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What food would you like to make giant?



ASHLEY BERMAN
Junior, CDIS

"Matzoh ball." | **Page 4**

PEOPLE ON THE STREET



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MOVING OUT: Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers hang out after hearing they will be forced to vacate the house in four weeks.

Demolition of Rodgers Quad and two fraternity houses announced

By Ella Fowler
City Editor

Approximately 60 students living at the Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities will be forced to live elsewhere as their houses will be demolished, along with the Rodgers Quadrangle, in phase 1 of the University's Residence Life and Dining Services Master Plan.

The presidents of the two fraternities were notified of the decision to demolish their houses Thursday, said Joe Oravec, associate vice president for student affairs.

"Communication has occurred with respective chapter leadership," he said in a meeting with reporters yesterday. "[The fraternities] have been provided with alternatives [on where to live.]"

Despite this communication, Sigma Phi Epsilon President Zac Ankrom wanted to talk with administrators before the decision was made.

"Communication needs to be made," he said. "Communication is key and without communication people are left with ques-

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FORUM

Keeping a watchful
eye on campus



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RYAN PIROG | THE BG NEWS

University police seek to increase on-campus security through addition of digital security camera technology upgrades

By Rose Schneider
Reporter

Better security for the University begins with new camera technology.

Although the process of improving security was started in 2000, the University has just recently begun a lengthy process to update all of the security cameras on campus, as well as adding "a significant number" more, said Sgt. John Shumaker of University police.

"We have more than quadrupled [the number of cameras]," Shumaker said. Before the University began the process of adding more on campus security, there were only three or four cameras in

each parking lot.

"We only had just a handful," Shumaker said.

The changes that have already been made, including replacing every existing analog camera with digital ones.

One big problem, Shumaker said, with the old cameras is they zoomed in and out very slowly. The new digital cameras are able to zoom in and out much farther and faster, as well as store more recordings on a new hard drive.

"I can zoom in on a car, six rows out and

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Fans prepare for 2010 World Cup

Enthusiasts around Bowling Green discuss differences in culture surrounding sporting event

By Angie Burdge
Guest Reporter

No other sporting competition brings countries together like it—save the Olympics. It is just as rare too, taking place only every four years. The event is the World Cup, with the next championship occurring the summer of 2010.

University Italian professor Carlo Celli said soccer is the only thing that all humanity is in agreement about.

"Internationally, there is more agreement about soccer than about food and sex, which both

should be more universal than soccer," Celli said. "At BG over the years, I have organized games for international students on Sundays. At times I have been able to count up to 20 different nationalities playing at the same time, but the differences in language and culture disappear."

For Celli, his love of soccer, commonly called football by most of the world, began at a young age and has stayed with him throughout his life.

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Falcon Food Mart dishes out 52-inch pizza

By Jason Henry
Reporter

Issa Baiz's family has been in the convenience store business for as long as he can remember. At the age of 6, standing on top of a milk crate to see over the counter, Baiz would assist customers.

Baiz, owner of recently opened Falcon Food Mart, said he thought downtown was lacking this type of store.

"We came in to town and saw some potential for business," he said. "We have a lot of experience in this type of business and we saw that in downtown there was nothing like it."

Baiz said the building, which he thinks used to be a Salvation Army, had to be completely remodeled before opening.

The store, which opened Oct. 31, has a variety of items ranging from groceries to beer and pizza.

"People can one-stop shop. They don't really need to go anywhere else," he said. "We have everything that is necessary, except for like fresh fruit and vegetables."

On top of that, everything in the store is available for delivery. "We deliver beer, we deliver groceries, we deliver tobacco. We have anything you really need in the store," he said. "Also, with a student I.D. we don't charge any fee right now for delivery."

Senior Megan Disher said she

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ONLINE: Go to bgviews.com for a look at what Falcon Food Mart offers its customers.



ALAN PIRACHA | THE BG NEWS

PIZZA PIE: Samuel Biaz of Falcon Food Mart assembles the new 52-inch pizza, made from three rectangular pizza segments. The pizza can feed up to 15 people.

CAMPUS BRIEF

The trial of a USG senator has been pushed back until Dec. 18.

Senior Justin Albright, who was cited for obstructing official business on Oct. 17, was in court yesterday, but due to the prosecutor not being able to talk to officers involved in the incident, the trial was pushed back, according to Albright.

According to police records, Albright was at a party Oct. 17 that Bowling Green Police Division was attempting to stop. When officers tried to enter the residence, Albright allegedly informed them the home owners were not there and then tried to force the door shut on the officers, blocking their entry.

Four other people were arrested or cited at the same party, according to reports.

Holiday festivities announced at City Council meeting

By Christine Talbert
Reporter

Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director Wendy Stram unveiled the city's plan of events for the holiday season at last night's city council meeting.

The bureau invites students and residents to celebrate with them on the weekends throughout the month during Downtown Holly-Days. Bureau Executive Director Wendy Stram announced the events for the holiday season.

"This year, we've decided to do something different," Stram said. "Instead of only having a weekend of Holiday festi-

"This year, we've decided to do something different."

Wendy Stram | Director

ties, we're going to extend it to a month-long series of holiday-themed events."

Kicking off the holiday season is the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Library, where Mayor Quinn will light the Christmas tree. There will also

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BLOTTER
SUNDAY, NOV. 15

2:38 A.M.
Demario Hughes, 21, of Cleveland, was arrested for gross sexual imposition and burglary on the corners of Second and Marville Streets.

3:03 A.M.
Complainant reported two males streaked through the parking lot at Circle K.

4:05 A.M.
Travis Lines, 18, Waterville Ohio, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and Joseph Soto, 21, was arrested for disorderly conduct unrating within the 900th block of Klotz Road.

4:32 A.M.
Complainant reported shots were fired within the 2000th block of E. Napoleon Road.

6:03 A.M.
Nicole Newman, 18, was cited for possession of marijuana within the 800th block of Thurstin Avenue.

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.

SECURITY

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record the license plate number. Before, I didn't have that zoom capability," he said.
Shumaker also said the clarity in the new cameras is much better.
"It was a difference between probably a black and white TV only and having a color TV," Shumaker said. "It's that much of a difference."
The campus is not just updating the cameras. Over winter break, the campus will begin remodeling the entire security room to make it bigger and more accessible with the new technology.
The process of adding new cameras and updating the

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thinks delivering everything is a good idea, especially for on-campus students.

"Some people on campus don't have vehicles or they might not want to take the time to use the buses," she said. "It is probably cheaper than buying groceries on campus at the food court."

She said it would also be nice for off-campus students who are too busy to get groceries.

Baiz said the prices are very competitive compared to other off-campus stores.

"We can't sell like Krogers and Meijer, obviously, but we keep it at a low margin," Baiz said. "People can come and take a look around, they aren't really going to find a place in town that is cheaper."

Baiz said the store will also accept BG1 soon for everything except alcohol and tobacco.

That includes Falcon Food Mart's signature 52-inch pizza, which is around 36 slices and is the size of three or four pizzas, Baiz said.

"We figure it is a party town," he said. "So we might as well head it with a party pizza."

The giant pizza is just more convenient to buy for meetings or parties, he said. Despite the size, the pizza is still delivered within a half an hour. It is regularly available for \$39.99 but customers will get \$5 off for the next month.

Aaron Blanchard, an employee at the Union, said he would probably not be able to eat a 52-inch by himself, but that it seems like a challenge.

"I would definitely not be shy about trying to attempt it," he said. "It sounds amazing."



52 PICK UP: One of the 52-inch pizzas cools at Falcon Food Mart. Customers can pick up or get pizzas delivered, and student delivery is free.

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be horse drawn wagon rides, carols and tasty treats for free at 7 p.m.

This Saturday, the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade will be taking place downtown at 10 a.m. Saturday Nov. 27 and Nov. 28, Stram said.

Saturday, Dec. 5 from noon to 4 p.m. students and families can come support the United Way of Wood County by taking photos with Santa Claus. Pets are welcome to come have their picture taken with Santa, too, Stram said.

Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. the Community Holiday concert will take place at the Claz theater for free, but a donation for the BG Food Pantry or Flower Basket Toy Drive is

requested.

Saturday, Dec. 19 stories with Santa will be free at the Library starting at 10:30 a.m. Stram said residents can take the Holiday Craft Crawl from noon to 4 p.m. at locations around downtown, with fun crafts and activities for the whole family. Free horse-drawn wagon rides will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on South Main Street in front of Ben Franklin.

Finally, Stram said people can bring their cameras to one, or all of the interactive holiday photo scenes starting Nov. 27.

For details on dates and locations, visit www.downtownbgohio.org, or contact the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau 1-800-866-0046.

Also during the meeting, the dates for the city's budget

hearings were announced at the meeting and will be held at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The city administration had previously given city council many suggestions and recommendations about what to do next regarding the failure of the proposed tax levy.

Mayor John Quinn gave a proclamation regarding the Bowling Green Community Foundation. Nov. 12-18 will now be recognized as the Bowling Green Community Foundation week.

The Community Foundation was established in 1994 by the first leadership BG class and started awarding students scholarships by 1997. Over the last 16 years, the Community Foundation has given away 225 grants to over 123 companies and donated approximately \$187,000 to the City.

DEMOLITION

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tions marks."

According to Ankrom, the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon had questions about the demolition of Rodgers at the beginning of the year. They wanted to know if the construction would affect them.

"We understand a lot of the reasons they went about what they did was because of going back and forth [on whether to demolish Rodgers]," he said. "I think it would have been a little nice to have a heads up."

The two fraternities and Rodgers Quadrangle are scheduled to be demolished in April or May of next semester to make room for new living quarters for students, said Steven Krakoff, associate vice president of capital planning and design. Another site, located north of Merry Street and the Offenbauer dorm, is also scheduled for construction. The number of residence halls to be built on either site has yet to be determined, Krakoff said.

The halls will have around 800 beds and the total construction will cost between \$30 million and \$40 million, to be paid for through public and private funds.

The decision to either demolish or renovate Rodgers Quadrangle has been in the Master Plan since the beginning, but the demolition of the two fraternity houses has been in limbo until recently. But after the University decided to demolish Rodgers Quadrangle, it evaluated the fraternity

houses and realized that one building can't be demolished without tearing down the two fraternity houses because the utility lines are connected, Krakoff said.

For Ankrom, the news of the demolition was shocking.

"Honestly, to me, it is devastating," said Ankrom, a senior. "I grew up in that house. It becomes a part of you. A house is the identity of the fraternity."

Oravec and Krakoff said the reason students living in the fraternities need to relocate by next semester is because of the construction schedule.

"The time line in preparing the site is critical in order to have a new residence for August 2011," Oravec said. "In order for the site to be cleared and ready for construction, there needs to be a certain amount of time vacated and what that means is that residents of those respective fraternity houses [need to relocate]."

Ankrom understands the reasons behind the relocation, but it is difficult to do so with only four weeks left in the semester, he said.

The decision on where the members of both fraternities will be relocated is still unresolved, but Residence Life Director Michael Griffel said there are options for those students.

"There are temporary solutions for now," Griffel said. "Then we are looking at other options for the fall."

Those options are still being discussed and the fraternities should know by next week where they will live next semester.

The University hopes to build a Greek Village for all fraternities and sororities in the future, but that could be another five years, Krakoff said.

"We are working with the fraternities and sororities and the alumni advisors to develop what the Greek Village will be," Griffel said. "It is an exciting process and it will be an amazing thing."

Members of both Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities will have first choice of housing in the Greek Village when it is finally built, said Oravec.

"It will benefit the fraternity in the end," Ankrom said. "But it is still difficult for us... especially the seniors who are graduating and don't know what is going to be the new Sig Ep house is difficult."

The University announced the implementation of their master plan over the summer in which they hope to make improvements to dining halls, existing residence halls and other various campus improvements.

Despite the construction, University President Carol Cartwright believes incoming students will be excited to go here.

"My experience is that while construction can create practical issues for those who walk the campus everyday... students who are thinking about us as their choice of college find the construction extremely exciting and find a sense of excitement," she said. "I think it will be real excitement for them and they will want to be apart of that."

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MAKING A BIG STATEMENT



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

VOTE: Graduate student Carla De Pozzio walks past the hybrid bus blocking the sidewalk near the Union oval. The bus is there to encourage students to vote on the fee that USG is proposing to add to tuition to get a shuttle bus that goes downtown from the University. "I wouldn't mind paying an extra \$20 per semester," De Pozzio said. "It would be especially beneficial to international students who don't realize that Bowling Green is small and does not have buses that go everywhere."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Proposed shuttle fee vote to happen today

Students can vote for or against the \$20 per semester fee that would add a downtown route to the University shuttle service via a link on the University's homepage today.

-A 'yes' vote is for the \$20 per semester fee and additional downtown shuttle route.

-A 'no' vote is against the \$20 per semester fee and additional downtown shuttle route.

Undergraduate Student Government is posting the poll to get an idea for the general student opinion on the subject. Poll results are not the only deciding factor.

USG will make their recommendation to the University Board of Trustees.

H1N1 vaccine available on campus

The University Student Health Service is offering the H1N1 vaccine free of charge to students, faculty and staff who qualify beginning 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Student Health Center room 170.

It is unclear how long the vaccine supply will last.

Students are asked to preregister for the vaccine if they can at www.h1n1vaccine.odh.ohio.gov, and bring the preregistration documentation with them to the Student Health Center.

The vaccine is currently only for high-risk individuals, including college students up to 24 years old, health care workers and EMS workers who provide direct patient care, pregnant women, people who live with or care for children less than 6 months old and people 25-64 years old with chronic medical conditions.

Displaced fraternity members address USG with housing concerns

By Matt Liasse
Reporter

The recent news that the Rodgers Quadrangle will be demolished in the spring semester of 2010 was addressed during the Undergraduate Student Government meeting, causing many comments of disapproval.

Because Rodgers will be taken down, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Tau are being forced to move from their current housing in the next four weeks.

Zac Ankrom, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, spoke to the members of USG about their disappointments in how the University administration made final decisions without

even consulting the student body. He also said he felt that the four week period is not enough warning time for the fraternity.

"This is a very difficult time, and we just wanted to make USG aware," Ankrom said. "We want to help the University as much as we can."

Ankrom did share his and Sigma Phi Epsilon's disappointment in the administration, which caused other USG members to voice their opinions as well.

"I'm very concerned with the University's actions," Internal Affairs Committee Chair Justin Albright said.

President Sundeep Mutgi took the time to talk about

how he spoke with some administrators, and said he found that up until a couple weeks ago, no final decisions were made. He added that while new buildings being built on campus are always a good thing, students should have been involved in the decision making process.

With that, Mutgi asked that a member of USG draw up a resolution describing their disapproval of not being included, saying that USG should be involved.

While at it, he asked that someone draw up a resolution for the general fee increase that will state more specifically what the money will be used for. Both resolutions are to be presented in a future

meeting.

Another issue that was discussed during the meeting last night was the shuttle fee for which USG is currently holding an online vote.

The vote is looking for students' opinions on the possible \$20 fee to fund a new shuttle route downtown. Mutgi said he has come across students on campus that are either for it, against it or those who do not care. He brought the attention of USG to the people who are indifferent on the issue.

Today is the last day the vote will be available, and the results of the vote will affect the plans for the resolution that was presented last night

"This is a very difficult time, and we just wanted to make [Undergraduate Student Government] aware. We want to help the University as much as we can."

Zac Ankrom | Sigma Phi Epsilon president

and will be voted on next week.

The resolution, written by Student Welfare Committee Chair Christopher Schiazza, stated the fee will provide a route for downtown, which Parking and Traffic is currently funding. By allowing the fee to take care of the route, it frees up money to go to fixing and maintaining parking lots that cannot cur-

rently be funded.

The resolution also stated USG "previously affirmed an increase in 2007."

