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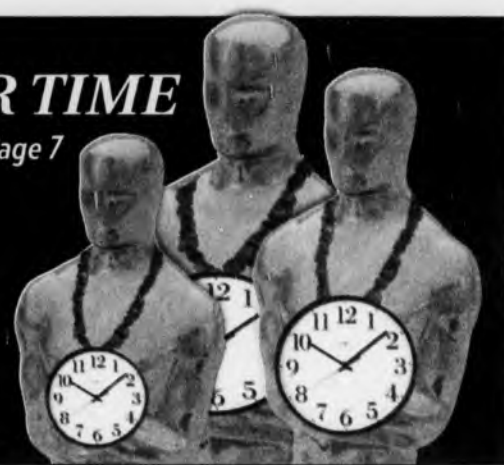
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Olympian plans homecoming

Champion figure skater Scott Hamilton returns to Bowling Green for Winterfest

By Becky Tener
Reporter



Scott Hamilton
1984 gold medal-winning figure skater and Bowling Green patron

Olympic Figure Skating Champion Scott Hamilton is coming home.

The 1984 Gold Medalist is returning to the city this weekend to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his win. Dubbed Winterfest, the celebration will take place throughout campus and the community with different events and activities.

"Everyone in the community has been working together to make this weekend happen," said John Rankins, a Winterfest organizer.

The idea for Winterfest came to Rankins after he interviewed Hamilton in Nashville last fall.

"I asked Scott [Hamilton] what he thought about coming back to town," Rankins said. "He actually had already been thinking about the idea."

Not only was Hamilton thinking of celebrating the anniversary of his gold medal win but was also thinking of a fundraising event for the College of Business Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, Rankins said.

So they decided to throw a community celebration. "It's just a great excuse to throw a winter carnival," Rankins said. Winterfest also gives the community the opportunity to have fundraisers to support the local skating and hockey clubs. Rankins said the city and the University are known for what they bring to ice sports, and it is important to keep those traditions alive.

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WINTERFEST ICECAPADES

Friday

7-9 p.m.

Horse Carriage Rides

Rides start at Ben Franklin

8-9 p.m.

Open Curling

BGSU Ice Arena

8 p.m.

Paul Merkelo, trumpet

BGSU Bryan Recital Hall

8 p.m.

Singin' In The Rain

Black Swamp Players

All Day

Ice Sculptures

Restaurant Specials

Live Entertainment

Citywide Prize Freeze Sale

Cla-Zel Winter Movie

Marathon

Saturday

9:30-10:30 a.m.

BG Skating Club

Exhibition

BGSU Ice Arena

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sentinel Tribune Wedding

Show

Woodland Mall

11 a.m.

Young People's Concert:

Meet the Buzzelli's

Bryan Recital Hall

11 a.m.

1 Mile Fun Run

City Park

12-2 p.m.

Horse Carriage Rides

Rides

Veteran's Building at City Park

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'Sole'd on helping

Student plans 'sole party' to help style students and benefit children in need

By Michelle Bosserman
Reporter

Senior Kyle Chesser, a supply chain management major, likes different, creative shoes. He particularly likes different, creative shoes that support a cause.

Chesser is the sole organizer for the TOMS "Style your Sole Party," an event he organized through the Association for Operations Management (APICS). TOMS ("Shoes for Tomorrow") founder Blake Mycoskie, formerly on "Amazing Race," started TOMS to help children in need by donating one pair of shoes for every pair purchased.

"Very rarely do you find something so special, unique and hap-

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Students pay more when not paying

CopySense continues to catch students illegally sharing files

By Allison Borgelt
Reporter

Junior Lindsay Burton thought she was flying under the wire with her LimeWire account, but her secret didn't stay hidden for long.

Burton was notified around the end of October that she was downloading illegal copyright materials through LimeWire, a type of peer-to-peer (P2P) software. Her LimeWire account was detected by CopySense, a new technology purchased by the University and initiated Oct. 10 to proactively deal with violations of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).

"I had never gotten caught," Burton said, "so I thought, 'Well, I'll keep my LimeWire until I get

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Lindsay Burton | Junior

caught because the first offense is just a warning anyway.' ... It wasn't too long after that that I actually did get my warning."

CopySense, a technology by Audible Magic Corp., is part of the University's Digital Copyright Safeguards initiative, a multi-layered program meant to educate students about the DMCA.

When CopySense detects illegal use of P2P software

programs such as LimeWire, BitTorrent and Gnutella, it directs computer users to a page explaining the offense and proceeds to block their Web access. On residence hall computers, first-time offenders lose access for 24 hours, second-time offenders lose Web access for two weeks and P2P

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CAMPUS BRIEF

Couple robbed at gun-point in apartment

Bowling Green Police are currently investigating a burglary and robbery that occurred on East Poe Road yesterday morning at 3:51.

According to police reports, two Hispanic males in their early 20s forced entry into the residence where a 24-year-old woman and her 21-year-old boyfriend were sleeping.

One of the males was armed with a handgun and a knife, while the other male had a wood club that was used to assault the victims, police said.

According to the female victim's 911 call, the men told her they had been watching the house and were looking for cash.

"The men that robbed me, he said they were looking at us through the window," she told the police dispatcher. "He said 'I know you guys got money, I've been

looking through the window.' He took both our wallets and took all the money out of them."

The two victims stated both males were dressed in dark clothing and left the residence on foot, according to police reports.

One of the males was wearing a black ski mask, the female victim said. The other assailant's face was bare, and she said he had a mustache.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing.

Anyone with information or a possible identification of the suspect should contact the Bowling Green Police or the Wood County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-54 CRIME.

If information results in the arrest and conviction of a suspect, informants could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000.

ONLINE: Listen to the live 911 emergency call at www.bgnews.com.

WINTERFEST

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"Hamilton is not the only skater with ties to us ... The 1980 Hockey Gold Medalists Mark Wells and Ken Morrow and [2009 national champion] Alissa Czisny," he said. "It is really going to benefit the city with awesome ice."

Joanna Nofziger, Winterfest organizer, said the weekend is packed with activities for people of all ages. There will be a visit from children's illustrator Ben Mahan, ice sculptures, winter games, a chili cook-off, live entertainment, the Cla-Zel's winter movie marathon and many other activities.

Nofziger also said Hamilton and his family are taking part in a lot of the activities, so there will be chances to catch a glimpse of Hamilton throughout the celebration.

"He'll be making surprise cameos all weekend so there is no set schedule of where he will be," she said.

After Hamilton spends time enjoying his hometown, he plans to give back to the University, where he has an

honorary degree, said Rodney Heiligmann, director of the Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

The Dallas-Hamilton Center, to which Hamilton gave an endowment, is having a gala to celebrate with Hamilton and raise money for the Center.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate for the BGSU and one of BG's heroes," Heiligmann said.

Hamilton has defied many obstacles in his life like a childhood illness, a brain tumor and cancer but still has a positive outlook on life and is an inspiration to the University, Heiligmann said.

The evening will also be attended by Peter and Kitty Carruthers, the 1984 Olympic Silver Medalists in pairs skating, and Alissa Czisny, the 2009 National Figure Skating Champion.

"It should be a great night to celebrate with Scott," Heiligmann said.

For more information about Scott Hamilton, Winterfest and the events of the weekend, students can go to the Winterfest Web site at www.winterfest09.com.

WINTERFEST ICECAPADES (cont.)

12-2 p.m.
Chili Cookoff
Veteran's Building at City Park
12-3 p.m.
Family Games
City Park
2 p.m.
BGSU Men's Basketball
Anderson Arena

3-5 p.m.
Silent & Live Auction
Cla-Zel
5:05 p.m.
BGSU Men's Hockey vs. Michigan State
University Ice Arena

6 p.m.
Scott Hamilton Fundraising Event
Union Grand Ballroom
7-10 p.m.
Teen Party
Veteran's Building at City Park

8 p.m.
Singin' In The Rain

Black Swamp Players
9-12 a.m.
Adult Mixer
Cla-Zel
10:15-12 a.m.
Open Ice Skating
University Ice Arena
All Day

Ice Sculptures
Restaurant Specials
Live Entertainment
Citywide Prize Freeze Sale
Cla-Zel Winter Movie Marathon

Sunday
9-1 p.m.
Pancake Breakfast
Senior Center
12-2 p.m.
Horse Carriage Rides
Rides start in front of Library

2-4 p.m.
Children's Illustrator: Ben Mahan
Library
2 p.m.
BGSU Women's Gymnastics Senior Day vs. Ohio State
Anderson Arena

2 p.m.
Singin' In The Rain
Black Swamp Players
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Open Ice Skating
University Ice Arena
All Day

Ice Sculptures
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For more information about activities and entertainment, visit www.winterfest09.com.

BLOTTER

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

1:33 P.M.
A roommate witnessed an unknown person steal her roommate's laptop from their room in Kreisler - Batchelder.

2:22 P.M.
Complainant left a bookbag outside the door of a restroom in the Business Administration Building, and the bag was gone when he returned.

3:35 P.M.
Complainant reported a window was broken at Kreisler - Batchelder.

4:25 P.M.
Complainant reported a student tried to walk out of the Union with food without paying.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

8:21 A.M.
Complainant reported the back window of her van was criminally damaged by unknown suspects.

10:01 A.M.
An unknown person vomited all over the Union TV room, ruining the furniture.

11:50 A.M.
Bryan Trumbo, 23, of Wayne, Ohio, was cited for disregard for public safety after he was observed revving his engine, accelerating very quickly and fish-tailing the vehicle on the wet roadway.

2:01 P.M.
Jeffrey Starkey, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence after knowingly causing harm to a household member.

4:33 P.M.
Two juveniles were arrested for theft after attempting to shoplift six CDs from Wal-Mart.

7:26 P.M.
Complainant reported two females make comment of harming another female in the Jerome Library.

9:32 P.M.
Complainant reported two males were passing out flyers for a bar in Offenauer East. An officer spoke to the resident adviser who was told to advise subjects they were not welcome back on campus.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

1:47 A.M.
Mark Boileau Jr., 23, of Toledo, was arrested for menacing after threatening staff members at Sky Bar because they threw his friend out of the bar.

