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FACING THE ISSUES

Current councilman values listening from constituents in forming decisions

By Andy Ouriel
Senior Reporter

Junior Jacob Redfern won't be asking for candy when he's out this Halloween weekend — he will be asking for votes.

The candidate for Bowling Green City Council will be knocking on doors within his jurisdiction, which is east of Main Street, north of Wooster Street and all campus residences, excluding Harshman and Kreischer.

Redfern, who was appointed to the 1st Ward position after Gordy Heminger stepped down this summer, said he is familiarizing himself with his constituents' opinions and beliefs to help his decision-making process.

"I decided to run for city council because I was encouraged to do so by several members of the community," he said. "If I wanted to see change in the way the city operates and the things that impact each and every one of us, I have to take initiative."

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Former USG senator relies on leadership experience in city council campaign

By Brittany Washington
Reporter

Being a follower might be satisfying for some, but for one aspiring city council member and student, being a leader is much more rewarding.

Previously involved in numerous organizations on campus, including Undergraduate Student Government, Resident Student Association and Habitat for Humanity, Rob Emmelhainz is now dedicating the majority of his time to running for Bowling Green City Council's 2nd Ward seat.

"I decided to run for city council because I love the city of Bowling Green," Emmelhainz said.

His decision was also based on his political involvement on campus and in the community.

"I think one of the best ways to use my skills as a political science major is to give back to the community," he said.

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Themed learning communities offer alternative educational experiences

By Sarah Bailey
Reporter

Though many students may not know about the variety of learning and themed communities at the University, it's easy to find one with people who have similar interests to their own.

"All of our learning communities offer a unique opportunity for closeness with students who have like career goals," said Jodi Devine, director of the Honors Learning Community.

The learning communities have been nationally recognized as among the best in the country by the U.S. News and World Report, according to the Residential Learning and Theme Communities Web site.

Students do not have to be a specific year to become a member of one of the 14 learning and themed communities offered, stated the Web site.

Within learning communities, students can live and study within their own residence area with people of the same academic interests, sharing classes

and faculty members. In themed communities, students can live together with students who share the same common interests, but no direct academic links.

Both provide an environment in which students who have the same goals and interests can live together, stated the Web site. The learning communities include the Arts Village, the Chapman Community, the Global Village, the Honors Learning Community, La Comunidad, La Maison Francaise, the Natural and Health Sciences Residential Learning Community (NHSRC) and the Partners in Context and Community (PCC).

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Such trips include traveling to Chicago, seeing the "Wicked" musical in Toledo and the

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USG President stays focused on positives in speech

Mutgi said by joining with other student-run governments and valuing higher education, the University will prosper through tough times

By Allison Borgelt
Reporter

In his State of the Student Body Address last night, Undergraduate Student Government President Sundeep Mutgi said despite tough economic times, the University community is working to stay competitive in higher education.

Addressing a crowd of approximately 20 students in the Black Swamp Pub, Mutgi proudly described the student body as strong and praised the University on reaching national status in higher education.

"Despite cutbacks across the University, we've currently been acknowledged as a national leader ... as a school with commitment to education and the undergraduate experience," Mutgi said.

Mutgi said USG has been doing its part to make the University's issues known in the midst of state budget cuts.

"As the state budget continues to be worked and reworked, student government has joined with other student governments from around the state in the Ohio Student Government Association to not only make sure our issues are still being heard at the state level, but among other institutions."

Mutgi also congratulated the student body for choosing higher education.

"More and more as a nation, we're coming to realize that in order to stay competitive globally, we must start to educate ourselves at the highest

"...in order to stay competitive globally, we must start to educate ourselves at the highest of levels."

Sundeep Mutgi | USG President

of levels," he said. "Each and every undergraduate student here and listening to this broadcast today is currently putting themselves in the best possible position to not only withstand the difficult current economic times but also the difficult job market."

The University is putting itself in better standing in the areas of campus parking and bus issues, dining, beautification and its relationship with the city, Mutgi said.

For example, Mutgi said USG is working with the Department of Parking and Traffic and students to figure out how to solve "deteriorating parking and bus conditions." He said the department's plan includes a \$20-per-semester fee to update parking and the shuttle buses and routes available.

Mutgi said he is also pleased with the new options available to students since University Dining Services partnered with Chartwells.

"This summer, several of our senators took part in key discussions regarding the

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USG informs students on downtown shuttle fee

\$20 fee could be tacked on to improve shuttle system by adding multiple routes across city

By Zach Gase
Reporter

The Undergraduate Student Government held its first of two meetings last night regarding a possible downtown shuttle route with the addition of a student fee.

USG informed students on the possibility of adding a \$20 fee to improve the shuttle system along with adding a downtown and late night route.

USG has collaborated with public safety for 20 years, working on expanding the shuttle services said Chris Schiazza, student welfare committee chair.

In recent years, USG was successful in purchasing a hybrid bus to help the University "go green," furthering efforts to improve the shuttle system.

James Wiegand, University chief of police, attended the session to talk to students about what the additional fee would do to improve transportation on campus.

"[The new routes] would provide public safety," Wiegand said. "It would also enhance our parking."

The additional \$20 would



James Wiegand
University chief of police said fee would benefit student safety

contribute to improving the busses and routes. It would also benefit the always problematic parking on campus, he said.

"97 percent of funding comes from parking. Parking cannot continue to fund the shuttle," Wiegand said.

The inclusion of new routes could possibly benefit students by providing them with a safe way home.

"A few months back, a student got hit by a train. Hopefully we can alleviate that

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EMMELHAINZ

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Emmelhainz's campaign area covers south of Wooster Street and east of Main Street.

Emmelhainz is running against current city council member John Zafrindo.

"I have a lot of respect for John Zafrindo, but feel I can do a better job at satisfying the needs of all the residents, students and community members included."

Treasurer for Emmelhainz's campaign, Ryan Holly, who is in charge of keeping track of income and expenses, said his previous leadership experiences would help his candidacy.

"Being that he is a student, he relates better to everyone in the 2nd Ward and he plans on creating a stronger BG," Holly said.

Emmelhainz has been active in campaigning by posting yard signs, going door-to-door discussing his campaign with residents and creating a Web site showcasing his concerns and commitments for the city of Bowling Green.

Emmelhainz said he has three main important campaigning messages he wants to convey. First, he wants to maintain an affordable lifestyle for all residents of BG and keep unnecessary legislation from being passed. Second, he wants to keep Bowling Green a beautiful city. Lastly, he wants to build strong relationships between the campus, the community and the neighborhood community.

For campaign strategies, he will

try to improve upon his unsuccessful run at becoming this year's USG president.

"Running for USG president taught me the value of trying new things, whether you succeed or not."

He also said it taught him perseverance and gave him a chance to perfect his speaking skills.

Neal Jesse, chair of the Department of Political Science, has mentored Emmelhainz since the Spring 2008.

"Emmelhainz is a nice, thoughtful guy and very personable," Jesse said. "But most of all, he works well with others and that what makes him an excellent candidate for city council."

Jesse encourages Emmelhainz to listen to what community members want and to integrate them with his own ideas.

While some politicians may see city council as a stepping stone, Emmelhainz will value the position if elected on Nov. 3.

"What I value at the city level is that I am giving back to the community and solving problems with that talent I have been blessed with," he said.

Holly said that he will have to

REDFERN

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Redfern demonstrated initiative during his first week in office, according to councilman John Zafrindo. He vocalized his opinion to pass the anti-discrimination ordinances, Zafrindo said.

"That night, he was just very capable at the communica-

face some grueling challenges along the way.

"I believe his greatest challenge is getting voters to the polls," Holly said. "In previous years, it has been difficult trying to get students to vote in a city council election."

Emmelhainz has no interest in leaving the city of Bowling Green and would like to one day work on getting his doctorate degree and eventually teaching political science.

To learn more about the Emmelhainz campaign, you can visit his Web site at www.strongerbg.org.

"Our goal is to serve the students," Schiazza said.

Joe Edens, senator of the college of education and human development, is one member interested in students' opinions.

"I'm just curious to see what the park and services can do to reform what they do now, what routes are essential and what are not," Edens said.

Other than USG personnel and media, only one student was in attendance, but Schiazza said he is not disappointed with the turnout.

"I'm not surprised [about the amount of people in attendance]. [USG] wants to advertise better," Schiazza said. "I would like a better turn out for the next one."

The next meeting will be held Nov. 12, giving students another opportunity to answer any questions they might have, Edens said.

Students can vote on the issue online via the University's home page. There will be a link to vote beginning Nov. 16 at 12:01 a.m. until Nov. 17 at 11:59 p.m.

She said performing community service for the past two years and attending other sororities' philanthropies has been a motivational part of her Greek experience.

"The cohesion of everyone coming together to support and having pride in ourselves and others is a great feeling," Dobias said.

Robert Harr, director of the Natural and Health Sciences Residential Community, said the premise behind learning communities is living together to help each other out.

"Our community is set up to provide academic assistance to students with challenging majors," Harr said. "We recognize the training and understanding students need in physics and general chemistry to advance."

tions required for city council," Zafrindo said.

In addition to going door-to-door, Redfern rode with the Bowling Green Police Division, spoke at Undergraduate Student Government meetings and has been invited to talk in city-sponsored forum-style events.

Redfern said he is trying to balance the needs of the community and the students.

"Voters have some of the best ideas ever," he said. "It's important that we keep local elections at the heartbeat of democracy. This is where we truly get the pulse of America."

Redfern's platforms include approving a general fund tax increase to 2 percent, improving community and campus relationships and not cutting valuable city services such as school crossing guards and fireworks during Independence Day.

"I think Jacob has done a good job in terms of convincing residents he is a serious councilman that is going to try to understand both perspectives," said Mike Zickar, party chairman of the Wood County

Democrats and an adviser to Redfern.

Senior Jacob Smith, who has advised small campaigns in Ohio's Erie County, said Redfern is more experienced than his opponent Mark Hollenbaugh. It doesn't matter that Redfern is only 20, he said.

"Jacob is the candidate with the experience," Smith said. "He has served the 1st Ward extremely well. Jacob proved he had sound judgment and a cool head."

Zickar said age is really just a number and Redfern has proved himself in his two-plus months in office.

"He is a great listener and a great learner," he said. "Those are going to more than compensate for the life experience a 20-year-old won't have."

Redfern has valued his time in office, but he hopes he has convinced voters he is the right person for the seat.

"When I wake up Nov. 4 — win, lose, whatever — I will be satisfied with the job that I have done," he said.

BLOTTER

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

12:12 A.M.

Jermaine Nevels, 25, was charged with disorderly conduct, loud music and possession of marijuana within the 200th block of Napoleon Road.

4:51 A.M.

Fernando Olivarez-Torres, 22, of Bowling Green, was arrested for felonious assault, obstructing official business and criminal damaging within the 300th block of Palmer Ave.

8:30 A.M.

Heidi Handey, 41, of Bowling Green, was cited for allowing unlicensed minor to drive a vehicle within the 300th block of Parkview Drive.

1:10 P.M.

Complainant reported her credit cards were stolen within the 900th block of W. Wooster St.

8:42 P.M.

Complainant reported someone broke into his apartment and stole his PlayStation within the 200th block of Napoleon Road.

9:27 P.M.

David Powell, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for assault within the 100th block of S. Main St.

WEDNESDAY,
OCT. 28

12:51 A.M.

Jonathan Huff, 22, of Toledo was cited for disorderly conduct public urination within the 200th block of N. Main St.

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ADDRESS

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reshaping of Dining Services and the functions of our dining services program," Mutgi said. "And after a great deal of hard work from both student government and the administration, I'm pleased to see that a variety of updates, ranging in food from Jamba Juice and the ever-popular sushi, to many actual structural updates, [are] coming to fruition."

Scott Bilbrey, a USG off-campus senator, said he hopes the student body learned more about USG's work through Mutgi's presentation.

"I hope that they can just see that President Mutgi has passion, both for the school and the student body, and that every member of USG is consciously working towards improving the relationship between USG and the student body, as well as hoping to improve the lives of the students," Bilbrey said.

Sophomore Erika Mills didn't intentionally attend Mutgi's speech, but she said she liked it.

"I was actually celebrating my friend's birthday, and then just listened to the speech," Mills said. "It was very informative."

