the study abroad program in the College of Business Administration contact Mark Bennion, International Programs Coordinator at 419-372-8270.

Travel sites flaunt deals for fabulous spring break destinations

By Lin Chafetz
Reporter

A flight to London for spring break will cost \$587 — if the ticket is from StudentUniverse.com.

This site offers some of the paramount travel options for a spring break trip, it also offers ways to rent a car, book a hotel, get travel insurance and book a train.

Kaitlyn McDougale, a student at the University who just returned from studying in Nagoya, Japan, for one semester used StudentUniverse.com to book her flight.

"I used it because I saved a lot of money. I spent about \$600 compared to nearly \$2,000 at places like travelocity.com," McDougale said. "I also got great deals on hostels and hotels when I went traveling in Japan."

When thinking about traveling however, other sites might be a better option.

Kyle Mondy used StudentUniverse.com when he studied abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia, and while he received an excellent deal for this trip,

he thinks other sites often have better deals.

"I would definitely recommend that when you travel you check out StudentUniverse, but look around. I've found other great deals from Orbitz," Mondy said. "I also found a lot of great deals on flights when I was in Europe on sites such as Sky Europe."

StudentUniverse.com also gives ways to compare flights with Orbitz, Cheap Tickets and Kayak, all of which are travel sites offering low prices on flights.

However, there is one site that continues to beat out StudentUniverse.com on certain occasions. STATravel.com is a Web site based on student travelers as well. A round-trip ticket to London for spring break through STA (Student Traveler's Association) will cost \$547.

STATravel.com offers many options for students when traveling. The additional services this site offers include deals and discounts for traveling, along with discounts on spring break trips for 2009.

And both sites offer options for spring break.

STA TRAVEL

StudentUniverse offers deals to Cancun, Acapulco, Europe, Jamaica, Morocco and New York. It also gives the top 10 cheap destinations including Prague, Buenos Aires, Budapest and Amsterdam.

Some of destinations STA is offering for spring break include Costa Rica, skiing trips, sunny beaches and U.S. "hot spots" including Las Vegas and Panama City.

Both sites give alternative options for spring break including road trips around the U.S. and camping. They offer deals on hostels and hotels along the select route and offer options of trips.

From London to Cancun, StudentUniverse claims to be the cheapest fare, that is fair, for students, giving options for cheap spring break ideas, spring break "hot spots" and even cheap flights to Central America.

And according to the site, doing the research and planning ahead pays off — literally — in the end.



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SAVINGS! SAVINGS! SAVINGS!

“Temperatures [that cold] can be dangerous, especially for someone like me who walks to class. It really made me feel that the University wasn't all that concerned for the safety of the students.”
 — Justin Onslow, on walking to class in freezing temperatures [see story, pg. 1].

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could power your lawnmower on anything, what would it be?



“Sunny Delight.”

ADAM KOWALSKI,
Junior,
HDFS



“Peppermint tea.”

GARY WASHINGTON,
1st Year Grad Student,
Public History & Women's
Studies



“Water.”

YANNA MABRA,
Sophomore,
Interior Design



“Garbage.”

KAITLAN STOCKHORST, Senior,
AYA Science Education

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Travelin' the Globe:

Taking a bit of Bowling Green to East Europe



ALISON KEMP
COLUMNIST

SALZBURG, Austria — This past week has reminded me a lot of Bowling Green.

For a change, I did things I would do at the University that aren't part of my everyday life here, and it made me miss the American college experience a lot.

Last Friday, I went to a hockey game. There aren't school sports here like there are in the U.S., so there is never a plethora of sporting events to choose from.

The sports here are the two Red Bull-owned teams — professional hockey and soccer. There is a fan section that resembles our student section, but it's not full of students; instead, it's mostly full of men of all ages obsessed with their team. They even have guys who lead the cheers and beat drums to their chants and songs.

Then, on Wednesday, I heard a piano concert at the Mozarteum, the music school in town. A friend's roommate was performing in an end-of-the-semester concert. At the University, I was always seeing or participating

in musical performances. You would think in the city of music, I could see musical performances all the time. I probably could, but the music school is not part of my university, so I don't have easy or frequent contact with the school. Next semester I am going to try harder to see free musical performances.

I am also planning on learning how to fence. Even though there are no official university teams, there are intramural-like sporting opportunities, and one of them is fencing. This is something I wanted to try at the University, but I was so enthralled with curling that I didn't try another sport after that.

I also miss the University's exam week. There isn't such a thing here, so I am taking final exams and going to class at the same time. And class doesn't end once you've taken the exam. For instance, I had an exam this Wednesday, and we'll have class at all of our normal meeting times through next week. My Romanian roommate misses her Romanian exam week, too, but that's because it's not one week, but three!

But there are things about school here that I don't mind. First, all the Catholic holidays make for wonderfully long weekends every so often. But even

“I still have a week of class and exams to get through. And after all that I have museums, history, cultures and beaches (I'm going to the island of Santorini in Greece) awaiting me.”

better is the month-long semester break.

I know that break is annoying me, but also pushing me through these last two weeks. It is so close, but I still have three finals. Still, in just over a week I'll be in London, and then in two weeks I'll be in Athens.

Traveling Europe isn't something usually done during the semester break, but when you are already in Europe, the options are endless. Like they say in “Euro Trip,” Europe is the size of the Eastwood Mall, and since the Eastwood Mall is the mall I frequent when I'm at home in Warren, Ohio, I really understand the expression. Europe might not be all that small, but it is small enough that travel is relatively cheap and easy when you're within the westernized part.

Next week I will write about my preparations for my trips. It's been an ongoing process, and I've really learned quite a bit about London and Athens. Like there aren't changing of the

guard ceremonies every day in front of Buckingham Palace; they are only on even- or odd-numbered days, depending on the month. And the guards in Athens have changing ceremonies only on Sundays.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. I still have a week of class and exams to get through. And after all that I have museums, history, cultures and beaches (I'm going to the island of Santorini in Greece) awaiting me.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions for any of these journeys, please share. Off-the-beaten-path spots are always the best. London, Greenwich, Dublin, Athens and Santorini are the places on schedule. They are all bound to be fantastic learning experiences, but I think it would be hard for any international journey not to be.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pedestrian always has the right of way

Last time I checked, we live in Ohio, one of the 50 United States of America. We do not live in Australia. So could someone please tell me why cars are not yielding to pedestrians?

Commuters, teachers, truck and bus drivers, it's really quite simple. Pedestrians at a crosswalk get the right of way. Not on holidays, not on weekends, not on the fourth Monday of every month, but every single time.

Allow me to quote Ohio's revised code: 4511.46: “Pedestrian on crosswalk has right of way: When traffic controls are not in place or not in operation, a driver shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the same half of the roadway as the driver, or so close as to be in danger. No pedestrian shall step off the curb and walk

or run into the path of vehicles so close as to be an immediate hazard.”

Let's go over this again since most of you seem to have skulls thicker than the crust of the earth. When I or anyone else on two legs stands at a crosswalk waiting to cross, you stop your car and let us cross. Yes, I realize this might require you to divert your concentration from your cell phone to driving itself.

Lord Almighty drivers, be careful! If I had a dime for every time I've almost been hit while crossing Mercer at the crosswalks, I wouldn't have student loans anymore.

BY BRIAN EGGENBERGER

Respond to letters to the editor at thenews@bgnews.com

The trials of homelessness in Washington, D.C.

By Hannah Hess
U-Wire

Gripping my pen awkwardly in the thick pair of gloves meant to fight the predawn chill, I printed the last four digits of my home phone number onto the release waiver: three-three-three-five.

Beneath five layers of cloth, a shiver was running up my spine. No, I reassured myself, my 48-hour “Homeless Challenge” would not end with a phone call from the National Coalition for the Homeless headquarters to my mom, who was already sick with worry back in Illinois. I was about to board a train and ride the rails into downtown Washington, D.C. The city streets would be my home for two strenuous days and bitterly cold nights as a participant in the “Homeless Challenge.”

With five semesters of college education under my belt, a solid head on my shoulders and no substance abuse problem (other than a few wild nights in campus bars), I was far-removed from the stereotypes of homelessness. The poverty plunge I was about to embark upon was part

of a week-long volunteer trip organized by Alternative Spring Break planners. The objective was to gain perspective on how to confront the homelessness that is a reality for over 500,000 Americans.