2:36 A.M.
Brian Justinger, 24, of Defiance, Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence.

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

CAUGHT

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access for 30 days and third-time offenders are blocked from the Web until they meet with the Division of Student Affairs, which is in charge of contacting ITS in order to lift the block. Offenses include Web blockage for 15 minutes, one hour and two hours for offenders using computers in administration buildings. (E-mail accounts, MyBGSU and other network services are still accessible.)

Matthew Haschak, director of IT security for the Information Technology Service, is pleased with the effects of the CopySense program.

"I think it's been very effective," Haschak said.

Haschak explained that since the beginning of spring semester, 102 people have reached level one, and six have reached level two.

He also said the number of copyright infringement complaints received by the University has decreased, as the school was receiving an average of about 39 complaints per week at the beginning of the semester but is now only receiving about seven complaints per week.

The complaints arrive in the form of letters (either cease and desist or pre-litigation settlement letters) from copyright holders such as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Last year, the University received 658 cease and desist letters from the RIAA, ranking the school 55th in the country and second in the state on a list of universities receiving letters from the organization. These numbers were part of the reasoning for purchasing the CopySense technology.

"That doesn't change anything that we're doing here. We want to protect the students."

Matthew Haschak | ITS Director

Rodney Fleming, managing attorney at the University, said Student Legal Services has only had one student bring in a pre-litigation statement from the RIAA, which occurred near the end of 2007. He said the letter threatened a lawsuit against the student, but the RIAA was willing to settle for \$3,000, which the student paid.

Both Haschak and Fleming mentioned the RIAA has recently changed its strategy for catching copyright offenders. The RIAA announced in December it will start working with Internet service providers instead of suing individuals in order to stop illegal file sharing. The organization has already dropped charges against students at North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Rhode Island College.

Haschak said the RIAA's new stance won't affect the University's efforts against illegal file sharing.

"That doesn't change anything that we're doing here," he said. "We want to protect the students."

After having her Internet restricted for a day because of LimeWire, Burton didn't get mad, she became an iTunes purchaser.

"There still may be students out there who are kind of flying under the radar, but nonetheless, I think this program is catching a lot more students," Burton said.



SHOES

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pening right now," Chesser said. "Wearing the shoes is such a positive. You're constantly reminded there are people out there less fortunate than you, and you helped them. What a cool way to give back."

Chesser, director of international travel of APICS, came up with the idea of incorporating TOMS into operations management at the University after listening to Mycoskie's speech at an APICS expo in Kansas City. The primary purpose of APICS is to define what operations management is and to help develop skills in operations.

University alumna Karen Eboch, APICS faculty advisor, witnessed the University's APICS chapter win the "Gold Award" the past two years. The "Gold Award" is given by the professional APICS to student chapters as a recognition of their success. The students were successful last year in Chicago when they won first place at the district meeting.

"Teams of six are given an operations problem to work on overnight for about 12

hours [at the meeting]. After a three page paper and presentation, the judges announce a winner," Eboch said. "I like seeing the students take initiative and reach their goals."

Chesser is trying to reach his goal by promoting TOMS shoes and organizing the event. The shoes, which can be pre-ordered until April 1 by contacting him, are all originals. Students can choose how to design the \$40 shoes by using different art supplies on the canvas-material shoes.

"Forty dollars is pretty reasonable if you really think about it because you're buying two pairs of shoes," Chesser said. "It's going to be like arts and crafts to get the creative people involved, but decoration will be optional for those who don't want to ruin their shoes."



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

Bowling Green community member Alex Reuja, 24, became interested in TOMS after he stumbled upon their Web site, tomsshoes.com.

"Donating shoes seems like such an easy way to help; everyone should want to participate," Reujasaid. "Children in Ethiopia and Argentina can be cured of podoconiosis [foot disease] just by wearing shoes. So if you buy a pair of TOMS shoes, you potentially save a life."

Already over 300,000 shoes have been donated by TOMS since its foundation in 2006. To order TOMS shoes today, contact Chesser at kchesse@bgsu.edu. Check out TOMS Web site for all shoe varieties. The actual "Sole Party" date, where purchasers can receive and decorate their shoes, is April 24.

WAYNICK

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ence and power. If University officials could fire USG members at any time it would be too easy for them to control the student government.

"In this case the only people who can take any of us out of office are the student body," he said. "If indeed the University could have removed John [Waynick] from his position [USG would be] absolutely powerless."

According to the USG constitution, Waynick didn't do anything that would cause him to be removed from office.

"All the USG constitution says is that the president must be in good standing with the University and have a 2.5 GPA," Waynick said. "I am currently both of those."

Waynick said if it was his second offense, the outcome probably would have been different, but since it was his first, the University still considers him to be in good standing.

Since the USG constitution does not require Waynick to step down as president, the only way he would lose his position would be by impeachment. Mutgi said impeachment was never really considered by USG.

"People didn't feel [it] merited him being removed from office a month before his term was over," Mutgi said. "It was a per-

sonal matter. It hasn't affected his ability to serve as president. I think people, like I said, are concerned with getting progress on actual issues."

Before the citation was made public, Waynick sent out an e-mail to USG senators explaining what happened, and Mutgi said most of the responses were supportive.

"I think he actually got a lot of positive feedback from senators, people saying, 'You know you made a mistake, you shouldn't have done it, but at this point we're more concerned with forward motion for the students,'" Mutgi said.

Even if there were people who wanted to impeach Waynick, by the time they went through the process, his term would be over, Mutgi said, and since he is not running for re-election, there is really no point.

Stapleton said when he first heard that Waynick received a citation and was still in office, he was very upset, but after meeting with Mutgi and talking about some of the differences in their situations, he felt better. However, he still said he thinks Waynick got off a little too easy.

"We all make mistakes, and I don't think it's that big of a deal. But I think the fact that it was just one small press release in one corner of The BG News is what bugged me," Stapleton said. "People shouldn't get off on technicalities just because it happens to be the end of his term."

Stapleton said he is not sure what should be done, but he said USG could consider at least starting the impeachment process or maybe issuing a public statement.

"I just think USG should find a way to show that they have a stance against what he did ... to show they don't condone underage drinking," he said.

Stapleton also said he understands why he was fired and that what he did was wrong, but he said he thinks the way it happened was wrong. He said after he was fired, he was told he could file an appeal, and he did, but did not get much result. He said he turned in the written part of the appeal, but when he went to talk face-to-face with Sarah Waters, senior associate director of Residence Life, she told him he really had no chance of getting rehired.

"I walked in and she basically said there was no way she could give me an appeal," Stapleton said.

Waters said every offense is looked at in a case by case situation, but usually for an RA, drinking underage means getting fired. RAs sign a contract and agree to abide by the rules when they are hired, she said, and they know what will happen if they break them.

"I understand that all people make mistakes, and good RAs can make mistakes. [But] RAs are expected to be role models," Waters said. "That's why we hire them, to be role models."

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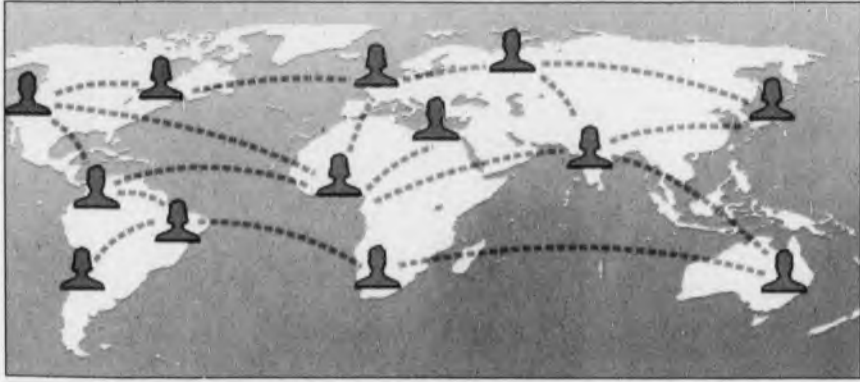
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University Alumni Center 'faces' new technology

Due to the popularity of social networking Web sites, the Alumni Center hopes to use Facebook to connect with University graduates

By Craig Vanderkam
Web Editor

The University's Alumni Center has updated its technological status with the addition of a Facebook group to boost connection.

As the popularity of Facebook has increased, the Alumni Center has utilized the social networking Web site in an attempt to connect with recent graduates.

Josh Venis, a 2003 University alumnus, created the group "Young Alumni of BGSU" in the hopes of allowing graduates of the last decade to reconnect with one another, plan reunions and help give back to the University, according to the group's description.

The global group, now avail-

able to all of Facebook, was created during fall 2008, updating a similar group in which a BGSU e-mail account was needed to join. This, according to Venis, prompted the change.

"[The creation of the group] came as a directive from our Young Alumni Task Force efforts to get younger alumni plugged back into the University and retaining them by keeping them informed," Venis said.

The group now features nearly 500 members and still experiences an occasional spike in popularity.

"We had an initial surge where a lot joined," Venis said. "Then thereafter we also had some people continue [to join]."

The University's official Web site also allows graduates

to connect with the Alumni Association via Facebook.

The goal of the Facebook page is to connect alumni, family and friends of the University with each other. The page offers several ways to stay connected to the University, including newsletters, magazines and athletic information.

The page has over 650 fans, including 2007 University alumnus Jeff Nisius, who is appreciative of what it has to offer.

"[The page] is a good resource to stay up to date on what is happening at BG," Nisius said. "It allows for easy access to things such as athletics and networking."

Members of Facebook interested in joining the page can do so at www.bgsualumni.com/facebook.

JUST STRUMMIN'



BROOKLYN MOTT | THE BG NEWS

HIS FIRST TIME: Senior Landon Evans serenades the Union audience with his first public performance during FREEDOM's Open Mic Night.

Leaving the television conversion for another time and another day

Despite a new date set for DTV, Americans may still not be ready

By Eric Reed
Reporter

Get Digital.

America will be getting digital, that is, digital television coming June 12. This comes due to the fact that America did not get digital on Feb. 17 since Americans just weren't ready for the transition.

Dr. Louisa Ha, professor and acting chair of telecommunications, found that some of the lack of preparation was due to people tuning out the information being broadcast to them on their local television stations.