**CORRECTION
POLICY**

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

In yesterday's staff editorial titled "USG actions so far do not show strong progress," Section O should have been defined as a licensing and inspection program for all rental units in Bowling Green. Undergraduate Student Government President Sundeep Mutgi would also like to clarify that money spent on shirts was derived from funds members contributed themselves into the USG budget, which is usually funded mostly through student fees.

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Former University employee discusses battle with cancer

By Morgan Addington-Hodge
Reporter

Barb Garay is a retired employee of the University and a two-time breast cancer survivor.

Garay returned to the University to speak at yesterday's Brown Bag Lunch, which was titled, "Surviving and Thriving After Breast Cancer," in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Garay was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993. She had no family history of breast cancer, but her doctor said cancer with no family history is becoming more common. She said the first time through radiation therapy was a breeze; she suffered from almost no side effects and went into remission.

But in 2008, the former University librarian was diagnosed with breast cancer again.

She had done so many things to prevent breast cancer from happening again. According to a pamphlet she read, Garay had only a 6 percent chance of a reoccurrence of breast cancer.

So when her doctor told her the news, all she could think was, "Why?"

When she was diagnosed the second time, she said she had two options; she could give up and let cancer take over her life or she could fight another battle.

"Though the decision at the time was an easy one, the fight the second time around was harder than I expected," Garay said.

Garay said she doesn't regret the decision to fight it, but there were times during her treatment when she was close to giving up. Garay said she suffered from every side effect from her medication. She had mouth sores, metallic mouth (when every-

"Though the decision at the time was an easy one, the fight the second time around was harder than I expected."

Barb Garay | Two-time breast cancer survivor

thing eaten tastes like metal) and hair loss, along with other side effects.

"Make your doctors listen to you," she said.

Garay said she thought that she was retaining water due to some medication she was taking.

Her doctors told her because her ankles and wrists weren't bloated she was fine. She said she tried to convince them, saying she was eating less and gaining weight, but they didn't believe her.

Then, one day in January 2009, she ended up in the hospital because she couldn't breathe. It turned out she had been retaining water. The water had been building up in her abdomen, between her pelvis and lungs. She said those kinds of moments are what make her tell people to make sure they get second opinions.

Garay said being in the hospital was hard and she doesn't think she could have fought the cancer on her own.

She talked constantly about her caretakers. She said her caretakers were her family and close friends who were there for her during all of her hard times.

Garay kept her cancer a secret from people this time. She didn't want pity, and she knew the few people who she did tell would give her support.

Garay said she made the personal choice to keep working.

She cut her hours from full-time to about six hours a day, two

or three days a week.

She said she was basically a one-man office and if she wasn't there, the office was locked, so she didn't want to stop working completely — she felt too guilty.

The University helped her to do as much of her work from home as she could. Garay worked in the office as often as she could.

One of her former co-workers, who attended the event, said most people at her work didn't even know she was sick.

"Her wig looked very becoming," said Becky Paskvan, staff advisor to the University's Relay for Life team and long time friend to Garay.

Anne Saviors, the coordinator for education abroad, was in attendance yesterday and talked about her 24-year-old niece who just had a mastectomy.

Her niece said there aren't many young women and that makes it hard for her.

Saviors said that the women all just seem to be at different stages of life than her niece.

Another woman in attendance mentioned the body issues that a lot of women have at that age.

Saviors said that her niece appreciates the other women's support, but that she is disappointed in how lacking in knowledge and sensitivity they are.

Saviors said that in relation to her niece the other women "just don't get it."

"I am sitting here as living proof that anyone can beat the odds against cancer," Garay said.



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FORUM

PEOPLE ON THE STREET



"I read John Donne poems."

RYAN CONKLIN,
Graduate student,
Spanish



"Listen to music
on my iPod."

KATIE CHURAVY,
Freshman,
Undecided



"I count sheep."

CHRISTOPHER SIMS,
Junior,
Sports Management



"I try not to think."

KAT FRAKER,
Freshman,
Undecided

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GDP not an adequate measure of actual citizen well-being



HAMA BBELA
COLUMNIST

Gross domestic product (GDP) is a term getting thrown around a lot, with politicians around the world forecasting an increase in GDP as a sign that the worst is over.

GDP has also been used to indicate whether or not developed nations are actually developing. In many ways, this system of measurement has guided western nation's policies towards developed nations and is also guiding economist's treatment of this crisis. It has long been used as a lens through which we view the world and is the standard bearer for development and living standards.

As far as systems of measurement go, the system isn't inaccurate. However, it fails to take many factors into account. It feeds into the gluttony inherent to the modern world, the very gluttony that has slipped world economies into disarray.

We need to clear up a few facts about GDP. In layman's terms, it is a measure of the annual national income of the people, companies and governments of a nation. This system of measurement was the result of government efforts to gauge how truly awful the Great Depression was.

Up came progressive, forward minded economist Simon Kuznets to the rescue. He developed an elaborate system in which he was able to establish national output figures all the way back from 1932 to 1919. By 1942, the modern day system of GDP was in place as the system used to gauge

economic output of nations. According to what I have read, an economy is a system by which people in a country meet their material needs. Central to this definition is people — it is a system by which people go about achieving fulfilling and happy lives.

GDP almost never takes into account whether or not the people's lives are improving. This is largely because GDP is a monetary measure and only looks at monetary output. If a nation spends a certain amount of money on creating a transport system, GDP measurement doesn't take into account whether or not this transportation system is any good.

It also doesn't measure whether the lives of people are actually improving when there is a spike in national income. In major publications, we read statistics like "people in Zambia live on less than a dollar a day." Yes, this sounds very sad and inhuman in the American context, but in actuality living on less than a dollar a day isn't that hard. This is largely because a dollar in Mumbai or Lusaka can probably get you more things than a dollar can in New York City or Columbus.

It makes no difference to the measurement of GDP whether the money is being used to buy food for the poor or stockpiles of AK-47s and machetes to fuel an ethnic cleansing.

The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations established three criteria to distinguish underdeveloped countries from developed ones. They established that gross national income per capita must be less than \$750. They must share weaknesses in human resource base, mean-

ing human resource is set back by inadequate nutrition, health care and education. Routine economic instability and average GDP per capita in 2000 of \$281. The criteria used here again are money-centric and only account for actual human welfare in the second criterion.

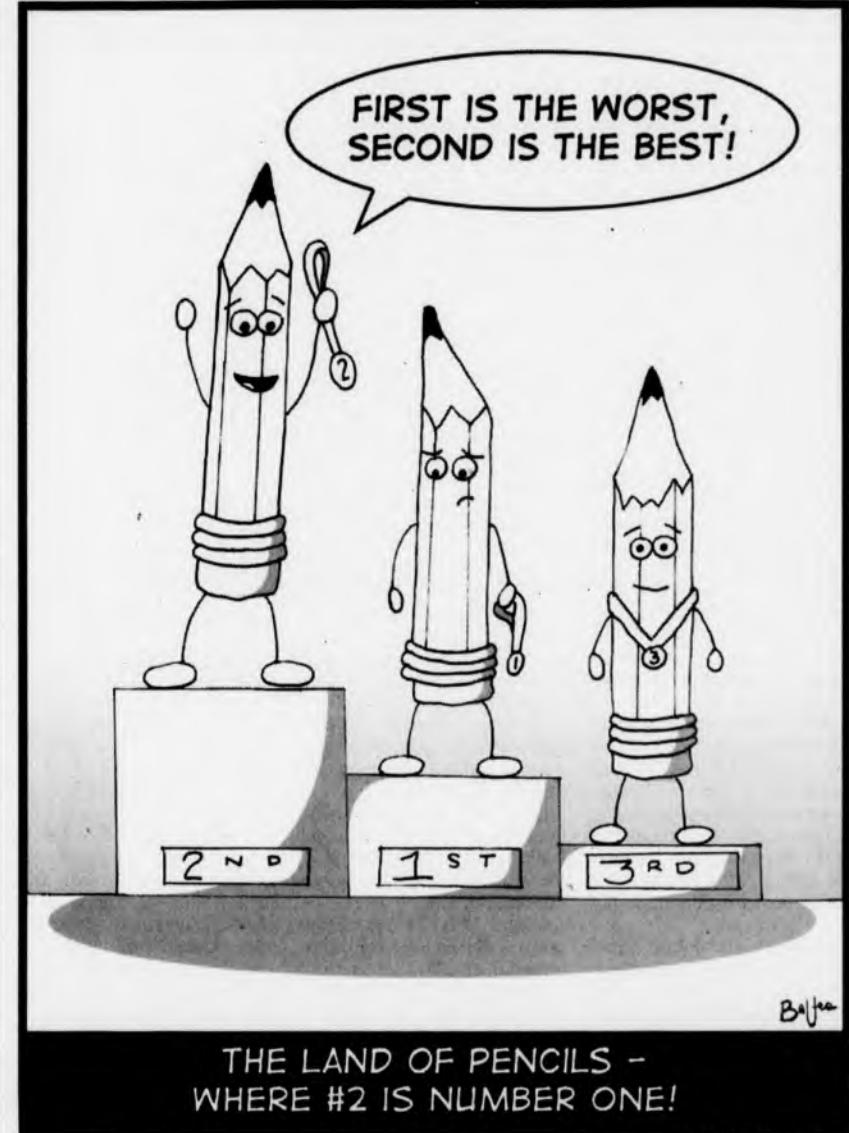
Developing countries are being tricked or misguided into thinking that large increases in monetary output imply actually improving lives of people. Yet, GDP doesn't take into account whether or not this money is adequately trickling down to everyone or whether or not \$281 is really such a bad thing for someone in Luanda who can feed, clothe and educate his family for a few months on that amount alone.

Poverty is a problem of money, but also a problem of resources and what direction these resources are being directed in by leaders. If I'm a leader whose nation has a poor GDP and I'm told to improve it, I will invest in an industry of some sort. But what if that industry is destroying the environment on which people have farmed for centuries? It becomes a question of "should leaders invest in improving economic output or improving actual human lives?"

This should mean creating societies that are more equal genderwise, creating social and political stability and investing resources into things like food rather than large commercial farm crops like flowers.

In the end, it's all about what we as humans want to focus on — creating profits or improving lives.

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Ouija board still mysterious



ERIC RHOADS
COLUMNIST

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Crowley, dubbed by popular media of his time as "the wickedest man in the world," favored the use of Ouija boards and they played a role in his dark magic practices.

Apart from these events, many psychologists believe the users of a Ouija board are not actually contacting spirits or demons.

Rather, they are directed by the subconscious thought processes. Psychologists still believe the board can harbor dangers, however, due to the subconscious tendency to connect bizarre circumstances with actions the user feels guilty of.

The "automatic motion" of the board is said to be a product of a discrepancy between conscious thought and subconscious thought, wherein the user believes consciously he or she is not moving the board and subconsciously is moving the tracker towards a specific area.

When looking at all of this information, it's easy to sway one way or the other depending on particular beliefs in mysticism or otherwise.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Issue 3 bad for local economy

We have all seen the ads from the proponents of Issue 3, grandly proclaiming the measure will create 34,000 jobs in Ohio. However, at least 19,000 of those jobs will be temporary construction jobs, and, of the remainder, the proponents' own study states that only 7,800 will be full-time jobs if all four casinos are built.

Casinos are intentionally self-contained, with their own restaurants, bars and entertainment facilities. As a result, regional casinos actually destroy other jobs in the community, because customers of the cas-

inos stop patronizing other local businesses. In fact, most credible studies have shown that at best, such casinos only transfer jobs from existing businesses to themselves, rather than creating new jobs in the local economy. In the end, there is actually a net loss of jobs in the community.

That is even before the impact on horse racing is taken into account. Horse racing is an agricultural industry that currently accounts for 16,000 jobs in Ohio, directly and indirectly, with a total economic impact of between \$750 million and \$900 million a year. If Issue 3 passes and the four casinos are built, it is projected that a majority of the commercial race tracks in Ohio will close. That

will result in an even greater loss of existing jobs.