I traveled to the nation's capital with nine other university students. For the plunge, we were paired off to wander the streets during the day, carrying our bedding in plastic bags. At 9 p.m. we would reunite with a member of the National Coalition for the Homeless and be guided to a resting spot where we could spread out our sleeping bags for the overnight hours. Hearing these instructions months before in the basement of the Champaign YMCA, I was more optimistic. Emerging from the train tunnel into the chilly morning air of Dupont Circle in downtown D.C., my anxieties were mounting. Walking the streets in 30-degree temperatures, even in the three pairs of wool socks I wore, seemed daunting.

Even more intimidating was the idea of begging and scrounging for three meals. I knew the

cityscape fairly well from living and working there the previous summer, but tracking down my favorite eateries would be pointless without a dime in my pockets. My partner, a sophomore in LAS named James Allen, and I decided our first priority would be Dumpster diving. Finding a scrap of cardboard and empty cup to use for panhandling was relatively easy compared to the task of drawing charitable Washingtonians to spare change. Overlooking us should not have been easy, we carried bulky sleeping bags and an unpleasant stench from following instructions by the Coalition not to shower for days prior to the challenge. Despite these circumstances, we were invisible to nearly all the well-dressed professionals who crossed our path. A few hours of panhandling earned us two \$1 bills.

By half past noon with hunger clawing our stomachs, we decided to try another tool, our pack of cigarettes. For the price of two Marlboro Lights, we were led 14 blocks across the city in McPherson Square for a “Worship and Lunch” service by our new friend Derwin. He was wise to the streets and, in exchange for the smokes, led us to the weekly mass conducted by volunteers from a

local Episcopal church.

The bread and grape juice they offered for communion were the first scraps of food we had all day. I suspected the situation was common to the 19 other homeless men and women in the park. After mass, we eagerly joined the line for a Cup O Noodles, peanut butter and jelly sandwich and more grape juice.

The crowd dispersed quickly after the food was distributed. However, James and I were unable to fade away as quickly as Derwin had. As a middle-aged African American, he fit the standard demographic for a homeless person at the lunch event. Caucasian women, especially under aged 30, were rare on the streets. A short blond parishioner noticed that I didn't fit the demographic and asked, “Are you all right? You seem ...”

Trailing off, she glanced suspiciously at James. Many of the women in shelters are victims of domestic violence. I reassured her that I was fine and accepted the yellow slip of paper listing local shelters and soup kitchens that she handed me.

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Technology minimizes Ohio education gap

By Stephen Majors
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Inequalities that plague Ohio's public schools can be reduced by using multimedia technology to bring high-quality courses from wealthier school districts into the poorest ones, the new speaker of the Ohio House said yesterday.

While not the definitive solution to the state's school-funding problem, long-distance learning programs are a cost-effective way to chip away at disparities, Armond Budish told The Associated Press in an interview.

"With the long-distance learning we can even out some of that playing field by providing education opportunities across the board to everybody in the state, whether they are in an urban school district or rural school district, or anywhere in Ohio," Budish said in his 14th-floor office overlooking the state Capitol.

Budish, 55, a Democrat from Beachwood, near Cleveland, is about to tackle possibly the worst budget climate in modern Ohio history. Declining tax revenues have helped place the state in a projected \$7 billion budget deficit over the next two years.

He is less than a month into the speaker's job, which he won by being a prolific fundraiser for the House Democratic caucus. Following the November election, Democrats took control of the chamber for the first time since 1994.

"I'm still learning my leadership style," said Budish, whose circumspect, carefully thought-out answers were often followed by a swig of Diet Coke. He's familiar with the media, having hosted a television show about health care and aging for the elderly and written a newspaper column on the same topic.

But the hardest part about being speaker so far is fielding questions from reporters, Budish said. He's only in his second two-year term as a state lawmaker.

Finding cost-effective ways to address the state's largest challenges is Budish's goal, which led him to propose his distance learning ideas to fellow House lawmakers on the opening day of the Legislature earlier this month.

Senate President Bill Harris, a Republican from Ashland, said he supports increasing the use of technology in public schools to



KIICHIRO SATO | AP PHOTO

EQUALITY: Armond Budish speaks to an Associated Press reporter in his office yesterday. He says using multimedia technology would be a more cost-effective way to address disparities.

spread quality instruction. "Technology is a phenomenal thing," Harris said. "I think that's one of those areas where we don't have to spend huge amounts of money to say, 'Look how much more money we've spent.' Because we've got a lot of that equipment."

Budish is not prepared to say which state programs should be cut or eliminated to address the budget deficit. While a proponent of expanding gambling to boost state revenue, he is skeptical the money could begin flowing to the state early enough to make an impact for the next two-year budget that begins in July.

Still, Budish's beliefs on gambling and the revenue it could eventually produce are clear.

"People are going to West Virginia and Pennsylvania and Michigan to gamble," he said. "You can go to any of the surrounding state casinos and you'll see Ohio license plates in the parking lot. That's money that we're losing."

"One of the major problems that we've had is that the proposals for gambling have been created, drafted, prepared, promoted by specific gaming interests," Budish said. "I believe that the people of Ohio have been smart enough to see that and we have not yet had a plan that is presented in a way that is fair to everyone in the state."

Raising taxes to increase revenue doesn't seem to be on the table.

"Right now I have no plans or intentions to raise taxes," Budish said.

State director retires

COLUMBUS (AP) — The cabinet-level director of one of Ohio's largest state agencies is stepping down and will be replaced by an assistant director.

Ohio Department of Transportation Director James Beasley announced yesterday he is retiring, effective Jan. 30, from the 5,600 employee, \$3 billion agency. Beasley has served since February 2007 and served nearly 27 years as the Brown County engineer before that.

Beasley will be replaced by ODOT Assistant Director Jolene Molitoris, who will be the first woman to lead the agency. Under Molitoris' watch, the agency will play a crucial role in using many of the federal dollars Ohio is expected to receive as part of a federal economic stimulus package.

In 1993, Molitoris was appointed by former President Bill Clinton as head of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Miss America helps people conquer eating disorders

CINCINNATI (AP) — Miss America Kirsten Haglund will give up her crown, but not her mission to raise awareness and help gain treatment for eating disorders.

Haglund, a theater student at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, won the 2008 competition just three years after her parents sought medical help for her because of her gaunt appearance and health problems.

She had anorexia, and has made that the trademark issue of her reign that ends Saturday evening, when her successor will be crowned in Las Vegas.

The Farmington Hills, Mich., native says meeting with teen girls across the country to discuss eating disorders highlighted her past year. And she hopes to have had a positive impact.

"My platform is so specific to what young girls are going through right now," she said. "I'm very similar in age to them already, which is very relatable. That's very important to me, to not only be talking about the issue (for) the media, but also to be talking to the girls who are going through it."

Haglund said even after recovering from anorexia, she must stay aware of the triggers and the situations that can lead to an unhealthy mind-set about weight. She thinks hearing of her own struggles can help girls face the problem.

"I want them to see that to be successful, you don't have to be perfect, you don't have to be completely put together. You can have flaws, and you can be imperfect, and you can just be a normal girl," she said.

Haglund has lobbied Congress on eating disorder issues and has done many armed forces events and visits with wounded military veterans, besides such activities as throwing out the first pitch and singing both the national anthem and "God Bless America" at the Detroit Tigers' Opening Day last spring.



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SMILE AND WAVE: In this Feb. 27, 2008, file photo, Miss America 2008, Kirsten Haglund, speaks at the National Press Club in Washington.