She also gives another reason many people are not fully prepared for the transition to digital television: they have more than one television.

"People may think that if they have one television with a converter box, or have cable access on all of their TVs then all of their TVs are ready. But they aren't," Ha said.

However, a converter box may be necessary even for people

with cable.

The converter box would be necessary to receive all channels a station is broadcasting. With cable, the consumer only receives the main channel a station broadcasts.

If this seems at all confusing, Ha says don't worry, most people are.

Ha said she talked to many students, including TCOM majors and found out even they have a hard time understanding everything about the digital transfer.

"A lot of students don't understand it. How do you expect an 85-year-old lady to understand it," Ha said.

The reason the date for the digital conversion was pushed back was due to a lack of preparation, but Ha says that the new date of June 12 may not even have enough people fully prepared.

"They [the government] don't have a set target for what they want to see happen by June 12," Ha said.

Going to digital television is also not a top priority among people.

Students are not that concerned about the switch to digital television and think they are prepared.

"I'm not worried about it. I'm sure the world will move on and not come to an end if June 12 comes and I can't watch TV," senior Stephanie Hunker said.

While the world may not come to an end for one student, for others it just means more time to watch movies.

"I can always Netflix it," freshman Troy Bowman said about possibly surviving life without TV.

If you're still in the dark about digital television and on your way to being without television come June 12, you can visit the University's telecommunications department Web site. They have a slideshow and handout that can be downloaded to help try and clear up any questions someone may have.

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Exhibit #10: "Trans Art: Visions of Gender Diversity"
Union Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Dinner Theater Ticket Sales
Union Information Desk

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

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Executive MOD Meals
209 Union - Greenery

6 - 9 p.m.
Zeta Cafe: Open MicZ & Filled Seats
Black Swamp Pub


7 p.m.
Mardi Gras
French House

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Russian-American Song & Film
Gish Film Theater

8 p.m.
Bad Astronomy
112 Physical Sciences Building

8 p.m.
Guest Artists: Paul Merkelo, trumpet
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8 - 10:30 p.m.
Boy Gets Girl
Wooster Street Center



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"Wearing the shoes is such a positive, you're constantly reminded there are people out there less fortunate than you and you helped them. What a cool way to give back."
 — Kyle Chesser, senior, on TOMS, an organization that donates a pair of shoes for every pair purchased [see story, pg. 1].

PEOPLE ON THE STREET What would you carve out of ice?



"A falcon."
DANI DAVIS,
 Junior,
 Education



"Penguin."
SAMI ZIRILLE,
 Freshman,
 Psychology



"An angel."
GEORGETT CANADY,
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"A man."
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Older ballplayers are illegitimate too

RAYMOND SCHUCK | GUEST COLUMNIST

On Tuesday, The BG News ran a cartoon featuring depictions of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron with the word "Legitimate" above them.

I assume this cartoon is meant to reference current news regarding Alex Rodriguez's use of a performance-enhancing drug, as well as the bigger ongoing narrative about players in the 1990s and 2000s who have now been associated with the use of these substances. However, it is important to point out that the use of substances to enhance one's performance is not exclusive to ballplayers of the past 10 to 20 years.

Many players in the 1960s and 70s, including Hank Aaron, have been associated with amphetamine use to enhance their performances. Also, Pud Galvin, who won 365 games in the 1800s, used an elixir made of goat testosterone to enhance his performance. Some accounts suggest Babe Ruth also used these kinds of elixirs.

My point here is two-fold. First, the line of legitimacy is not so easily drawn, and usually, when it is drawn, it is not drawn without complications. If we're going to suggest that baseball performances from the past 10 to 20 years are illegitimate, then we have to be willing to look more closely at performances before this time period as well.

This leads to my second point. When ballplayers of the last two decades are called out as illegitimate and the practices of ballplayers from previous time periods are not scrutinized in the same way, this reinforces a larger cultural pattern in which the experiences of the Baby Boomer generation and the generation or two before them are represented as superior to and more significant than the experiences of generations which have come later.

Time and again, we have been told that things were better back then — music was better, neighborhoods were better, and so on. Now, we can add the suggestion that baseball was better back then.

All these suggestions, though,

are idealistic constructions of the past, not detailed accounts of what happened. When these constructions are put forth as reality, they imply those of us who have come later have not made (and perhaps will not make) useful, or at least as useful, contributions to society. As a member of Generation X, born in the 1970s and reared in the '80s, I take great offense to this implication and believe many more of us who come from these later generations should be outright outraged by this implication and should do more to challenge it.

This challenge starts by breaking the hegemony that keeps this implication going. In high school in the late '80s, when I challenged some rules and norms of my school, a Baby Boomer teacher told me those kinds of things were her generation, not mine. This is indicative of the depths to which this power play works.

Not only are baseball players, music, etc. depicted as better back then, but ultimately, the ability to challenge authority and society is implied to have ended with the Baby Boomers as well. In other words, their counter-culture was legitimate and those of us who came later, particularly when we argue against them, are just whining, selfish slackers and brats.

The hegemony works at its deepest when we later generations buy into these kinds of arguments. When that happens, we're convinced of our own inferiority and the inferiority of our experiences and perspectives. As we of later generations call into question the baseball players who played over the last two decades without similarly calling into question the ballplayers who came before, we buy into those notions of inferiority.

I, for one, refuse to take it and I call on the many of us on this campus from these later generations to take up this challenge as well. It can start by refusing to allow our experiences to be called "illegitimate," and it can move onward from there.

— Respond to Raymond at thenews@bgnews.com

WALKING IS STILL HONEST



KEITH PAKIZ | THE BG NEWS

Travelin' the Globe:

Two weeks into her month long break, Alison discovers it is possible to become bored in another country



ALISON KEMP
 COLUMNIST

SALZBURG, Austria — I was really looking forward to February break here.

A month off of school sounded so appetizing, until now. Three weeks really would have been fine, and I also would have managed with two — but four! At least February is a short month.

I spent two weeks traveling, which was fantastic, but now I've got two weeks to do nothing. I can't handle sitting around with nothing to do; it's driving me crazy. I sleep for 10 or 12 hours and then spend the rest of the day at my computer or fixing meals.

There are some people in my dorm, but no one that I'm really friends with, plus it seems they all have company anyway. It would have been better if my roommate had stayed until the end of the month like she had originally planned, but she went home two weeks early.

I've watched a couple movies.

"The worst part of all this is I keep thinking about what I was doing the last two weeks. I was galavanting around London, Athens and Santorini, having a wonderfully fantastic time. And now I'm hanging out in my room."

I've read a book. I've talked to people online. I've uploaded way too many photos to Facebook and cleaned every surface in my room.

I'd go outside, but everything is covered in snow or ice, which really isn't appetizing when you've just come from the Mediterranean.

I'd go to the mall, but my bus pass has expired, and the paperwork to get a new one isn't available online yet. I'd hang out with someone from the program, but most people aren't here.

On Wednesday I decided I'd go to the movies and see "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" because Google said it was playing in English with German subtitles.

I walked 50 minutes to this theater, excited to finally have something to do. But low and behold, the film played in German. I understood almost all of it just fine, which tells me that my German really is improving, but movies that are dubbed really aren't the same.

This weekend I plan on going to see "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," which I'm positive will play in English.

Tomorrow I'll be able to listen to the women's basketball game, which I am also looking forward to.

I'd go somewhere for a day trip, but once again, I've got this bus problem. I'd really like to go to Munich and Dachau, so I may

suck it up and go on Sunday.

Today I am going to Mauthausen with a friend who lives in the town there, so that will be something to do as well.

I've also spent a good amount of time planning my parents' trip to Germany and Austria. I'm looking forward to their journey here because I'll get to do a lot of the touristy stuff I haven't done yet. I'll be able to spend a couple more days getting everything organized for them.

I also would like to finish the book I'm reading about Jack the Ripper and write a couple letters.

The problem with doing these things, though, is that I have so much time I can't make myself get started, which is quite unfortunate.

The worst part of all this is I keep thinking about what I was doing the last two weeks. I was galavanting around London, Athens and Santorini, having a wonderfully fantastic time. And now I'm hanging out in my room.

I guess that's life.

— Respond to Alison at thenews@bgnews.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Starbucks may increase University revenue

Despite the ever-present trend of Americans turning against any corporation reaping the benefits of capitalism, putting a Starbucks in Jerome Library would be an excellent idea — and it's not just so students and faculty can get their caffeine fix.

As an avid coffee and cappuccino drinker myself, I always applaud the idea of having a more convenient location to get a refreshing beverage, especially in a build-

ing that holds so much potential reading material while I sip away the time. Perhaps Starbucks does not make the best coffee, but it suits me just fine. It must be doing something right if it has expanded from Seattle to Beijing, opening up shops in 44 countries.

Also, I assume the University will not just be allowing Starbucks to open up another store without some type of financial agreement. In a time when our public universities are in dire economic situations, we cannot afford to turn down an idea that will gener-

ate even a dollar of revenue for the University.

I am just as concerned with the unrestricted expansion of free-trade embracing corporations as the next guy, but let's face it — we as a University need the money Starbucks can bring.

I say open up a mall at Jerome if it will bring any type of revenue that will benefit education. That way girls can shop for UGs that match their economics and biology textbooks. Let Dunkin' Donuts and Grounds for Thought in on the deal as well to compete

against Starbucks, just so long as the University is cashing in on the deal.

Really, what reason is there not to add an additional spot to get coffee other than the fear of additional outlets which play monotonous jazz?

Also, sorry Levi Wonder, but Starbucks did get hold of your apple juice. It's called the Caramel Apple Spice and I'm drinking it right now.

It's quite tasty.

— Chris Kay, Senior,
 International Studies
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TO BE INVESTIGATED: Cleveland police officer James Simone talks to reporters after a river rescue Jan. 12, in Cleveland. Simone, 60, says he has nothing to fear from a possible grand jury investigation into his off-duty shooting of a bank robbery suspect on July 9, 2008.

Officer feels confident before investigation

CLEVELAND — A much-decorated police officer said he has nothing to fear from a possible grand jury investigation into his off-duty shooting of an unarmed bank robbery suspect.

