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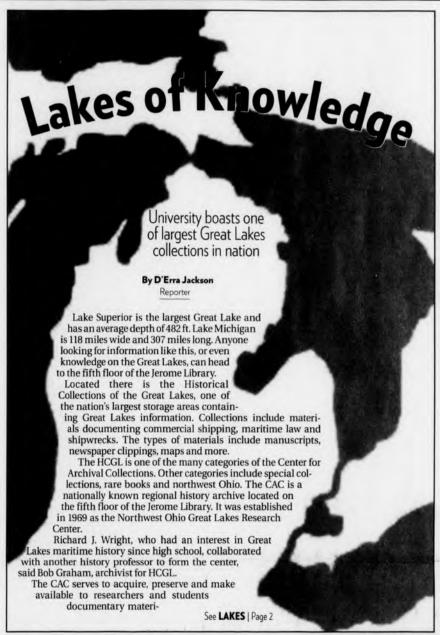
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PEOPLE ON THE



# Global warming: an ongoing issue

It may become difficult this upcoming spring semester to believe that global warming exists while walking to class in bone-rattling cold, through snow so deep it threatens to capsize Ugg boots.

There is much more to this issue however, than perceptible temperature variations in localized regions. It requires an evaluation of mean surface temperatures globally which, according to weather and climate professor Ted Eckmann, have increased by around .8 degrees Celsius over the last 50 years or so. The gravity of the situation, said Environmental Action Group Vice President Laura Winebarger, will weigh on all, whether they believe in it or not.

"Global warming is going to affect everyone, everywhere. No matter what," Winebarger said. The leading theory for the

cause of rising global temperatures is increased atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, resulting from emissions caused by human activity. According to Realclimate.org, carbon dioxide levels have increased from roughly 280 ppm (parts per million) to 380 ppm over the last 150 years or so; graphs created by Eckmann show strong correlations between these increases and the onset of the industrial

Carbon dioxide and other various greenhouse gases Eckmann said, occur naturally and are necessary to ensure

"Global warming is going to affect everyone, everywhere."

Laura Winebarger | EAG VP

a climate conducive to life as we know it. These gases act to absorb radiation from the sun and the earth alike, which would otherwise escape into space. Upon absorption, these gases then heat up and emit their own radiation, which in turn, warms the earth and impacts global climate. Eckmann said problems arise when the abundance of these gases becomes too great, as is happening now due to increased emissions. This results in an unnaturally accelerated warming of the planet.

Eckmann said while there are many factors which play a role in climate change both now and in the history of the planet, such as solar output and plate tectonics influence on oceanic currents, none have as strong a relevance in current trends as increased carbon dioxide levels.

"In terms of the last couple hundred years... [climate change] is almost entirely due to carbon dioxide emissions," he

Apart from increasing global temperature observations, the diminishing of polar ice caps, also provide a compelling case for the warming argu-

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## Kwanzaa celebration held to embrace African culture

By Josh Whetherholt Reporter

The 13th annual Kwanzaa Celebration took place in Olscamp Friday evening for students, faculty and community members to come together for a cultural karamu (festival) immersed in African heritage.

Kwanzaa, celebrated not as a religious holiday, but a commu-nity holiday, was created in 1966 by Ron Karenga as a way to learn about and celebrate African culture. The holiday traditionally is a week-long celebration starting the day after Christmas and ending on Jan. 1.

"It's kind of a 'holiweek' for black people to think differently about themselves and to uplift them-selves and each other," said Black Student Union president and Kwanzaa co-emcee Dean Bryson.

For co-emcee Sierra Turner, Kwanzaa is an opportunity to learn about her African roots.

"It's about African and African-American culture and it gives an understanding of where we came from and the culture we would have experienced back home."

The annual celebration has become a central cause for educating students for Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs Sheila Brown, who has organized the Kwanzaa Celebration for the last 10 years.

"As far as the campus community goes, it's really important for students to get an understanding and appreciation of different culture and it's become something that is really important to me," Brown

One of the key participants in this year's celebration was guest speaker Pamela Hill who led the gathering in the "welcoming song", funga alafia, and talked about the seven tenets of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative

### "I try my best to live the principles because it is a road map for success."

Pamela Hill | Guest Speaker

economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Hill stressed not just living by the tenets during Kwanzaa, but all year long.

"I try my best to live the principles because it is a road map for success," Hill said. "If we practice the principles in our daily lives, it makes us better people in our communities, and if we learn our history, it gives us confidence to

Hill said one of the most important parts of Kwanzaa is to encourage students to be proactive in learning their history and the history of others. During her presentation she encouraged everyone to read, read, because history is

hidden in the pages of the book. "We have to educate all the time," Hill said. "If you don't know anything about your history, anybody could tell you anything. If you

know it, you can correct them." Even though Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Hanukkah there is still gift-giving, but people are encouraged to stray away from the celebration of material goods, so, instead, people make gifts and give books to others, something Hill said brings the family members together, espe-cially when children typically help

in planning the celebration. While Kwanzaa is a celebration to learn about and appreciate African culture, the crowd was more diverse than some may

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EXTRAYAGANZA: Senior Bradley Scherzer writes "SOLD" on the ticket for one of his paintings at the Arts Extravaganza. His painting Connect Two Dots" sold for \$20. "It's all about connections between people either by proximity, physical contact or emotions." Scherzer said. For more Art Extravaganza photos go to www.bgviews.com

## Arts Extravaganza shows off student talent

By Emily Tucker

Reporter

Last Friday, people of all ages gathered at Art Extravaganza in the Fine Arts building to see a circus troupe, taiko drumming, video installations and more, all in one place.

Friday was the sixth annual Arts Extravaganza, which is a collaboration of the fine arts. Faculty and students from the Department of Theatre and Film, the School of Art and the College of Musical arts were involved.

Elizabeth Cavalier, president of Arts Senate, started planning the event when the semester started. She said each year has progressed in terms of collaborating art and the audience who comes out to attend the event. The event was only for one night for four hours, but

the building was filled with hundreds of people.

"It's like a wedding," she said. "You spend months planning and the actual event is only a few hours."

Cavalier manipulated space in one of the art rooms using her artwork, and a poet per-formed in reaction to the decorated room.

Outside the building, among the many brightly colored buses that said "restore planet earth". was Circus Vera. Circus Vera is a circus troupe combined of University students and instructors from Arts Village, and they were one of many performances for the night.

Inside the building, the hall-ways were decorated with artwork by students. Dozens of tables were set up with art to be purchased.

People filled the art galleries

and listened to performances by campus groups such as The Bullpen Quintet, the H1N1 Saxophone Quartet and taiko drummers.

A room was dedicated to the Student Art Education Association, so children had a chance to release their creative side. Ross Roadruck, president of SAEA, and the members of the organization decided to go with an outer space theme for the room and called it the Creation Space Station. A rainforest theme was usually done in the past.

SAEA provided children with a chance to create alien hats, star shooters and do collaborative drawing.

"Children have so many ideas,"

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### BLOTTER

### THURSDAY, DEC. 3

James Fyffe, 44, was arrested for felonious assault, criminal damaging, endangering children and disrupt ing public services within the 600th block of Fuller Ave.

#### 12:46 P.M.

Landlord reported unknown subject(s) kicked in the west side door of their unoccupied rental, damage valued at \$200, within the 200th block of Leroy Ave.

Complainant reported a known subject opened an account in his name

Complainant reported an apartment door was kicked in within the 400th block of 400th block of S. Enterprise

Complainant reported unknown subject(s) keyed the driver's side and the trunk areas of her vehicle. damage valued at \$400, within the

1000th block of N. Main St.

#### 6:23 P.M.

Adam Reinbolt, 30, of Bowling Green, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia within the 700th block of Sixth St.

Residents within the 900th block of Klotz Road were warned for disorderly conduct.