Issue 3 has many other flaws, including the fact that it will create a permanent constitutional monopoly with windfall profits for two out-of-state casino owners, it provides no gambling tax revenue to the state and the taxes and licensing fees that will be paid are much less than they should be. Much better plans have been proposed in the past, such as the governor's plan to install video lottery terminals at the racetracks, and others undoubtedly will be proposed in the future.

Issue 3 is a bad bet for Ohio. Vote 'NO' on Issue 3.

Steven McCoy is the president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. Respond to him at thenews@bgnews.com

A Ouija board, the "talking" or "spirit" board sold by the Parker Brothers as a game, is used to theoretically communicate with spirits through a séance.

Many users have suggested this fun game is actually highly dangerous. It is claimed that the term Ouija originates from an Egyptian word meaning "good luck."

There are some peculiar notable events (and people) surrounding the use of a Ouija board. Harry Houdini, a famed magician who also happened to be a skeptic of supernatural phenomenon, once wrote about five people in California who had used a Ouija board and were driven insane shortly thereafter. Wikipedia offers several further examples of notable people associated with the mysterious board.

The Pulitzer Prize winning poet James Merrill is said to have used Ouija boards to help him write poetry and, toward

the end of his life, demanded that these boards not be used due to their dangers.

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Family welcomes home remains of WWII airman

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — The remains of a World War II airman missing for 65 years after his bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean have arrived in Southern California.

The remains of Air Force Sgt. Robert Stinson arrived yesterday under military escort at Ontario International Airport on a flight from Hawaii. The remains were in a casket draped with an American flag.

Stinson was a 24-year-old flight engineer when his B-24 Liberator bomber was shot down near Palau, a grouping of islands in the South Pacific.

Divers from a nonprofit organization located the wreckage in 2004 and the family was alerted earlier this year that the DNA of Stinson's two surviving brothers matches DNA in some leg bone fragments found at the crash site.

Stinson will be buried tomorrow at Riverside National Cemetery.

Police: Man claimed God told him to steal car

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Police said a man who smashed a window at a car dealership claimed he was following a higher calling. Police said a 36-year-old man was collared by a security guard at Freedom Dodge before he could get inside the showroom. WLEX-TV reported the man told the guard that God wanted him to steal a Dodge Charger.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, the children crossed in front of a woman's car yesterday morning as they were trying to get across a Panama City beach road to reach their bus stop.

When police arrived, the suspect initially told them his name was "Seven."

The man faces charges including criminal mischief.

6-year-old girl struck, killed walking to Florida bus stop

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A 6-year-old Florida girl has died after she was hit by a car while walking to the bus stop with her 9-year-old brother.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, the children crossed in front of a woman's car yesterday morning as they were trying to get across a Panama City beach road to reach their bus stop.

The girl was pronounced dead at the scene and the boy was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was listed in critical condition but was alert and responsive.

Officers said the driver has not been charged pending further investigation. Both children attended Hutchinson Beach Elementary School, where counselors were on hand yesterday afternoon.

Chief petroleum exec convicted of bribery, conspiracy

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The businessman at the center of a federal investigation of corruption in Alaska politics has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Bill Allen, former chief executive of VECO Corp., was sentenced yesterday and fined \$750,000 for bribery and conspiracy. He pleaded guilty in May 2007 to improperly influencing a handful of state lawmakers with the aim of passing legislation that was beneficial to the petroleum industry.

Allen's sentencing was delayed as federal prosecutors pursued cases against elected officials with Allen's cooperation.

VECO Corp. was an oil field services company that did millions of dollars in contracting work for oil producers, including design, construction and maintenance jobs.

Allen said through his attorney he had no comment.

Trustee says more than \$530 million paid to Madoff victims

NEW YORK (AP) — The trustee overseeing the liquidation of Bernard Madoff's assets says more than \$530 million has been paid so far to victims of the disgraced financier's massive fraud.

Trustee Irving Picard said in a briefing yesterday that he had identified \$21.2 billion in losses in about 2,300 customer accounts.

The money being paid to the victims comes from the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, which was created by Congress and funded by the securities industry.

The 71-year-old Madoff pleaded guilty earlier this year to charges that his secretive investment advisory operation was a multibillion-dollar scam. The former Nasdaq chairman was sentenced to 150 years in prison.

Florida man uses his weight as a defense in murder trial

TRENTON, N.J. — A Florida man accused of killing his son-in-law in New Jersey is arguing that he was unable to commit the crime because he was too fat.

When Edward Ates took the stand in his defense yesterday to tell jurors he wouldn't have had the energy needed to climb and descend the staircase where prosecutors say the killer was perched when he shot Paul Duncak, a 40-year-old pharmaceutical executive, in 2006.

An attorney for Ates claims that in 2006, the 62-year-old who stood 5 feet 8 and tipped the scales at 285 pounds was in such bad physical shape that couldn't have pulled off the shooting or the fast getaway the killer made.

Ates' attorney Walter Lesnevich said his client's weight has caused Ates' asthma, sleep apnea and other obesity-related ailments.

— Beth DeFalco (AP)

Alleged terrorists fight for bail

Two charged for plotting attacks on Danish newspaper that published Prophet Muhammad cartoon

By Mike Robinson
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Prosecutors urged a federal judge yesterday to deny bond to one of two Chicago men charged with plotting a terrorist attack against a Danish newspaper, while the man's lawyer argued that his client could have been the innocent dupe of an alleged coconspirator.

Tahawwur Hussain Rana, 48, was a danger to the community and a flight risk and therefore should not be released on bond, Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Collins told federal Magistrate Judge Nan Nolan.

Nolan said she needed more information and set another hearing in the case for Tuesday, although she said she wouldn't decide the matter then, either.

The husky, full-bearded Rana appeared at the hearing wearing the bright orange jumpsuit of a federal prisoner but did not say anything to the judge.

Hours before the hearing, prosecutors amended the complaint against Rana, adding a charge of providing material support to terrorism. He already had been charged with conspiring to provide material support to terrorism.

The new charge did not add major factual allegations against Rana.

The complaint says Rana — a

Canadian national who was born in Pakistan and owns a grocery store and immigration service in Chicago — provided travel services and other help to another man charged in the case, David Coleman Headley, as Headley scouted out the offices of Denmark's Jyllands-Posten newspaper for a possible terrorist attack.

The newspaper published twelve cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad in 2005 that triggered outrage throughout the Muslim world. One cartoon showed Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban. Any depiction of the prophet, even a favorable one, is forbidden by Islamic law as likely to lead to idolatry.

The cartoonist, 74-year-old Kurt Westergaard, said in an interview Tuesday with Jyllands-Posten that threats from the Islamic world drove him underground, living under the protection of the Danish intelligence service.

"For my wife and I, it's like a kind of dark depression has descended on us," he said. But he said that he does not regret drawing the cartoons.

"I am an old man, so I am not afraid anymore," he said.

Rana's attorney, Patrick Blegen, told Nolan the evidence in an FBI affidavit out-

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Kurt Westergaard | Cartoonist

lining allegations against his client could easily support the notion that he was merely an innocent dupe of Headley and knew nothing about any plan to attack the Danish newspaper.

"The weight of the evidence here is not as much as the government has told you," Blegen said in urging Nolan to free his client on bond.

Prosecutors say Headley, whose former name was Daood Gilani, envisioned a plan to murder the cartoonist and the newspaper's former cultural editor.

Headley's attorney, John Theis, has said he would have comment. Headley's bond hearing is set for Dec. 4 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys.

Blegen told the judge that prosecutors had added a charge against his client just hours before the hearing to bolster their argument that he should not be released. He said the new charge upped the possible sentence from 15 years to 30 years in prison, adding weight

to prosecutors' argument that Rana might try to flee to avoid going to prison.

Blegen scoffed at that notion, saying Rana lacks the money to play an international game of cat and mouse with the government.

Rana will remain at the Metropolitan Correctional Center. Blegen said Rana suffers from an old shoulder injury that makes it hard for him to press a button that works the water faucet in his cell, and that Rana needs to see a doctor.

Blegen said two of Rana's brothers in New Jersey were willing to post their homes as bond and relatives in Canada would post "what amounts to their life savings" to get him out of federal custody pending resolution of the case.

Nolan said requiring numerous relatives to post their homes and savings would be helpful because it "puts more eyes on the street" to watch Rana and make certain he would not flee and leave them without their assets.

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From an objective standpoint, it can be seen that the use of a Ouija board can be dangerous, regardless of whether the users are actually in contact with a spiritual entity or just subconsciously rendering answers — based upon the individuals using the board. It is akin to the use of a firearm, in that the weapon ultimately doesn't pull its own trigger, it is the user.

Often, people who don't

believe in any form of the Ouija (those who don't take the séance seriously), do not harbor any awareness of its possible dangers. But those who are willing participants often recall the danger associated with using an item that is an open receptor to a plane of unknown existence.

Whether it be the subconscious or the spirits, nobody is totally aware of who or what may actually be answering the questions.

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Census worker found dead in Kentucky woods

By Jeffrey McMurray
The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Officials say a part-time census taker died at the tree in a Kentucky forest where his body was found with a rope around his neck and the word "fed" scrawled on his chest.

Clay County Coroner Jim Trosper and state medical

examiner executive director Mike Wilder yesterday confirmed the location of 51-year-old Bill Sparkman's death to The Associated Press.

Authorities have released little other information except that asphyxiation was the cause of death. Wilder says the investigation hasn't determined whether the manner of death was homicide, suicide or an accident.

"These people must be from Michigan — or they must be from Ohio State, I don't know," Rove quipped, referring to Penn State's biggest football rivals.

The verbose pair hammered each other with arguments familiar in the fractured health care fight.

Rove lambasted Democratic proposals as being modeled on broken government programs like Medicare, weighed down by staggering costs. Dean implored that it was imperative that all Americans have the option to obtain affordable health care.

"All I want is the option, I don't want to tell people what to do," Dean said.

In one of several interrup-

tions by both men, Dean cut off Rove when the Republican brought up statistics that Dean said were fudged.

"It's the first time tonight, and I'm calling you on it. You made that up," Dean yelled.

"You just called me a liar and I don't appreciate it," Rove retorted in an exchange that elicited howls.

Later, Dean revealed that he and Rove got along "reasonably well," and that the theatrics were part of the "fun of engagement and entertainment."

Dean and Rove appeared with former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and Bill Frist for a health care forum in Georgia in May. They lectured again on the same topic at DePauw University in Indiana on Sept. 11.

Dean, a medical doctor, was Vermont's Democratic governor and ran for president in 2004. Rove, the deputy chief of staff for President George W. Bush, is a contributor to Fox News.

Health care reform has been the most divisive issue this year in Congress and sparked fierce debate at town hall forums across the country last summer.

Most recently, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., outlined a proposal to include a government-run insurance program to compete with private health insurance plans. States could opt out of the so-called public option under the latest version of the Democratic plan.

Republicans remain opposed to the government getting in the insurance business.

On Tuesday, Dean and Rove answered questions submitted ahead of time via e-mail.

"You don't really want to allow for potentially ugly situations," said senior Mike Perone, committee chair for the university's student-organized Distinguished Speakers Series.

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Sleep effects:

Lack of sleep can cause: obesity, lower GPA, poor immune system, decrease in athletic performance, decrease in coordination overall can contribute to depression, anxiety, increase in automobile accidents

Better sleep strategies:

- Going to sleep the same time every night
- Having a sleep ritual: drinking warm milk, watching TV etc.
- Relaxing hours before sleep
- Taking only 20-30 minute naps
- Limiting caffeine to two cups before 10 a.m.
- Drinking less alcohol
- Eating at 2 hours or more before sleep
- Finding how much sleep makes you feel rested without oversleeping

By Anthony Phillips

Reporter

When junior Timi Burkett goes to bed for about five to six hours, she considers it a good night.

"I have classes at nine [in the morning] and so I'll eventually fall asleep maybe at five or six [in the morning] and get hopefully three hours of sleep before I have to get up for class," Burkett said.

Burkett said she does not know if she is an insomniac or not, but she does know she has been like this for a while.

Even with her lack of sleep, Burkett said she can function while other times she just feels exhausted.

"Sometimes I'm functional but I think that's just because I have had to get used to it," Burkett said.

Burkett, like most adults in America, are not getting the recommended amount of sleep.

Faith Yingling, director of the Wellness Connection, said

most adults need anywhere from six to 10 hours of sleep a day, but it varies from person to person.