Patrolman James Simone, who has killed five suspects during a 36-year career on the force, said he did nothing wrong when he walked into a bank last July to cash a paycheck, saw the suspect running away and chased him through a neighborhood.

A city prosecutor referred the case to the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office, which must decide whether to take evidence to a grand jury. Simone has denied wrongdoing and has not been charged.

"I have nothing to fear from any investigation," said Simone, 60, who was cleared by prosecutors in four previous shootings. He was recently honored by City Council for jumping into a frigid Cuyahoga River to save a woman from drowning.

Steve Loomis, head of the

Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association, said detectives from the Homicide and Internal Affairs units, along with coroner's investigators, all told him they believed the shooting was justified.

He criticized City Prosecutor Victor Perez for reinterviewing witnesses after detectives had already done so, and questioned why it took Perez seven months to refer the case to the county.

"It was absolutely unfair to hang this over his (Simone's) head for so long," Loomis said.

Law Director Robert Triozzi said Perez had to retrace the steps of investigators to completely understand the case.

"He did his job," Triozzi said. "There is nothing unusual here."

Simone, known in his blue-collar neighborhood as "Supercop" because of his noted career, which includes being stabbed, shot and hit by cars, shot and killed bank robbery suspect Robert Hackworth on July 9.

Inside the bank, a teller told

Simone that there had just been a robbery. Simone saw Hackworth running away and chased after him, according to a police report.

Simone confronted Hackworth and shot him in his side when the suspect reached into a truck he had waiting. Hackworth drove away, then crashed into a telephone pole. He died at the scene.

Hackworth, 35, who had a criminal record that included car theft, didn't display a gun in the bank but threatened that he had one, Loomis said.

Investigators didn't recover a gun from Hackworth or the truck. A coroner later ruled that Hackworth was under the influence of narcotics at the time of the robbery.

Eric Morgan, Hackworth's brother, said he doesn't condone his brother robbing the bank.

"We still don't understand why he was shot but think it's a good idea to get looked at by a grand jury," he said.

States woo Hollywood with tax breaks

By Julie Carr Smyth
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Desperate to prop up their ailing economies, U.S. states are locked in a fierce competition to lure Hollywood filmmakers to their gritty cities and picturesque towns with tax breaks and other incentives.

The movement remains intense despite state budgets facing near crisis, largely because the movie and TV industry has emerged as a tough survivor in hard economic times.

The film industry's economic health has pushed some states like Ohio to reconsider tax breaks for filmmakers and TV producers after years of viewing such financial perks as luxuries the state couldn't afford.

Ohio lawmakers are poised to approve film industry tax breaks soon, once they work out whether to offer to make the breaks big or bigger.

Gov. Ted Strickland vetoed the bigger tax breaks favored by legislative Republicans in December, saying he wanted to weave the breaks into discussion of his two-year operating budget.

Republican lawmakers were eager to continue the momentum from "Spider Man 3," parts of which were filmed in Cleveland.

Strickland said yesterday a \$10 million incentive program, rather than \$25 million, is all Ohio can afford. "I could not and I do not support the larger commitment on the part of the state," he said.

Lawmakers in Indiana overrode a governor's veto of film industry incentives there a year ago.

Ohio is one of only a handful of states left that don't already offer a state-level tax break to filmmakers or a giant pot of cash that producers and directors can tap for incentives.

In Maryland, state officials realized just how important such incentives were to a state's economy in 2004, when they lost the film "Annapolis" — a story set in the Maryland city — to neighboring Pennsylvania.

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Victim of chimp attack transferred to clinic

By John Christoffersen
The Associated Press

STAMFORD, Conn. — A Connecticut woman whose face was mauled this week by a rampaging chimpanzee has been transferred to the Cleveland Clinic, which two months ago performed the nation's first successful facial transplant.

Charla Nash, 55, of Stamford was transferred from Stamford Hospital to the Cleveland facility yesterday, three days after she was mauled by a 200-pound chimp owned by her friend. Spokeswoman Eileen Sheil said she being seen by a head and neck surgeon and likely will be treated through a

team approach involving many specialists, Sheil said.

"I don't know at this point" if a transplant will be considered, Sheil said. "Priority one is to stabilize her."

The attack left Nash with massive injuries to her hands and face, requiring four teams of surgeons to work more than seven hours Monday to stabilize her. She left Connecticut in critical condition, although she improved slightly since her operation, officials said.

Nash's transfer to Cleveland likely is because of the clinic's expertise in facial reconstruction — not because doctors are considering a transplant right away, a leading surgeon said.



SKIP PETERSON | AP PHOTO

SOME WELCOMED AID: Residents of Wilmington, Ohio get their free box of food and personal care products provided by the relief organization Feed the Children.

Ohio food giveaway aids jobless workers' family

By James Hannah
The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Ohio — Semitrailers loaded with donated food, soap and other much-needed supplies pulled into town yesterday as part of a charity's effort to help families rocked by mass layoffs amid the U.S. recession.

Hundreds of men, women and children shivered in long lines as they waited to pick up boxes of food and personal care items from three big rigs parked near downtown. Seven other semitrailers were dispatched to surrounding counties.

"My cupboards are almost empty," said Auston Maxwell, who waited in line in Wilmington for an hour.

The supplies from Feed the Children, a nonprofit hunger relief group based in Oklahoma City, was designed to help families hurt by the impending pullout of cargo shipper DHL. It was the group's first large drop off in a town hit by mass layoffs at a single employment site, and more distributions are planned in other small towns and rural areas because of the economic downturn.

Spokesman Tony Sellars said accepting donations can be difficult for some people.

"A lot of time they're confused, they're angry, they're embarrassed to ask for help. But you're at the point where you have to decide to heat or eat," he said.

About 1,400 vouchers were handed out for the distribution in Wilmington. Each family received a 25-pound box of food and a 10-pound box of personal-care items. Canned tomatoes, macaroni, breakfast cereal and muffins were donated by various companies, including Toledo-based Hürzel Canning Co.

Wilmington, a small city of 12,000 people about 60 miles southwest of Columbus, was devastated when DHL announced last May that it was pulling out. The move is expected to lead to the loss of 8,000 jobs at DHL and other companies that operate out of the local air park. So far, about 3,000 jobs are gone.

Maxwell, 18, quit his job at ABX Air last year because he knew he was going to be laid off. ABX, which flies and sorts cargo for DHL at the air park, has laid off workers as DHL winds down operations.

"I'm just having a rough time," said Maxwell, who has a 1-year-old son with his fiancée. "You can't even get a job at McDonald's right now."

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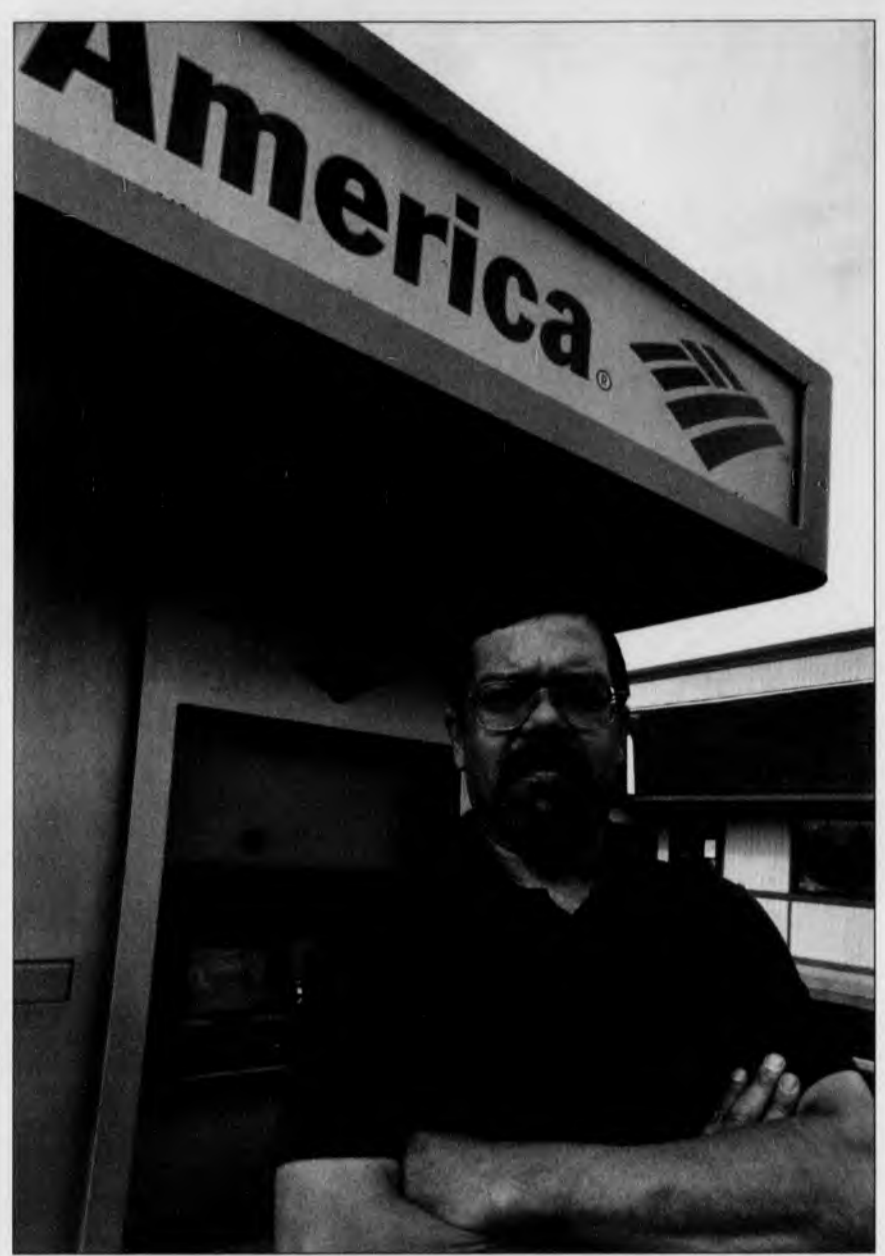
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FEES: Recently unemployed engineer Arthur Santa-Maria poses for a photo Feb. 7 at a Bank of America ATM in Los Lunas, N.M. Santa-Maria was surprised to learn he must pay fees to withdraw his unemployment money using a state-issued Bank of America debit card.