#### 9:51 P.M.

Christopher Coy. 24, of Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence within the 700th block of Manville Ave.

#### 11:25 P.M.

Complainant reported she was assaulted within the 900th block of W. Wooster St.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Complainant reported loud music within the 300th block of E. Merry

Jacob Piechowiak, 20, of Maumee. was cited for disorderly conduct urinating in public within the 200th block of N. Main St.

Complainant reported unknown subjects stole her laptop, valued at \$2000, and her digital camera, valued at \$100, from her vehicle within the 2000th block of E. Napoleon Road.

#### 6:09 P.M.

Ionterae Harden, 18, of Euclid, Ohio, and Mary Van Dine, 18, of Columbus, were arrested for theft/ shoplifting within the 100th block of W. Gypsy lane.

Ty Whitacre, 48, of Rudolph, Ohio, was arrested for improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle within the 100th block of Campbell Hill

Resident within the 800th block of Sixth St. was warned for disorderly conduct loud music

Complainant reported people skateboarding in the parking lot within the 900th block of Klotz Road.

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Sean Barchick, 18, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol; Robert Martin II, 20,

and Gabriel Melchor, 20. both of Bowling Green, were cited for nui sance party within the 1400th block of Scott Hamilton Ave.

Michael Bowman, 19, of Bowling Green, and William Yeager, 20, of Dayton, were arrested for under age possession of alcohol within the 1400th block of Scott Hamilton.

Paige Swartzmiller, 18, of Republic, Ohio, arrested for underage under the influence of alcohol and Joshua Woods, 19, of Carey, Ohio, was arrested for disorderly conduct urinating in public and underage under the influence of alcohol on the corners of S. Mercer Road and Scott Hamilton St.

#### 1:27 A.M.

Keith Kriesberg, 23, of Columbus. was cited for disorderly conduct uri nation within the 200th block of W. Wooster St.

#### 1:36 A.M.

Michael Connolly, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct with persistence and under age under the influence within the 200th block of E. Wooster St.

Marcus Henry. 20, of Westland, Mich., was arrested for littering on public property, underage possession of alcohol and open container of alcohol within the 100th block of S. Summit St.

Resident was warned for disorderly conduct and jaywalking on the con ner of Prospect and Wooster streets

Fhad Almogbel, 22, of Bowling Green, was arrested for assault and burglary within the 100th block of N.

Complainant reported loud party within the 2000th block of E. Napoleon Road.

#### 10:57 P.M.

Jillian Seifert, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol within the 200th block of Manville Ave.

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 6

#### 12:14 A.M.

Chianti Blaisdell, 20, of Norwalk Ohio, and Cody Kaiser, 20, of Sandusky, Ohio, were cited for underage under the influence of alcohol within the 200th block of N. Church St

Complainant reported loud music within the 900th block of Klotz

Brian Kandrac, 22, of Amherst, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct uri-

#### nating in Lot 4.

Andre Thompson. 23, of Findlay,

Ohio, was cited for jaywalking within the 100th block of N. Main St.

Bryson Thomas, 26, of Maple Heights. Ohio, was arrested on warrant within the 900th block of Klotz Road.

Complainant reported loud nusic within the 700th block of E. Napoleon Road.

Dutch Young, 22, of Nashville, Ariz., was arrested for felonious assault and domestic violence.

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### **LAKES**

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als in categories, such as the Great Lakes.

Students, faculty and genealogists all use the HCGL, as well as others throughout the world thanks to the Internet, said Graham. People from all over use the online databases to ask questions and make requests for different information or photographs, he said.

Someone interested in restoring a yacht built on the Great Lakes just recently sent Graham an e-mail requesting information such as construction drawings, blueprints, plans for the vessel and the builder.

Some students find the Great Lakes collections and other

archives very useful.
"I use the collections for different history papers and projects especially when I need primary sources and it's cool because the staff is helpful and I always get the information I need," said senior Kevin Towns.

Senior Tomika Smith agreed.

"The collections help with research papers and history projects, but it's also interesting how people can use the collections to trace their history," Smith said. "It would be nice to see if I could find anything about my past and

Museums and book publishers use the collections as well. TV producers who make pro-

### "It would be nice to see if I could find anything about my past and family."

Tomika Smith | Senior

ductions dealing with the Great Lakes use the collections for different documentary records and photographs. Their uses are fairly broad, Graham said.

The HCGL comes from a variety of sources, most of which are donated. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations all donate material to the center, Graham said. Families oftentimes donate things like old diaries, photographs or pieces of correspondence from their father or grandfather pertaining to their time on the Great Lakes.

Many people wonder why the collections are in Bowling Green and not somewhere like Michigan, Graham said. He said Wright had his own historical collection dealing with the Great Lakes, so when he came to Bowling Green he brought it with him and it eventually evolved into an institutional collection.

The CAC has been around for a while. In fact, members just celebrated its 40th anniversary in September. Through its collections, public services and programs, the center will continue to preserve history for future generations and sup-port the University's academic mission.

# Science departments now allocating funds

GSS passes resolution for doctoral students

By Jason Henry Reporter

In its final General Assembly for 2009, the Graduate Student Senate passed a resolution supporting fifth year funding for doctoral students in the sci-

The resolution, presented by Academic Affairs Chair Irina Seceleanu, supports allowing science departments to allocate Graduate College funds to Doctoral Candidates

"The current model which funds fifth year Doctoral Candidates one semester at a time is deleterious to the Candidates progress towards the completion of the Doctoral Degree requirements, as the funding is less likely to provide the time necessary to produce quality research," the resolution

Undergraduate Student President Sundeep Mutgi was a guest speaker at the meeting. Mutgi asked for the GSS to form joint committees to cover issues affecting both undergraduate and graduate students. One of those issues is the pro-

posed shuttle fee of \$20 which USG supports and GSS opposes.

Mutgi said the purpose of the committee would be to come

to a compromise or figure out a better solution in regards to the fee.

Mutgi said another issue that needs examined is the current absentee policy.
"As some of you know, there

is currently an absentee policy that covers everything from weather, religious holidays and all that kind of stuff," Mutgi said. But there is not very much inclusiveness when it comes to things like graduate school visits, when it comes to official University business or when it comes to professional development."

Mutgi said the USG passing a resolution alone would likely not be able change this, but a joint resolution from both groups would be more effective.

Also at the meeting, a bylaw amendment was passed allowing the Graduate Student Senate to award an additional 15 percent funding to graduate students who present or accept leadership roles at professional development events.

A third resolution was passed allowing GSS to compensate the Vice President of GSS starting in the 2010-11 school year. The compensation would be in the form of \$250 each semester that could be used as reimbursement for conference or research travel.

### WARMING

ment, Eckmann said. Satellite observations have shown that the ice caps are shrinking. This could result in rising sea levels and decreased reflectivity of the planet, which may then perpetuate the warming trend, allowing the planet to absorb more of the sun's radiation.

There is existing evidence, however, to contradict the assertion we are losing ice. Scientists George Kukla and Joyce Gavin of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, a research site of Columbia University in Palisades, N.Y., stated increased snow accumulation may be resulting in a thickening of the polar ice caps at their center. Though paradoxical in nature, global warming could result in glaciation — expanding of polar ice caps — they said. In a study conducted by the two scientists, they proposed the theory that the precession of the earth relative to the sun has affected past climates and is affecting the current one as well. Precession is the seasonal timing of the closest (perihelion) and the farthest (aphelion) approach of the earth to the sun in its annual orbit.

Using data correlations of "radiometrically dated paleoclimatic evidence of past orbital variations computed from the laws of celestial mechanics," Kukla and Gavin showed changes in past precessions have affected global climate. Current shifts in precession, they say, are qualitatively similar" to those in past models which coincided with climate change and glacia

Precession, they said, can influence climate and glaciation by increasing the insolation of the planet's oceans. When insolation is higher, the oceans absorb more of the sun's radiation, which then provides more energy for evaporation, result-ing in a poleward shift of ocean water to the ice caps as snow accumulation. Thickening of ice at the poles could provide evidence for this theory.