Schiazza told the members he worked with University Chief of Police James Wiegand when he was formulating the resolution, which will be voted on by the members of USG at next week's meeting after voting ends tonight at midnight.

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IPC



"Piece of broccoli."

ALI SCHMIDT,
Senior,
Theater



"A Pop Tart."

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THE BG NEWS PRESENTS FALCON SCREECH

Whatever happened to Thanksgiving? In the past week, I have seen Christmas lights on a house and a holiday Coke can with my face on it. Must Christmas come so soon? Can't we enjoy Thanksgiving for once?
—SANTA

Dear Prof - if we are in a lecture hall with over 90 students in it, it is FAR more distracting for you to interrupt class and single out that one person in the back row texting than their actual act of texting. Next time, let them sacrifice their own education instead of disrupting mine!
—OBSERVER

I wish you'd stop biting my head off for every little thing I do or do not do. Ninety percent of what you snip at me about does NOT matter as much as you think it does, and you serve only to waste your breath, get angry over nothing and just make me less likely to listen to you because you give no better reason than "It bugs me." You do things that bug me too, but I don't yell at you about every little thing!
FED UP

I hate how conservative people in this country are more concerned with the "lives of the unborn" than they are about everyone else who resides outside the womb. The only people they seem to think deserve any rights at all are proto-humans who cannot yet breathe oxygen; the moment after birth, they're fine with you living in poverty, starving while working three dead-end minimum wage jobs, or being shipped off to go die in a country you probably can't find on a map, since you didn't have the good fortune to go to a school that could afford geography books. This country club elitist crap has to stop.
—GUS VANDER HOFF

For the first entire month of school, our printer refused to function without jamming three times before it would actually print, causing a HUGE amount of paper to be wasted. RCC came and looked at it and "fixed" it... now, it doesn't even print double-sided, still jams every now and then... what REALLY gets me is that we can pay President Cartwright six figures but "can't afford" \$200 to replace our POS printer. What the hell, BGSU???

The link on the front page of the bgstate.edu website designed to let students vote on the proposed bus fee is extremely hard to find. It isn't in fact even on the home page unless a person scrolls down and waits for a cycling advertisement to change to the appropriate link. This seems like an obvious attempt to undermine student democracy. Why would anyone not put a big bold "vote here" button on top of the front page? I wish I could say it ended there but parking a bus in the middle of campus is just plain trashy. How could one not see this as an attempt to garner support for a yes vote on the issue? Please BGSU make an attempt to listen unbiased to the students' voices.
—MAYA BUTTRECKS

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Fed does not deserve to be public enemy No. 1



ANDREW DEHNOFF
COLUMNIST

A recent development in Washington is the push by some politicians to critically review the actions of the Federal Reserve Bank through an audit, which is currently restricted in certain facets of the bank's operations. This political action has been pushed by, among others, Representative Ron Paul (R - TX), a proponent of eliminating the need for this institution.

To understand this controversial matter and what difference it makes requires some background knowledge. The Federal Reserve System, or the central bank of the United States, was created in 1913 after two previous attempts at banking systems.

Frederic S. Mishkin, professor of Banking and Financial Institutions at Columbia University, states of the need-for a central banking system, "The termination of the Second Bank's national charter in 1836 created a severe problem for American financial markets, because there was no lender of last resort that could provide reserves to the banking system to avert a bank panic."

The first central banks were terminated under political pres-

sure for fear of too great government control.

The Federal Reserve, or Fed, is known as the "lender of last resort," meaning money starts with the Fed, is provided to other banks, and ends with the Fed as the final stop for these banks to seek loans.

The old adage by former Federal Reserve Chairman William McChesney Martin is that it's up to the Fed to "Take away the punch bowl just as the party gets going." Therefore, the Fed is an easy target as their actions tend to be unpopular. Forbes.com stated: "According to a Gallup Poll conducted in mid-July, the Fed received the lowest approval rating of the nine government agencies and departments evaluated — even lower than the Internal Revenue Service."

This sentiment may be attributed to either a lack of knowledge of Federal Reserve policies or the link individuals draw between a poor economy and our central banking system. An analogy is to think of the Fed as a mother or father to a child: the parent may, in the eyes of the child, do things that seemingly display a lack of compassion, when in reality, the parents' discipline is what's best in the long run.

The Fed's actions seek what is best overall, not simply what fulfills our instant gratification.

One of the most contentious aspects of the Fed is its freedom from political pressures. Should the Fed be affected by politics, its decisions may not be in the best interest of the American people. Its independence is critical, and may be in jeopardy by forthcoming legislation.

The Fed is already exposed to party politics. Its chairman is chosen by the President of the United States (which rebukes any argument of an undemocratic process of appointment as the American people elect our President) that may persuade the head of our central bank to please our commander-in-chief. Any further subjection to affairs of state will jeopardize the future well-being of our nation.

While criticism of the Fed is not unfounded, as was the case when former Chairman Alan Greenspan allowed our economy to inflate into the tech bubble of the dot-com era in the 1990's, market corrections can be attributed to this entity.

Forbes.com states the National Bureau of Economic Statistics has found "that from 1854 to the creation of the Federal Reserve, the country spent 47 percent of the time in recession; since the Federal Reserve was created, the U.S. has been in recession only 21 percent of the time."

According to the same article quoting our current Federal

Reserve Chairman, "(Ben) Bernanke... noted that the Government Accountability Office has already been given expanded authority to audit the Federal Reserve's actions providing bailout loans to Bear Stearns and AIG" along with "the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program bailout." Taxpayers can rest easy knowing this.

Another criticism of the Fed is our current market downfall. Bernanke, in an interview by 60 Minutes, stated that the Federal Reserve during the Great Depression, on which Bernanke is an expert, made two significant mistakes in that "prices fell" and "they let banks fail." Under Bernanke's watchful eye, these wrongs were righted, potentially saving our nation from another Great Depression.

They should absolutely have seen this coming, but the consequences of not having a body in charge of corrective policy would have been much worse, especially with the knowledge we now have of previous financial meltdowns.

If we terminate the Fed we won't have the privilege of witnessing a master at his craft. Think what you may of Ben Bernanke, he's got a sweet beard.

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If you want to own pets, be responsible

By Danielle Bonanno
Guest Columnist

A couple of months ago, there was an iguana in my yard.

As I sat on my couch watching Scrubs, I spotted something green and scaly out of the corner of my eye. I glanced out the window, certain that the old pizza I had dared to eat for breakfast was turning on me, but there it was: a lime green, squirrel-sized lizard strolling amidst the falling leaves.

By the time my fiancée and I had rushed outside, the reptilian stranger had scaled a tree Spider-Man-style and vanished. I've taken care of iguanas in the past, and I knew that the little guy wouldn't be able to survive the rapidly dropping temperatures. I crossed my fingers, but I didn't expect to see him again.

As luck would have it, the iguana resurfaced during Fall Break. My fiancée found him lying in the front yard, ice cold and unresponsive. We put him in a spare tank with a heat lamp and under-tank heater, gave him some fresh veggies and hoped for the best. We did our best to inform our neighbors of the situation, hoping to reunite owner and beloved pet. One of our neighbors, a fellow student, approached us.

"You found my iguana?" he

said with a laugh, tossing a beer can into the street. "Dude, I let that thing go, like, months ago!" Still laughing, he wished us luck and strolled back to his porch.

Yep. That was it. Luckily Iggins, as I nicknamed him, recovered beautifully. He ate, he romped around his tank and he threateningly expanded his dewlap (chin frill) whenever we were too close for comfort. Last month, Iggins went off to a new home with an experienced reptile owner.

I wish that Iggins's storybook ending was shared by the countless pets discarded by irresponsible owners, but sadly, he is an anomaly. He was lucky enough to end up in the yard of a couple of animal lovers with experience in handling reptiles. Most abandoned animals are not so fortunate.

Many complications arise when college students purchase pets for the first time. The most frequent and dangerous issue is that many students do not research the animal they wish to own. For example, my neighbor purchased his green iguana as a baby on the fly, fulfilling his boyhood fantasy of owning the lizard his mommy and daddy never let him have.