Banks charge unemployed workers with irregular fees

By Christopher Leonard
The Associated Press

First, Arthur Santa-Maria called Bank of America to ask how to check the balance of his new unemployment benefits debit card. The bank charged him 50 cents.

He chose not to complain. That would have cost another 50 cents.

So he took out some of the money and then decided to pull out the rest. But that made two withdrawals on the same day, and that was \$1.50.

For hundreds of thousands of workers losing their jobs during the recession, there's a new twist to their financial pain: Even when they're collecting unemployment benefits, they're paying the bank just to get the money — or even to call customer service to complain about it.

Thirty states have struck such deals with banks that include Citigroup Inc., Bank of America

Corp., JP Morgan Chase and US Bancorp, an Associated Press review of the agreements found. All the programs carry fees, and in several states the unemployed have no choice but to use the debit cards. Some banks even charge overdraft fees of up to \$20 — even though they could decline charges for more than what's on the card.

"They're trying to use my money to make money," said Santa-Maria, a laid-off engineer who lives just outside Albuquerque, N.M. "I just see banks trying to make that 50 cents or a buck and a half when I should be given the service for free."

The banks say their programs offer convenience. They also provide at least one way to tap the money at no charge, such as using a single free withdrawal to get all the cash at once from a bank teller. But the banks benefit from human nature, as people end up treating the cards like all the other

plastic in their wallets.

Some banks, depending on the agreement negotiated with each state, also make money on the interest they earn after the state deposits the money and before it's spent. The banks and credit card companies also get roughly 1 percent to 3 percent off the top of each transaction made with the cards.

"It's a racket. It's a scam," said Rachel Davis, a 38-year-old dental technician from St. Louis who was laid off in October. Davis was given a MasterCard issued through Central Bank of Jefferson City and recently paid \$6 to make two \$40 withdrawals.

Neither banks nor credit card companies will say how much money they are making off the programs, or what proportion of the revenue comes from user versus merchant fees or interest. It's difficult to estimate the profits because they depend on how often recipients use their cards and where they use them.

Young boy who killed father, friend pleads guilty; avoids emotional trial

By Felicia Fonseca
The Associated Press

ST. JOHNS, Ariz. — A 9-year-old boy accused of methodically shooting his father and his father's roommate to death last fall pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of negligent homicide, settling the case that shocked and mystified the nation.

Under a plea agreement, he pleaded guilty in the death of the roommate and charges of premeditated murder for both deaths were dropped. Police said the boy used a .22-caliber rifle to shoot the men as they returned home from work Nov. 5.

The boy's plea spares the rural community of about 4,000 from what would have been an emotional trial and prevents the boy from serving time in the state juvenile corrections system or being tried as an adult.

He was polite in court and was never asked about to explain any motive for the killings.

The boy has not yet been sentenced. He could be sent

"It's a compromise — no one is really pleased."

Benjamin Brewer | Defense Attorney

to the county juvenile system, which would keep him close to his relatives. Apache County Attorney Michael Whiting wants the boy to undergo extensive mental evaluations and treatment, an option allowed by the plea agreement.

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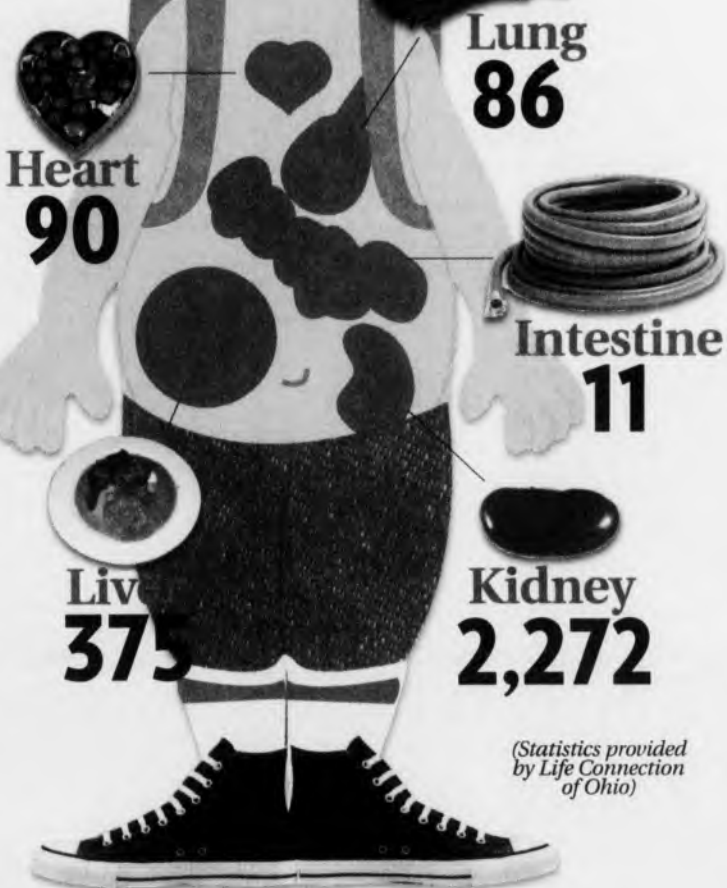
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Banks charge unemployed workers with irregular fees

By Christopher Leonard
The Associated Press

First, Arthur Santa-Maria called Bank of America to ask how to check the balance of his new unemployment benefits debit card. The bank charged him 50 cents.

He chose not to complain. That would have cost another 50 cents.

So he took out some of the money and then decided to pull out the rest. But that made two withdrawals on the same day, and that was \$1.50.

For hundreds of thousands of workers losing their jobs during the recession, there's a new twist to their financial pain: Even when they're collecting unemployment benefits, they're paying the bank just to get the money — or even to call customer service to complain about it.

Thirty states have struck such deals with banks that include Citigroup Inc., Bank of America

Corp., JP Morgan Chase and US Bancorp, an Associated Press review of the agreements found. All the programs carry fees, and in several states the unemployed have no choice but to use the debit cards. Some banks even charge overdraft fees of up to \$20 — even though they could decline charges for more than what's on the card.

"They're trying to use my money to make money," said Santa-Maria, a laid-off engineer who lives just outside Albuquerque, N.M. "I just see banks trying to make that 50 cents or a buck and a half when I should be given the service for free."

The banks say their programs offer convenience. They also provide at least one way to tap the money at no charge, such as using a single free withdrawal to get all the cash at once from a bank teller. But the banks benefit from human nature, as people end up treating the cards like all the other

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"It's a racket. It's a scam," said Rachel Davis, a 38-year-old dental technician from St. Louis who was laid off in October. Davis was given a MasterCard issued through Central Bank of Jefferson City and recently paid \$6 to make two \$40 withdrawals.

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By Felicia Fonseca
The Associated Press

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The boy's plea spares the rural community of about 4,000 from what would have been an emotional trial and prevents the boy from serving time in the state juvenile corrections system or being tried as an adult.

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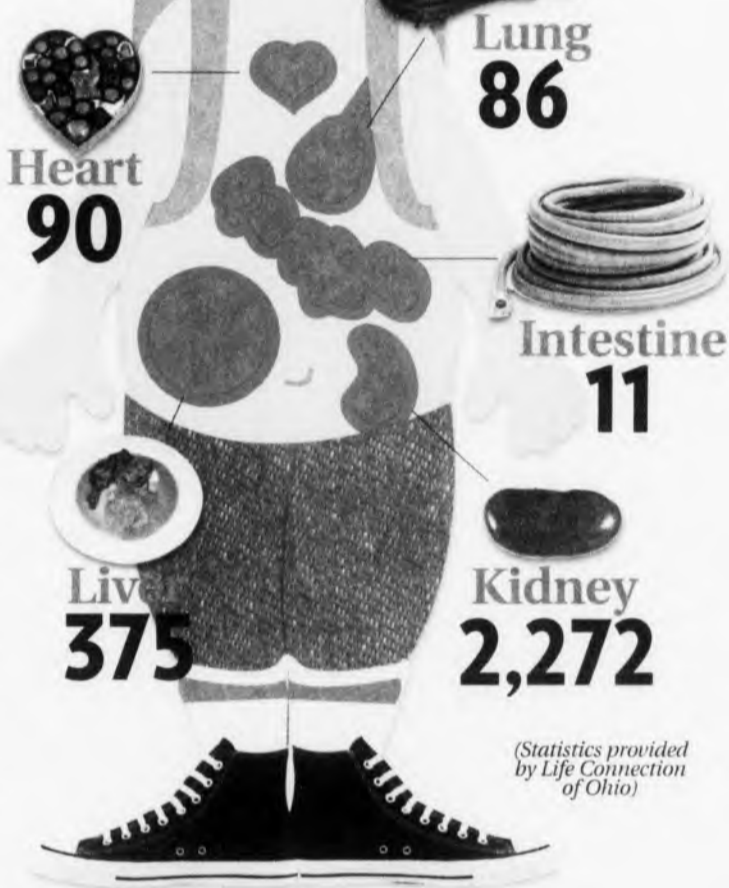
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Dear Diary: a three day journey of life without technology

We cannot shut up. For fear of being left out of the loop, we have become a nation of over-obsessed, over-stimulated, over-caffeinated, technology-hungry freaks. Plain and simple. Which is the exact opposite of what our world has become. But what if we just cut out the noise? This reporter has decided to rebel against the modern millennia by giving up her cell phone, iPod, Internet, television and debit card for three whole days. As a preface to this, my technology use could be rated as sufficient. I own all five of these things, but refuse to pay for cable or Internet. I check my e-mail only three times a day, but make many long distance phone calls. During these 72 hours I kept a diary — a distant paper ancestor to the

blog — to chronicle my journey in its entirety.

DAY ONE

3:35 p.m. — My first thoughts about this techno-fast came last night when I thought about my car. It's 28 degrees outside and although originally I planned to include it, I'm no masochist. My car will not be a contender in this contest. As it stands now, since I have woken up I have survived without, but the temptation is definitely mounting. My first instinct this morning was to check my e-mail or even the weather, but these conveniences are out of the picture for two days and some odd hours.