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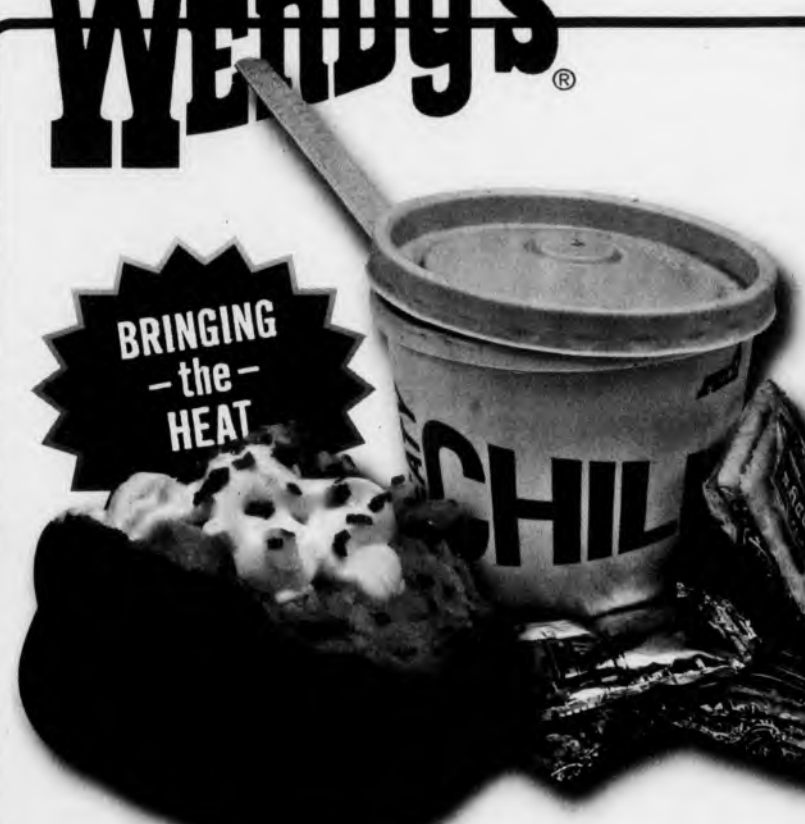
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NFL FOOTBALL

Mangini adds to his coaching staff

New Browns coach Eric Mangini has added five more coaches to his staff. Four of those five coached under him in New York when Mangini coached the Jets.

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The BG News Sports Blog

Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog for continued news and updates on all your favorite Falcon teams. This weekend, we will be bringing you live blogs of hockey and women's basketball from Eastern Michigan. We also have posted hockey power rankings.

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SCHEDULE

TODAY

Swimming:

at Toledo; 5 p.m.

Track and Field:

Jane Herrman Invite; 5 p.m.

Women's tennis:

vs. Cleveland St.; 6:30 p.m.

Gymnastics:

at Illinois St.; 7 p.m.

Hockey:

vs. Lake Superior; 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY

Women's basketball

at Eastern Michigan; 2 p.m.

Men's basketball

at Ohio; 2 p.m.

Hockey

vs. Lake Superior; 7:05 p.m.

OUR CALL

Today in

Sports History

1962—Bob Feller and Jackie Robinson elected to Baseball Hall of Fame.

The List

It's yet another big Falcon sports weekend with seven University varsity teams in action. Here are the top five games:

1. Women's basketball:

The Falcon women will go for their 17th straight victory at EMU on Saturday.

2. Swimming:

The swimming team will drive north on I-75 to take on Toledo tonight.

3. Hockey:

The BG icers will play two home games against Lake Superior State. BG has a chance to help their home playoff hopes with wins.

4. Men's basketball:

The Falcon men will travel to OU to try to right the ship after three MAC losses.

5. Tennis:

The women's tennis will debut at the Perrysburg Tennis Center against Cleveland State tonight.

Behind the scenes star



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MULTI-FACETED: Erik Nagel (right) is known for driving the zamboni (center) at the BGSU Ice Arena, but he also handles everyday maintenance tasks (left).

Known by fans as the zamboni driver, Nagel has many more tasks

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

Erik Nagel stands against the glass at the BGSU Ice Arena, waiting for students in an advanced hockey class to exit the ice so he can run the zamboni.

"You want to ride the Z?" he asks. Nagel, the arena's superintendent, has been around the rink once or twice, maybe more.

"After the first thousand or so times, it all starts to feel the same," he said.

The Bowling Green native played hockey throughout the early part of his life, including a three-year stint on the Bowling Green High School Bobcat hockey team in the late 1980s.

He enrolled at the University and began part-time work as a student at the Ice Arena in 1991, early on in his college career. While he never received a diploma from the University, Nagel quickly earned a full-time job as superintendent.

"I've had people come up to me and say 'I was yelling at you and you didn't respond!' But it all blends together so much."

Erik Nagel | Ice Arena superintendent

And he's been here ever since. "I was paying my own way through school, so I needed a full time job," Nagel said, noting his place of occupation keeps him quite busy. "It's an old building, so something needs repaired every day."

The BGSU Ice Arena was constructed in the mid-1960s, and with portions of the building's infrastructure now quite outdated, many replacement parts can no longer be ordered.

But there are plenty of other daily tasks for Nagel and his staff during the week, and especially on days when the Falcon varsity team has games.

Such duties include cleaning the rink glass, ensuring lights on the scoreboards are functioning and generally prepping the arena for a Central Collegiate Hockey Association game.

"Game days are busy," Nagel said. "We try to put our best foot on the ice to make sure everything's ready."

When he first started, Nagel says replenishing the ice between periods in front of several thousand fans took some getting used to.

He said, "It could be pretty nerve-racking for me back then. Fans used to be able to reach over the glass here and a couple times people tried to grab me."



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FAMOUS: Falcon fans get plenty of enjoyment when Erik Nagel drives the zamboni onto the ice between periods.

Nagel, 36, is well known among many members of the local hockey community.

"I've had people come up to me and say 'I was yelling at you and you didn't respond!' But it all blends together so much," Nagel said.

Though he's been working at

the Ice Arena for less than 20 years, Nagel seems to be a veteran of ice care. The building's manager, Buddy Powers, said he is glad to have him around.

"He's indispensable," Powers

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Falcon icers looking to continue momentum against Lake Superior

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

As of this morning, Lake Superior rests just ahead of BG in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings.

When the sun rises tomorrow or Sunday, that situation could be totally different.

BG is 8-13-3 overall and 5-10-1 in the CCHA, while Lake Superior is 6-10-8 overall and 3-7-6 in conference play. The Lakers, however, have benefited from the league's new shootout system and have 13 points to BG's 11.

One of those shootout wins came against the Falcons in November at Sault Ste. Marie, a night after the Lakers had handed BG one of its three shutouts this season.

Thus, BG is looking to even the score at 7:05 p.m. tonight and tomorrow at the BGSU Ice Arena, just as the Lakers took revenge in November for last March's playoff series when the Falcons booted them in the first round.

"They're very consistent in what they do," BG coach Scott Paluch said. "I like their competitive nature. They just keep coming. There's no stop in their



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

MOMENTUM: Senior goalie Jimmy Spratt had two great games against Michigan, allowing just one goal. He will look to continue that trend against Lake Superior State.

game."

Paluch faces an important decision of who to start in goal this weekend. Senior Jimmy Spratt gave an outstanding performance last weekend in what could have been his final series against the Michigan Wolverines, barring a playoff match up.

He allowed only one goal on the weekend and posted a 3-0 shutout Friday night in Ann Arbor, Mich.

But sophomore Nick Eno, out since September with an ankle sprain but cleared to play earlier this month, paired up well with Spratt last year when the two formed a solid duo in net.

Spratt would often start Friday, while Eno would come on to finish the series Saturday night. The rotational system

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Falcons go for 17th straight victory against EMU

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

Following Wednesday night's game against Buffalo, Curt Miller stressed that his team needs to stay focused for one more game.

After that game, the team will go seven days between road games.

That game is tomorrow against Eastern Michigan (4-13, 0-5 MAC), the first game against the Mid-American Conference West division.



Lauren Prochaska

Leads the team in scoring with 174 points per game

"After the first West game, we get a bye week," Miller said. "We have to stay focused for one more game, then we get the bye week."

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Men's basketball travel to OU

By Jason Jones
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball team will look to end a three game losing streak tomorrow when they travel to Athens to meet the Ohio Bobcats.

BG enters the game at possibly the lowest point of their entire season. They've developed major second half problems, being outscored in each of the last four games, and have established that they have trouble playing away from home.



Nate Miller

Has scored 32 points in the last two games

"We haven't played well enough in the second half," coach Louis Orr said. "We haven't been able to fight off runs."

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Kentucky coach charged in player death

By Brett Barrouquere
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Kentucky high school football coach was charged yesterday with reckless homicide in the death of one of his players who collapsed at practice on a hot day.