This complicates the debate

over loss of ice, in that ice may not be diminishing, as a net value, but rather redistributing itself to the center of the ice caps while melting at the peripherals.

Eckmann said though these facts may be true, compos-ite analysis has shown there is indeed a diminishing net quantity of ice on the planet. Even if general abundance remained analogous, he said, thicker but less expansive ice caps could prove problematic for the climate because of their reduced surface area and general reflectivity to the sun's rays.

Whether increased accumulation will result in an eventual expansion of the ice caps, as proposed by Kukla and Gavin, is yet to be determined. At the conclusion of their study, Kukla and Gavin stated both natural and human induced occurrences are likely to blame for current trends. When striking correlations

were observed in the early 1990's between solar cycle lengths and northern hemisphere land temperatures, great speculation arose as to whether this negated the significance of increased carbon levels. A 1997 study done by scientists Peter Laut and Jesper Gunderman of the Technical University of Denmark concluded these correlations could not be used to eliminate the role of human activity in climate change, but that the weight of the impact of solar cycle lengths could not be entirely written off either. Eckmann said though many

correlations between climate change, precession and solar cycle lengths exist, they are not significant enough to take away from the emissions theory.

With conflicting theories as to the causes of global warming aside, new controversy raises the question of whether or not the planet is indeed warming at all. According to cbsnews.com, a scandal now popularly being referred to as "climate gate," has revealed e-mails between top climate scientists in the U.S. and Europe which indicate a possible negligence of data antithetical to claims of rising global temperature. According to reports, these e-mails showed data found in tree ring analysis, which indi-cated a possible decline in global temperatures from the 1980's to the present, being integrated with data from other sources to "correct" the findings and instead show a warming trend. This has resulted in criticism, particularly from right wing advocates, as to the authenticity of the scientists' claims.

Proponents of the warming theory have said these e-mails have been drawn out of context and the allegations of data forging are unfounded. The findings have not affected the United States' position on the issue as a matter of great concern requiring immediate action. The salience of the global

warming debate in American media and politics is likely to remain high, as stances toward its legitimacy and causes continue to be divided. Despite her confidence in the emissions theory, Winebarger said further research should be done on alternate theories so as to provide the scientific community with a more thorough understanding of this intricate issue.

## **ARTS**

Roadruck said. "In here, they can do whatever they want."

A huge effort was made Student Ceramics Organization, who set up ceramics and clay artwork in one room. Chelsea Lovelace, the vice president, said it took two days to clean the room and set up every table.

"It is a community effort, even if you are not selling anything," Lovelace said.

Half of the proceeds go to the artist and the other half to the organization so they can update equipment and purchase supplies.

Design Club sold cookbooks they designed, and they provided sample food of some of the recipes. Prarie Margins, Mid-American Review and a University coloring book were

also sold.

Print Society, University Film Organization, Art HistoryAssociation, Graduate Writers Club and 2D Art Association were also among the dozens of organizations involved.

Cavalier described the event as a "madhouse full of so much excitement and energy." The building was crowded for four hours with people who themselves appeared "animated."

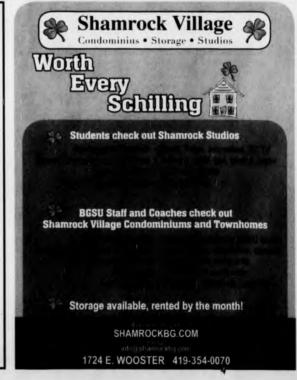
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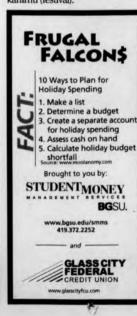
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expect. There are people interested in [Kwanzaa] and curious about it," Brown said. "It's really good to see so many non-black people want to

In the spirit of funga alafia, Bryson thought it was great for people to

be interested in other cultures. "There are a lot of things that we do that anybody can learn about with the holiday and come in with their own roots," Bryson said. "It's an identity holiday and it has a feel of family. The different parts of family come together to have a karamu (festival)."







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# Teen Central offers 'hangout' for BG tweens

By Shena Stayden Reporter

A tragic string of teen suicides resulted in the collaboration between volunteers from the University, BG Parks and Recreation, the Institute for Child and Family Policy and United Way (AmeriCorps) to brainstorm ways to prevent this heartbreaking phenomenon from growing any larger only three, short years ago.

These clutch collaborative efforts have resulted in a space appropriately named Teen Central, that local tweens (junior high students ages 10-14 years) can call their own. The city donated the Veteran's Building located in City Park to volunteers in response to a research report conducted by the Institute for Child and Family Policy published in March 2007.

The report was based on information from a survey that was circulated to 421 tweens and data from eight, six to eight member focus groups within the Bowling Green Junior High School.

The research found over half of junior high students feel as if there is nothing to do in Bowling Green and 80 percent admitted to feeling pressured by friends to participate in unsafe or illegal activities.

Sean Watkins, a graduate student and Teen Central mentor and Advisory Board member, said Bowling Green wasn't set up to accommodate the social needs of local teenagers. Teen Central was started to give a space to kids who otherwise wouldn't have anywhere else to go after school, be said.

to go after school, he said.

"I know that there were quite a few students in the high school that committed suicide over the span of a few years and that directly led to the start of the teen center," Watkins said. "These deaths are definitely an important part of our origins but we prefer to focus on the positive aspects of getting kids together and providing a safe space

"We do our best to do what they want to do, when they want to do it, and not pass judgment on them or tell them how or who they should be."

Lizzie Keller | Teen Center Mentor

for them to interact."

Teen Central opened its doors to students officially on Sept. 17, 2007, and has proven to be a safe and positive response to the community outcry over the teen suicides several years ago, said Esther Krueger, assistant program coordinator for the Teen Center.

The center is run exclusively by volunteer work, which ranges from individual volunteers to volunteers from AmeriCorp and United Way to the Chapman Learning Community on campus, while approximately 42 of these volunteers are students.

These volunteer mentors serve an important role in the lives of junior high students, especially since they are at an age where self expression takes a second place position due to their strong desire to belong and feel as if they are a part of their peer group, Krueger said.

Lizzie Keller, senior and Teen Central mentor, volunteers her time in order to service the need of having a positive role model in the lives of these junior high students.

"We're their friends. We're somebody who is on their side," Keller said. "We do our best to do what they want to do, when they want to do it, and not pass judgment on them or tell them how or who they should be. The only time we really tell them what to do is in order to keep them safe, either physically or emotionally."

emotionally."

Although the Teen Center serves as a type of medium for tweens to communicate with their peers and young adult mentors, this non-traditional classroom atmosphere offers more than just a space for after

school congregation.

The dual role of the mentor is to be a positive role model and educator. The teen center provides these students with an interactive forum where they can discuss social obstacles such as friendships, relationships and stereotypes.

"Our young students have asked our mentors questions about their lifestyles," Krueger said. "And it's neat because the mentors can take that time to break down the stereotypes."

Krueger said the male mentors hold a unique position in the minds of all the students who come to the center. Male or female, she said, the junior high students really take to the image of a positive young adult male role model who is confident in the way he chooses to express himself.

"Especially our male mentors. They are just the coolest," Krueger said. "Seventh and eighth grade students, boys, girls, they all just love them. Because they are 18- tol9-yearold young men and how often do you get to see young men be such positive role models in these kids' lives?"

According to Joe Zabowski, principal of Bowling Green Junior High School, Teen Central fills a void for some of the students who do not participate in extracurricular activities and who also need a place to go during the critical hours from 3 - 6 p.m. when there is no adult supervision.

"It makes them feel a part of something," Zabowski said. "A positive identity, that is healthy and productive. With these skills they can better participate in educational and social settings."