4:00 p.m. — I don't feel like I am just passing the time, really, but all of this knitting and puzzle-working makes me feel like an old woman.

Especially because this puzzle is a 2,000 piece replica of The Last Supper.

This morning without my iPod made exercise a strength of will instead of muscle. All I could think about was my breath. Is it smelling like coffee? Can other people smell me sweating? At the end of the workout I figured if I couldn't smell them they couldn't smell me. It's kind of like playing a game of hide and seek with a little kid and they just end up covering their eyes for their hiding spot.

I do feel a little isolated without my phone. What are my friends supposed to do if they have pertinent gossip to tell me? Tape a note to my door?

10:33 p.m. — First lesson learned in a simpler world: Fire safety. After six hours of bartending I remembered I

left a Febreze odor-neutralizing candle right next to the window where my cat likes to jump around. What if she had knocked it over and the whole house was swallowed up into the flames? If that candle is worth its weight, even the firefighters won't be able to smell the blaze. Not only that, but how would I know that my house caught fire? No one knows the phone number of where I work, let alone any other phone number.

11:30 p.m. — Now that I have time to truly relax I don't even want it. I want to know what the rest of the world is doing. In the most abbreviated way possible. Is there any way to turn down the volume on a ticking clock?

DAY TWO

4:10 p.m. — What a snore. I've knitted almost an entire mitten in one

day. This normally would have taken me a year. By mitten, of course, I mean "hand-sock" because I don't have a YouTube video to teach me how to make the thumb.

7:35 p.m. — I realized why most of us have cell phones in the first place. Emergency situations like "what if a burglar comes in here in the middle of the night?" I would be a goner.

DAY THREE

10:35 a.m. — Coming in on the home stretch. My thumbs are itching to text my friends that I'm not doing anything. I don't want to sound caloused, but I feel handicapped.

4:00 p.m. — Waking up from a nap, I fantasize about how many spam pieces of e-mail I might have received today and how satisfying it will be to delete them separately, savoring each one by one. People in

the olden days must have slept more often, and in their deluded minds, they probably actually thought they were tired. Modern man sleeps two hours a day, and he hates every second of it because he is wasting valuable seconds not working.

MOMENT OF RETURN

After the fast, I gorged on my almost-forgotten contemporary delicacies. I used my cell phone after searching the Internet to find a replacement for my Sony 8.4 bit digital camera power cord charger to call my friend Leo, who is a computer-repair technician. If I knew how to write binary code for computer programming, I would have texted in 1s and 0s how grateful I was to be back.

All in all, the experiment proved only annoying and not completely undoable, but I wouldn't attempt it again anytime soon.

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ing 3,200 new donors, a relatively small number compared to other universities in the competition. To reach out to those students and citizens not registered, this year's class is asking, "What are you w8ing for?"

"The slogan is a call to action and a prompt to get students to think about the issue," public-relations student Kelly Nightingale said. "Hopefully people will see the slogan, think a little bit about organ donation, and if they have the slightest inkling of signing up to become a donor they will ask themselves, what are you waiting for? The answer being nothing, so do it now."

Class member Chrissy Madison said in addition to prompting people to register the slogan also serves to show the

magnitude of what one person can do.

"The eight in w8ing symbolizes the eight lives that could be potentially saved by a donor; two lungs, two kidneys, heart, liver, intestines and pancreas," she said.

The class has already achieved 58 percent of their goal and have several more events planned for the remainder of the school year. In April they will be attending the health fair and in honor of Mardi Gras on Feb. 24 they want students in the Union to "show us your ... driver's license" and will be passing out Mardi Gras beads to new and current donors. On Feb. 28 they will be attending the Toledo Public Library's Black History celebration to hand out information and reach out to the black community.

Campaign member Jenny Traster explains this is a particularly important event.

"This year's campaign encom-

Answers to quiz from page 7

1. False, 18 people die each day
2. True
3. True
4. False, at the time of death a person's medical history is assessed and usually they are still able to donate some organ or tissue
5. False, there is no cost to the donor or their family

passes minority outreach. In the United States African-Americans and other minorities make up about 20 percent of the population but more than 50 percent of the waiting list for organ transplants are minorities," Traster said.

Those who want to become an organ and tissue donor can register at www.doinowohio.org/bgsu or attend one of the campaign's events. People already registered can continue to show their support by joining the "What are you W8ing for?" group on Facebook or by spreading the word themselves.

"Students can help canvass for the cause by simply asking their

classmates, friends and members of campus organizations that they are in if they are registered and if not direct them to the Web site to sign up," Traster said.

Public relations student Meredith Whitsel understands organ donation can be a sensitive issue but she encourages everyone to at least consider the possibility of becoming a donor.

"No one is immune to being healthy for the rest of their lives," Whitsel said. "So it's important for all people to become socially active not only with recycling of pop-cans and non-perishable items but with their body by giving the gift of life."



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Despite not knowing his opponent, Schmitz is confident in the ability of his 2009 team.

Fielding:

BG's infield is anchored by one of the nation's top shortstops, senior Ryan Shay. Shay is coming off a year where he and second baseman Logan Meisler averaged 1.13 double plays a game.

"Ryan plays a vital position. The way I look at it shortstop is a coach on the field," Schmitz said. "That's definitely what he brings; he's the guy who runs the show out there."

In addition to Shay and Meisler, the rest of the 2008 infield remains intact as well. At the corners Derek Spencer and Brian Hangbers will be back after only committing 19 errors in 52 games last season.

"I think we have a chance to be a very good defensive team," Schmitz said.

The outfield will also be sharp as expected starters T.J. Blanton, Dennis Vaughn and Mark Galvin all have fielding percentages above .900.

Schmitz will also try to incorporate freshman John Berti into the lineup for the season. Berti, a natural shortstop, was one of the Mr. Baseball finalists in Michigan his senior

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BIG PLAYERS: Ryan Shay, Derek Spencer and Dusty Hawk (left to right) will all be big contributors to the Falcons this season.

Men to play nationally while women travel to Akron tomorrow

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

With both the men's and women's basketball teams coming off big wins, they will be looking to continue that success this weekend.

The men's team (15-10, 8-4 Mid-American Conference), fresh off Wednesday night's 59-48 win over Buffalo, will face Canisius (8-18) in an ESPN BracketBuster game at Anderson Arena.

One player who helped the Falcons get their momentum back after a loss to Eastern Michigan last Sunday was Brian Moten, whose 22 points left him as the only Falcon to score in double-digits.

However, coach Louis Orr said it was a team effort that allowed them to get back on track.

"It was a great effort from start



Brian Moten
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to finish," Orr said. "It was really a tremendous, tremendous game and win for our players."

That win also takes the Falcons into a nationally televised game.

In their last game on ESPN, the Falcons fell to Akron 62-52, but last season, they found success in the BracketBuster game.

In that contest, the Falcons beat Detroit-Mercy 81-65. Canisius also was featured last season and beat Albany 64-60.

Tomorrow's game will tipoff at 2 p.m.

For the women, BG (22-2, 11-0 MAC) will travel to Akron (9-15, 4-7 MAC) for their first game in

the second set of games against the MAC East.

On Jan. 10, the Falcons defeated Akron 80-51 in the first meeting of the schools.

One of the keys to that game was the play of Niki McCoy against her old squad.

In that January game, McCoy scored 13 points, but more importantly, didn't let her emotions get in the way of her performance.

However, she will be playing in her first game since being suspended and may or may not be starting, giving the Falcons a different look this time around.

Not only that, James A. Rhodes Arena has been kind to the Zips this season, providing them with a 7-5 record compared to a 1-10 away mark.

"A very much different team

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Falcons face Michigan State for final series

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Reporter

No one predicted this weekend's series between BG and Michigan State would be a battle of the two last place teams.

Michigan State was picked to finish in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's top five by both the coaches' and media pre-season polls. BG was picked to finish anywhere from seventh to ninth in the conference.

"They've been able to have some success the last couple

weekends," said BG coach Scott Paluch. "They're in a difficult year, they're trying to become a confident team coming into the playoffs."

The Spartans, like BG, have had trouble finding consistent all-around scoring and are last in the conference in goals, shots and power play percentage.

Despite their offensive struggles, the Spartans are one of the better defensive teams led by senior captain Jeff Lerg. At only 5'6" 155 lbs., Lerg is the smallest goalie in the conference; how-

ever he boasts an impressive resume.

Lerg is MSU's all-time leader in saves for a career and led the Spartans to a national title in the 2007 season.

"Lerg is, and has been, one of the elite goalies in college hockey over the last four years," Paluch said.

The teams face-off tonight at 7 at Michigan State's Munn Arena. The teams meet again tomorrow for BG's senior night, a 5 p.m. puck drop that will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net Detroit.

Dear Diary: a three day journey of life without technology

Story by Stephanie Spencer | Pulse Reporter

We cannot shut up. For fear of being left out of the loop, we have become a nation of over-obsessed, over-stimulated, over-caffeinated, technology-hungry freaks. Plain and simple. Which is the exact opposite of what our world has become. But what if we just cut out the noise? This reporter has decided to rebel against the modern millennial by giving up her cell phone, iPod, Internet, television and debit card for three whole days. As a preface to this my technology use could be listed as sufficient. I own all five of these things, but refuse to pay for cable or Internet. I check my e-mail only three times a day, but make really long distance phone calls. During those 72 hours I kept a diary — a distant paper ancestor to the

blog — to chronicle my journey in its entirety.

DAY ONE

3:35 p.m. — My first thoughts about this techno-fast came last night when I thought about my car. Its 28 degrees outside and although originally I planned to include it, I'm no masochist. My car will not be a contender in this contest. As it stands now, since I have woken up I have survived without, but the temptation is definitely mounting. My first instinct this morning was to check my e-mail or even the weather, but these conveniences are out of the picture for two days and some odd hours.

4:00 p.m. — I don't feel like I am just passing the time, really, but all of this knitting and puzzle-working makes me feel like an old woman.

Especially because this puzzle is a 2,000 piece replica of The Last Supper.