A grand jury indicted David Jason Stinson in the death of Pleasure Ridge Park offensive lineman Max Gilpin. Stinson was directing practice on Aug. 20, when the heat index reached 94 degrees in Louisville where the school is located. The 15-year-old Gilpin collapsed and had trouble breathing.

When the sophomore reached Kosair Children's Hospital, he had a temperature of 107 degrees and died three days later.

The reckless homicide charge means grand jurors didn't find that Stinson's actions were intentional or malicious, said Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Stengel. However, Stengel said, "a reasonable man should have realized something like this could have occurred."

Stinson's attorney, Alex Dathorne, told The Associated Press that the coach maintains his innocence and looks forward to "bringing out the whole story."

"We're certainly disappointed in the grand jury's decision to indict," Dathorne said.

Stengel said Stinson, who



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CHARGED: Former Pleasure Ridge Park High School football coach David Stinson (above) was charged in the death of one player who collapsed during an Aug. 20, 2008 practice.

coached the whole 2008 season, will surrender Monday at his arraignment and likely will remain free pending trial.

Stengel said he reviewed the actions of five assistant coaches who were on the field that day and determined they committed no criminal act.

Lauren Roberts, a spokeswoman for the Jefferson County Public Schools, said she's aware of the indictment, but the school system had not been formally notified about the charge.

"We'll be making a determination about his status with the district," Roberts said.

Elden May, a Kentucky High School Athletic Association

spokesman, declined comment.

Stinson asked to testify in front of the grand jurors but they declined to hear him, Stengel said. The grand jury heard only from a Louisville Metro Police detective.

Gilpin's parents, Glenna Michele Crockett and Jeffrey Dean Gilpin, sued Stinson and the five assistant coaches in state court accusing them of negligence and "reckless disregard."

Along with the lawsuit and criminal investigation, the school system has been conducting its own investigation, which was still pending yesterday.

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said. "With the different aspects he can perform regarding plumbing and electric work in the arena, he's a great asset for the University."

Powers has seen Nagel work his way up and gain more experience to the point that he can keep an aging building in working condition.

"I've probably known Eric for a good 15 years. He was first starting to work here in his late teenage years back when I was coaching," Powers said. "There's an awful lot of things that go on behind the scenes at an ice arena that many people don't know about."

Nagel's brother, sister and parents still live in BG, but his family has grown ever larger in recent years. Now married, Nagel and his wife have three children.

But he hasn't quite been able



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

ALL BY MYSELF: Erik Nagel drives the zamboni down the ice as he preps the floor for the Falcon hockey team.

to teach all of them his favorite sport.

Not yet, anyway. "My oldest son is eight and he's the only one who's really old enough. Unfortunately, he

doesn't seem interested," Nagel said.

But with a daughter and another son, there's hope. "I've got two more, so I'll work on them."

HOCKEY

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worked well for the team then, who would finish 2007-08 with an 18-21-0 record.

"It was interesting, as we

entered the post-break, trying to gauge where we're going to be goaltender-wise," Paluch said. "Obviously Jimmy's performance [against Michigan] changed the overall scope of it, to have to go back-to-back with

him last weekend based on what he earned."

If Spratt and the rest of the Falcons earn more than two points this weekend, they could jump into coveted top eight conference territory heading down the stretch.

MEN

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BG now sits at 8-9 (1-3 Mid-American Conference) and is primed for another tough conference foe. Ohio, which enters the game with a record of 10-7 (3-1 MAC), is currently tied for the lead in the conference with the Buffalo Bulls.

Leading the way on the floor for the Bobcats is their point guard Michael Allen who leads the conference in assists. He took the lead earlier this week when then leader, BG's Joe Jakubowski, hit a cold streak.

The assists totals now sit at 70-68 in favor of Allen.

Another solid player for the Bobcats is Justin Orr, Louis Orr's nephew.

In two games against the Falcons last season Justin Orr combined for a total of eight points and was largely a non-factor on the offensive end. This year he's averaging 10.6 points as a senior starter.

Of course, the biggest storyline and question coming into tomorrow's game will be whether or not BG will finally be able to win a game on the road.

The Falcons are 0-7 when playing the role of the visitor this season. When that is combined with sloppy play in the second half, such as was the case in Kent State three games ago when the Falcons scored 18 second half points, the Falcons have poor results.

It's a dangerous point in the season for BG as a loss to the Bobcats would be their fourth straight and would move them to 0-8 on the road and 1-4 in MAC play.

WOMEN

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The Falcons (16-2, 5-0 MAC), riding a 16-game winning streak, will travel to EMU tomorrow afternoon to take on the Eagles.

EMU has struggled on both offense and defense this season.

On offense, the Eagles are eighth in the league with 65.9 points per game, but 11th in the league with a 36.6 shooting percentage.

The Falcons easily overshadow those numbers ranking second in the league in points scored with 74.6 per game and first in field goal percentage with 44.2 percent.

Defensively, the Eagles are allowing 69.1 points per game and allow teams to shoot at a 42.4 percent rate.

By comparison, the Falcons are allowing opponents to score just 59 points per game and shoot at a 38.1 percent rate.



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GREAT ADDITION: Junior transfer Niki McCoy has found success with the Falcons, helping them to a 5-0 conference record.

EMU has dropped its last six games, with half of them being defeats of 10 or more points.

In their last two games, though, the Eagles have taken Northern Illinois to overtime and cut several double-digit

deficits to only fall to Western Michigan by nine.

The Falcons are coming off a pair of easy wins as they have beaten Akron and Buffalo by scores of 80-51 and 75-52.

Tipoff is at 2 p.m.

Mangini hires five new assistant coaches

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As he awaits the hiring of Cleveland's new general manager, Browns coach Eric Mangini added five assistant coaches, four who were on his staff with the New York Jets.

Mangini hired defensive line coach Bryan Cox, defensive backs coach Jerome Henderson, defensive quality control coach Andy Dickerson, quarterbacks coach Carl Smith and assistant strength and conditioning coach Rick Lyle yesterday.

Cox, Henderson, Dickerson and Lyle all spent the past three seasons on the Jets' staff.

"These men are outstanding teachers and their energy and expertise will have an immediate impact on our team," said Mangini, hired earlier this month just days after he was

fired in New York.

Meanwhile, the Browns have not yet announced the hiring of George Kokinis as their GM. Kokinis, Baltimore's pro personnel director for the past six seasons, is expected to join Cleveland this week. He had a second interview with Browns owner Randy Lerner on Wednesday and spent two days earlier this week meeting with Mangini.

Cox was an intimidating line-backer for 12 seasons in the NFL before becoming a coach. He played in 165 career games with Miami, Chicago, the Jets, New England and New Orleans. In 2006, Cox joined Mangini on the Jets' coaching staff as the assistant defensive line coach.

Henderson played eight seasons as a defensive back with New England, Buffalo, Philadelphia and the Jets. He played in Super Bowls with the

Bill and Patriots. He joined the Jets in 2006 as director of player development and was promoted to assistant defensive backs coach in 2007 before assuming the role of defensive backs coach in 2008.

Dickerson was on New England's operations staff before joining the Jets in 2006.

This will be Smith's second stint with the Browns.

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TOLEDO

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This weekend from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at The Toledo Zoo, celebrate the winter season with activities sure to raise your temperature. Admission is half-price during January and February only.



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ELSEWHERE

Tiffin

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, Ohio, see Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde. The two musicians recorded a string of hits throughout their careers, and have appeared as themselves on shows such as The Dick Van Dyke Show. Tickets range from \$15 - \$45.



Sylvania

Today from 8:30 - 10 p.m. at the Lourdes College Ebeid Student Center, see comedian Josh Sneed. The opening act will be performed by Mary Sobocki from Toledo. Call 419-517-8946 for more information.

THEY SAID IT

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean, I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."
—Mariah Carey



'Chains' church gives edge to community

By Sarah Moore
Pulse Editor

Malls. They are home to restaurants, movie theaters and hallway upon hallway of retail heaven. However, the Woodland Mall features an unusual attraction to the lineup — an edgy, break-from-the-norm church known as Broken Chains Church.



This "Church in a Mall," according to one of its mottos, has been located in the shopping center for nearly one year, but has been around since 2003.

Pastor Bob Lamb
Most churchgoers simply know the pastor as P. Bob

Originally, the church began as a "musician kinship," as a way for musicians working late nights on Saturdays to meet up without rising early for church the next morning.