Little did he realize that the skit-



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ish reptile would grow into a cat-sized 20 pound Mini Godzilla with incredibly sharp teeth who requires daily fresh veggies and a tropical temperature. Seeing as the iguana is the main dumped reptile in the US, my neighbor's lack of foresight is shared by many. Still, I couldn't help but wonder if Iggins would have ended up half-dead in our yard if my neighbor had taken the time to at least Google "Green iguana care" before he took one home.

If you are interested in a pet, exotic or otherwise, do yourself a favor and research, research, research. Buy a book, surf the net, or if you like reptiles, inquire at our amazing on-campus Herpetology Lab. Become an expert. Chances are you'll know right away whether or not the animal is a good choice.

If that cute baby snake at Petco is going to grow into a 60 pound behemoth in four years, it may not be a good idea to hide it in your dorm room closet or studio apartment.

Another equally important tip on owning a pet as a student is this:

If you don't have the time or can't afford to take care of an animal, don't get one. This goes for everyday pets like cats and dogs as well. Remember, your pet's life depends on you. It can't hop in the car and go to the vet when it's feeling sick, or drive to Wal-Mart and get itself food.

If you can't afford to take your new kitten to the vet for a preliminary checkup or you don't have the time to walk your puppy twice a day, don't become a pet owner.

College is an amazing time in life, full of change, unpredictability and new opportunities. Unfortunately, it is also an experience when both money and time are practically nonexistent. Given all of the instability of college life, students may want to think twice before throwing a pet into the mix.

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Green card seekers won't have to get HPV vaccine

DALLAS—Immigrant girls and women will no longer have to be vaccinated against a sexually transmitted virus to get their green cards.

Starting Dec. 14, the HPV or human papillomavirus vaccine, will no longer be on the list of immunizations immigrant females ages 11 to 26 must receive before becoming legal permanent residents.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made the change on Friday. In a Federal Register entry, the CDC said it will require immunizations for which there is a public health need at the time of immigration or when there is a change of status to green card holder.

"More than half of the immigrants who come to the U.S. seeking opportunity are women," Silvia Henriquez, executive director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, said in a statement. "We thank the CDC for restoring their dignity and reproductive justice."

—Anabelle Garay (AP)

FAA splits Hudson River airspace into two low zones

NEWARK, N.J.—The crowded airspace over the Hudson River, where nine people died in the collision of a small plane and a sightseeing helicopter, will be split into a low-altitude zone for local traffic and a higher one for longer-distance flights, the Federal Aviation Administration said yesterday.

The new rules provide structure to a Hudson River air corridor that some pilots had compared to the wild West, with helicopters loaded with commuters and sightseers cutting across the waterway as fixed-wing private planes travel down it on longer journeys.

The changes, which follow recommendations in an FAA task force report compiled after the collision, are to take effect Thursday.

Local planes and helicopters will be restricted to an altitude of 1,000 feet or less, said FAA chief Randy Babbitt. Those passing through the New York City area on longer flights to other destinations will operate between 1,000 feet and 1,300 feet.

—Victor Epstein (AP)

Probation for driver who killed man with Maserati

GREENVILLE, S.C.—A South Carolina man has been sentenced to three years probation for plowing his speeding Maserati into a house, killing a man inside.

John Ludwig pleaded guilty yesterday to reckless homicide in the death of Frederic Bardsley. The 37-year-old businessman was also ordered to perform 500 hours of community service.

Ludwig suffered minor injuries when his sports car smashed into the back of Bardsley's home. A murder charge was dropped as part of the plea deal.

Prosecutors had asked for the maximum sentence of 10 years, saying Ludwig was racing a friend and going at least 85 mph.

Defense attorneys asked the judge to consider Ludwig's many charity endeavors. They also said Ludwig has since been forced to sell his company and now sees his children for only minutes a week.

—Meg Kinnard (AP)

NC searchers find body of missing 5-year-old girl

SANFORD, N.C.—A missing 5-year-old whose mother was accused of offering her for sex was found dead off a heavily wooded road in a rural area yesterday, ending a week-long search, police said.

Searchers found Shaniya Davis' body early Monday afternoon about 100 feet off a road southeast of Sanford, in central North Carolina. Fayetteville Police spokeswoman Theresa Chance said. She declined to comment on a cause of death or the condition of Shaniya's body.

"We've got a lot of people out at the scene right now that are torn up," Chance said. "Detectives have been running off adrenaline to find this little girl and to bring her home alive. You have a lot of people in shock right now."

Two people have been charged in her disappearance, one of them her mother, Antoinette Davis, 25. Police charged Davis with human trafficking and felony child abuse, saying Shaniya was offered for prostitution.

—Alysa Patterson (AP)

Autopsy: Chicago schools leader committed suicide

CHICAGO (AP)—Autopsy results show that the Chicago Board of Education president committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office released Michael Scott's autopsy results yesterday. Police officers who rushed to the Chicago River early yesterday in response to a report of a body being spotted found Scott dead.

Family members say they appreciate the outpouring of support and a memorial service will be announced soon.

Scott was a longtime Chicago leader. In August, Scott said he had been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury investigating allegations of politically influenced admissions to top schools.

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, who used to serve as head of Chicago schools, says Chicago "has lost a great leader."

Woman expected to enter guilty plea in Smart case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Court papers say the woman charged in the 2002 abduction of Elizabeth Smart has reached an agreement with prosecutors and is expected to plead guilty in federal court today.

The court papers do not specify the terms of the agreement or which charge or charges Wanda Eileen Barzee will plead to.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office says she cannot comment beyond what is contained in the court papers filed yesterday with the U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City.

Both Brian David Mitchell and Barzee, Mitchell's estranged wife, were indicted on federal kidnapping charges in March 2008.

Smart was taken from her Salt Lake City home at knifepoint in 2002. She was found nine months later with Barzee and Mitchell on a suburban street.

Troops hone artillery skills to cut Afghan deaths in new mandate

By Kristin M. Hall
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.—Deep in the woods on the Kentucky-Tennessee line, infantrymen headed for Afghanistan are honing their precision with powerful weapons like mortars in a key element of the American military's new mandate to reduce civilian deaths.

Three soldiers from the Army's 101st Airborne Division lie on their bellies on top of a berm on a forested Fort Campbell artillery range. A pair of Kiowa OH-58 helicopters circle around to the right to scout the enemy's position, which in this training is an empty bunker surrounded by razor wire.

Mortars start whistling over the tree line and down toward an open field behind the bunker where a couple of old Army tanks painted bright yellow help artillery men precisely place the shots. The soldiers on the berm watch the rounds kick up clouds of dirt and rock, and a fraction of a second later, the sounds of the explosions echo back.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team is preparing for deployment to Afghanistan, and its training is going beyond using high-powered weapons like mortars and aerial bombs to fight an entrenched enemy. A new directive to avoid civilian casualties is being pushed down the ranks from colonel to private through drills on how to get close enough to thoroughly assess situations and carefully gauge the impact of every weapon.

For several weeks, the brigade has been focusing on advanced artillery training that incorporates the new rules.

"All planning is based on where you can shoot and where you can't shoot," said Lt. Col. Randy

Harris, the deputy commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"Of course the enemy has a vote on that as well," he noted. The Taliban and the insurgent fighters in Afghanistan "hug the population because they understand the side effects," said Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent of 1st Battalion, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, the brigade's reconnaissance group. "They know by doing that they put the civilian population at risk."

The brigade has deployed three times to Iraq, where airstrikes have drastically decreased from last year. But in Afghanistan, rough mountainous terrain and the lack of adequate roads mean ground forces need more assistance from the air.

According to the Air Force, the number of rockets, bombs and strafing runs in Afghanistan totaled nearly 1,200 compared to just four in Iraq this summer. Still, that's down nearly 50 percent from last summer in Afghanistan.

Many of Fort Campbell's units are staging large-scale

"All planning is based on where you can shoot and where you can't shoot."