"So, if you are frequently tired or irritable during the day, or you find yourself sleeping more than an extra one or two extra hours a night or on weekends you are probably not getting enough sleep," Yingling said.

Yingling said on average, college students are not sleeping enough. In fact, she said, college students get between six and 6.9 hours a night.

This is different for senior Corey Reasonover, who said he sleeps about eight hours on weekdays and nine hours on the weekends.

Reasonover said even though his friends think he sleeps enough, he believes he needs more.

"I would say around nine and a half to 10 hours of sleep," Reasonover said.

Reasonover said however this is the first time he has been able to sleep this much. In previous semesters, he would have

very little sleep.

According to the 2008 American College Health Association's National College Health Assessment, 19.3 percent of all college students have sleep difficulties, including insomnia and other issues.

Yingling said the Wellness Connection collects data for the survey every two years. Approximately 14 percent of University students experienced sleep difficulties in 2008.

This means University students have less trouble sleeping than most college students nationally.

Yingling said there are several bad effects from lack of sleep including obesity, lower GPAs, poor immune system and a decrease in athletic performance.

Yingling said sleep deprivation could also contribute to depression and anxiety, as well as an increase in automobile accidents.

There are several different ways to help get someone asleep, Yingling said, includ-

ing sleep rituals like drinking warm milk or watching TV before bed.

Burkett said she tries during the day to take naps because she cannot get enough sleep at night.

Yingling said naps should be limited to about 20 to 30 minutes and should be used more like an energizer than for restorative sleep.

"Any longer than that can interfere with sleep at night," Yingling said.

Burkett said her friends have told her several different strategies to sleep for longer including waking up earlier so she goes to bed sooner, but this does not work for her.

"It is hard for me to get up when I know I am not going to be getting that sleep," Burkett said.

Yingling said some of the best strategies to sleeping more is to go to sleep at the same time every night, find the amount of sleep someone needs to feel rested and to relax several hours before going to sleep.

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Wellness Connection hosts Halloween bash

By Austin Arnold

Reporter

For those who cannot wait for Halloween, students can get an early start to the weekend festivities tonight at the Student Recreation Center.

The Monster Mash Wellness Bash kicks off tonight at 10 p.m. and is expected to last until 1 a.m. There are a handful of activities planned for the late night event including a campfire, a tour of the University's "haunted" buildings and a dance contest.

Director of the Wellness Connection Faith Yingling said she is excited for the first ever Monster Mash Wellness Bash.

"We're hoping for a good turnout; the weather is supposed to be nice and it should be a lot of fun," she said.

Yingling said she encourages those planning on attending the event to show up in costume.

"Those who are wearing a costume will be able to enter into the raffle and receive prizes at the end of the night," she said.

Although the event is centered around Halloween fun, there will also be a focus on alcohol awareness and safety. Several students at the event will be acting as the souls of the deceased that passed away through alcohol-related deaths. One of these characters will be freshman Amanda Carter, who will be acting as the soul of someone who chose to drink and drive.

"These characters, which we call 'dead roamer,' are a way to keep students conscious and aware of the dangers of alcohol," Carter said.

Carter said she realizes there are a few other events going on, but students should still try to make it to the Wellness bash.

"I really expect it to be fun. It's free and educational as well," she said.

As one of the planners, Carter said she hopes for a good crowd because she and others have put in a lot of effort forth.

"Everything is all set up and ready to go," she said. "I hope it all turns out well, we have been working hard so, hopefully, many will enjoy it."

Student fee option to assist environmental practices on campus

By Austin Arnold

Reporter

Many students might resemble Dan Jacoby's attitude on being environmentally conscious. While Jacoby cares about the environment, he has never been proactive.

Now, that is about to change for the junior who is looking to get other students involved in an environmental endeavor.

Jacoby is part of the Student Green Fee Committee; a group that will soon be making decisions on what entities throughout campus can be funded for "greener" practices.

"By being a member of the committee, I see this as an opportunity to make a difference on campus," Jacoby said.

Starting next semester, students will have the option to pay an extra \$5 in fees added to their tuition. This is set up much like the optional legal fee provided by the University. The difference is that this fee will go toward making the campus greener.

The total amount gathered from the students willing to pay this fee will serve as the fund for this green committee.

The committee will then decide what sustainable efforts should be supported by this fund.

Jacoby said he's optimistic on how students will embrace this fee.

"I expect this will be fairly successful," he said. "Last year, we did a consensus and the results showed that 80 percent would approve this fee. Conservatively, through last year's numbers, we're estimating around \$66,000 to start the fund."

Gary Silverman, chair of the department of environment

and sustainability, is one of two of the advisors for the Student Green Fee Committee.

Silverman said he is anticipating a lot of student support, including the approval of the fee from the Undergraduate Student Government.

"I think many realize a sustainable campus and a sustainable world is a good thing," he said. "It's a chance for the students to show themselves and the University in a positive light."

Silverman said he expects student cooperation for several reasons.

"This is a student-driven committee. It's going to be funded by the students, and proposals from students will eventually be accepted by the committee as well," he said.

Someone that is not so sure students will widely accept this fee is senior Dan Stein.

"I don't think many students will just gladly hand over an extra \$5 to the University," he said. "Many already have so many of their expenses going to the University as it is."

Even though he believes the rest of the student body will have a hard time accepting the fee, Stein said he would be willing to pay the fee himself.

"I think I would pay the fee because I'm in business construction and I see a lot of green projects being implemented and I know that over time, that saves energy and money," he said.

For students that may be debating whether or not to pay the \$5, Silverman said he ensures the green fee will benefit everyone on campus.

"This committee is a good thing," he said. "It's definitely going to make our campus meaner and greener."

Bowling Green needs to look beyond campus



HANNAH SPARLING
IN FOCUS EDITOR

Last month, we took a look at the history of the University, and found our place in 100 years

of education and tradition. This month, we're going to take that a little further and find our spot in the world.

This month's In Focus looks at wars and conflicts. From the Middle East wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the Somali pirates to the child soldiers in Uganda, we're exploring what's going on around the globe and

how we, as students, as professors and as citizens of America and the world, fit into the larger picture.

I have four younger brothers, and never once have I gone to bed worried someone will force them to become soldiers in the middle of the night. But in Uganda, children have to choose every day to kill or be

killed. The Middle East may be thousands of miles away, but it is our classmates, friends and relatives who are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. And the Somali pirates may not hijack our cars or bikes on the way to class, but with every ship they attack, trade and security are affected.

These wars are not in our

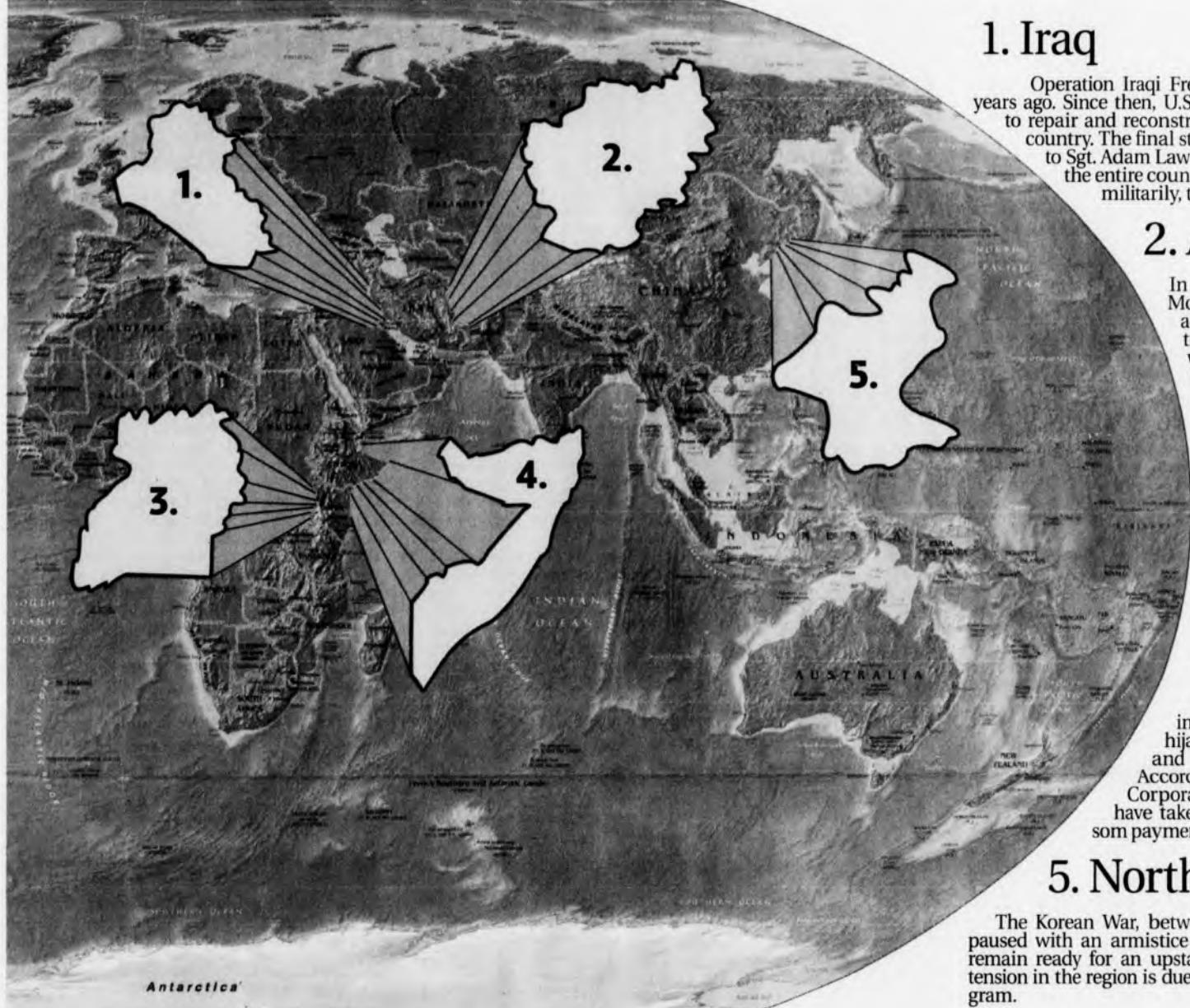
backyard, but that does not mean they do not exist.

We're nearing final exams, which can be stressful for students and professors alike. Maybe this In Focus can help us step back and gain some perspective on our problems, most of which, relatively speaking, are fairly minimal.

If nothing else, maybe this

issue can open our minds to what is happening outside our daily spheres of influence. I hope it can bring a little more understanding and sympathy for those in need, and give us a better grasp on our beliefs and where we stand on global issues.

There is a whole world outside Bowling Green — and a lot is going on.



1. Iraq

Operation Iraqi Freedom began more than six years ago. Since then, U.S. soldiers have been working to repair and reconstruct the infrastructure in the country. The final step in the Iraq War, according to Sgt. Adam Lawson, is to hand over control of the entire country, both politically and militarily, to the Iraqi people.

2. Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal is asking for an additional 40,000 to 60,000 troops. The surge, if granted, will follow President Barack Obama's 21,000 troop surge in March.

3. Uganda

For the past 23 years, the Lord's Resistance Army, a guerilla faction in Uganda, has been at war with the Ugandan government. Both sides have reputations for using child soldiers in battle.

4. Somalia

Piracy is an ongoing problem in Somalia. Pirates in the region hijack ships, then take the cargo and hold the crews for ransom. According to British Broadcasting Corporation estimates, the pirates have taken about \$150 million in ransom payments in the last year.

5. North Korea

The Korean War, between North and South Korea, paused with an armistice in 1953, but both countries remain ready for an upstart in violence. Much of the tension in the region is due to North Korea's nuclear program.

U.S. soldiers reflect on time in Iraq and Afghanistan

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

IRAQ

On March 18, 2003, Tomahawk missiles were screeching across the night sky, lighting the city of Baghdad. Operation Iraqi Freedom had begun.

In the ensuing weeks, American troops moved steadily north toward Baghdad, wearing chemical suits to protect themselves from potential SCUD missile attacks armed with chemical weaponry, one of former Iraq president Saddam Hussein's specialties. Six weeks later, former president Bush declared victory in Iraq, ending all major military operations. But the conflict continued to drag on, eventually costing the lives of several thousand Americans.