Pastor Bob Lamb says Broken Chains Church, named after scripture found in Romans 6:6, is unlike a person's typical perception of what church is all about.

"It's not about the stained glass windows or what the church looks like inside, it's more about what God thinks of us on the inside," he said.

With two featured services — the rock-oriented "High Octane" at 8 p.m. on Friday, and the more laid back "Easy Like a Sunday Morning" at 11 a.m. on Sunday — as well as pool tables, arcade games and a coffee bar in the sanctuary, this church is out to relieve churchgoers of monotonous routine.

The praise band, known as Red Inc., finds inspiration through the sounds of heavy bands such as Demon Hunter to Kutless, Jeremy Camp and Jonah 33. You won't find any hymnals here. In fact, Lamb says the church is the most musician-oriented church he has ever been to in his life.

Scott Evans, praise band drummer on Friday nights, has been attending the church for two and a half years. He says there is something for everyone at the church, and the services always make for a good time.

Lamb became a Christian 20 years ago after having a "touched-by-an-angel" experience when getting delivered from drugs and alcohol. When attending church meetings, he felt as if the pastor pinpointed him as the prime example of a person who needed to turn their life around, even though he had already done so.

Since then, his motivation has centered around changing stereo-

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2008 TOP 10 MOVIES OF

BY AARON HELFFERICH | FILM CRITIC

While most people roll out the best-of list in the final days of December, the film industry honors the year's best during the award season, which culminates on Feb. 22 with The Academy Awards. The BG News Film Critic lists the films that struck a cord with fans and critics in 2008.

10. "Tropic Thunder"

While it may have achieved its legendary status as a spoof comedy, the Ben Stiller-directed film "Tropic Thunder" does so by first adjoining with the likes of prestigious war films. With a diverse multi-talented cast, including the scene-stealers Robert Downey Jr. and Tom Cruise, this captivating, offensive and ingeniously well-written film provides a comment on the Hollywood film industry that we'll never soon forget.

9. "Burn After Reading"

"Burn After Reading" creators Joel and Ethan Coen not only wrote the book on crafting a classic suspense thriller, they've successfully married it to signature dark humor time and time again. Already a year after the release of their



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BLOWIN' SMOKE: The band has performed many times throughout Ohio, and attribute their musical sounds to a "melting pot style." They will be performing at Headliners tomorrow.

Ekoostik Hookah returns to Toledo

By Scott Recker
Senior Reporter

The band generally coined as "Ohio's jam band" will be returning to Toledo tomorrow to play at Headliners during a short tour of the Midwest.

Ekoostik Hookah, who have released eight albums and host

one of Ohio's most popular festivals twice a year, are a group of diverse musicians who put few limits on their musical style and expansion.

Although the band has been together since 1991, many of their old songs remain attractive and interesting because of the bands ability to improvise.

"The fact that we don't have anything written in stone as far as how we play any song keeps them all fresh," Dave Katz, Ekoostik Hookah's keyboardist/singer, said.

The band incorporates sev-

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The blistering dog days of winter

Keeping your dog safe and warm during the coldest months of the year

By Stephanie Spencer
Pulse Reporter

Buck Dunn follows the postal worker's creed when deciding to walk his dog, Max, in the morning. "Neither wind, nor rain, nor sleet ..."

And twice a day since Max can remember, he's walked alongside Buck, now in his 80s, to provide daily exercise for the both of them.

"It's a good excuse to get out of the house for a little while," Dunn said.

But as temperatures throughout Northwest Ohio dipped below zero last week, with wind-chills nearing -40 degrees, a dog's natural fur coat might not keep them warm and protected against harsh January weather.

Shelly Morlock, of the veterinary staff at Total Pet Care of Ohio, advises pet owners on several winter tips to make sure animals are kept sufficiently warm.

Unless dogs are litterbox trained — a pretty miraculous feat in itself — they have to go outside to, as Morlock says, "do their duty," or in college slang, "whiz." Shovel a path throughout the backyard so that they can go as quickly as possible.

"You don't want to expose them to anything you wouldn't do yourself," Morlock said.

This might mean tiny dog parkas are a cute necessity.

Shorter hair and smaller breeds are a little more sensitive to weather and most shiver or shake when uncomfortable.

Owner of Toledo Dog Training, Tonya Wilhelm, has apprehensions about dressing dogs in any clothing.

"I dislike the frou-frou stuff because it can block the way that dogs naturally signal to each other. They're not dogs," Wilhelm said. "But sometimes just a standard coat offers enough protection for the cold."

Dunn wouldn't even go that far for his tough-as-nails Pekinese, even at the good-natured nagging from his wife, Midge.

"Midge tries to get me to buy a little coat for him or something, but I think he just grows more hairs," Dunn said.

Maybe so. Still, sometimes he notices Max licking his feet after a jaunt through the park that might have been just sprayed with salt.

And hands down, animal's tiny

feet pads need extra care.

"The pads are thickened skin that can be sutured if they're cut," Morlock said.

If available, use a warm compress on their paws after they come in from outside and inspect them for cuts and abrasions, as well as keeping pet-friendly, non-toxic snow salt for the backyard.

Even so, it might be difficult and costly to salt the entire neighborhood.

Younger people often get stereotyped as not spending enough time, money or attention on their dogs because of heavy course-loads or busy schedules, but Wilhelm says she only thinks positively of student dog owners from Bowling Green.

"I see a lot of BGSU students (at Toledo Dog Training)," Wilhelm said. "My assistant is a student, and they really take care of their animals."

On the opposite side of age, no matter what anyone says, or whatever the weather and no matter what the advice, Buck will be bundled up and holding the leash that connects to Max's naked dog body, which hopefully for him, is slowly growing more hairs.

HOOKAH

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eral genres of music into their sound, and Katz attributes their melting pot style to various members of the band having different musical tastes and backgrounds.

The band's publicist and friend Dave Weissman said Ekoostik Hookah is a great live act because they consistently reinvent themselves musically, and they really shine when they play live.

"They wear a lot of different styles when they play," Weissman said. "A lot of times that diversity is what is attractive to many people. Not to mention they have one of the most amazing guitar players around."

The show at Headliners, which is located at 146 Main St., will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets at the door will cost \$18.

After this tour is over Katz said the band has no definite plans.

"We never have any plans," Katz said. "It's always kind of winging it for us."

Although it is unknown when the band will return to the area, Ekoostik Hookah has played many shows in Northwest Ohio over the years, including a couple of outdoor shows at Howard's Club H.

Although the band has no plans to return to Howard's at the time, Katz said it is always a possibility.

"I like going back there," Katz said. "I like the outdoor thing we have been doing, although it really hasn't caught on."

Being one of the most critically acclaimed bands to continuously play in the local area, Ekoostik Hookah may be the most unfortunate secret of the Bowling Green music scene.

MOVIES

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Oscar-winning film "No Country for Old Men," the Coen brothers have stayed at the top of their game with another extravagant game of cat-and-mouse that truly has us laughing on the edge of suspense.

8. "The Reader"

Being a film inspired by the events of World War II and Nazi Germany, "The Reader" is sure to attain some award season attention. However, with a remarkable performance by Kate Winslet, "The Reader" has more to say than its simple original love story. As a driving force throughout the film, Winslet exhibits a humanity that's stronger than a standard award-winning wartime drama. With a role as powerful as this, Winslet may finally receive the recognition she's always deserved.

7. "Slumdog Millionaire"

As a film that's laden with so much predictability, "Slumdog Millionaire" hijacks a simple rags-to-riches story and tells it with emotionally original characters, a thrillingly creative premise and a poignant eye on global issues. In simple terms, it's a love story, but with all the strengths of powerful filmmaking, this film is remarkably intoxicating.

6. "In Bruges"

There's nothing more typical about an action star entering a big budget movie with guns blazing. "In Bruges" strives for something different. As a hitman film without your usual hitmen, this dark comedy is given wondrous on-screen life by two inseparable co-stars, Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson. With an eye-opening tale on the life of a contract-killer, "In Bruges," like the city it's told in, is truly one-of-a-kind.

5. "Doubt"

While it may be the most direct and to-the-point story out of all the films featured on this list, "Doubt" succeeds largely for being an actor's film. By showcasing a terrific ensemble cast, including Meryl Streep, Amy Adams and Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Doubt's" controversial story never breaks formation from start to finish.