Randy Harris | Lt. Col.

weapons exercises with the Air Force through the rest of this year to better prepare. Mortars and bombs are capable of razing large areas and inflicting serious injury, so soldiers learn to carefully observe the enemy and the battlefield before pulling the trigger.

New platoon leader 1st Lt. Jonathan Fuller, 23, spends most of the morning inside a tent near the artillery range studying photos and maps of the terrain. He leads his platoon on a dry run of the battle, without using ammunition, then runs it with live fire and a third time after nightfall using night-vision goggles. Each time he and his commanders extensively review what went wrong and what went right.

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Police: Conn. man set fire over assault accusation

By John Christoffersen
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A man set his girlfriend on fire and also tried to douse her 12-year-old daughter after the girl accused him of inappropriately touching her, police said.

The girl managed to escape the flames Sunday morning and rescue her 3-month-old sister, police said. Neither girl was injured, but their 35-year-old mother was hospitalized in critical condition with burns on up

to 40 percent of her body.

Howard Stewart, 50, of New Haven, was arraigned yesterday on charges including first-degree arson, first-degree assault and attempted assault. He didn't enter a plea and was held on \$2 million bail. A telephone message left with his public defender wasn't immediately returned.

The 12-year-old girl said she told her mother Saturday night that Stewart had inappropriately touched her and that she was scared of him, according to a police report. That led to

an argument between the couple and her mother saying she would go to police.

The next morning, the girl woke up when she felt liquid being poured on her and then saw Stewart striking matches and tossing them toward her, police said. The girl ran from the room, but stopped when she saw a fire. Howard grabbed her, dragged her back to her room, threw her back on the bed, poured more liquid on her and then fled, police said.

The girl saw flames and then

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FOOTBALL Sanderson named MAC Player of the Week

Senior linebacker Jerrett Sanderson was named the Mid-American Conference East Division Defensive Player of the Week yesterday. See more at www.bgnewsports.com

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Today in Sports History

1940—The Green Bay Packers become the first team to travel via plane.
1928—Notre Dame loses its first football game in almost 25 years.

The List

With the Fred Biletnikoff Award finalists having been voted on yesterday, here are the top five games that suggest Barnes should be in the final three:

- 1. Troy:** Barnes opened the season strong, grabbing 15 receptions for 157 yards and two touchdowns.
- 2. Buffalo:** The Barn Burner caught the game-winning touchdown with less than a minute to play while also making seven other catches during the game.
- 3. Kent State:** Barnes had a record day against the Flashes, grabbing 22 balls for 278 yards and three touchdowns.
- 4. Central Michigan:** In a losing effort, Barnes caught 14 receptions for 172 yards and a touchdown.
- 5. Ball State:** Barnes caught 10 passes for 160 yards and three touchdowns during a road game against Ball State.

Orr returns home as men's basketball travels to Xavier



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THE ANIMAL: Otis Polk goes up for a slam dunk against Wayne State Saturday during a 67-45 BG win. He will match up with Xavier center James Love.

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

Men's basketball coach Louis Orr is no stranger to the Cincinnati area.

The Cincinnati native played and coached high school basketball at Withrow High School and coached first-year Xavier coach Chris Mack for the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons.

The two coaches will meet again tonight, this time as foes, as the Falcons take on Musketeers at the Cintas Center tonight at 7.

Both teams enter the game at 1-0 after defeating a lesser opponent last weekend, with BG downing Wayne State 67-45 and Xavier handling Youngstown

State 83-57.

But despite the large deficits, both coaches felt there were things for their teams to work on.

"The field goal percentage defense was too high," Orr said. "They scored too many points again our man to man."

Wayne State shot 45.5 percent in the first half before the Falcons switched to zone coverage, but the Warriors were only able to make one three-pointer in the game.

That three-point defense will need to stay strong for the Falcons because the Musketeers shot well from three against YSU, making more than 40 percent of shots, but Mack said his team needs to finish better.

"Well, it's good to get game one under our belt," Mack said. "Fortunately our guys came out from the get-go and defended like I've asked them to in practice. In the second half, I thought we played the score a little bit. We've got to correct that. We move forward to Tuesday night against Bowling Green."

Xavier jumped out to a 48-24 lead at halftime against Youngstown State but only scored 35 points in the second half.

Sophomore guard Jordan Crawford led Xavier scorers — which included five players in double figures — with 14 points.

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Seek and destroy



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

MAYBE THIS TIME: Coach Denise Van De Walle has been chasing her 500th win all season. She stands at 499 going into tonight's game.

Coach Van De Walle seeks 500th win as Falcons enter MAC Tournament

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

Several people have told Denise Van De Walle that Savage Arena would be a great place to get her 500th career win.

If she wants it to happen this season, she doesn't have much of a choice.

With the 11th seed in the Mid-American Conference Tournament, the Falcons will travel north today to take on rival Toledo, the sixth seed, at 7 p.m. in a win-or-go-home situation.

Van De Walle hoped BG could have had a first-round home match, but can't complain too much about the Toledo location.

"We're really happy to get to go to Toledo for the Tuesday match," she said. "It's great that it's so close for us and our fans. We're hoping a lot of Falcon faithful will make the trip up north. To look up and see the color orange in Savage would be just what we need."

When BG (12-19, 5-11 MAC) faced the Rockets earlier this season, they lost in four hard-

"It's great that it's so close for us and our fans. We're hoping a lot of Falcon faithful will make the trip up north."

Denise Van De Walle | Coach

fought sets, 25-23, 24-26, 25-19, 25-22.

In the match, Shari Luther and Kaitlin Jackson had 13 kills, respectively, while Alex Zlabis had a then-career high 24 digs.

After playing them earlier this season and scouting some more, Van De Walle knows what they team must do to win.

"We'll need to serve tough," Van De Walle said. "Passing will be important. We'll want to be in the system so we can

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A letter from the coach...

As we head down the home stretch of football season, I am writing to thank you for your support this fall — and encourage you to join us at The Doyt for our final two games.



Our journey this fall has been exciting and your cheers have made a difference. At 5-5 with two games to play, we are positioned to finish strong, contend for the MAC East title and possibly play in a bowl game.

Our first test is this Friday at 5:30 p.m. against Akron. Help us create a true home field advantage for the national TV audience that will tune in to watch on ESPNU. The first 3,000 of you in attendance will receive free thunderstix, and there are a variety of other BGSU Student-specific incentives that you'll be hearing about all week long.

On Nov. 27, we hope you can return to campus for the season-ending rivalry game against the team up north (Toledo). Nothing further needs to be said about the importance of our last game — and you can play a big role in The Doyt's atmosphere.

Thanks again for your tremendous support. We are proud to represent you and the entire BGSU Family.

Roll Along!

Dave Clawson
Head Football Coach

BG rugby team is Midwest champion

By CJ Watson
Reporter

After two hard-fought games of rugby, the Falcons' club team emerged as the Midwest champions for the third consecutive year, beating Ohio State and Indiana this weekend.

The Midwest championship title punches the club's ticket to the National Championships in the spring. This is the club's third consecutive year — the seventh time in nine years — to make it to the National Championships.

The Falcons ended the season with a remarkable 27-3-0 overall record with games from the A-, B- and C-squads counted.

Rocco Mauer finished the season with 25 tries. This was good enough to put him in the record books, tied with Jim Bollinger for second all-time.

The records truly show BG's dominance in the Midwest Division. According to club director Roger Mazzarella, this is the Falcons' 28th consecutive Mid-American Conference rugby championship.

"Even with that sole loss to the Buckeyes, we would have finished out as the Big Ten champions for the third



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CHAMPS: The Falcon rugby club defeated Ohio State and Indiana this weekend to win the Midwest championship and qualify for nationals.

straight year," Mazzarella said. In the semi-final matchup Saturday, the Falcons were determined to get revenge against Ohio State, after losing to them earlier in the season, and return to the Midwest Championship game.