That was more than six years ago, and much has changed since the initial Iraq invasion.

After the fall of Baghdad on April 9, 2003, soldiers were tasked with the reconstruction of Iraq and its infrastructure, building schools, water treatment centers, electrical power grids, bridges and a working self-sustaining government.

"Iraq has come a long way," said Col. Steve Letzring of the University ROTC, who served a year in Iraq. "Some of the stuff, we would look at it and go, 'wow, I don't know how you'd fix that.' We've done a lot of great work restoring the ability to have a standing government. The population is beginning to embrace a true democracy."

One issue for rebuilding was the previous indifference of the

"The only thing that can stop them is the Iraqi army themselves. You get that feeling that they don't want [the U.S. military] there anymore. They want their country back..."

Sgt. Adam Lawson | U.S. Army

Iraqi government. According to Letzring, there was a water treatment center that was dumping raw sewage straight into the Tigris River, leading to diseases down river, before US forces came and helped rebuild.

Another major problem was keeping the Iraqi infrastructure intact once soldiers set it up. Sgt. Adam Lawson of the U.S. Army said he remembers guarding the only working power plant in Baghdad from numerous sabotage attempts, and the warfare the insurgents used to lessen the value of the American soldiers in the minds of the Iraqi civilians.

Beyond rebuilding, soldiers were charged with bringing the Iraqi people on board with the goals of creating a democratic government in Iraq.

"For the Iraqis, they've never seen an American before, so it took some time for them to trust us," Lawson said.

From a military standpoint, soldiers have increased their level of awareness since the initial high-point after the fall of Hussein, as the amount of insurgent activity increased and the numbers of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) have grown.

Lawson, who served in Iraq from 2003 to 2004 and again from

2005 to 2006, said after Baghdad fell, the civilians celebrated, but when he returned in 2005, the violence had certainly increased.

"In 2005, it seemed like they got more aggressive," Lawson said.

The final step in Iraq is fully handing the country over, both politically and militarily, while concerns of rises in insurgency lay in the backs of leader's minds.

"The only thing that can stop them is the Iraqi army themselves," Lawson said. "You get that feeling that they don't want [the U.S. military] there anymore, they want their country back, they want to run things their way."

While Bush may have declared the war over in six weeks, the ground troops understood the reality of the situation and knew the mission was not yet accomplished.

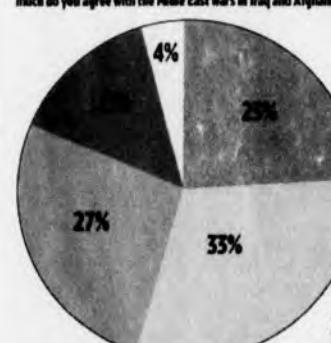
Many have compared Iraq to Vietnam and called the war a "quagmire," but as Lawson pointed out, liberation is not just thrown together.

"A lot of people are like, 'Iraq's failing,'" Lawson said. "It's not. You can't build a democracy overnight."

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Student Views on War

On a scale ranging from "Wholeheartedly" to "Strongly disagree," how much do you agree with the Middle East wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?



On a scale ranging from "Expert" to "What Wars?," how well do you understand the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?



PATROL: Sgt. Joe Bergman conducts combat operations in Afghanistan. Bergman was stationed with the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum, NY.

Soldiers share similar war experiences

By Andy Ouriel
Senior Reporter

When Jacob Smith graduates in December, he'll enter the real world.

But he's already been there. More than most.

So has 2009 graduate Aaron Zdawczyk.

Both Falcons are veterans of the War on Terror (Zdawczyk with Brave Company's 1st and 148th Infantry and the Army National Guard) and Smith with the 4th and 27th Field Armor Division and 427th Field Artillery.)

While the two have different stories, they share a special bond all military personnel have when fighting in a war.

Smith said he learned more in the military than any amount of schooling could teach.

"There is a maturity that when you are in the military, you are forced to grow up very fast," he said.

In the line of battle

"It's like news you never want to hear about." — Zdawczyk

Smith's first military experience came when he enlisted in the Junior ROTC in high school.

"The mission of the JROTC is to motivate young people to become better Americans," he said.

The Sandusky, Ohio, native had such a positive experience with JROTC that he decided to enlist in the military.

Smith was sent to Germany in 2001, after he completed his basic training. His main duties were to guard the front gate of

a U.S. facility building, drive a humvee with supplies and load cannon balls. No battles ensued in Germany during his time there.

But after the Sept. 11, attacks and then-President George W. Bush's declaration of war, Smith said his military experience drastically changed.

Smith's field artillery deployed into Iraq in 2003, just three weeks after U.S. troops entered Baghdad.

As the unit made their way into Iraq, they assisted civilians by moving them into correct zones (people and soldiers were assigned to specific areas in order to differentiate allies from enemies), and Smith first realized just how hard war is.

"When you've seen war, it never really hit home. I knew what we were doing was serious and people could die, but you never think about it," Smith said.

When stationed in the combat zone, Smith witnessed the death of 10 of his troops. The deaths of his brothers solidified his position on war.

"I hate war because people die," he said. "I hate the way old men dream up new ways for young men to die. I hate war because it takes the worst of us."

Through his experiences, Smith said the military has made him an overall stronger person, even with the tragedy of death.

Experiencing the culture and interacting with Iraqi civilians who were happy to receive help from American soldiers were some of the better memories Smith has of the war.

The 28-year-old said he sometimes thinks about the advances through school he could have made had he not enlisted. But it is a choice that was done and one he can be proud of.

"There is a massive difference between Jacob [Smith] of 2000 and Jacob [Smith] of 2004," Smith said. "The military has changed my life and arguably for

the better."

Fighting the enemy

"I slowly walked away and cried for a good four days straight." — Zdawczyk

After witnessing the Sept. 11 attacks on television, Zdawczyk felt it was his patriotic duty to enlist in the war.

The Toledo resident would come home from school each day to watch further events unfold on broadcast news, and, in October 2002, Zdawczyk enlisted with the Army National Guard on a six-year contract.

After his freshman year in 2005, Zdawczyk was deployed on his first mission to New Orleans, helping refugees travel from New Orleans to Houston.

The 25-year-old said being in New Orleans was like being in a third-world country. He could not tell if he was hundreds or thousands of miles away from Ohio, because of the submerged buildings and displaced residents.

After returning to Bowling Green, Zdawczyk finished another year of school, but was then given his toughest assignment to date — deployment to Iraq.

"The notification kind of stabbed me in the chest and I didn't know how to react to it," he said.

In September 2006, Zdawczyk, 25, trained in Kuwait, sharpening military skills while learning how to deal with parts of Middle Eastern culture, such as 100-degree plus temperatures and the Arabic language.

Zdawczyk learned Bravo Company would be under orders for detaining civilians, or moving individuals in custody from one point to another.

One of the stronger memories Zdawczyk has is when he encountered an Iraqi cameraman who filmed murders of Americans for Iraqi television channels.

While soldiers don't frequently

correspond with detainees, Zdawczyk wanted to know why anyone would record such heinous acts.

"The cameraman gave me the closest gaze with the darkest of eyes and said, 'I do it because I have to,'" he said.

Honoring veterans

"I was in complete and utter shock." — Zdawczyk

Brett Holden said it was necessary to improve relations between veterans, the surrounding community and students on campus.

So, the University associate professor of film studies helped found the Student Veteran Task Force. The group, which meets monthly, allows veterans to relive their experiences while familiarizing students not affiliated with the military with who soldiers really are.

SVTF also helps veterans transition into University life.

"I want us to better understand this population of individuals," Holden said. "In doing so, we need to help provide them an enriching and energizing college experience where they can evolve."

Holden has worked closely with Zdawczyk, including inviting him to talk twice about his service at SVTF events.

SVTF embodies respect. Zdawczyk said he doesn't want awards or trophies, but just some appreciation.

"I just tell them to go and shake a veteran's hand or give them a salute to know their efforts aren't being overlooked or overturned," Zdawczyk said.

Holden created SVTF to help civilians understand the contribution of soldiers.

Afterthoughts

"I saluted the casket one more time ... I couldn't believe he was in a casket." — Zdawczyk

After returning from Iraq in



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COMBAT: Jacob Smith (far right) prepares for possible combat in Baghdad during a 2003 mission. Smith said his time in the military (2000-04) matured him greatly.



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BRAVO COMPANY: Aaron Zdawczyk (second from left in T-shirt) poses with Bravo Company after they returned to the U.S. in 2007. Zdawczyk said the military gave him many happy memories, such as this one.

September 2007, Zdawczyk received the worst news after returning to the University.

He received a call in February 2009 from a sergeant who solemnly told him one of best friends in Bravo had died in the line of duty.

Staff Sgt. Jason Burkholder, 27, was killed in Afghanistan after a bomb detonated where soldiers from the Illinois Army National Guard were stationed. Two others died in the bombing.

Upon receiving the news, Zdawczyk dropped the phone in shock. He knew such a tragedy could occur, but never thought it actually would.

"It was like someone took pliers and took a hammer and broke my heart into a million

pieces," he said. "It was the worst thing ever to witness."

Zdawczyk traveled to Lima, Ohio, to pay respects to his fallen brother. He stood beside Burkholder's casket reminiscing.

His final goodbye came after the 21 gun salute, but Zdawczyk said he honors Burkholder every day by wearing a titanium steel "Killed in Action" bracelet with Burkholder's name.

Death is one of the stark realities a soldier must deal with, Zdawczyk said, but in no way did Burkholder's death trump Zdawczyk's military experience.

"Everything I have done in the military, to this date, I have no regrets," he said. "If I had the chance to change something, I wouldn't."

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Use of child soldiers at forefront of Ugandan war

The Lord's Resistance Army, led by Joseph Kony, and the Ugandan government continue to fight a 23-year old battle

By Jason Henry
Reporter

Each night, Ugandan children march from their villages, following the main roads to larger, more secure towns. Sleeping in their own homes could mean death, rape or forced enlistment.

These are Northern Uganda's "night-commuters," children who fear abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army, a guerrilla faction at war with the Ugandan government for the past 23 years.

Grace Mbungu, a graduate student in the political science department, is writing her master's thesis on whether international laws actually protect children. Uganda is one of her case studies.

Mbungu said many factors built up to the Ugandan war, but it was a 1986 coup by the current president, Yoweri Museveni, that caused the fighting to erupt. Some individuals ousted during the coup became rebels, which eventually led to the creation of the Lord's Resistance Army.

The LRA and its leader, Joseph Kony, have become notorious for the use of child soldiers, many of whom are abducted and forced to fight.

"The use of child soldiers has been very extensive," Mbungu said. "Eighty percent of the soldiers in the Lord's Resistance Army are children, ages 7 to 17."

Mbungu said there are three ways children join the LRA: they are born into it, they are abducted or they "volunteer."

Girls are often abducted to be wives for LRA soldiers. They, in turn, give birth to children who eventually join the fight.

"[These children] grow up within the environment of the rebel group and they really become child soldiers by the age of four or five," she said.

Mbungu said those who "volunteer" do not sign up because they want to fight, but rather because it is their only chance to survive.

Sixty-two percent of the poor in the country are children, she said. Many of their parents or family members have been killed and their schools have been destroyed. They have no stability, so the LRA provides a sense of structure and a feeling of purpose.

"They need to feel they aren't useless, they aren't helpless, they aren't hopeless," Mbungu said. "When you hold a gun in your hands, you feel pretty powerful."

Once they are in the LRA,

the young age also allows the children to develop a parental tie with their commanders, which can make them extremely loyal fighters, he said.

The LRA's use of child soldiers has brought attention to the conflict, causing a worldwide campaign called Invisible Children to spring up in response.

According to Invisible Children's Web site, the organization was created following a 2003 documentary of the same name which was made by three filmmakers who went to Africa "in search of a story."

The non-profit organization grew out of feedback from the documentary and has a presence throughout the world, including Bowling Green.

"The biggest thing Invisible Children does is raise awareness about what is going on," said Candace Padilla, a member of Invisible Children in Bowling Green.

Padilla said she got involved in the organization because of her 5-year-old brother.