ALAINA BUZAS THE BG NEWS

### Scoping out the options

PREVIEW: Justin Peeples, a high school senior from Chicago, learns more about campus organizations and learning communities in Perry Field house during Preview Day on Saturday morning. Although Peeples is still undecided about where he will be attending college in the Fall, he said Preview Day was a helpful experience. "I've learned you have to work hard to stay on track," Peeples said.

# Many say "I do" in campus chapel

By Megan Woodward

Reporter

Weddings in the Prout Chapel have been going on since the 1950s, and since then there have been over 700 newlyweds walking out the doors. Diana Bruns, activities direc-

tor in the Student Union, oversees and is in charge of the reservations for the Chapel. "Anyone can get married

"Anyone can get married there," she said. "We just ask that we have \$150 donation which is decent for a chapel."

This November two alums Mary Kay and Andy Inkrott tied the knot in Prout Chapel.

"We met in 2005 our senior year at BG and we thought what better place to be married then the campus where we met," Mary Kay said.

Although they did not choose the date and location until July, Inkrott said when they finally decided on Prout Chapel they decided to go all out.

"Thankfully it was a fall wedding so brown and orange goes

well in the fall," said Inkrott. "If we were going to get married in Prout we might as well have gone all out."

Many alumni came to the wedding and Inkrott said they enjoyed walking around the campus again.

"It was nice for the people who did not go to BG because we had a set time where guests could walk around and see the campus where we fell in love," she said.

The new falcon flames also had their pictures on campus and Inkrott said she could not pick a better location.

"The sentiment of campus and the old chapel feel was the main reason why we chose it," she said.

Along with marriages, Prout Chapel is used for many activities for the university and townspeople.

"We have weddings, Fraternities and Sororities initiations, music recitals, Religious Services, Cru and H2O meet there also," Bruns said. "We

#### Through the years

The number of weddings in Prout Chapel from 1950-1990— 280 and from 1990-1999— 233

- 2000- 42 ■ 2001- 40
- 2002-17
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have also had renewal of yows, baptisms and memorial services."

Although there are not supposed to be any classes scheduled in the Chapel, one class meets there every week.

"English 099 has been held in Prout Chapel in Thursday nights." Bruns said. "They have been there for a long time. They grandfathered in."

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#### Israel: A Light unto the Nations

### Those who demonize Israel are either misinformed or malevolent

If that proverbial man from Mars came to visit and read the world's newspapers, especially those in the Arab and Muslim world, he would be convinced that Israel was the most evil nation in the world and the source of all of the world's strife.

"As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is

indeed a Light unto the Nations.'

### What are the facts? A nation to be emulated. The real

A nation to be emulated. The reality, of course, is that Israel is a nation, a society, that should be admired and emulated by many countries in the world. The very fact of how the State of Israel came into being is one of the most inspiring in history. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, it has emerged as one of the most advanced, productive and prosperous countries in the world.

The demonization of

The demonization of Israel, assiduously cultivated by the Muslim world, has reached a crescendo following

Israel's recent defensive action in Gaza. Instead of being grateful to the hated Jews for having totally withdrawn, the Palestinian Gazans showed their gratitude by almost daily pounding Israeli towns with close to 10,000 rockets and bombs. After countless warnings, Israel ultimately decided to put an end to this travesty.

When Israel finally did invade Gaza it took the most elaborate precautions not to hurt civilians. As a first in the history of warfare, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets, warning the population and urging it to abandon areas in which military action would take place. The Israeli military made thousands of phone calls urging people to leave areas that would come under attack. But fighting in a densely populated environment is difficult and loss of civilian life is hard to avoid. Hamas fighters wear no uniforms. It is impossible to tell them from civilians. Is a person who allows a rocket launcher in his backyard a civilian or a fighter? And how about using schools, hospitals and mosques as munitions depots and staff centers? The hue and cry of Israel's demonizers in accusing it of "disproportionate force" is totally absurd. The ultimate insult, comparing Israel to the Nazis, is freely bandied about by Israel's detractors.

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Israel is not an "apartheid state." Another familiar
tack of Israel's vilifiers is to call it an "apartheid state."
on the model of former South Africa. But that is so

ridiculous, so preposterous, it is hard to believe that serious people can countenance it. The exact opposite is the case. Israel is the only country in its benighted neighborhood in which people of all colors and religions prosper and have equal rights. Israel, expending substantial effort, rescued tens of thousands of black Jews from Ethiopia. And it has given assistance and absorbed countless Christian expatriates from Sudan, who escaped from being slaughtered by their

Muslim countrymen. Israel's over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges

as their Jewish fellows. They are represented in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and are members of its bureaucracy, of its judiciary, and of its diplomatic service.

All over the world, Leftists, including in the United States and, sad to say, even in Israel itself, tirelessly condemn and vilify Israel. Why would they do that? First, of course, there is good old-fashioned anti-Semitism. Second, many of those who hate the United States vent their poison on Israel, which they consider being America's puppet in that area of the world. But Israel should certainly get top grades in all areas important to the Left. In contrast to all its enemies, Israel has the same democratic institutions as the United States, All religions thrive freely in Israel. Also, in contrast to all of its enemies, women have the same rights as men. The Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court is a woman. One-sixth of the Knesset are women. Compare that to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy, where women are not allowed to drive cars, where they cannot leave the country without permission of a male relative, and where they can be and often are condemned to up to 60 lashes if the "modesty police" deems them not to be properly dressed in public. Gays and lesbians are totally unmolested in Israel; in the surrounding Muslim countries they would be subjected to the death

In spite of demonization and vilification by so much of the world, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations. The State of Israel is the foremost creation of the Jewish enterprise and Jewish intellect that has benefited every country in which Jews dwell, certainly our own country, the United States. Second only to the United States itself, Israel is the world's most important factor in science and technology, way out of proportion to the small size of its population. Israeli Jews are at the forefront of the arts, the sciences, law and medicine. They have brought all these sterling qualities to bear in building their own country: Israel. By necessity, they have also become outstanding in agriculture and, most surprisingly, in the military. What a shame that the Arabs opted not to participate in this progress and this prosperity and chose instead the path of revenge, of Jihad and of martyrdom. As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations.

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# Congress needs to reprioritize



Some time next week, a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee will be scheduling a vote. No, it's not on health care, the war in Afghanistan, curbing global emissions or a revision of the tax law. It's about the BCS -

the Bowl Championship Series. There's a bill, working its way out of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, sponsored by Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas), which would bar marketing the BCS game as the "national championship" game.

TheBCSwasoriginallydesigned to remove some of the controversy surrounding earlier attempts to determine a national football collegiate champion through the use of polls after the bowl games. But evidently the new system is as fraught with problems as the old.

But please, please tell me why the Congress of the United States is taking up valuable time attempting to regulate this particular aspect of American life According to an article in Friday's Wall Street Journal, it seems President Obama supported the idea of increased BCS regulation when he was a candidate

Some of you may recall an earlier column regarding the cranberry surplus in Michigan and how the federal government has been establishing a floor on many food commodities since the Great

Well, from cranberries to collegiate football isn't such a long stretch if you're in Washington these days, trying to regulate every single thing you can so as to take all of the supposed inequity, risk and uncertainty out of our daily lives.

OK, so you're not a football fan and you're not particularly fond of cranberries. Try this one on for size: evidently the federal government has been attempting to drive private providers of student loans out of the market.

There seem to be regulations in place that discourage the making of a student loan without a federal guarantee. In October, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan sent a letter to schools across the nation offering the services of the Department to help insure the schools are ready for the 2010-2011 year regarding the

Direct Loan program.

The Wall Street Journal reported a large university refused to discuss the particulars with the Journal on the record. Evidently, Department of Education carries a very big stick.