This morning without my iPod made exercise a strength of will instead of muscle. All I could think about was my breath. Is it smelling like coffee? Can other people smell me sweating? At the end of the workout I figured if I couldn't smell them they couldn't smell me. It's kind of like playing a game of hide and seek with a little kid and they just end up covering their eyes for their hiding spot.

I do feel a little isolated without my phone. What are my friends supposed to do if they have pertinent gossip to tell me? Tape a note to my door?

10:33 p.m. — First lesson learned in a simpler world: Fire safety. After six hours of bartending I remembered I

left a Febreze odor-neutralizing candle right next to the window where my cat likes to jump around. What if she had knocked it over and the whole house was swallowed up into the flames? If that candle is worth its weight, even the firefighters won't be able to smell the blaze. Not only that, but how would I know that my house caught fire? No one knows the phone number of where I work, let alone any other phone number.

11:30 p.m. — Now that I have time to truly relax I don't even want it. I want to know what the rest of the world is doing. In the most abbreviated way possible. Is there any way to turn down the volume on a ticking clock?

DAY TWO

4:10 p.m. — What a snore. I've knitted almost an entire mitten in one

day. This normally would have taken me a year. By mitten, of course, I mean "hand-sock" because I don't have a YouTube video to teach me how to make the thumb.

7:35 p.m. — I realized why most of us have cell phones in the first place. Emergency situations like "what if a burglar comes in here in the middle of the night?" I would be a goner.

DAY THREE

10:35 a.m. — Coming in on the home stretch. My thumbs are itching to text my friends that I'm not doing anything. I don't want to sound calloused, but I feel handicapped.

4:00 p.m. — Waking up from a nap, I fantasize about how many spam pieces of e-mail I might have received today and how satisfying it will be to delete them separately, savoring each one by one. People in

the olden days must have slept more often, and in their deluded minds, they probably actually thought they were tired. Modern man sleeps two hours a day, and he hates every second of it because he is wasting valuable seconds not working.

MOMENT OF RETURN

After the fast, I gorged on my almost-forgotten contemporary delicacies. I used my cell phone after searching the Internet to find a replacement for my Sony 8.4 bit digital camera power cord charger to call my friend Leo, who is a computer-repair technician. If I knew how to write binary code for computer programming, I would have texted in 1s and 0s how grateful I was to be back.

All in all, the experiment proved only annoying and not completely undoable, but I wouldn't attempt it again anytime soon.

ORGAN

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ing 3,200 new donors, a relatively small number compared to other universities in the competition. To reach out to those students and citizens not registered, this year's class is asking, "What are you willing for?"

"The slogan is a call to action and a prompt to get students to think about the issue," public relations student Kelly Nightingale said. "Hopefully people will see the slogan, think a little bit about organ donation, and if they have the slightest inkling of signing up to become a donor they will ask themselves, what are you waiting for? The answer being nothing, so do it now."

Class member Chrissy Madison said in addition to prompting people to register the slogan also serves to show the

magnitude of what one person can do.

"The eight in w8ing symbolizes the eight lives that could be potentially saved by a donor; two lungs, two kidneys, heart, liver, intestines and pancreas," she said.

The class has already achieved 58 percent of their goal and have several more events planned for the remainder of the school year. In April they will be attending the health fair and in honor of Mardi Gras on Feb. 24 they want students in the Union to "show us your ... driver's license" and will be passing out Mardi Gras beads to new and current donors. On Feb. 28 they will be attending the Toledo Public Library's Black History celebration to hand out information and reach out to the black community.

Campaign member Jenny Traster explains this is a particularly important event. "This year's campaign encom-

Answers to quiz from page 7

1. False, 18 people die each day.
2. True
3. True
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5. False, there is no cost to the donor or their family

passes minority outreach. In the United States African-Americans and other minorities make up about 20 percent of the population but more than 50 percent of the waiting list for organ transplants are minorities," Traster said.

Those who want to become an organ and tissue donor can register at www.donmowohio.org/bgsu or attend one of the campaign's events. People already registered can continue to show their support by joining the "What are you w8ing for?" group on Facebook or by spreading the word themselves.

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"They're one of the top teams in their conference, but we haven't played them before so we don't know completely what to expect," Schmitz said.

Despite not knowing his opponent, Schmitz is confident in the ability of his 2009 team.

Fielding:

BG's infield is anchored by one of the nation's top shortstops, senior Ryan Shay. Shay is coming off a year where he and second baseman Logan Meisler averaged 1.13 double plays a game.

"Ryan plays a vital position. The way I look at it shortstop is a coach on the field," Schmitz said. "That's definitely what he brings; he's the guy who runs the show out there."

In addition to Shay and Meisler, the rest of the 2008 infield remains intact as well. At the corners Derek Spencer and Brian Hangbers will be back after only committing 19 errors in 52 games last season.

"I think we have a chance to be a very good defensive team," Schmitz said.

The outfield will also be sharp as expected starters T.J. Blanton, Dennis Vaughn and Mark Galvin all have fielding percentages above .900.

Schmitz will also try to incorporate freshman John Berti into the lineup for the season. Berti, a natural shortstop, was one of the Mr. Baseball finalists in Michigan his senior

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BIG PLAYERS: Ryan Shay, Derek Spencer and Dusty Hawk (left to right) will all be big contributors to the Falcons this season.

Men to play nationally while women travel to Akron tomorrow

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

With both the men's and women's basketball teams coming off big wins, they will be looking to continue that success this weekend.

The men's team (15-10, 8-4 Mid-American Conference), fresh off Wednesday night's 59-48 win over Buffalo, will face Canisius (8-18) in an ESPN BracketBuster game at Anderson Arena.

One player who helped the Falcons get their momentum back after a loss to Eastern Michigan last Sunday was Brian Moten, whose 22 points left him as the only Falcon to score in double-digits.

However, coach Louis Orr said it was a team effort that allowed them to get back on track.

"It was a great effort from start



Brian Moten

Scored 22 points in BG's last game against Buffalo

the second set of games against the MAC East.

On Jan. 10, the Falcons defeated Akron 80-51 in the first meeting of the schools.

One of the keys to that game was the play of Niki McCoy against her old squad.

In that January game, McCoy scored 13 points, but more importantly, didn't let her emotions get in the way of her performance.

However, she will be playing in her first game since being suspended and may or may not be starting, giving the Falcons a different look this time around.

Not only that, James A. Rhodes Arena has been kind to the Zips this season, providing them with an 7-5 record compared to a 1-10 away mark.

"A very much different team

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Falcons face Michigan State for final series

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

No one predicted this weekend's series between BG and Michigan State would be a battle of the two last place teams.

Michigan State was picked to finish in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's top five by both the coaches' and media pre-season polls. BG was picked to finish anywhere from seventh to ninth in the conference.

"They've been able to have some success the last couple

weekends," said BG coach Scott Paluch. "They're in a difficult year, they're trying to become a confident team coming into the playoffs."

The Spartans, like BG, have had trouble finding consistent all-around scoring and are last in the conference in goals, shots and power play percentage.

Despite their offensive struggles, the Spartans are one of the better defensive teams led by senior captain Jeff Lerg. At only 5'6" 155 lbs., Lerg is the smallest goalie in the conference; how-

ever he boasts an impressive resume.

Lerg is MSU's all-time leader in saves for a career and led the Spartans to a national title in the 2007 season.

"Lerg is, and has been, one of the elite goalies in college hockey over the last four years," Paluch said.

The teams face-off tonight at 7 at Michigan State's Munn Arena. The teams meet again tomorrow for BG's senior night, a 5 p.m. puck drop that will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net Detroit.

Tennis team set for two matches

By Morgan Carlson
Reporter

The BG women's tennis team will fight to maintain their 5-0 record this weekend against Michigan State University tomorrow and the University of Detroit on Sunday. The pair of matches will be played on the road.

After playing several home matches in a row, the Falcons will pack their bags and head to Michigan for the weekend. Coach Penny Dean says that traveling can be stressful, but the team is used to it.

"There is always a little challenge in [traveling], but we are

a mature team and do it all season long," Dean said. "[It's a] short trip and we've been there before."

The MSU Spartans are 4-4 in their spring season, though they beat BG 6-1 during their last matchup in 2007.

The UD Titans are 5-2 in their season thus far. Last February, the Falcons beat UD 5-2.

Senior Kelsey Jakupcin has a positive outlook for the weekend. Though neither match is for Mid-American Conference points, MSU is a Big 10 team.

"Everyone on our team is successful right now and we all have the best attitudes and mindsets from how we have been play-

ing," Jakupcin said. "We will keep working hard in practices because we play a Big Ten team and it would be a huge win for us if we came out on top."

Jakupcin is also optimistic about the distance the Falcons will travel.

"We have all played at Michigan State and have played at Detroit's tennis club during juniors, so we are familiar with the coming surroundings," Jakupcin said. "East Lansing and Detroit aren't too far from BG, which is nice so the traveling time won't be as long, and we won't get tired."

The women will play tomorrow and Sunday at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.



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ALL SMILES: Tiger Woods will be returning to golf at the Accenture Match Play Championship next Wednesday.

Woods announces return to PGA Tour

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Eight months after winning the U.S. Open on one good leg, a healthy Tiger Woods is returning to golf.

Woods said on his Web site yesterday that he will defend his title next week in the Accenture Match Play Championship, believing his reconstructed left knee and his game is good enough to win.

"I'm now ready to play again, Woods said.

The Match Play Championship in Tucson, Ariz., begins Wednesday, where Woods will end his 254-day break from competition.

The timing could not be better for the PGA Tour, which has seen television ratings plunge after the world's No. 1 player had to miss the second half of the season, including two majors, the Ryder Cup and the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"We are delighted that Tiger is returning to competition

and look forward to watching him compete next week," commissioner Tim Finchem said in a statement.

The last shot Woods hit was a short par putt on the 91st hole of the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, where he defeated Rocco Mediate in a playoff to capture his 14th major, which Woods described as "probably the best ever" under the circumstances.

He had surgery after the Masters last year to repair cartilage damage in his left knee, and while preparing to return for the U.S. Open, suffered a double stress fracture in his left leg.