"Imagining my little brother being abducted, made to kill people and becoming this monster of war just completely broke my heart," she said. "Even if it's not here in America, even if it doesn't pertain to me directly, it still completely breaks me to

Fighting for change

■ Earlier this year, the LRA Disarmament & Northern Uganda Recovery Act was introduced to Congress. If passed, the bill will require the U.S. develop a strategy to help Uganda through political, economical and military support.

■ Invisible Children plans to collect 250,000 petition card signatures to President Barack Obama in order to get him to sign the bill, according to their Web site. Information provided by Grace Mbungu, Neil Englehart and Amnesty International's Web site.

Child soldiers by the numbers

■ Uganda is not an isolated case. It is estimated there are 300,000 child soldiers worldwide.

■ They are used in 86 countries, 48 of which are by governments. One hundred and ninety out of 192 United Nations' countries have signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international treaty that establishes universal rights for children.

■ The two that have not are the United States and Somalia. Information provided by Grace Mbungu, Dr. Neil Englehart and Amnesty International USA's Web site.

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AFGHANISTAN

As the War in Iraq winds down, the military turns its attention towards Afghanistan once again.

After a 21,000 troop surge by President Obama in March, Chief of U.S. Central Command General David Petraeus and Commander of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan General Stanley McChrystal have been calling for an additional surge of 40,000 to 60,000 troops.

Military troops entered Afghanistan in October of 2001, searching for Osama Bin Laden throughout the Tora Bora mountain range, as the first step in the War on Terror was taken.

U.S. Special Forces went hunting for sects of the militant Taliban government, setting up forward operating bases, performing searches of isolated villages for weapon caches and any intelligence leads aiding in bringing down the Taliban.

The military was mainly concerned with gaining the support of the citizens of Afghanistan by establishing a U.S. presence, showing the people the U.S. soldiers were there to help rebuild the country and push the Taliban out. Sgt. Joe Bergman of the U.S. Army said they did so by engaging the Taliban in the countryside instead of urban areas, so as to cut down on civilian casualties.

The military higher-ups were concerned with protecting citizens. Petraeus rewrote the military's field manual, the Counterinsurgency Field Manual (COIN). It was designed for the new kind of warfare experienced in Iraq and Afghanistan, and employed military lessons learned during the Vietnam War, stressing gaining the hearts and minds of the people, Bergman said.

"The last troops they saw were Soviet soldiers," Bergman said.



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IED DAMAGE: The U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division stands around a hole in an overpass made by an Improvised Explosive Device in Iraq. Sgt. Joe Bergman, a member of the 10th Division, said the IED was placed under the overpass to hit U.S. convoys.



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LOOKOUT: Sgt. Joe Bergman stands at a U.S. Army base in Afghanistan. Bergman served with the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2004. He was also in Iraq from 2005 to 2006.

"To build rapport with them, showing you care and want to get the bad guys out takes time."

After ousting the Taliban into Pakistan and small cells around the country, the main plan was similar to the one employed in Iraq: rebuild.

According to Sgt. Joe Bergman of the US Army, after the Soviet Union's war in Afghanistan from 1979 to 1988, the country was in ruins because Soviets "trashed the country and took every advantage in destroying the Afghan people."

U.S. soldiers began building schools, mosques, wells and other aspects of the infrastructure.

Bergman, who served in Afghanistan from August 2003 to May 2004 and Iraq from 2005 to 2006, said rebuilding Afghanistan has been different

from Iraq, because Iraq had some kind of infrastructure to rebuild, whereas Afghanistan has been a third-world country since the late 1980s.

"We are trying to globalize Afghanistan to show a government in place trying to better the country," Bergman said.

With the media and military focusing on Iraq, the Taliban has started to reset its roots in Afghanistan. The effectiveness of the troop presence at winning people's hearts and minds will be shown as the American military increases efforts in Afghanistan. While Bergman said the overall feeling of the Afghan people was one of acceptance, the war has not been won.

"Rome wasn't built overnight," Bergman said. "You can't change a culture overnight either."

Since grown to include all manner of vessels."

Otiso said the seemingly distant crisis in Somalia has already had drastic consequences in the U.S. The 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi was master-minded in Somalia, which explains why the U.S. continues to have active military action in the country against groups such as the al-Qaida-affiliated Al-Shabaab Islamist militia.

The Gulf of Aden is a major oil supply channel for the U.S., and instability in Somalia could potentially hinder the smooth flow of oil to the U.S. and directly impact wallets in Northwest Ohio, Otiso said.

But even though the civil war in Somalia does effect the U.S., many students are unaware of the situation.

Freshman Mandy Kinches said she heard about the hijackings when U.S. Captain Richard Phillips was taken hostage, but since then hasn't heard much.

"I figured they had stopped because I haven't seen anything on the news in a while," she said.

Piracy Facts

- Piracy is estimated to have cost the world an estimated \$60 - 70 million in 2008.
- There were more than 100 attacks in 2008, and 40 successful hijackings.
- About 200 crew members were held hostage in 2008.

Exploitation of fisheries leads to rampant piracy in Somalia

By Christine Talbert
Reporter

Somalia is a region plagued by poverty, civil war and pirates.

After a rebellion against former president Siad Barre's repressive regime, the civil war in Somalia started in 1991. Once Barre was ousted from power in that year, competing political interests started fighting, leading to today's fully fledged civil war.

The war is an ongoing process, and Somalian pirates continue to hijack ships in the Gulf of Aden.

According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, pirates hijack ships, take their cargo and then hold their crews as hostages for ransom. The rewards they receive are rich in a country where there are no jobs and almost half the population needs food aid after 17 years of non-stop conflict.

The BBC report states the pirates have received \$150 million in the past year in ransom payments. They will use some of this money to fund future operations with more powerful weapons, bigger, faster boats and more sophisticated equipment.

Ksalis San, of the Somali Community Association of Ohio, said he doesn't know much about the pirates, but it's obvious the situation will take some time to resolve.

"The pirates are hijacking ships off the coast of East Africa," San said. "It is not going to be easy to take care of all of this until

sometime in the future."

Associate professor of geography Kefla M. Otiso is from Kenya, which borders Somalia. He said Kenya has played a critical role in the international effort to stabilize Somalia.

"The fragile peace treaty that led to the installation of the current Somali government was negotiated in Nairobi, Kenya, with significant financial and diplomatic support from the Kenya government," he stated in an e-mail. "Unfortunately, not all Somali factions were at the peace negotiations, hence the continued fighting."

Otiso said it is important to note that one of the lesser-known causes of the hijackings is the long civil war and the lack of an effective government in Somalia. The lack of leadership made it difficult for the country to protect its fisheries from illegal exploitation by European and Asian fishing fleets.

As a consequence, the country's fisheries have been overexploited, causing problems for local people trying to earn their traditional livelihood from fishing.

"Initially, the news-grabbing hijackings were an unsuccessful attempt by local people to protect their fisheries from international fishing fleets," Otiso said. "But with the near depletion of local fisheries, locals were forced to seek alternative means of survival [such as] hijacking the foreign fishing vessels. The activity has

Tensions remain between North and South Korea

By Kate Snyder
Managing Editor

In 1953, North and South Korea signed an armistice, which paused the Korean War, but did not officially end the conflict. Both countries are still prepared for a possible war.

"There's still this de-militarized zone at the 38th parallel," said Marc Simon, a political science professor at the University. "You've got troops at both sides looking at each other, ready to shoot."

The de-militarized zone is the "no man's land" between North and South Korea. American troops are still stationed there, along with troops from South Korea's army.

Much of the tension between North Korea and other countries, such as South Korea and the U.S., is because of nuclear weapons. Simon said North Korea has been working on a nuclear program since the 1990s.

North Korea tested its first atomic weapon in 2006. The second test was in May 2009.

The U.S., Russia, Japan, China and North and South Korea came together in 2003 for a series of six-party talks to discuss the nuclear situation in North Korea, but the talks halted over disagreements.

During the Clinton administration, Simon said North Korea agreed to stop their nuclear program and allow periodic U.S. nuclear inspections. In return, the U.S. promised to help support them with food, oil and assistance in constructing a nuclear power plant for electricity.

But Simon said most countries just use those kinds of agreements to pressure each other.

"[North Korea gets] lots of international attention when they develop nuclear weapons," he said. "I think [Kim Jong Il] needs to demonstrate to his people that his government is being taken seriously."

Since 1953, North Korea's economy has slipped from industrialization to a dependence on South Korea for aid.

Kyoo Hong Kim, a University economics professor from South Korea, said the North is still in turmoil from a famine in the 1990s.

But Kim said South Korean businesses began operating in North Korea after the South Korean president enacted the Sunshine Policy in the late 90s, which called for a peaceful cooperation with North Korea, as well as aiding them financially.

Freshman Kwang Min Lee, also from South Korea, said since he was young, South Korea supported North Korea. The southern government would send food and aid north, and they would also support refugees from North Korea who escaped to the south.

Lee said even though Korea is two countries, the people are all still Korean.

"It's the same blood, we speak the same language," he said.

With the Sunshine Policy, Kim said South Korean businesses began operating in the North. Many South Korean companies use the Kaesong Industrial Complex in North Korea for manufacturing space.

A tourist business also opened in North Korea, which Kim said many South Koreans took advantage of, before a North Korean guard shot a South Korean woman there.

Though the Kaesong complex is still active, the tourist business has halted, and the economic relationship between the two countries has stagnated, especially after North Korea's two nuclear tests.

"I don't know why they're doing it," Lee said. "It's not good for anyone."

The election in South Korea two years ago resulted in a change of presidency, and Kim said the current president, Lee Myung-bak, is much more conservative. He essentially ended the Sunshine Policy until North Korea began cooperating with South Korea.

"Many South Korean people felt betrayed by the lack of cooperation in North Korea," Kim said.

He said there is no diplomatic relationship between the North and South anymore.

And if war breaks out, Kim said the U.S. government is legally obliged to help South Korea. Between 30,000 and 40,000 American troops are still stationed in the demilitarized zone.

University Junior Seung-woo Yang said North Korea is less interested in their southern neighbors than they are in U.S. affairs.

He said with American troops fighting in Iraq and Iran, the North Korean government is nervous about the prospect of more U.S. soldiers returning to Korea.

"They are not concerned with South Korea," Yang said. "They don't want to talk with us. They want to talk with the U.S."

Every male Korean citizen must serve in the army. In South Korea, the term is two years, and in North Korea, soldiers serve for 10 years.

Yang finished his two-year tour in the South Korean army three years ago. He said both countries are ready to fight; and soldiers are trained and prepared for possible war.

But Yang said South Korean civilians don't worry about invasion from the North.

"Some people were going to the store for [supplies] because they were worried about war [in the '90s]," Seung-woo Yang said. "But today nobody is concerned."

Kim visits South Korea once a year, and he said the people focus more on their own lives instead of thinking about what North Korea will do next.

"Every year, every day, they hear North Korea is about to invade," Kim said. "It's a fact of life. You can't worry about all of it all the time."

GDP:

Gross domestic product per capita:

- North Korea - \$1,800
- South Korea - \$27,000
- United States - \$46,900

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IRAN

In Iran, green is the color of revolution.

Since the country's presidential election last June, protesters who claim the election was fixed have been holding demonstrations and wearing green in support of Mir-Hossein Mousavi, one of the losing candidates. (Green was Mousavi's campaign color.)

Marc Simon, a political science professor at the University, said the election protests, which have been non-violent for the most part, are the result of not only the alleged voter fraud, but other built-up frustrations as well.

"[Iran is] a country with lots of unemployment and a bad economy that's gone on and on, and they want change," he said. "By protesting in favor of fair elections, they're basically saying they want more say in government."

"I think there should be a sense of urgency to try to deal with this, because they could get violent factions if they wait," he said.

TIBET

The people of Tibet, a mountainous region in Western China, continue to work for greater independence.

Marc Simon, a political science professor, said Tibetans used to be striving for complete independence from China, but recently changed their minds and set their sights on autonomy because the idea of independence was too much for China to handle.

According to Simon, both sides have long-term strategies to get their way, but one of the main issues for China is that the Dalai Lama, the leader of Tibetan Buddhism, is getting older.