There's been some pushback. Evidently the bill hasn't even gotten out of Congress and the Education Department is treating it as a "fait accompli." There has been a call for the Education Department's Inspector General to launch an investigation to see if appropriated funds were used for lobbying for proposed legislation, a serious federal offense.

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The good Education secretary recently spoke to a nationwide conference of financial aid officers Depression. and was greeted with challenging questions from the audience,

> A spokesman for the University of Alaska complained about the program for Pell Grants and how impossible it is to administer. And there seems to be a lot of anecdotal evidence that private lenders are the more popular choice due to the government having a history of shoddy cus-

tomer service.

The camel does not only have its nose under the tent; it's sleeping with the occupants. One of these days, we'll have had enough and tell the "hired help" in Washington to heed Will Rogers' advice and go home for about 5

often accompanied by applause.

Two quotes to close. From the op-ed page of Saturday's Wall Street Journal: "When even such natural allies as college administrators are warning that Team Obama is moving too quickly and too far left, perhaps it's time to go back to school on this issue. Focusing on the needs of students and taxpayers — rather than an ideological conviction that government always knows and does best — would be a good place to

The parting shot comes from BCS Executive Director Bill Hancock: "With everything going on in the country right now, doesn't Congress have more important things to do?"

If so, why don't they do it? If not, why are we paying them?

> Respond to Phil at thenews@bgnews.com

# Woods is entitled to some privacy, but should explain himself to fans

By Matt Liasse Guest Columnist

A young talent steps out of their

home in Hollywood, California the morning after a night of escapades and scandal, and all eyes are on him — and not in the best of ways. There's some explaining to be done. Imagine a life where every

one knows your name and who you are. Upon having a bad day, it's not possible just to go to sleep with the hope it will all be over when you wake up. In this life, everyone wants to get their hands on you. Everyone wants to speak with you. You're bombarded as you read about yourself in the line of tabloids standing at the check-out at the grocery store.

Upon the news of Tiger Woods' new scandal, a lot of questions began to flare up. Last week, when students were still in their turkey-induced coma, the golf star was busy running from an angry wife who was chasing him with a golf club (or trying to save him from a car accident, depending on which side of the story you believe).

The next day, speculations ran rabid. The squeaky clean image of Woods was being dragged through the mud. Rumors that Woods had been having an affair reached the point of truth, and text messages Woods thought to be private forever resurfaced as head-lines on TMZ, E! News and even Sportscenter.

Woods tried to be "hush hush" about the incident at first, but people were relentless and continued to badger him until he finally released a statement as vague as they come saying he was sorry, he messed up and he wanted privacy.

People still wanted more. The question remained, should this man be respected and given time to dwell on what he has done? Or is it a matter of fame, a life in which he chose to be in the spotlight, and he owes explanations to the fans that support him?

Between the camera flashes from the photographers on the red carpet or the paparazzi in the car following them, celebrities lead actual lives like human beings — it's just being lived in front of everyone.

In the case of Woods, so many people root for him, so many kids look up to him and so many companies endorse him that it doesn't seem fitting he would remain silent about something that can tarnish his image in the long-run.

Yes, he's lived a very private life, and before now he hasn't given anyone reason for suspicion. But the main point is if this man's image is crucial to how he makes his money, he cannot just simply shrug off this controversy. He is a grown man, and he should have the decency to explain himself to

So, privacy is unquestion-able. No one should be knock-ing down his doors right now, but in due time I hope Woods apologizes for the rupture in his image and explains himself to the many children who look to him as a role model, the campaigns who have decided to endorse him because of his "nice guy" attitude and, of course, his fans. It would be the right thing to do. He loved the attention he received when his son was born, he should be ready to get attention for a

minor dispute in his career. Many celebrities have gone through what Woods is currently facing. Some came out stronger, others ended their career. Michael Phelps being photographed taking a hit from a bong turned into a headline people forgot about months later, while Chris Brown's horrible beating of Rihanna quickly turned him into Hollywood's

Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan seem to always be explaining their actions in the spotlight. The little girls that look up to them seem to be the furthest from their minds when they are having their personal drivers take them to rehab or jail, which is why their careers (or lack thereof) have found

their way to the grave.
People want attention when they are a celebrity. They have lot to sell when they are in this business. It's not only about talent these days; it's about personality as well. When omeone's personal life is being claimed as something less than stellar, their career will begin to ecome a little shaky.

This is not the end of Tiger Woods, it's just a shame he's fallen into the atmosphere of other deranged celebrities. The game of fame is a life of pressure, but if someone cannot handle the pressure, they shouldn't try and play the game.

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# **NATION BRIEFS**

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#### Ohio to execute inmate with 1, slower-acting, drug

COLUMBUS, Ohio-Condemned Ohio killer Kenneth Biros could become the first person in the country put to death with one dose of an intravenous anesthetic if his execution proceeds.

The execution method to be used tomorrow replaces the faster-acting three-drug process and could prope other states to eventually consider the switch.

Proponents said the one-drug method ends arguments over unnecessary suffering during injection.

Experts agree Biros will likely die more slowly than inmates put to death with the three-drug method. which includes a drug that stops

The 51-year-old Biros killed 22-year-old Tami Engstrom near Warren in 1991 after offering to drive her home from a bar, then scattered her body parts in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

-Andrew Welsh-Huggins (AP)

#### Professor sees **Nancy Grace** involvement in suicide

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — A Harvard professor says CNN Headline News host Nancy Grace's relentless questioning of a Florida mother three years ago contributed to her suicide, according to a filing in the family's wrongful death case.

Grace launched aggressive nightly coverage of 2-year-old Trenton Duckett's case shortly after he disappeared in 2006, usually with a collection of analysts. When the boy's mother, Melinda Duckett, appeared by telephone two weeks into the case speculation was beginning to narrow on her possible involvement

Dr. Harold J. Bursztajn, a clinical professor of psychiatry, wrote in a filing this week that Grace "struck a highly accusatory tone

The professor saw "a distraught young woman who is subject to repeated and increasingly sharp questioning by a hostile interviewer who displays increasing suspicion and anger towards Ms. Duckett."

The next day, the 21-year-old Duckett shot herself in the head.

"Her apparently unanticipated public humiliation on the nationally televised program in question was a substantial contributing cause of her suicide." Bursztain wrote

#### Girl, 16, commits suicide on LA **County freeway**

LOS ANGELES (AP) Authorities say a 16-year-old girl has killed herself by stepping in front of a vehicle on a Los Angeles County freeway.

California Highway Patrol Officer Anthony Martin says the girl walked onto the northbound lanes of the 170 Freeway in North Hollywood early Sunday She was struck by a Jeep in the

right hand lane. Martin says the driver stopped and passed a field sobriety test. He was not injured.

Los Angeles County Coroner's Lt. Cheryl MacWillie says the girl has been identified as Cecilia Casas of North Hollywood.

#### 1 shot, another beaten in fight at Baltimore hotel

BALTIMORE (AP) - One man was shot in the face and another was severely beaten when a fight erupted early yesterday morning during a birthday party at a down town Baltimore hotel, police said.

Officers were called to the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel around 3:15 a.m., said Baltimore police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi. Shortly after police arrived, they found an Uzi submachine gun in a room where the party was held.

Police said they have a "person of interest" in custody but did not say who that was. Investigators were still interviewing about a dozen witnesses Sunday morning.

The man who was shot was in serious condition, and the man who was beaten was in critical condition. Both 18-year-olds were taken to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center

The second man was beaten so verely that officers initially reported he had been shot, Guglielmi said.

Another man who had facial lacerations initially had been described as critically injured, though Guglielmi said the wounds turned out to be

#### Ohio children's hospitals wary of health care bill

CLEVELAND (AP) - Ohio children's hospitals say funding cuts in proposed federal health care legislation will hurt them more than

Children's hospitals around the country could lose up to \$876.6 million in funding if changes aren't made to health care legislation under consideration by Congress.