He limped badly over the final few days of the U.S. Open, later saying the swelling was so bad at night that he couldn't see his knee cap. A week after winning, he had reconstructive surgery, the third operation on his left knee in five years.

He began hitting short irons toward the end of December, and friends such as Mark

O'Meara and John Cook said he had been playing plenty of golf over the last few weeks at his home course in Florida.

The last big obstacle to his return was the birth of his son, Charlie Axel, on Feb. 8.

"Elin and our new son Charlie are doing great," Woods wrote. "I've enjoyed my time at home with the family and appreciate everyone's support and kind wishes."

Woods will be under even greater scrutiny when he returns at Match Play, a tournament that is unpredictable even with two good legs. The eight-month break is the longest he has ever gone without playing, and there are questions of rust and how much he has modified his swing after the knee surgery.

Even so, swing coach Hank Haney said last month that Woods would not return until he thought he could win.

"He's not looking to just participate," Haney said last month.

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year and is an MLB draft pick of the Oakland Athletics.

Hitting:

Berti is more likely to make his presence felt in the batters box his freshman season. With Shay already established as top tier player, Berti will see time in the outfield, infield and as a designated hitter.

"John brings us speed, and you can't teach that as a coach," Schmitz said.

In his final high school season Berti stole a school record 40 bases.

While Berti is waiting in the wings, Shay continues to be one of BG's most consistent hitters. In 2008, Shay hit a team high .412, quite impressive as BG returns eight players with batting averages above .300.

Another addition to the roster will be designated hitter Tyler Elkins who missed the whole 2008 season with an injury.

Pitching:

While BG only lost three seniors, they did lose more of their 2008 staff to unconventional ways. One signed a free agent contract with the Washington Nationals while the other two, both still on the team, have suffered from

shoulder injuries.

"From a starting standpoint, we're definitely a different starting staff than we were at the end of the last year," Schmitz said.

The change in staff leaves senior Dusty Hawk as the expected opening day starter at Western Carolina. Last season, Hawk threw 40 innings for BG putting together 25 strikeouts.

Other starters will include Brennan Smith and junior college transfer Matt Malewitz. In the bullpen, Schmitz will rely on middle reliever Marty Baird and closer Charles Wooten.

Following their Carolina road trip BG will head to Louisville next weekend.

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at home than they have been on the road," Miller said.

Adding another dimension of challenge for the Falcons will be the preparation process.

While Miller has watched film of every Akron game since Jan. 10, he also knows Akron coach Jodi Kest is excellent when preparing for a game, especially when she has extended time.

"When you give Jodi Kest a week to prepare, we have to be prepared for the unexpected," Miller said. "It would not be a shock that they have something planned for us that they haven't showed all year long."

Sophomore Lauren Prochaska also knows Akron won't be slouches preparing for the game.

"I'm sure they'll come up with some type of strategy against us, and we have to be prepared for whatever they throw at us," sophomore Lauren Prochaska said.

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Peppers receives franchise tag from Panthers

(AP)—Julius Peppers was slapped with the franchise player tag by Carolina yesterday, making it more difficult for the star defensive end to get his wish and leave the Panthers.

The tag was applied after the Panthers agreed on a new contract with left tackle Jordan Gross. That cleared the way for Carolina to use the team's only franchise tag on Peppers, who had 14 sacks last season but expressed his desire to leave the Panthers and their 4-3 scheme for a team that plays a 3-4 defense.

The move came on the final day for teams to apply a franchise designation, which keeps a player under the control of his current team for an average salary of the top five players at his position. Overall, 14 of the NFL's 32 teams protected players with the franchise tag.

In addition to Peppers, among those tagged yesterday were cornerback Dunta Robinson of Houston; tight end Bo Scaife of Tennessee; linebacker Leroy Hill of Seattle; and offensive tackle Max Starks of Pittsburgh.

Meanwhile, All-Pro cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha re-signed with Oakland, avoiding the franchise tag he had last season by agreeing to a three-year contract that's thought to be the richest ever given to a defensive back. Its value is estimated at \$30 million.

But the most intriguing move involves Peppers, the second overall pick in the 2002 draft. His big season followed a 2007 in which he had just 2 sacks.

A person close to Peppers said on Wednesday that the defensive end would agree to be traded to only four teams, including the Dallas Cowboys, who do not have a first-round pick and would be unlikely to make a deal — a team that signs a franchise player owes his original team two first-rounders, although deals have been made for less than that.

That could leave the Panthers facing the prospect of a holdout or eating up a huge portion of the salary cap by spending more than 10 percent on one player.

"Julius was expecting to be franchised," Peppers' agent, Carl Carey, wrote in a text message to The Associated Press. "We will continue to work toward a resolution that is in line with his professional goals."

Gross, who also made All-Pro, agreed to a six-year deal, keeping the Panthers' offensive line intact and keeping the team from risking the loss of two key players to free agency.

In addition to the Asomugha signing, the Indianapolis Colts re-signed cornerback Kelvin Hayden to a deal reported to be \$43 million over five years. The team would have considered franchising Hayden had they not agreed to terms.

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LEAVING 'HOME': The Seminary of the Society of St. Pius X, directed by traditionalist bishop Richard Williamson, is seen in La Reja, some 40 kilometers west of Buenos Aires. Williamson was ordered to leave Argentina within 10 days.

Argentina orders out Holocaust-denying bishop

By Debora Rey
The Associated Press

Buenos Aires, Argentina — The traditionalist bishop whose denials of the Holocaust embarrassed the Vatican was ordered yesterday to leave Argentina within 10 days.

The Interior Ministry said it had ordered Richard Williamson out of Argentina because he had failed to declare his true job as director of a seminary on immigration forms and because his comments on the Holocaust "profoundly insult Argentine society, the Jewish community and all of humanity by denying a historic truth."

Williamson's views created an uproar last month when Pope Benedict XVI lifted his excommunication and that of three other bishops consecrated by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as part of a process meant to heal a rift with ultra-conservatives.

The flap led the Vatican to demand that the British clergyman recant before he can be admitted as a bishop in the Roman Catholic Church. It also prompted the Society of St. Pius X, founded by Lefebvre, to dismiss Williamson as director of the La Reja seminary in Argentina and to distance itself from his views.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican had no comment on the Argentine action.

Although Williamson has been in Argentina since 2003, the government's secretary for religious affairs, Guillermo Oliveri, said immigration officials only realized he had made an undeclared change of jobs when the controversy hit the press.

But Oliveri made clear the Holocaust uproar played a key part: "I absolutely agree with the expulsion of a man residing in our country following his statements [denying] one of the greatest human tragedies."

Argentina's Jewish community, estimated at more than

"There was not one Jew killed in the gas chambers. It was all lies, lies, lies."

Richard Williamson | Bishop

200,000 residents, is the largest in Latin America and was besieged by terrorist attacks in the 1990s, when a bomb flattened the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, killing 29, and an explosives-packed van later exploded outside the Argentine Israeli Mutual Association building, killing 85.

It was not clear when or where Williamson would go. A person who answered the phone at the Society of St. Pius X said Williamson was still in the country, then hung up.

In an interview broadcast Jan. 21, Williamson told Swedish state TV that no Jews were gassed during the Holocaust and only 200,000 to 300,000 were killed, not 6 million.

He also questioned the Holocaust while serving as rector of the St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Winona, Minn., between 1988 and 2003.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, Williamson declared in a 1989 speech that "Jews made up the Holocaust, Protestants get their orders from the devil and the Vatican has sold its soul to liberalism."

"There was not one Jew killed in the gas chambers. It was all lies, lies, lies," Williamson said in the speech at Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes church in Sherbrooke, Quebec, the Jewish group said in a report posted on the Internet.

He was quoted as asserting that "the Jews created the Holocaust so we would prostrate ourselves on our knees before them and approve of their new state of Israel."

The remarks caused an especially strong reaction among Argentina's Jewish community, one of the world's largest.

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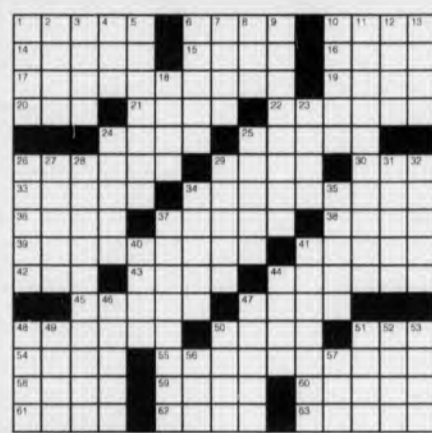
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Three acquitted in slaying of Russian reporter

Friends of victim fear they won't see justice done

By Douglas Birch and David Nowak
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A jury in Moscow voted unanimously yesterday to acquit three men in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya, dimming hopes for justice in a case that has mocked Russia's claims to be a modern democratic nation.

The brazen 2006 slaying of the crusading investigative reporter sent a grim signal to other dissenters in Russia, proving that even the most prominent of Kremlin critics could be murdered with impunity.

And it provoked international outrage, raising suspicions that her death was ordered by prominent public officials.

A jury acquitted two Chechen brothers and a morose ex-cop following a trial that defense attorneys and Politkovskaya's supporters said was marred by prosecution errors and oversights.

All three were suspected of playing minor roles in the killing. A suspected triggerman, a third brother, has not been found.

Politkovskaya was shot five

times in the elevator of her central Moscow apartment building on Oct. 7, 2006, after a trip to the supermarket.

In her articles, Politkovskaya had attacked some of Russia's most powerful political leaders. She was a ferocious critic of former president and current Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, on whose birthday the 48-year-old journalist was slain. In one book, she accused him of crushing dissent and leading a "failing democracy."

She had also accused the regime of Ramzan Kadyrov, a former militia leader and now president of the Russian region of Chechnya, of torture and corruption, charges that he has denied.

During the trial, Politkovskaya's colleagues and family said, prosecutors put together a feeble case — never bothering to offer a formal theory of who might have paid for the suspected contract slaying, or why.

Now those close to Politkovskaya fear they will never see justice done.

Sergei Sokolov, one of Politkovskaya's editors at the opposition newspaper Novaya Gazeta, said the verdicts could make it harder to pressure low-level plotters to testify against organizers.

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