The Falcons came out with fire in their eyes and dominated right from the start. Within the first 75 seconds, the Falcons already put 12 points on the board.

Eight man Tony Brown, lock Justin Rutledge and hook-

er Mark Viviani each scored tries in the first half. Kicking was not a problem for BG, as Nick Viviani's foot was the difference maker against the Buckeyes. Viviani shined as he knocked in two penalty kicks from 55 yards out in the first half alone. The Falcons took a commanding 28-13 lead in to the break.

Viviani kicked his third successful 55 yard penalty kick at

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Shaq questionable for tonight's game

INDEPENDENCE (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal's mysterious shoulder injury is expected to keep him out of Cleveland's game tonight against Golden State.

O'Neal, who's still receiving treatment, did not practice yesterday and is considered doubtful for the game. Cavaliers coach Mike Brown would not say which shoulder was injured.

"We're not defining it any more than just a shoulder strain," team spokesman Tad Carper said.

O'Neal was scratched minutes before Saturday's 107-103 victory against Utah. If he is unable to play tonight, Zydrunas Ilgauskas likely would start at

"We're not going to rush anybody back, let alone Shaq. Even though guys may miss a few practices here and there or a few games here and there, this is the time to do it as opposed to the end of the year."

Mike Brown | Coach

center against the Warriors.

O'Neal appeared in 75 games last season for Phoenix, his most since the 1999-00 season in Los Angeles. Brown previously has said he would be careful with the 37-year-old during the regular season in order to keep him fresh for the playoffs.

"We can be cautious during this time of the year," Brown said yesterday. "We're not going to rush anybody back, let alone Shaq. Even though guys may miss a few practices here and there or a few games here and there, this is the time to do it as opposed to the end

of the year."

O'Neal played in two physical games last week against Orlando and Miami, scoring 10 points and grabbing four rebounds in 20 minutes against Dwight Howard and the Magic in a 102-93 win. Cleveland (7-3) has won four straight and seven of its last eight following a 0-2 start.

Cleveland plays four games in five nights this week, beginning with the Warriors tonight.

"Obviously, I think we're a very, very good club," Brown said. "It's part of the ups and downs of a season when you have guys that are injured or have a sickness. We have to go out there and keep playing."

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run our offense. We'll need our pin hitters to have another night like they did against Kent.

After having Sunday off, BG was only able to practice yesterday. Van De Walle said there are a few areas in which the team needed some improvement.

"We'll continue to work on blocking and serving," she said. "When we're blocking well, there's a lot of energy on the floor. The team seems to really play well when we block a lot of balls."

Historically, the Falcons have dominated the Rockets, as they hold a 48-13 all-time record against them. However, 11 of Toledo's 13 wins came on their home court.

This season, the Rockets have had one of their best seasons in program history, finishing in a tie for second place in the MAC West Division. Their defense is strong as they lead the conference with 16.20 digs per set.



Alex Zlabis

Had 24 digs in the BG-UT regular-season match



Shari Luther

Had 13 kills the last time BG faced Toledo

Toledo's Kassie Kadera leads the way offensively, averaging 10.92 assists per set, which is second in the conference.

Regardless of how well BG has played against Toledo in the past, Van De Walle knows what kind of match it is going to be.

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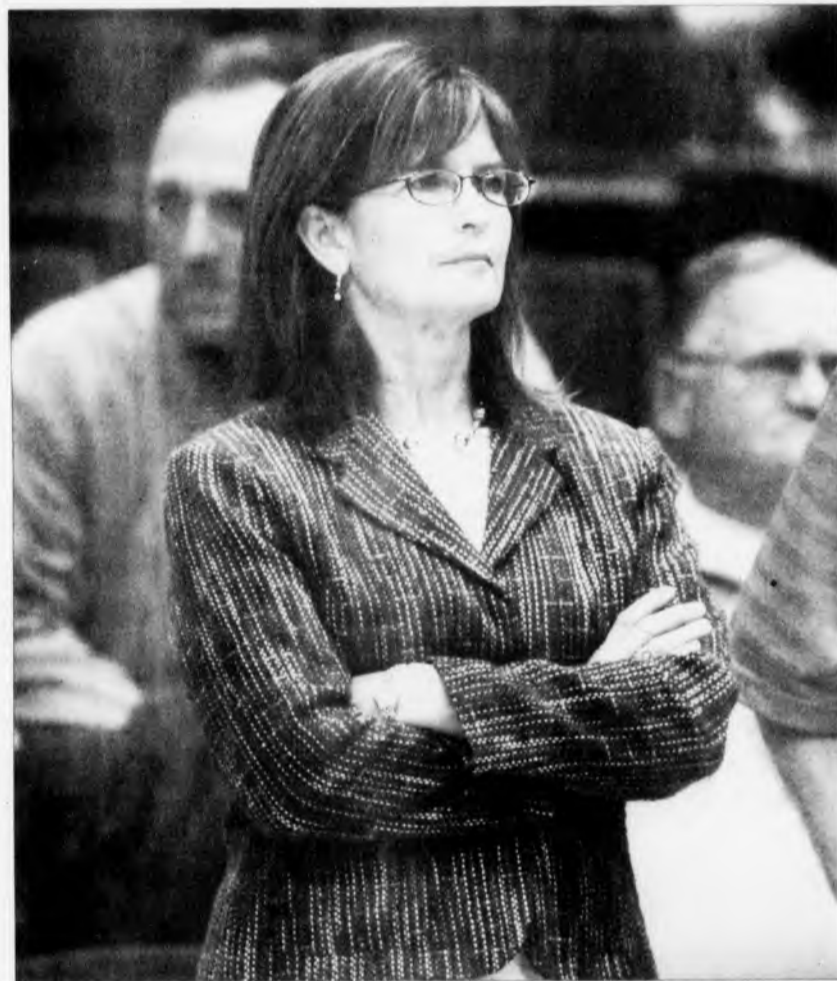
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Had 13 kills the last time BG faced Toledo

Toledo's Kassie Kadera leads the way offensively, averaging 10.92 assists per set, which is second in the conference.

Regardless of how well BG has played against Toledo in the past, Van De Walle knows what kind of match it is going to be.

"It's going to be a hard-fought match," Van De Walle said. "Both teams know the winner goes to SeaGate [Center]. We want to be there. We should be there. We are one of the top eight teams in this conference."

CHAMPS

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the start of the second half off of a Buckeye penalty. Brown went on to score three more bruising tries in the second half as he bulled his way across the goal line on all three occasions. The tandem of Brown and Viviani scored all of BG's 27 points in the second half as the Falcons cruised to a dominating 55-32 win against Ohio State.

On Sunday, the Falcons faced off against Big Ten foe Indiana in the championship match.

Indiana hit the score books first as they nailed an early penalty kick. Viviani answered and put BG in the lead netting the next three penalty kicks to propel BG into the lead.

On BG's next possession, Mauer finally made his mark on the tournament, breaking free for a 75-yard try to give the Falcons a 14-3 lead at the break.

Indiana attempted to rally as they started the second half scoring a try and conversion bringing the lead to a respect-

able 14-10 Falcon advantage. Nick Brandenstein came up big for the Falcons as he was substituted into the fly half position for Viviani as he went down with a minor hamstring injury midway through the second half.

Not long after the substitution, Brandenstein made a perfect skip pass to center Joey Newton who would find his way past the goal line for a try. Brandenstein would convert the try to give the Falcons a 21-10 lead that would end up being the final score.

While Indiana has seen success against other clubs, their offense was a big part of their demise in the championship game.

"Indiana's biggest problem is their plodding, methodical mode of attack," Mazzarella said. "When they get behind, they have absolutely no way to quickly score."

By winning the championship, BG proved that they are the best team in the Midwest.

"I'm glad they lived up to the team motto," Mazzarella said. "Nulli Secundas — second to none."

XAVIER

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Senior center Jason Love led the team in rebounds with eight and also went 8-for-11 on free throws.

At 6-foot-9, 265 pounds, Love matches up well with BG's senior center Otis Polk, who is 6-foot-

9, 270 pounds. Polk was 7-of-8 shooting against WSU for 14 points, and he hauled in a team-high six rebounds.