4. "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

Throughout our lives, so much of what we know can be witnessed through film. With "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," we not only study the journey of life through a unique main character, but we learn to understand it through the defining moments it gives us as well. Sounds convenient, seeing that the most memorable films are the ones defined by their own shining moments.

3. "Gran Torino"

If there's one filmmaker who consistently delivers a heartwarming award-winning story, Clint Eastwood has long retained that distinction. In a remarkable lead role that brings back to life his classic roles from the past, Eastwood infuses "Gran Torino" with a vintage character we haven't seen since the likes of "Dirty Harry." With a story that's full of laughter, sadness, hatred and happiness we can't help but relate to, "Gran Torino" finds a significant verse in what it means to be an American.

2. "WALL-E"

It's a shame that a separate award is presented to the best animated films of the year. With a mindset like Pixar's, "WALL-E" features more life and abundant joy than nearly all of the selections on this list. Since there's no use worrying about whether or not Pixar will top themselves after each magnificent film, the story of "WALL-E" was met with unblemished anticipation and spectacular rejoice. Thanks to a determined little robot, Pixar's monumental technology will soon be used to make Best Picture Winners rather than Best Animated Features.

1. "The Dark Knight"

It's hard to imagine any other film at the top of this list. As the second highest grossing film of all time and one of the highest rated films of the year, "The Dark Knight" is more importantly a spectacular movie. Given its poetic nature by distinguished filmmaker Christopher Nolan, "The Dark Knight" is the first film to finally restore the deserved recognition of a genre that has long been seen as insignificant. Packed with powerful performances, lyrical dialogue and a fascinating depiction of true human struggle, "The Dark Knight" will forever remain a memento of truly accomplished endeavors.

On the Record

What are you listening to on your music player?



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- "My President is Black" — Young Jeezy
- "Higher" — D'Angelo
- "La La" — Lil' Wayne
- "Into the light" — Fleet Fox Album
- "New York Reality Check" — Album by DJ Premier

"My president is black is the new national anthem. I feel like any list like this for the rest of my life will always include at least one D'Angelo song — he's my number 1 go-to artist."

CHURCH

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types about how one needs to look or act in order to be a Christian. Because of his mindset, the church has "got it covered," and the congregation is simply accepted as they are.

"We're trying to reach out and touch the old, the ugly, the pierced, the tattooed and the whole gamut," Lamb said. "I think a lot of churches today are so stuck in tradition that they don't want to break out of that mold."

Evans has been burnt by churches in the past because of his piercings and tattoos, but he has never faced adversity from others regarding his image since attending Broken Chains Church.

"No matter what I do, how I feel or what help I need, there is always someone to talk to, and Pastor Bob would be the first one to give me the shirt off his back," he said. "You don't meet too many people like that these days and it's awesome to know that no matter how bad things get, there is always someone there if you need them."

Beginning tomorrow, the church will host 'B.C.C. 101,' a class answering various questions about the Christian faith for both old and newcomers alike.

Broken Chains' location in the Woodland Mall has had a positive effect on the church congregation, as they have been able to reach out to individuals who may have never attended a church service before.

In the future, Evans hopes to see an increase in attendance from younger generations, saying, "It's not going to hurt you to try [a service] out, you may just like it."

STUTTER

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Some students dread the idea of professors calling on them for answers. These students fear the embarrassment they may face when their stutter takes over, and they cannot complete the thought they are trying to make out loud.

Ryan McDermott, senior, is one of these people. He was born with a thick stutter and has had to endure a questioning audience every time he goes to speak.

According to McDermott, stuttering can be very irritating, but it's not something that can be easily fixed or controlled. Rather, it comes and goes at anytime. McDermott says others should not be scared to ask about his stutter because he will openly discuss it with them. In fact, he insisted he would rather them ask if they are truly curious instead of ignoring it.

McDermott used to be annoyed by his stutter and would get so frustrated with the reactions of others that he would lose his temper. But he has learned to deal with it in a very positive way.

Because he is the kind of person that likes to help others, he has decided to volunteer his time

with FRIENDS, a support group for people of any age who struggle with a stutter. McDermott has been a part of the organization for nine years, joining while in eighth grade. Now he is a mentor for other new members and is the fundraising chair. He said being involved with the group has boosted his confidence tremendously.

"I used to have the worst attitude about having a stutter because I had never met anyone with one before," he said about his younger years. Now, with this group, he gets in touch with kids all over the country that suffer from some of the same things he went through growing up.

FRIENDS, which is organized by director and speech language pathologist, Lee Caggiano, holds different conferences and workshops all over the country helping people from ages 5 to 55 who suffer from stuttering. Past workshops were held in St. Louis and Long Island, and McDermott hopes to one day be able to host a workshop in Bowling Green after attending one himself at Kent State University.

McDermott also said one day he would like to become a leader with the organization. "Helping others makes me

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Ryan McDermott | Senior

stronger," he said. Throughout the last four years, he has worked with almost 20 kids. He can tell when they've changed and grown in confidence, and working with them has changed his life.

For instance, McDermott once worked with one child who would refuse to speak at all.

"He had a heavy, strong, intense stutter. Because of it, he would give up and quit," he said. "That is one of the worst things that can be done to confidence. It can hinder [anyone with a stutter's] life." After working with the child, he attended another workshop some time later with a boost in confidence and an outgoing personality.

Because there is currently no research explaining why people stutter, it is still unknown as to why this action arises in certain people. Growing nervousness and the anxiety associated with meeting new people can make a stutter more intense. This is the reason FRIENDS came about.

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ELSEWHERE

Tiffin

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, Ohio, see Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde. The two musicians recorded a string of hits throughout their careers, and have appeared as themselves on shows such as The Dick Van Dyke Show. Tickets range from \$15 - \$45.



Sylvania

Today from 8:30 - 10 p.m. at the Lourdes College Ebeid Student Center, see comedian Josh Sneed. The opening act will be performed by Mary Sobecki from Toledo. Call 419-517-8946 for more information.

THEY SAID IT

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean, I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."
—Mariah Carey



'Chains' church gives edge to community

By Sarah Moore
Pulse Editor

Malls. They are home to restaurants, movie theaters and hallway upon hallway of retail heaven. However, the Woodland Mall features an unusual attraction to the lineup — an edgy, break-from-the-norm church known as Broken Chains Church.



Pastor Bob Lamb

Most churchgoers simply know the pastor as P. Bob.

Originally, the church began as a "musician kinship," as a way for musicians working late nights on Saturdays to meet up without rising early for church the next morning.

Pastor Bob Lamb says Broken Chains Church, named after scripture found in Romans 6:6, is unlike a person's typical perception of what church is all about.

"It's not about the stained glass windows or what the church looks like inside, it's more about what God thinks of us on the inside," he said.

With two featured services — the rock-oriented "High Octane" at 8 p.m. on Friday, and the more laid back "Easy Like a Sunday Morning" at 11 a.m. on Sunday — as well as pool tables, arcade games and a coffee bar in the sanctuary, this church is out to relieve churchgoers of monotonous routine.

The praise band, known as Red Inc., finds inspiration through the sounds of heavy bands such as Demon Hunter to Kutless, Jeremy Camp and Jonah 33. You won't find any hymnals here. In fact, Lamb says the church is the most musician-oriented church he has ever been to in his life.

Scott Evans, praise band drummer on Friday nights, has been attending the church for two and a half years. He says there is something for everyone at the church, and the services always make for a good time.

Lamb became a Christian 20 years ago after having a "touched-by-an-angel" experience when getting delivered from drugs and alcohol. When attending church meetings, he felt as if the pastor pinpointed him as the prime example of a person who needed to turn their life around, even though he had already done so.

Since then, his motivation has centered around changing stereo-

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FINDING HIS VOICE

By Matt Liasse
Pulse Reporter

A student triumphs in the battle with communication

When a student sits in a 300-person lecture hall and looks around the giant room, they see 299 other students supposedly just like them. While looking, they may discover similarities, such as the appearance of boredom on others' faces, the representation of Greek letters on shirts or bags and the diligent note taking with hopes of leaving before stomachs demand lunch. However, not everyone has the same things to worry about.