The proposal would cut "disproportionate share" payments to hospitals that serve a lot of uninsured patients and patients covered by Medicaid

More than 50 percent of children cared for at children's hospitals are on Medicaid, compared to 12 percent at general hospitals

Akron Children's Hospital Executive Vice President Shawn Lyden said the legislation could be a disaster for children's hospitals Legislation backers believe the funding won't be needed because hospitals will see more insured patients.

#### Remains of 43 horses removed after Ohio barn fire

LEBANON, Ohio - Workers have removed the remains of 43 horses who died in a racetrack barn fire that killed two men

Investigators have indicated they are still trying to pinpoint the cause of the blaze that swept swiftly through a Lebanon Raceway barn early Saturday.

They have ruled out arson as a possible cause

Stunned horse owners, trainers and stable workers came to the scene Sunday to find debris that had been pushed into twisted, charred piles.

Warren County Fair Board member Chris Lutmer says officials wanted to quickly remove the horse remains to ease anxiety. He said that for most owners and workers the horses were like members of

The track has seen at least four fires since 1990, when 35 horses were killed in a blaze.

-Dan Sewell (AP)

# Obama pushing health bill in Capitol stop yesterday

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama rallied Senate Democrats to stand together on his sweeping health care over-haul yesterday amid signs of progress on the divisive issue of whether the government can compete with private industry

in selling insurance. At the request of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., Obama made a trip to the Capitol to appeal to rankand-file Democrats to work for compromise and do it quickly, according to Reid spokesman Jim Manley. Vice President Joe Biden joined Obama for the

closed-door meeting. Reid called the unusual weekend session, as he races to finish the 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion bill by Christmas. The legislation would provide coverage to more than 30 million additional people over the next decade with a new requirement for nearly everyone to purchase insurance. There would be new marketplaces where people could shop for and compare insurance plans, and lower-income people would get subsidies to help them afford coverage. The federal-state Medicaid

program for the poor would grow, and there would be a ban on unpopular insurance company practices such as deny-ing-coverage based on medical

"This is an historic opportu-nity," said Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin, the No. 2 Senate

Obama and Reid must unite liberals and moderates in the 60-member caucus, even as moderates balk over abortion and the option of governmentrun health insurance. Sixty is the precise number needed to overcome Republican stalling tactics in the 100-member Senate, so Reid doesn't have a vote to spare.

"I think if we don't deliver, we've got a problem," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., when asked on a Sunday talk show about the political consequences for Democrats should they fail to produce a bill with congressional midterm elections next year.

Moderate and liberal lawmakers met throughout the day Saturday to try to find a compromise on the govern-ment insurance plan that they could all support and that could also potentially attract Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, the one Republican to vote for the Democrats' health overhaul bill in committee.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., the second-ranking Senate GOP leader, said that right now his party remained united against the Democratic bill, which he complained would "get the gov-ernment very deeply involved

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Dianne Feinstein | Senator

expense."

A new idea being discussed was national nonprofit insurance plans that would be administered by the Office of Personnel Management, which oversees the popular Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.,

a key centrist, was enthusiastic about the idea, which she's proposed in different forms in the past. "I think it bodes well for being able to do what we want to do, which is to create greater choice and options in the mar-ketplace," she said.

Liberals were cool to the proposal, holding out for a fully government-run plan.

"I'm willing to talk to anybody about anything but they haven't sold it yet," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio. "We have compromised enough on the public

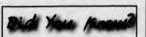
Someone will have to give. But despite the apparent divide, lawmakers and White House officials sounded increasingly optimistic.



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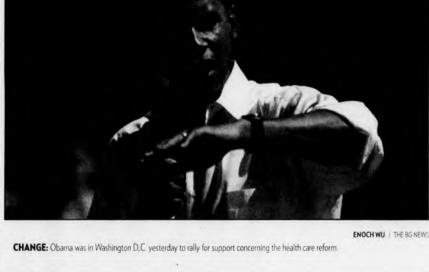


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# SPORTS



#### FOOTBALL Barnes can still break record

Because the Falcon football team was invited to a bowl game, senior receiver Freddie Barnes has a chance to break the NCAA record for receptions in a season. He will need five catches against Idaho to break Manny Hazard's 1989

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#### The List

For the second straight season, the Mid-American Conference will be represented in five bowl games. Below are the five teams that will play in the postseason

#### 1. Central Michigan:

The MAC champions accepted an invitation to play Troy in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

2. Ohio: The Bobcats accepted an invitation to play Marshall in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit.

3. Temple: The Owls accepted a bid to play South Florida in the International

#### Bowl in Toronto. 4. Northern Illinois:

The Huskies accepted an invitation to play UCLA or Army in the EagleBank Bowl in Washington D.C. If Army beats Navy on Saturday, they will play in the game.

5. BG: The Falcons accepted an invitation to play Idaho in the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, filling an at-large spot left by the Mountain West Conference.

# BG women's basketball upsets No. 16 Vanderbilt



HARD TO THE HOOP: Tracy Pontius scored 19 points during BG's upset win against No. 16

By G. Michael Graham Special to The BG News

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Curt Miller turned into BG's lord of the ring in Nashville on Friday

The Falcon women's basketball coach wore the ring from the 2006-07 Sweet 16 run and it again helped the Falcons upset No. 16 Vanderbilt, 66-60, at Memorial Gymnasium. BG (5-2) knocked off Melanie Balcomb's Vanderbilt squad, 59-56 on March 20, 2007 to become the first Mid-American Conference team to advance past the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

This is a fantastic road win for our program," Miller said. "We have an incredibly difficult road

"This is a fantastic road win for our program. We have an incredibly difficult road schedule this year and those tests really helped us. We made enough plays to get to the finish line."

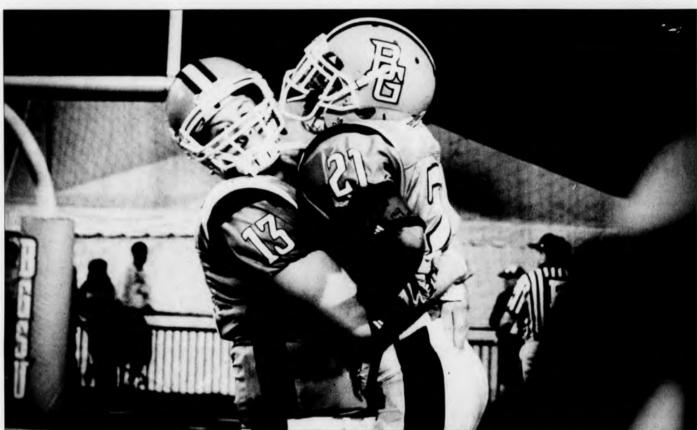
Curt Miller | Coach

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The game marked BG's fourth straight win since back-to-back losses at No. 3 Ohio State and Marist in the Preseason WNIT and Vanderbilt's first loss after opening the season with seven Poor Vandy shooting gave the Falcons an early 18-2 lead with 13:29 left in the first half following a Lauren Prochaska score. The Falcons made 23-of-41 shots (56 percent) including 14-of-26 in the first half (54 per cent). Vandy made 24-of-63 (24

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#### FALCONS VS. VANDALS



BIG TIME: The Falcons football team is headed to the Humanitarian Bowl for a Dec. 30 game against Idaho, in part because of strong offensive and defensive play down the stretch.

# Battle in Boise

# Falcon football team accepts invitation to Humanitarian Bowl

By Andrew Harner

over yet, as BG has accepted an at-large invitation to play in this year's Roady's Humanitarian Bowl.

BG will face the University of Idaho (7-5) on Dec. 30 in Boise, Idaho, and were invited to the game because the Mountain West Conference did not have enough bowl eligible teams to fill their tie-in with the game.