After the game, Polk said he was pleased with how well the team — which has three first-year starters — played together.

"Everyone was on the same page, from starters to the bench players," Polk said.

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Barnes deserves to be among Biletnikoff finalists



ANDREW HARNER
SPORTS EDITOR

There's no way the Fred Biletnikoff Award selection committee denied Freddie Barnes as one of the three finalists for this season's award, is there?

The panel voted yesterday to dwindle the 10 semifinalists (listed below) down to three, with the finalists being announced Thursday.

The Barn Burner is first among semifinalists in recep-

tions (117), receiving yards (1,285) and touchdowns (12). The only thing he trails in is strength of schedule, and — fair or not — that may be enough to keep him from being a finalist.

Notre Dame's Golden Tate and Texas' Jordan Shipley are shoo-ins, and as I see it, Barnes and Kansas' Dezmon Briscoe will fight for the third finalist spot.

But if panelists were to use strength of schedule against Barnes, they would have to do the same for Briscoe, considering the Jayhawks have struggled to a 1-5 record in the weak Big 12 North Division.

And Briscoe isn't even Kansas'

"The Barn Burner is first among semifinalists in receptions, yards and touchdowns."

No. 1 target — Kerry Meier has caught 83 balls for 885 yards and six touchdowns — so how could the panel choose him over Barnes, clearly the No. 1 target in his offense?

Barnes' strong games against teams like Troy, Marshall, Missouri and Central Michigan (combined record of 26-14) should also help his case. In those four games, Barnes has almost half his receptions (56) and 556 yards.

Oh, and Barnes has been pretty clutch this season as well,

catching memorable, late-game touchdowns against Kent State and Buffalo to help BG to 36-35 and 30-29 victories, respectively.

I understand that Barnes probably wouldn't be posting as big of numbers if he was playing against Big 12 or SEC competition week in, week out, but with as big of numbers as he has produced, I sincerely hope the Biletnikoff committee found a way to include a big time talent from a mid-major conference among its finalists.



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BARN BURNER: Freddie Barnes (center) has received national attention because of all the accolades and statistics he has posted.

The contenders* and their marks...



GOLDEN TATE NOTRE DAME

Tate has 71 receptions for 1,172 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Fighting Irish. He easily leads his team in both categories. Michael Floyd is his nearest competition at 30 receptions for 606 yards and six touchdowns.



DEZMON BRISCOE KANSAS

Briscoe has 65 receptions for 995 yards and seven touchdowns for the Jayhawks. Unlike Tate, Shipley and Barnes, he is just barely the best receiver on his team, as Kerry Meier has 83 receptions for 885 yards and six touchdowns.



A.J. GREEN GEORGIA

Green missed a game after the semifinalist voting but has 47 receptions for 751 yards and six touchdowns for the Bulldogs. He easily leads his team in receiving, as Orson Charles has just 16 catches for 284 yards and two touchdowns.



JORDAN SHIPLEY TEXAS

Shipley has 81 receptions for 1,096 yards and eight touchdowns for the Longhorns. Like Tate, Shipley easily leads his team in receiving, as his closest competition — Dan Buckner — has just 30 catches for 399 yards and four touchdowns.



DEMARIUS THOMAS GEORGIA TECH

Thomas has 39 receptions for 950 yards and six touchdowns for a Yellow Jacket team that runs the ball a lot. The next leading receiver for GT has six receptions while the running backs have combined for 635 carries.



ERIC DECKER MINNESOTA

Decker has missed the past three games, which means he will not be considered for the award. He had 50 receptions for 758 yards and five touchdowns before his injury.



FREDDIE BARNES BOWLING GREEN

Barnes has 117 receptions for 1,285 yards and 12 touchdowns. He leads the nation in receptions and is second in yards and touchdowns. The closest competition on the Falcons is Chris Wright, who has 34 grabs for 340 yards and a touchdown.



MARDY GILYARD CINCINNATI

Gilyard has 68 receptions for 390 yards and eight touchdowns for the Bearcats. Like Briscoe, he battles another receiver for the top spot, as Armon Binns has 44 receptions for 693 yards and eight touchdowns.



VINCENT BROWN SDSU

Brown has also missed the past three games and will not be considered for the award. Before his injury, Brown had 45 grabs for 778 yards and six touchdowns for San Diego State.

*Syracuse's Mike Williams was named a semifinalist, but he has since left the Orange, making him ineligible for the award.

Small names win award in past

Several players from smaller schools have won the Biletnikoff Award since its inception in 1994, meaning it's not out of the question for Freddie Barnes to win based on past results. To the right are those winners.

MARCUS HARRIS WYOMING



The 1996 winner had 1,650 yards that season and was drafted by the Detroit Lions in the First Round.

RANDY MOSS MARSHALL



The 1997 winner had 1,820 yards and 28 touchdowns before getting drafted by the Minnesota Vikings.

TROY EDWARDS LOUISIANA TECH



The 1998 winner had 140 receptions and 27 touchdowns before getting drafted by Pittsburgh.

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Police: French bank heist suspect turns himself in

PARIS—A French armored car driver suspected of stealing euro11.6 million (\$17.4 million) in cash has turned himself in to authorities in Monaco following a massive manhunt, police in France and Monaco said.

Suspect Toni Musulin appeared at a police station in the Mediterranean principality of Monaco yesterday after 11 days on the run, police said.

He was riding a motorcycle rented in his name, had grown a beard and appeared exhausted, a Monaco police official said, adding that Musulin's fingerprints matched with those on file with Interpol.

Police in both France and Monaco spoke on condition of anonymity because of office policy.

Musulin, 40, quickly became an antihero in France, a symbol of one man taking on the banking establishment in times of economic crisis. T-shirts for sale on the Internet bore his photo with the caption: "Best Driver 2009."

—Jean-Pierre Verges (AP)

Palestinians seek EU support for independence

RAMALLAH, West Bank—The Palestinians asked the European Union yesterday to back their plan to have the U.N. Security Council recognize an independent Palestinian state without Israeli consent.

The idea of seeking U.N. intervention has been gaining steam in the Arab world as the impasse in peacemaking drags on. The Palestinians seek a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, territories Israel captured in 1967.

"We will seek the support of all members of the international community," Saeb Erekat, a top adviser to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, told reporters in Ramallah. Besides the EU, they also plan to seek U.S. approval, Erekat said.

The plan appears to be largely symbolic, given that the U.S., Israel's chief ally, would likely veto such an initiative at the United Nations. It also would not remove the 500,000 Israelis living in West Bank settlements and east Jerusalem neighborhoods.

—Mohammed Daraghme (AP)

UK war criminal: Troops kicked and punched Iraqis

LONDON—Britain's first convicted war criminal said yesterday that some of his fellow soldiers frequently beat Iraqi detainees.

Former Cpl. Donald Payne, who was jailed for a year in the death of hotel receptionist Baha Mousa and is now free, said that he had downplayed some of the abuses allegedly committed by his unit out of a sense of "misguided loyalty."

Mousa was held by British forces in the southern Iraq city of Basra and died of more than 96 separate injuries in 2003.

Payne's testimony at a public inquiry into Mousa's death comes in the wake of Britain's Ministry of Defense saying Saturday it was investigating 33 allegations of rape and abuse against British soldiers — male and female — who were stationed in Iraq.

Payne said he saw several soldiers, including unit leader Lt. Craig Rodgers, kick and punch the detainees in September 2003.

—Meera Selva (AP)

Schwarzenegger drops in on US troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has dropped in on U.S. troops in Iraq, thanking them for the sacrifices they and their families are making.

Schwarzenegger entered a crowded dining hall at Camp Victory on Baghdad's outskirts yesterday to a loud roar from the soldiers gathered.

The governor congratulated them on the job they were doing before shaking hands and posing for photographs.

The former bodybuilder also discussed with soldiers the need to work out, reminding them: "You have to pump up every day."