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2008 TOP 10 MOVIES OF

BY AARON HELFFERICH | FILM CRITIC

While most people roll out the best-of list in the final days of December, the film industry honors the year's best during the award season, which culminates on Feb. 22 with The Academy Awards. The BG News Film Critic lists the films that struck a cord with fans and critics in 2008.

10. "Tropic Thunder"

While it may have achieved its legendary status as a spoof comedy, the Ben Stiller-directed film "Tropic Thunder" does so by first adjoining with the likes of prestigious war films. With a diverse multi-talented cast, including the scene-stealers Robert Downey Jr. and Tom Cruise, this captivating, offensive and ingeniously well-written film provides a comment on the Hollywood film industry that we'll never soon forget.

9. "Burn After Reading"

"Burn After Reading" creators Joel and Ethan Coen not only wrote the book on crafting a classic suspense thriller, they've successfully married it to signature dark humor time and time again. Already a year after the release of their

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WWW.MYSFACE.COM/OFFICIALHOOKAH

BLOWIN' SMOKE: The band has performed many times throughout Ohio, and attribute their musical sounds to a "melting pot style." They will be performing at Headliners tomorrow.

Ekoostik Hookah returns to Toledo

By Scott Recker
Senior Reporter

The band generally coined as "Ohio's jam band" will be returning to Toledo tomorrow to play at Headliners during a short tour of the Midwest.

Ekoostik Hookah, who have released eight albums and host

one of Ohio's most popular festivals twice a year, are a group of diverse musicians who put few limits on their musical style and expansion.

Although the band has been together since 1991, many of their old songs remain attractive and interesting because of the bands ability to improvise.

"The fact that we don't have anything written in stone as far as how we play any song keeps them all fresh," Dave Katz, Ekoostik Hookah's keyboardist/singer, said.

The band incorporates sev-

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The blistering dog days of winter

Keeping your dog safe and warm during the coldest months of the year

By **Stephanie Spencer**
Pulse Reporter

Buck Dunn follows the postal worker's creed when deciding to walk his dog, Max, in the morning. "Neither wind, nor rain, nor sleet ..."

And twice a day since Max can remember, he's walked alongside Buck, now in his 80s, to provide daily exercise for the both of them. "It's a good excuse to get out of the house for a little while," Dunn said.

But as temperatures throughout Northwest Ohio dipped below zero last week, with wind-chills nearing -40 degrees, a dog's natural fur coat might not keep them warm and protected against harsh January weather.

Shelly Morlock, of the veterinary staff at Total Pet Care of Ohio, advises pet owners on several winter tips to make sure animals are kept sufficiently warm.

Unless dogs are litterbox trained — a pretty miraculous feat in itself — they have to go outside to, as Morlock says, "do their duty," or in college slang, "whiz." Shovel a path throughout the backyard so that they can go as quickly as possible.

"You don't want to expose them to anything you wouldn't do yourself," Morlock said.

This might mean tiny dog parkas are a cute necessity.

Shorter hair and smaller breeds are a little more sensitive to weather and most shiver or shake when uncomfortable.

Owner of Toledo Dog Training, Tonya Wilhelm, has apprehensions about dressing dogs in any clothing.

"I dislike the frou-frou stuff because it can block the way that dogs naturally signal to each other. They're not dogs," Wilhelm said. "But sometimes just a standard coat offers enough protection for the cold."

Dunn wouldn't even go that far for his tough-as-nails Pekinese, even at the good-natured nagging from his wife, Midge.

"Midge tries to get me to buy a little coat for him or something, but I think he just grows more hairs," Dunn said.

Maybe so.

Still, sometimes he notices Max licking his feet after a jaunt through the park that might have been just sprayed with salt.

And hands down, animals' tiny

feet pads need extra care.

"The pads are thickened skin that can be sutured if they're cut," Morlock said.

If available, use a warm compress on their paws after they come in from outside and inspect them for cuts and abrasions, as well as keeping pet-friendly, non-toxic snow salt for the backyard.

Even so, it might be difficult and costly to salt the entire neighborhood.

Younger people often get stereotyped as not spending enough time, money or attention on their dogs because of heavy course loads or busy schedules, but Wilhelm says she only thinks positively of student dog owners from Bowling Green.

"I see a lot of BGSU students (at Toledo Dog Training)," Wilhelm said. "My assistant is a student, and they really take care of their animals."

On the opposite side of age, no matter what anyone says, or whatever the weather and no matter what the advice, Buck will be bundled up and holding the leash that connects to Max's naked dog body, which hopefully for him, is slowly growing more hairs.

HOOKAH

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eral genres of music into their sound, and Katz attributes their melting pot style to various members of the band having different musical tastes and backgrounds.

The band's publicist and friend Dave Weissman said Ekoostik Hookah is a great live act because they consistently reinvent themselves musically, and they really shine when they play live.

"They wear a lot of different styles when they play," Weissman said. "A lot of times that diversity is what is attractive to many people. Not to mention they have one of the most amazing guitar players around."

The show at Headliners, which is located at 146 Main St., will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets at the door will cost \$18.

After this tour is over Katz said the band has no definite plans.

"We never have any plans," Katz said. "It's always kind of winging it for us."

Although it is unknown when the band will return to the area, Ekoostik Hookah has played many shows in Northwest Ohio over the years, including a couple of outdoor shows at Howard's Club H.

Although the band has no plans to return to Howard's at the time, Katz said it is always a possibility.

"I like going back there," Katz said. "I like the outdoor thing we have been doing, although it really hasn't caught on."

Being one of the most critically acclaimed bands to continuously play in the local area, Ekoostik Hookah may be the most unfortunate secret of the Bowling Green music scene.

CHURCH

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types about how one needs to look or act in order to be a Christian. Because of his mindset, the church has "got it covered," and the congregation is simply accepted as they are.

"We're trying to reach out and touch the old, the ugly, the pierced, the tattooed and the whole gamut," Lamb said. "I think a lot of churches today are so stuck in tradition that they don't want to break out of that mold."

Evans has been burnt by churches in the past because of his piercings and tattoos, but he has never faced adversity from others regarding his image since attending Broken Chains Church.

"No matter what I do, how I feel or what help I need, there is always someone to talk to, and Pastor Bob would be the first one to give me the shirt off his back," he said. "You don't meet too many people like that these days and it's awesome to know that no matter how bad things get, there is always someone there if you need them."

Beginning tomorrow, the church will host 'B.C.C. 101,' a class answering various questions about the Christian faith for both old and newcomers alike.

Broken Chains' location in the Woodland Mall has had a positive effect on the church congregation, as they have been able to reach out to individuals who may have never attended a church service before.

In the future, Evans hopes to see an increase in attendance from younger generations, saying, "It's not going to hurt you to try [a service] out, you may just like it."

STUTTER

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Some students dread the idea of professors calling on them for answers. These students fear the embarrassment they may face when their stutter takes over, and they cannot complete the thought they are trying to make out loud.

Ryan McDermott, senior, is one of these people. He was born with a thick stutter and has had to endure a questioning audience every time he goes to speak.

According to McDermott, stuttering can be very irritating, but it's not something that can be easily fixed or controlled. Rather, it comes and goes at anytime. McDermott says others should not be scared to ask about his stutter because he will openly discuss it with them. In fact, he insisted he would rather them ask if they are truly curious instead of ignoring it.

McDermott used to be annoyed by his stutter and would get so frustrated with the reactions of others that he would lose his temper. But he has learned to deal with it in a very positive way.

Because he is the kind of person that likes to help others, he has decided to volunteer his time

with FRIENDS, a support group for people of any age who struggle with a stutter. McDermott has been a part of the organization for nine years, joining while in eighth grade. Now he is a mentor for other new members and is the fundraising chair. He said being involved with the group has boosted his confidence tremendously.

"I used to have the worst attitude about having a stutter because I had never met anyone with one before," he said about his younger years. Now, with this group, he gets in touch with kids all over the country that suffer from some of the same things he went through growing up.

FRIENDS, which is organized by director and speech language pathologist, Lee Caggiano, holds different conferences and workshops all over the country helping people from ages 5 to 55 who suffer from stuttering. Past workshops were held in St. Louis and Long Island, and McDermott hopes to one day be able to host a workshop in Bowling Green after attending one himself at Kent State University.