In coach Dave Clawson's first year at the helm, the Falcons finished 7-5, despite a slow start that left the team at 1-4 through the first five games



Sheehan

passed for 3,664 yards and 23 touchdowns

'We're very, very excited about the way we ended our football season." Clawson said last Thursday. "We're really excited how our football team performed this year, especially after getting off to a 1-4

Athletic Director Greg Christopher was excited that the regular season ended with him being able to accept a bowl



### Barnes

BG's senior receiver caught 138 passes for 1,551 yards and 16 touchdowns

'We are excited to accept the Roady's Humanitarian Bowl invitation and look forward to the trip to Boise," he said in a press release. "I am most excited for Dave, our coaches and players. The bowl game is a great reward for the commitment our players and coaching staff put into this

"Our fans will have fun turning Boise into 'Bowling Green West' and I'm sure we'll paint the town orange and brown

Idaho has a balanced offense led by junior quarterback Nathan Enderle. senior receiver Max Komar and two running backs; senior DeMaundray Woolridge and sophomore Princeton

McCarty.
The Vandals' passing attack is No. 11 among Division I programs (290.6 yards per game). Enderle started 10 games this season, passing for 2,666 yards and 16

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# BG hockey swept by Lake Superior State

By Paul Barney

Six BG penalties and a game disqualification with 21 seconds left in Saturday's game against Lake Superior was the finishing touch of a rough weekend for the

Falcon hockey team.

The Falcons took a step back this weekend, as they were swept by the Lakers, 2-1 and 5-2, after having gained points and climbed out of last place in the conference standings the past

three weeks. "We came into the weekend hoping for six points, and we leave with zero," said coach Dennis Williams. "In regards to



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the way we approach things, we have to be even-keel throughout it all."

The Falcons opened the series Friday and quickly dug themselves in an early 2-0 hole after the first period, ultimately having to play catch-up the remainder of the game.

BG came out strong in the second period as Kyle Page and David Solway setup Tomas Petruska for his third goal of the season, but with LSSU goalie Brian Mahoney-Wilson saving 20 of 21 shots, the Falcons' bid at a comeback effort came up

"We can't afford [spotting early leads]," Petruska said. "This league is too good."

BG again faced an early deficit the following night, when John Scrymgeour cleaned up a loose puck in front of goalie Nick Eno to give Lake Superior a 1-0

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### Brown leads Falcons in win at Fordham

By Sean Shapiro

Assistant Sports Editor

Dee Brown scored 14 points and grabbed a career-high seven rebounds as BG picked up their first road win of the season, 67-46 at Fordham.

With the win, BG improved to 4-3 this season, continuing a three-game winning streak, while Fordham dropped to 1-5 on the season.

Fordham, in their first game under interim coach Jared Grasso, was held scoreless for the final 5:32 of the first half as BG went on a 14-0 run to take a 34-18 halftime lead.

Of those final 14 points, eight were scored by Brown, who has



Dee Brown

Led the team with 14 points in a win against Fordham

hit double-figures in three of the

past four games.
The Falcons continued their strong play in the second half, leading by as much as 26 before finally closing out Fordham to start their five-game road trip on

a positive note. BG played at home last Thursday when they beat

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# **Notes: Sexton makes NHL debut with Ducks**

By Paul Barney Reporter

Just as the RG hockey team was battling with Lake Superior in the second period of Friday's game, former Falcon Dan Sexton was making his NHL debut.

Sexton, who finished his BG career with 24 goals and 36 assists from 2007-09, got called up from the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League to the Anaheim Ducks.

Sexton played 13 minutes in the Ducks' 5-4 shootout loss at Minnesota, recording no shots on net.

He was, however, on the ice for Bobby Ryan's goal midway through the third period.

Sexton filled in for right wing Teemu Selanne, who is expected to miss four to six weeks after suffering a fractured bone in his left hand in the Ducks' 3-1 loss at Dallas Thursday night.

It's not certain how long Sexton will be in the lineup for the Ducks this season, but BG coach Dennis Williams couldn't be happier to see a player he coached last year as an assistant make it to the NHL.

"I'm really excited for Dan," Williams said. "He's a kid who worked hard here. He was a tremendous player to coach and I don't think it could have happened to a better person."

#### Milestone

On Friday, the BG hockey team suited up for its 1,000th game in the Central Collegiate Hockey



Robert Shea Was ejected from





Jimmy Spratt Former BG goalie was signed by the Toledo Walleye

Association.

The Falcons were a charter member of the CCHA when it was created in 1971.

Former BG goalie Jimmy Spratt was signed as emergency backup goalie for the Toledo Walleye on Friday.

Hedid not play in a 5-4 Walleye win against Kalamazoo, but was released after Alec Richards was recalled to the team.

#### Early deficits

The Falcons spotted Lake Superior two first period goals Friday, with their comeback bids falling short in a 2-1 loss.

Spotting teams multiple goals early in games has been a prob-lem for BG so far this season, ultimately putting them in a difficult position to win games.

"|Spotting teams two or three goals) is something that we as a team have to get out of," Williams said. "No matter who we're playing



NEW GUY: Former Falcon Dan Sexton made his NHL debut with the Anaheim Ducks on

"I'm really excited for Dan. He's a kid who worked hard here. He was a tremendous player to coach and I don't think it could have happened to a better person."

Dennis Williams | Coach

in our league, every team is very good. Anybody who gets spotted two goals, that's pretty tough to always climb back out of."

#### Let's get physical

With 21 seconds left in the third period of the Falcons' 5-2 loss to the Lakers on Saturday, BG freshman Robert Shea charged into goalie Pat Inglis and then punched a Laker — starting a brawl behind the net.

Nine players headed to the penalty box for roughing after the whistle, including four Falcons.

Wade Finegan, Cameron Sinclair, Ian Ruel and Brennan Vargas were all penalized, with Shea getting a game-disqualification for fighting.

As a result of his disqualification, Shea will miss Friday's home game against Michigan



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"I think we did a

better job of getting

pucks to the net, but

we just have to find

ways to put the puck

in the net."

James Perkin | Senior

the net well," Williams said. "I

thought at first he was a little

shaky, but he settled in well and

BG's 36 shots on net were a

season-high, but the team real-

izes more of those shots need to

"We have to start scoring some

goals," Perkin said. "I think we

did a better job of getting pucks

to the net, but we just have to find

ways to put the puck in the net."

The Falcons, now 2-12-2 over-

all and 2-8-2 in the Central

start making it into the net.

made a lot of big saves."

SCORE: Tomas Petruska scored one of the Falcons' three goals this weekend.

### HOCKEY

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advantage.
On the verge of being shutout in the first period in as many nights, forward James Perkin received a pass from Nathan Pageau and found the left side of the net, to tie the game 1-1 heading into the first intermission.

BG played well in the final 40 minutes of Friday's game, but the wheels came off in the second and third periods of Saturday's game, as they were outscored 4-1.

After Eno allowed two goals in a span of 32 seconds, Williams was looking to "generate some spark," replacing Eno and giving Andrew Hammond his first action since Nov. 6 at Ferris

Hammond allowed two goals and saved 10 shots, with the Lakers scoring their third unanswered goal just five minutes into the third period.

The Falcons were able to get to Laker goalie Pat Inglis one more time, in the third period, off a Tommy Dee goal, but Inglis' 36 saves on 38 shots were too much

"[Inglis] is a big kid. He covers

# touchdowns. Komar has been on

**BOWL** 

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the receiving end of 1,036 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Woolridge and McCarty combined for 258 carries for 1,478 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Those runners are helped by AFCA All-American guard Mike lupati. The senior played 807 snaps this season without letting a defender get around him to make a sack in helping the team score 31.8 points per game.
Idaho finished the season with

three straight losses, including a hard-fought 52-49 loss to Utah State to close out the regular season on Nov. 28 to finish fourth in the Western Athletic Conference. BG, on the other hand, closed out the season winning six of seven.

Defensively, the Vandals are led by junior safety Shiloh Keo with 109 tackles, three interceptions and a forced fumble.