So far, the fight for independence or autonomy has been relatively peaceful, he said, but when the Dalai Lama dies, the new leader might be more violent.

"The peace process is dead, but all involved are trying to give the appearance that it is alive," he said. "The political situation is such that the two main actors both have strong political reasons not to negotiate for peace. So we're waiting again."

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ISRAEL

Israelis and Palestinians are in a conflict over ownership of Israel.

Dating back to biblical times, both Palestinians and Israelis believe the land belongs to them, so the conflict continues through offensives on both sides.

Marc Simon, a political science professor, said both sides give the impression they are working on a solution, but in reality, nothing is being done.

"The peace process is dead, but all involved are trying to give the appearance that it is alive," he said. "The political situation is such that the two main actors both have strong political reasons not to negotiate for peace. So we're waiting again."

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MEN'S SOCCER Falcons drop road game 2-0

Wright State's Braden Fleak scored twice as BG dropped to 2-10-3 (1-2-1 MAC) this season. Fleak scored 21 minutes into the first half and then sealed the victory with another goal with five minutes remaining. Dylan Schoettley (pictured) played well in net for the Falcons making four saves on six shots.

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1931—A's pitcher Lefty Grove wins the CY Young award after a 31-win season.

The List

With Ashley Herzberg going from walk-on to starter for the volleyball team, we look at her top story lines this season:

1. Making the team: Herzberg contacted coach Van De Walle multiple times before finally getting her tryout and earning her spot.

2. Libero: After BG graduated one of the best liberos in school history, Herzberg has put up a solid fight for the position with Alexis Zlabis.

3. Digs: It has only taken the freshman 12 matches to reach the century mark in digs; she is currently averaging 2.22 per set.

4. Consistent: So far this season, Herzberg has only committed 26 total errors, less than one per set.

5. Serving: While she doesn't serve on a consistent basis, Herzberg has recorded five service aces this season.

Notes: Women's basketball bonds over Costa Rica trip

By Sean Shapiro
Assistant Sports Editor

When most NCAA teams take an international trip, it's often to Europe or another where the level of competition is similar to their regular season competition.

However, women's basketball coach Curt Miller decided to take a different route, planning his team's trip to Costa Rica.

The Falcons blew out all of their opponents, including a 127-34 win over Costa Rican teenagers, but the most important part of the trip took place off the court.

As a team BG participated in multiple "adventure type" activi-

"It was a trip that exceeded all expectations, in terms of bonding. We picked the location that we thought would be adventurous, what Costa Rica provided was adventure side trips that really helped bond the team."

Curt Miller | Coach

ties, including white-water rafting and climbing an active volcano.

"It was a trip that exceeded all expectations, in terms of bonding," Miller said. "We picked the location that we thought would be adventurous; what Costa Rica provided was adventure side

trips that really helped bond the team."

According to Miller, his teams have always been successful due to their cohesiveness in the locker room, as well as on the court.

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BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

TOGETHER: The women's basketball team bonded during their trip to Costa Rica.

Netter earns spot in tryout

Walk-on earning her way on to the court

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

For Ashley Herzberg, the third time was the charm.

First, it was, "It's not looking good."

Second, it was "Maybe."

Third, it was "I'll let you try out for the team."

Coach Denise Van De Walle was very glad she gave her the opportunity.

"We absolutely loved her in the tryout," Van De Walle said. "She was fast, had good skills and a good work ethic. She had everything we looked for in a walk-on."

Herzberg, a 5-foot-2 freshman from Mentor, Ohio, had been in contact with Van De Walle for several years, always letting her know her interest in becoming a Falcon.

After hearing "no" a couple of times, she realized she needed to make a change of plans. Nearly all of last summer, Herzberg had been planning on attending Division III Walsh University and playing volleyball there.

"I realized I didn't like anything about it," Herzberg said. "I didn't want to go there and end up not liking volleyball because of the school. I wasn't happy with my decision, so I ended up changing it at the last minute."

She is ecstatic she did.

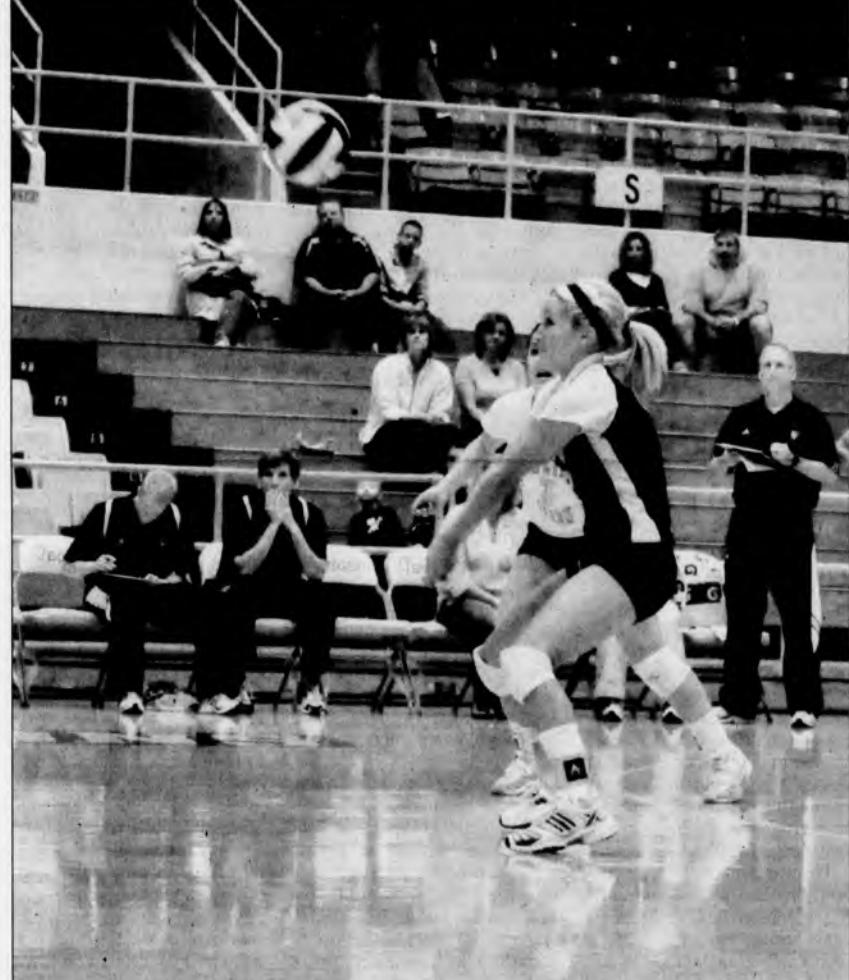
"Playing for Bowling Green has always been a dream of mine," Herzberg said. "I got a tryout, and the next week I got a call and found out I made it. It was a whirlwind, but it was pretty cool."

Before Herzberg was able to play, she had to go through a process called the NCAA clearing house, which is an eligibility center.

It took several weeks for her to be able to play, but once she was ready, Van De Walle did not take much time getting her into the starting rotation.

Herzberg said it seemed to come out of nowhere.

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OUT OF NOWHERE: Despite only having played in 12 matches, Ashley Herzberg already has amassed 100 digs this season.

Football Notes: Tuesday game throws off routine

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

Football players and coaches are very routine oriented.

They are used to the weekly routine of practice throughout the week and a game on Saturdays.

But this week, the Falcon football team is all mixed up since they don't have a game until next Tuesday at Buffalo.

"We'll have two Tuesdays, two Wednesdays, a Thursday, Friday's the travel day and game day is Tuesday," said first-year coach Dave Clawson in a seemingly jumbled rant.

And that is why the team will be confused.

What Clawson meant by that was the team had a scaled-down version of a regular Tuesday practice yesterday. Then, his squad will have a regular Tuesday practice today, two regular Wednesday practices Friday and Saturday, a regular Thursday practice on Sunday, a Friday travel day on Monday and a gamday Saturday on Tuesday.

Then they get to do it all over again as the next game is the Thursday after. And as a coach, it's driving him crazy.



TUESDAY: BG will play on a weeknight for the second time this season.

"Football coaches, we thrive on routine," Clawson said. "You do this Tuesday, you do this Wednesday. We try to keep it as routine as we can and hopefully that will work."

Mahone's back

Senior safety P.J. Mahone will

return to the Falcons for the Buffalo game.

Mahone has finished serving a six-game suspension and fulfilled all other obligations to Clawson and the athletic

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Women's soccer to close season in Toledo

By Angelo Velotta
Reporter

For the first time since 2001, the BG women's soccer team will not be playing in the postseason.

BG has been so used to playing competitively and winning, that trips to the postseason have become a thing of expectation for coach Andy Richards' team.

"It's brutal," Richards said. "This whole season has just been uncanny."

The Falcons still have one game left to play on the regular season schedule, but it's a bitter pill to swallow for the team who is used to gunning for the Mid-American Conference championship.

But the team is trying to keep spirits up, as their last game is on the road at rival Toledo.

"They've beat us in the championship before and in the quarterfinals," Richards said. "It would be really nice to get one up on them."

Toledo is having a much better season on paper, as they are second in the MAC standings.

This contrasts a Falcon team that stands at 5-11-3, in what has been an unexplainable roller coaster of a ride for the team.

"We've played so much better

than our record states," Richards said. "I just can't make sense of this season. It's like when we played Eastern Michigan and one of their girls had a handball, but the referee didn't give them the penalty."

Between a cold fusion of individual errors, questionable refereeing and overlooking big opportunities, the Falcons have found themselves hoping to come out today and steal one from the Toledo Rockets.

"We're going to be playing for pride and they're going to be playing for bragging rights," Richards said.

The Falcons and Rockets will kick off at 3 p.m.



Alexa Arsenault

Has recorded three shutouts in goal this season



Alyssa Zuccaro

Has two goals and three assists in 19 games

Fighting off the flu bug

Swim team battling with persistent illness

By Ryan Satkowiak

Reporter

Over the last several weeks, the BG swim team has been plagued by one of the worst flu epidemics the team has ever seen.

After what seemed like months of having swimmers miss practice, the team is finally starting to get over it, just in time for the season opener.

"It was only bad in the sense that it forced me to miss quite a few days of practice," said junior Sarah Burston. "Then I came back maybe a bit too early, and then I got sick again. It was just really frustrating."

The flu caused Burston to miss both the Orange and Brown intrasquad meet on Oct. 5 and the Tom Stubbs Relays on Oct. 16. She said that given all of the time since her last competition, she is excited that the opener is only days away.

"I can't go in worrying about missing all that practice, since it was beyond my control," Burston said. "We just need to

work hard this week, and I'm looking forward to be able to race."

One thing mentioned by both Burston as well as coach Keri Buff was that even with the illness rapidly passing through the team, the swimmers wanted to fight through it and continue to swim. They literally had to be forced out of the pool and told that given their condition, rest was more important.

"This year we did have it worse than normal," Buff said. "I think this year the doctors wanted to be a little bit more cautious because of the strains of flu that are out there, but these girls don't want to be out of the water. Those are the kind of people we have on this team."

Despite having a large number of swimmers who either had to lightly practice or missed practice all together the last month, Buff feels the team is ready to go for their season opener tomorrow at Eastern Michigan.

"I feel that everyone is 100



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RACING THE FLU: Not only has the swim team prepared for their upcoming meet, they've also had to deal with a team-wide flu issue.

percent ready to go," Buff said. "We may have a couple of people who are only able to compete at 80 percent or so, but everyone is ready to compete."

After Eastern Michigan, the Falcons will travel to Muncie, Ind., to take on Ball State Saturday afternoon. Their home opener is Nov. 6 against Ohio University.

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WALKING ON: Herzberg went from a prospective Division No. 3 athlete to the starting libero for the BG volleyball team.

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"It was very nerve-wracking to begin with," she said. "[Van De Walle] all the sudden put me in and I was like 'oh, my gosh.' But then I started playing, I got more relaxed and comfortable and I loved it."

Van De Walle said it is human nature for someone to be like, 'Who's this new kid?', but once the team got to know her, it was great. Plus, since Herzberg has arrived, the competition between everyone has heated up.

Alex Zlabis was very impressed with Herzberg from the beginning.

"She definitely came in and fit in very well with everyone," Zlabis said. "She worked hard, so we accepted her right away."