McDermott also said one day he would like to become a leader with the organization.

"Helping others makes me

"I used to have the worst attitude about having a stutter because I had never met anyone with one before."

Ryan McDermott | Senior

stronger," he said. Throughout the last four years, he has worked with almost 20 kids. He can tell when they've changed and grown in confidence, and working with them has changed his life.

For instance, McDermott once worked with one child who would refuse to speak at all.

"He had a heavy, strong, intense stutter. Because of it, he would give up and quit," he said. "That is one of the worst things that can be done to confidence. It can hinder [anyone with a stutter's] life." After working with the child, he attended another workshop some time later with a boost in confidence and an outgoing personality.

Because there is currently no research explaining why people stutter, it is still unknown as to why this action arises in certain people. Growing nervousness and the anxiety associated with meeting new people can make a stutter more intense. This is the reason FRIENDS came about.

Caggiano started the group after her own kids were forced to deal with stuttering. FRIENDS' biggest intent is to imply that wherever anyone is who suffers from a stutter, someone is willing to listen and understand.

McDermott is also willing to share things that not many can understand. He encourages people with a stutter to talk it out and be open. He also said there are many things people without stutters can do when talking to someone without the fear of saying something offensive.

According to him, people should not try to help them out when they try to speak. Interrupting is greatly offensive too, and people should make sure to keep eye contact throughout.

McDermott's voice is representative of students who may be ashamed of their speaking barrier, and the challenges he has overcome demonstrate the impact understanding 'FRIENDS' can make.

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MOVIES

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Oscar-winning film "No Country for Old Men," the Coen brothers have stayed at the top of their game with another extravagant game of cat-and-mouse that truly has us laughing on the edge of suspense.

8. "The Reader"

Being a film inspired by the events of World War II and Nazi Germany, "The Reader" is sure to attract some award season attention. However, with a remarkable performance by Kate Winslet, "The Reader" has more to say than its simple original love story. As a driving force throughout the film, Winslet exhibits a humanity that's stronger than a standard award-winning wartime drama. With a role as powerful as this, Winslet may finally receive the recognition she's always deserved.

7. "Slumdog Millionaire"

As a film that's laden with so much predictability, "Slumdog Millionaire" hijacks a simple rags-to-riches story and tells it with emotionally original characters, a thrillingly creative premise and a poignant eye on global issues. In simple terms, it's a love story, but with all the strengths of powerful filmmaking, this film is remarkably intoxicating.

6. "In Bruges"

There's nothing more typical about an action star entering a big-budget movie with guns blazing. "In Bruges" strives for something different. As a hitman film without your usual hitmen, this dark comedy is given wondrous on-screen life by two inseparable co-stars, Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson. With an eye-opening tale on the life of a contract-killer, "In Bruges," like the city it's told in, is truly one-of-a-kind.

5. "Doubt"

While it may be the most direct and to-the-point story out of all the films featured on this list, "Doubt" succeeds largely for being an actor's film. By showcasing a terrific ensemble cast, including Meryl Streep, Amy Adams and Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Doubt's" controversial story never breaks formation from start to finish.

4. "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

Throughout our lives, so much of what we know can be witnessed through film. With "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," we not only study the journey of life through a unique main character, but we learn to understand it through the defining moments it gives us as well. Sounds convenient: seeing that the most memorable films are the ones defined by their own shining moments.

3. "Gran Torino"

If there's one filmmaker who consistently delivers a heartwarming award-winning story, Clint Eastwood has long retained that distinction. In a remarkable lead role that brings back to life his classic roles from the past, Eastwood infuses "Gran Torino" with a vintage character we haven't seen since the likes of "Dirty Harry." With a story that's full of laughter, sadness, hatred and happiness we can't help but relate to, "Gran Torino" finds a significant verse in what it means to be an American.

2. "WALL-E"

It's a shame that a separate award is presented to the best animated films of the year. With a mindset like Pixar's, "WALL-E" features more life and abundant joy than nearly all of the selections on this list. Since there's no use worrying about whether or not Pixar will top themselves after each magnificent film, the story of "WALL-E" was met with unblemished anticipation and spectacular rejoice. Thanks to a determined little robot, Pixar's monumental technology will soon be used to make Best Picture Winners rather than Best Animated Features.

1. "The Dark Knight"

It's hard to imagine any other film at the top of this list. As the second highest grossing film of all time and one of the highest rated films of the year, "The Dark Knight" is more importantly a spectacular movie. Given its poetic nature by distinguished filmmaker Christopher Nolan, "The Dark Knight" is the first film to finally restore the deserved recognition of a genre that has long been seen as insignificant. Packed with powerful performances, lyrical dialogue and a fascinating depiction of true human struggle, "The Dark Knight" will forever remain a memento of truly accomplished endeavors.

On the Record

What are you listening to on your music player?



Corey Baum
Liberal Studies
Bowling Green, Ohio

- "My President is Black" — Young Jeezy
- "Higher" — D'Angelo
- "La La" — Lil Wayne
- "Into the light" — Fleet Fox Album
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DEALING WITH TRAGEDY: Police and officials gather outside the lobby of the Donaldson Brown Graduate Life Center at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Wednesday night. A female student was stabbed to death on Virginia Tech's campus, the first killing at the school since a deadly mass shooting there in 2007.

Student decapitated in cafe

By Sue Lindsey
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A graduate student from China was decapitated with a kitchen knife in a campus cafe at Virginia Tech by another graduate student who knew her, police said yesterday.

Xin Yang, 22, was killed Wednesday night after arriving at the campus from Beijing on Jan. 8 to begin studying accounting, Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum said.

Her accused attacker, 25-year-old Haiyang Zhu of Ningbo, China, knew the victim but no motive for the slaying has been

determined, Flinchum said. School records showed that Haiyang was listed as one of Xin's emergency contacts.

Haiyang was charged with first-degree murder and was being held without bond at the Montgomery County Jail. His attorney, Stephanie Cox, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Haiyang and Xin had been having coffee in a cafe in the Graduate Life Center, where Xin was living. About seven other people who were in the coffee shop told police that the two hadn't been arguing before the attack.

Police received two 911 calls shortly after 7 p.m. Wednesday, Flinchum said, and were on the scene in a little more than a minute to take Haiyang into custody.

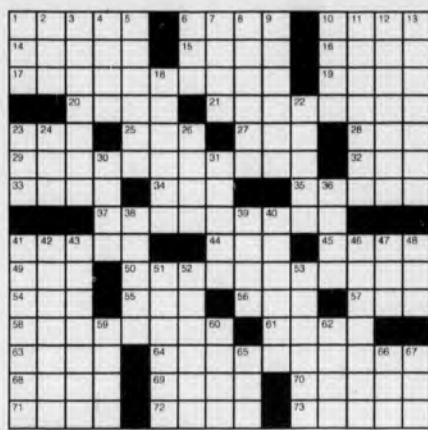
Flinchum said Haiyang was not known to the campus police or to the university team that deals with mentally disturbed students.

University officials said Haiyang arrived on campus last fall and was a Ph.D. student in agricultural and applied economics.

The stabbing was the first killing on campus since a mass killing on campus in 2007, when a student gunman shot 32 people and then took his own life.

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Orders signed by Obama raise questions

By Lara Jakes
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Yesterday, President Barack Obama issued sweeping orders to rein in secretive U.S. counterterror policies and end harsh interrogations, prompting immediate skepticism over how and whether they would work to keep Americans safe.

Obama's three executive orders, coming on Day Two of his presidency, sought to show that the United States does not torture and abides by domestic and international laws governing the treatment of detainees.

"The message that we are sending the world is that the United States intends to prosecute the ongoing struggle against violence and terrorism," the president said. "And we are going to do so vigilantly, and we are going to do so effectively, and

we are going to do so in a manner that is consistent with our values and our ideals."

Shortly afterward, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs acknowledged that the new rules raise "very complex, very detailed questions" about how they will be carried out.

Rep. Pete Hoekstra, top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, said the orders place "hope ahead of reality" because of the yet-unanswered concerns.

"Given the stakes and unanswered questions, it seems premature for the president to have signed the orders today," said Hoekstra, R-Mich. "One of the biggest challenges we face is that many decisions made early on after 9/11 were made without a clear plan. Is the president risking the same mistakes by making decisions before having a clear plan in place?"

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