But despite Keo's play, the Idaho defense as a whole has struggled this season, allowing 35.5 points per game. The Vandals allowed more than 50 points three times, including 70 to Nevada.

Many projections had the Falcons traveling to Washington D.C. for the EagleBank Bowl for a rematch against Marshall

### **GOING BOWLING**

Five Mid-American Conference teams earned bowl bids this season, marking the second straight year the league had that many teams in the postseason. Central Michigan, Ohio, Temple and Northern Illinois earned the conference's automatic spots, while BG filled at at-large bid in the Humanitarian bowl because the Mountain West Conference was unable to fill its obligation to the bowl.

MAC school	Opponent	Bowl game	Date	Location
Central Michigan	Troy	GMAC Bowl	Dec. 26	Mobile, Ala.
Northern Illinois	South Florida	EagleBank Bowl	Dec. 29	Washington D.C.
Bowling Green	Idaho	Humanitarian Bowl	Dec. 30	Boise, Idaho
emple	UCLA	International Bowl	Jan. 2	Toronto
Ohio	Marshall	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl	Jan. 6	Detroit

which beat BG 17-10 the third week of the season.

However, Temple earned the bid to that game and will play either UCLA or Army. Army will replace UCLA if they beat Navy on Dec. 12 during their final regular season game. Because there was a strong

possibility of a BG-Marshall matchup, Clawson said on Thursday, he didn't expect his team to be selected for the game.

"I think the bowls really try to avoid rematches," Clawson said. "If it turns out to be Boise, we know there's not a rematch."

That also helped sort out which bowls BG and NIU were invited to because Idaho already played the Huskies this season. beating them 34-31. The only common opponent between BG and Idaho was No. 6 Boise State, with the Falcons losing 56-14 and Idaho falling 63-25.

For the Falcons, their flashy offensive attack led by the senior quarterback-receiver combo of Tyler Sheehan and Freddie Barnes made them an attractive at-large team, but it was improved play from the defense at the end of the season that allowed them to get to this point. That's one of the reasons I'm

proud of our football team, is we did not have a lot of guys back [on defense]," Clawson said. 'Arguably our best defensive lineman [Michael Ream], we threw off the team. Maybe our best defensive player [P.J. Mahone] didn't play half the season, and this is a team that still fought and found a way to win seven games, go 6-2 in the conference and get to a bowl.'

Sheehan and Barnes are just two of the 20 seniors on the team, and Clawson said in a press release that giving his seniors

another chance to play is the most exciting part of earning a bowl bid.

"We're excited and honored to have the opportunity to play in the Roady's Humanitarian Bowl,' Clawson said. "I think it is a great reward for our football team and we are looking forward to continuing our season. This is a special way for our seniors to finish their careers. We anticipate a great game with the University of Idaho."

Four other Mid-American Conference schools are playing in bowl games (see fact box above), marking the second straight season that five MAC teams made the postseason.

The Falcons were bowl eligible last season at 6-6 but were not invited to a game, as 6-6 NIU earned an at-large bid instead while BG handled the firing of then-coach Gregg Brandon.

#### MEET IDAHO'S KEY PLAYERS

The University of Idaho started the season 6-1 before faltering as the season wrapped up, eventually finishing at 7-5. However, the Vandals still have several impressive players that could give BG headaches during the Humanitarian Bowl on Dec. 30.



Mike lupati The senior is an AFCA All-American guard



Nathan Enderle The junior quarterback passed for 16 touchdowns



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## Swimmers have record weekend

Falcons set numerous pool records, finish second at Calvin College Invite

Bennet set a pool record in the

200-yard backstroke and the 400-

vard freestyle relay team set a pool record. Several other swim-

mers also set personal best times

"I'm so proud of our team," Buff said. "We set the goal to

come into Calvin and make

some noise, and we certainly

hard the girls worked. It's awe-

The Falcons finished 100 points behind meet champion

Grand Valley State during the

three-day tournament. They

also finished 515 points ahead of third place Hillside College.

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some to see it pay off for them.'

"I can't say enough about how

in their respective events.

By Ryan Satkowiak

One of the goals that coach Keri Buff had for the Calvin Winter Invitational was for the team to have fast times to hopefully scare some of the Mid-American Conference teams.

And the team certainly did

While the Falcons finished an impressive second out of 11 teams for the weekend, the story was some of the times posted by individual swimmers.

Meg Richardson set several records in the tournament. On the second day of competition, she set a new school and Calvin pool record in the 50-yard freestyle at 23.41, and was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that set a pool record of 1:34.79.

On the third day, Sarah Burston set pool records in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200vard individual medley, Emily



did that.

Meg Richardson Set the school record for the 50yard freestyle



Sarah Burston Set two pool records during the Invite

On top of all the pool records set by the team, the overall statistics are staggering.

Over the course of the three

days, there were 18 women's swim events. The Falcons had 15 first-place finishes, 27 topthree finishes and set 12 school records in the process.

"It was definitely a good week-end for us," Buff said. "Hopefully we can build some solid momentum from this."

The Falcons are now finished with competition for the fall semester. They next take to the water over winter break for the Coral Springs Invitational in Florida. They next dive into MAC action Jan. 23 against Toledo.

### **BROWN**

Savannah State 59-51, but they won't return to Anderson Arena until Jan. 2, when they host St Louis

In addition to Brown, Scott Thomas was the only other Falcon to score in double figures with 10 points while Otis Polk came a point short of a double double with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Fordham freshman Chris Gatson had a strong game in the



Polk Was one point short of a double-double

loss, posting a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds; he also blocked five shots.

BG freshman James Erger scores his first career points in

BG returns to the state of New York when they head to Canisius on Saturday for a 7 p.m. tipoff.



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SECOND FIDDLE: Senior Tamika Nurse was second on the team in points against No. 16

### **UPSET**

percent) including just 9-of-26 (35 percent) in the first half.

Vanderbilt slowly chipped away at the lead after that point. The Commodores cut the margin to 10 at 33-23 after two Meredith Marsh free throws. But Prochaska hit a triple and converted a three-point play with three seconds left after a Tamika Nurse assist to give BG a 39-23 halftime lead

"We didn't show up, and I don't know why." Balcomb said, "When we got the game close, we could not make shots and couldn't get

Vanderbilt employed a 2-1-2 halfcourt trap the entire game and forced 25 Falcon turnovers, including 13 in the second half, to get back in the game. The Falcons committed 26 turnovers in their previous game against St. Francis. The Commodores committed just 12.

Jence Rhoads gave Vandy its only lead with 3:25 left in the game on a layup. But Falcon point guard Tracy Pontius answered at the other end giving the Falcons the lead for good at 60-59 with 2:26 left.

Tara Breske hit a jumper with 2:01 left to extend the margin to 62-59. She missed the past two games with injury. Pontius hit four free throws down the stretch to seal the win for BG.



Lauren Prochaska Scored 14 points

against No. 16 Vanderbilt

"Despite the turnovers, we never quit fighting even when we lost the lead," Miller said. "We didn't need to be a better team for 40 minutes, just the better team down the stretch.

Pontius led all three scorers with 19 points. She made three 3pointers in the first half, finding holes in the Vandy defense.

"Our ball movement worked well," Pontius said. "We shifted the zone and coach shifted us to work around the holes in their defense. I was just grateful to have such a strong start." Nurse and Prochaska followed

with 15 and 14 points, respectively. All five starters scored slightly above their averages.

Rhoads led Vanderbilt with 17 and Lauren Leuders scored 11. But BG held Marsh to four points. She scored 25 points in Vandy's 77-71 win over North Carolina State on Nov. 28.

"Wecameoutflat, and I thinkwe took them for granted," Rhoads said. "We definitely weren't doing the things we were supposed to be doing. Coach gave us a plan, and we didn't stick to it.'

The Falcons continue their fivegame road swing Wednesday at Detroit for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

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