"She's playing a lot and she is really helping us out, so we're all

excited that she can step in and help us. Anyone who works hard deserves to be out there."

When Herzberg was able to start playing, she was immediately in the starting lineup. She tried to look away from the pressure, though.

"I tried not to think about it," she said. "This is my dream come true. I've loved Bowling Green since I was in middle school, so I went out there and gave it all I got."

Herzberg and Zlabis are still competing for the starting libero position — it has been going back and forth for several weeks now.

Van De Walle loves Herzberg's effort thus far.

"She's brought good skill and great energy," she said. "You're looking for a kid that plays with passion. She just looks like she enjoys playing the game so much. She's a great role model. She has it all."

Collaros goes from unwanted recruit to starting quarterback for Bearcats

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Zach Collaros was the high school quarterback who wouldn't lose.

With Collaros throwing and running, Steubenville High School in eastern Ohio won 30 straight games and back-to-back small-school titles in his last two seasons. The 30-0 mark as the starting quarterback won Collaros a Division III player of the year award in 2006.

Very impressive. But when it came time to pick a college, he got a surprise.

Almost nobody wanted him. "I only had two (scholarship) offers for football out of high school, but 11 or 12 for baseball," said Collaros, who was also a shortstop. "So that's what I was going to do — until Cincinnati came along."

Knowing that he wanted to keep playing baseball, coach Brian Kelly offered him a chance to do both — run his spread offense during the fall, dig into the batter's box in the spring. Collaros accepted and came to Cincinnati.

Two years later, he's running one of the nation's top offenses, leading an undefeated team that's ranked fifth in the country.

Good choice both ways.

The sophomore made his first collegiate start last Saturday against Louisville, filling in while Tony Pike recovers from another arm injury. Collaros

kept his perfect streak going by throwing for three touchdowns in a 41-10 win.

He's expected to start again on Saturday at Syracuse (3-4) while Pike recovers from surgery to repair a protective plate in his non-passing arm. The stakes are high again — Cincinnati (7-0) must win to stay in the debate about national title contenders.

Given what they've seen of Collaros, his teammates aren't fretting over Pike's absence.

"It's not a one-man show," receiver DJ Woods said. "Zach Collaros is a very talented quarterback. I'm happy with Zach. I respect him for stepping up to the plate."

It appeared he would be limited to stepping up to the plate in college because of his size — his listing as 6 feet tall is a tad generous — and his style.

Collaros liked to improvise when plays broke down in high school, and that became one of his strengths. College coaches generally prefer a quarterback who runs the offense as scripted. When Collaros arrived in Cincinnati, he roomed with Ben Mauk, another small-stature passer who had a knack for making things up on the run.

They saw their similarities.

"We're both short," Collaros said. "Me and him kind of freelance here and there a little bit when stuff breaks down. He had a real good ability of keeping the play on. I like to think I

have that ability, too. He helped me out a lot."

Collaros took a redshirt season, then got in some games after Pike broke his left forearm last season, requiring a plate and six screws. Chazz Anderson — in the same recruiting class as Collaros — got to start the two games because he had a better grasp of the offense.

The Bearcats won the Big East title with Pike back as the starter. Collaros' final season statistics: 1 of 4 for two yards.

That gave him something to think about in his part-time role as baseball player.

He played center field last spring, started 11 of Cincinnati's 58 games and batted .204. He also had a talk with Kelly about what he needed to do to move his football career along.

"His questions were more centered on, 'How do I move up? How do I break the logjam? Is it going to be Chazz and me forever?'" Kelly said.

Kelly's response: Get better at running the offense, rely less on ad-libs. Collaros was a quick study and moved ahead of Anderson for the No. 2 job.

When Pike damaged the plate in his forearm on Oct. 15 at South Florida, Collaros got his chance. He came in and ran for a pair of touchdowns as the Bearcats pulled away in the second half. Last week, he made his first collegiate start against Louisville and was

nearly perfect, going 15 of 17 for 253 yards.

Leading up to the game, Collaros talked to Mauk by phone a few times, getting reassurance from an old friend.

"The main thing he would tell me is to go out there and be who I am, not try to be something I'm not," Collaros said. "That's really what he helped me out with."

The largest crowd in Nippert Stadium's history got to see what Kelly sensed when he recruited Collaros out of high school.

"You know you're going to get a quarterback that takes it seriously, that loves to play the game," Kelly said. "And then, he's won. Those are factors that moved me in our first year, when we were in transition and recruiting late. Even though he was 6-foot, maybe 5-11 on a bad day, that was going to overcome all those things that were seen at other BCS schools as shortcomings."

His teammates know about his high school exploits and have some fun with him occasionally. After the Louisville game, receiver Mardy Gilyard praised Collaros, then turned to him with a question.

"Zach, if I'm not mistaken, you didn't lose a game in high school, did you?" Gilyard said.

"Nope," Collaros responded.

One start into his college career, his record is perfect again.

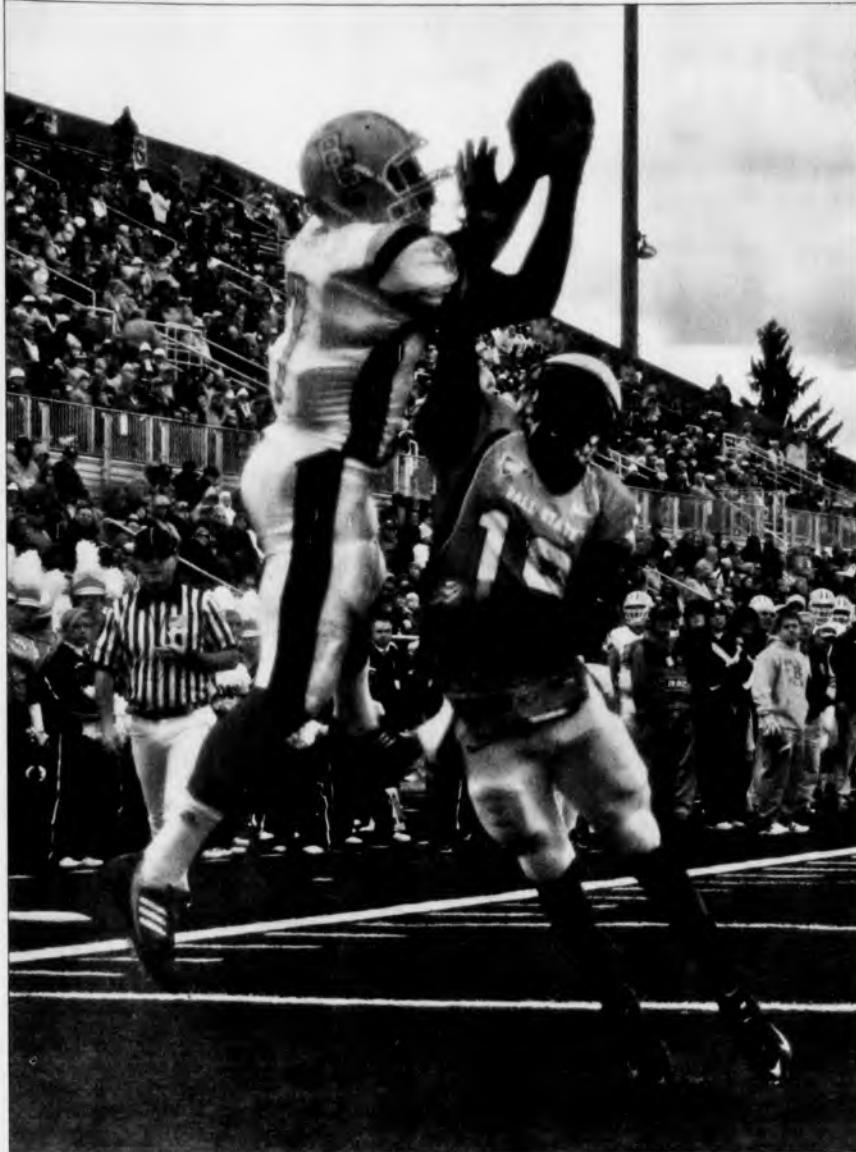
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JUMP BALL: Freddie Barnes shows his jumping ability for a touchdown against Ball State earlier this season, something similar to his best friend Julian Wright who plays for the NBA's New Orleans Hornets.

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department to be reinstated to the team.

Sophomore Keith Morgan replaced Mahone in the lineup and has gone on to lead the team in tackles. He is still listed atop the depth chart, but Clawson did not definitively name a starter.

"We're going to split the reps [in practice]," Clawson said. "We'll evaluate that as we go the next few days."

Injuries

Of the injured players on the Falcon roster, none are expected to be available for Tuesday's game.

Offensive linemen Ben Bojicic and Brady Minturn were both listed as doubtful and wide receiver Ray Hutson was a "long-shot" to return.

Senior tight end Jimmy Scheidler, who missed a few games earlier in the season with an ankle injury, said the

10 days off will give his ankle enough time to get back to 100 percent.

"Having this bye week has really given it a lot of time to heal," Scheidler said.

Barnes' Biletnikoff

Senior Freddie Barnes made his public comments about being named a semifinalist for the 2009 Fred Biletnikoff Award yesterday.

"Once I saw the list of the people that were on it with me, I was just taken aback a little just because the guys are great athletes and I respect them a lot," Barnes said.

With nation-leading marks in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, Clawson said he thinks his receiver should win the award outright, but not because of those particular stats.

"I think he should win it in terms of what a player means to a team," Clawson said. "That's not to disrespect anyone else who is up for the award."

HOOPS

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On the road again

Both the men's and women's teams have more road games than the 2008-09 season. For the women's team, they have at least seven road games against teams that made a postseason tournament last year, something Miller feels will prepare his team for Mid-American Conference play.

"We have one of the toughest non-conference games, not including the pre-season WNIT," Miller said.

Men's coach Louis Orr will take his team on the road for most of their non-conference play this season. Of their 11 non-conference games, seven are on the road; however, Orr is confident his team will be able to cope with the schedule.

"Sometimes, you get pieces of your schedule that have some extremities, but we do have four senior captains on the roster," Orr said.



Tamika Nurse

Transferred from Oregon to play at BG

New in town

Transfers Tamika Nurse and Maggie Hennegan will be eligible to play for BG after missing last season due to NCAA regulations.

Nurse, a transfer from University of Oregon, will be expected to fill the void left by defensive stopper Lindsey Goldsberry and is one of the fastest players Miller has ever coached.

Nurse almost came to BG as a true freshman, but chose Oregon late in the recruiting stage and, according to Miller, she wanted a chance to play for a postseason tournament after Oregon struggled in the difficult Pacific-10 conference.

"Sometimes, you get pieces of your schedule that have some extremities, but we do have four senior captains on the roster," Orr said.



Otis Polk

The senior center will be a bigger part of BG's offense

ter post players in the BG lineup.

Posting up

While Hennegan will be the women's version of a post player, Orr is expecting big things from senior Otis Polk this season.

After the team lost their top three scorers from last season, Polk will be a more intricate part of the offense as Orr expects the 6-foot-9 player to make plays with and without the basketball.

Injury update

Reigning women's MAC player of the year Lauren Prochaska has been battling the flu and has had a rough pre-season, according to Miller.

Meanwhile on the men's side, senior Marc Larson is back at full strength after an injury plagued 2008-09 season.



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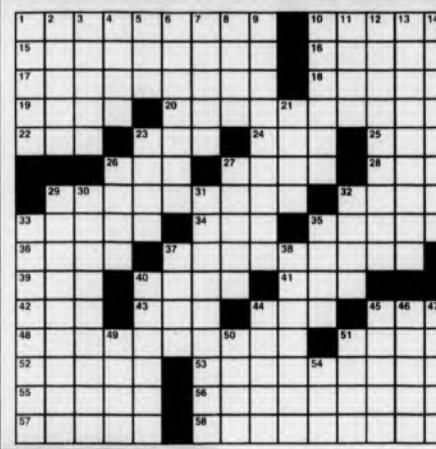
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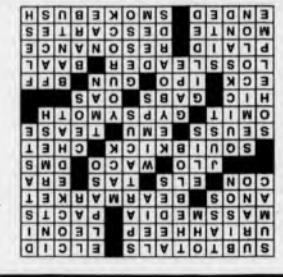


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