But it wasn't all exercise from Schwarzenegger. He also had a present for the troops, bringing them cigars, which he handed out to the crowd.

UN: Once-secret Iran nuclear site to start in 2011

VIENNA—Iranian technicians have moved highly sophisticated technical equipment into a previously secret uranium enrichment site in preparation for starting it up in 2011, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a new report yesterday.

The report offered no estimate of the new plant's capabilities but a senior international official familiar with the watchdog agency's work in Iran said that it appeared designed to produce about a ton of enriched uranium a year.

The official, as well as analysts, said that would be enough for a nuclear warhead but too little to fuel the nearly finished plant at the southern port of Bushehr and other civilian reactors Iran is planning to bring on line in the coming years.

The IAEA also noted that Iran's enrichment at the Natanz site — revealed by dissidents in 2002 and under agency monitoring — was stagnating, with output remaining at mid-2009 levels.

—George Jahn (AP)

Aid group: 24,000 infant deaths preventable daily

NAIROBI, Kenya—More than 24,000 infants die daily from preventable diseases in developing countries because governments have failed to spend more on health care, an international aid group said yesterday.

A report from World Vision said that where governments have shown a high level of political leadership on child health, deaths have fallen. The group cited Liberia as an example: childhood deaths there have dropped by half the last five years.

Most early childhood deaths occur in the first 28 days of life, while later deaths are caused by pneumonia, diarrhea, and malaria, which together accounted for 45 per cent of the deaths, World Vision said.

Despite claiming the lives of almost 9 million children each year, infant deaths have attracted little political attention either from the worst-affected countries or at an international level, the group said.

—Tom Odula (AP)

Carter defends his handling of Iran crisis 30 years ago

By Michael Casey
The Associated Press

CHIANG MAI, Thailand—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said yesterday he was pressed by his advisers to attack Iran during the hostage crisis there more than 30 years ago but resisted because he feared 20,000 Iranians could have died.

Islamist militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979, and seized its occupants. Fifty-two Americans were held hostage for 444 days.

Carter said one proposed option was a military strike on

Iran, but he chose to stick with negotiations to prevent bloodshed and bring the hostages home safely.

"My main advisers insisted that I should attack Iran," he told reporters in the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai, where he was helping build houses for Habitat for Humanity. "I could have destroyed Iran with my weaponry. But I felt in the process it was likely the hostages' lives would be lost, and I didn't want to kill 20,000 Iranians. So I didn't attack."

The hostages were released on Jan. 20, 1981, just minutes after the swearing in of President

Ronald Reagan, whose victory over Carter is largely attributed to the crisis.

The former president has commented in the past on how military action had been an option but that he feared a death toll in the tens of thousands, according to Carter spokeswoman Deanna Congilio.

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, are among 3,000 volunteers from 25 countries working with Habitat for Humanity this week to help build and repair homes along the Mekong River in Thailand, Vietnam, China, Cambodia and Laos.

Environmentalists: bluefin tuna quota too high; reduction of catches needed

By Constant Brand
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS—Environmentalists yesterday said an international deal to reduce catches of Atlantic bluefin tuna didn't go far enough to protect the species from extinction.

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas decided at a meeting Sunday in Brazil to limit 2010 catch quotas to 13,500 tons to prevent overfishing of the much sought-after tuna, the European Union said.

The commission sets annual

fishing limits in an effort to save the fish stock from extinction.

Signatory countries had previously agreed to cut catches from 28,500 tons to 22,000 this year, but scientists and environmental groups argued a total ban was needed to salvage a viable tuna stock.

"Only a zero catch limit could have maximized the chances that Atlantic bluefin tuna could recover to the point where the fishery could exist in the future," said Susan Lieberman, from the Pew Environment Group.

Raul Romeva, who sits on the

European Parliament's fisheries committee said European delegates to the Brazil meeting "deserve to be condemned" for agreeing to continue fishing the sushi favorite.

The European Union's fisheries commissioner, Joe Borg, said the cuts would "mark decisive progress in managing and conserving" the bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean and Atlantic.

"Our goal is to ensure the return to a healthy bluefin tuna stock and a viable and sustainable fishery for our fleet," he said in a statement.

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SOCCER

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young age and has stayed with him throughout his life.

"I remember going to a barbecue to see the 1970 World Cup final between Italy and Brazil when I was 6, but I did not become a fan until the age of 10 when I started playing at recess on a basketball court," Celli said. "In the same year, there was the 1974 World Cup. In preparation, Italian TV showed the semi-final game from the 1970 World Cup between Italy and Germany, known as the game of the century. I was hooked."

Alex D'Ettoire, senior individualized business major, said she's played soccer since she could walk.

"My dad's from Egypt and always wanted me to grow up and be a keeper (goalie)," said D'Ettoire.

The current format of the World Cup tournament involves 32 teams competing for the title within the host country over a month. The qualification phase, which takes place over the preceding three years, is used to determine which teams are eligible for the tournament.

D'Ettoire explained the qualifying phase is broken down into different sets of nations based on demographics: Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe, North and Central America and the Caribbean and South America.

"Points are key. Even if a country loses a match, they can still qualify based on their points,"

D'Ettoire said.

According to the FIFA Web site, of the 18 total tournaments held, only seven nations have won the title. Brazil is the only team that has played in every tournament and has won the World Cup a record five times. Italy is the current champion and has won four titles. Germany is next with three. The other former champions are Uruguay and Argentina, with two titles each, and England and France, each with one title.

The previous World Cup was held in Germany in 2006. The next competition is fast approaching and will be held in South Africa between June 11 and July 11, 2010. After that, the 2014 World Cup is set to take place in Brazil.

Eric Nichols, head men's soccer coach at BGSU, has taken several teams to play abroad in England and Germany.

"It's great for those groups to experience a different passion of the game," Nichols said. "We think we take it seriously over here, but they got to witness firsthand the passion the rest of the world has for the game."

Nichols said the importance of the sport was put in perspective for him after meeting Jorge Campos, an assistant coach for Mexico's national team, at a match in Columbus. Campos explained the phenomenon as taking baseball, basketball, football and NASCAR and rolling it into one sport, one team. That is what soccer is to Mexico and its people.

While the most of the world enjoys the common interest of soccer, each nation is unique in

how its teams play and the attitude of the fans.

"In Italy there is always an element of unpredictability with large crowds which I have never felt in the U.S. or in northern Europe," he said.

"The only riot I saw at a game was when Pisa came to play Florence," Celli said. "In centuries past, Florence always tried to conquer Pisa, so when there was a chance to show the Florentines on the field, the Pisans were ready and full of fight."

Traditionally, it is thought that soccer is unpopular among Americans. Celli believes that isn't true and the media is responsible for this myth.

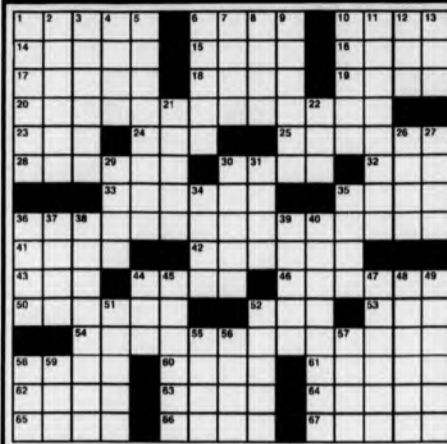
"I heard that soccer is played by more kids than any other sport in the U.S., so the statement that soccer is not popular is nonsense," Celli said. "The U.S. media made a push for soccer in the mid '70s with the [North American Soccer League], but dumped it because there was no money from TV commercials."

In fact, the World Cup is the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, with an estimated 715.1 million people watching the 2006 final, according to the FIFA Web site.

Celli's prediction for next year's World Cup is England, as they have the best coach in the world, Fabio Capello.

"England has the best professional league at the moment," he said. "Also it is very difficult for teams outside of a region to win a World Cup. No European team has ever won the Cup held in the Americas."

The Daily Crossword Fix



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- 3 Ancestors in Darwin's theory
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