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# Do you have HPM?

Human papillomavirus affects both men, women; students encouraged to get vaccinated against cancer-causing virus

By Shaina Smith Reporter

Young men and women in their late teens and early twenties are among the most common people to contract the human papillomavirus, and those who choose not to be vaccinated can be putting themselves at serious risk of infection.

The human papillomavirus (or HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection that affects the genital areas of males and females. An untreated HPV infection can lead to cervical cancer in females and genital warts.

"Men and women should be getting vaccinated for HPV because of the risk of cervical cancer. It's important for students to get vaccinated," said Barbara Hoffman, medical services associate

director at the University.

The Gardasil vaccination, which is available at the Student Health Center, helps protect against HPV-16 and HPV-18, which account for 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, and HPV-6 and HPV-11, account for 90 percent of genital wart cases worldwide.

"It's important for students to know we do have the vaccine here," Hoffman said. "It is expensive, so it's important for students to check with their insurance to see if the insurance will cover the vaccine."

The shot is administered in three doses over a six-month period. Each dose costs \$125, so the full vaccine without insurance costs \$375.

"The company that provides the vaccine does help to provide some financial assistance when [students] need it, so cost doesn't have to be a deterrent when the company will help you pay for the vaccine." Hoffman said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), HPV usually goes away on its own within two years. For some, HPV is fought off naturally by the immune system. However, there is no way of telling which bodies will naturally get rid of the infection and which will decade bealth problems.

which will develop health problems.

Some students said they don't feel
the vaccination is necessary because
it doesn't protect against all the
strands of HPV, but Hoffman said it
is still important.

is still important.
"It reduces the exposure of genital warts
and cervical cancer, so my question back
to them would be, "Why don't you feel
you need the vaccine when it can be so
helpful?" Hoffman said.

Some students who are not sexually active don't see the vaccination as some-

thing they need to get right now.
"I have no interest in being vaccinated," said sophomore Elizabeth Brooker. "In my opinion it is meant for people who

### **HPV FACTS**

The human papillomavirus can lead to cervical cancer in women and genital warts, but the Gardisil vaccine protects against HPV.

- Some studies suggest an estimated 15 percent of men and women between the ages of 15 and 49 are currently infected with genital HPV.
- infected with genital HPV.

  An average of 14 percent of American female college students are infected with genital HPV each year.
- An average of 28 to 46 percent of women under the age of 25 are infected with genital HPV.
- There is no clinical way to test for genital HPV in men unless the man already has signs of the infection. A visual inspection is usually the only way to determine the severity of the outbreak.

Source: cervicalcancer.org

are sexually active, and I will not be until I'm married."

Despite some of the skepticism, several female students are already vaccinated against HPV

"I was vaccinated my freshman year," said senior Ashley Hannah. "My doctor made it seem like it was becoming a routine standard. It doesn't protect against everything, but it does protect against the strands that cause cancer... I figured

why not, if it protects me?"
Junior Andreya Evans had similar
reasons for getting vaccinated right
before beginning her freshman year as

a precaution.
"I decided it was a good idea because I
didn't know what would come in the new
chapter in my life," Evans said.

Men are now being encouraged to get tested for HPV. Even though they can't get cervical cancer, they can pass the infection on to a woman. In addition to genital warts, men can also develop penile and anal cancer from an HPV infection, although these cases are less common.

Some men on campus may be familiar with the HPV virus but may be unaware that they too can catch it and develop health problems.

health problems.
"I don't know much about the virus; I thought it was just for women," said senior Kyle Ogden. "People should definitely be more aware about the virus ... we need to find better means of getting the word out."

Appointments to get the HPV vaccination can be made at the Student Health Center.

# Librarian merges digital and physical resources

By Christie Kerner

Reporter

A new position in the University's Jerome Library showcases a growing area of library science and a librarian with the energy and passion to show it off.

Electronic Resources Coordinator Amy Fry started working at the University in May 2009 with students and online databases.

"We've been trying to figure out how I can help people best," Fry said. "It has been fun and chaotic."

As an Ohio native, Fry has since moved all over the country working for different libraries since 2003.

Her childhood and interests left no surprises for her familyonceshedecided to study library science at the University of Illinois. Older sister Wendy Willmer of Westlake, Ohio, knew her sister would always succeed.

"She has always been the person in our family that does the exceptional things," Willmer said.

Willmer also described Fry as always being passionate about reading, spending late nights in both middle school and high school reading heavy literature.

school reading heavy literature.
"She had piles and piles of books in her room and she read them all," Willmer said.

Willmer also described her sister as always doing crazy jobs; Fry once worked as a DJ



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**LEARN:** Amy Fry, electronic resources coordinator at the Jerome Library, was given a scholarship from EBSCO that covered expenses for the American Library Association Midwinter Conference in January.

for a radio station and she also performed as a singer in a band for coffee houses.

"You never know what she's going to do next," she said.

Fry's accomplishments in the fields of library science and electronic resources were rewarded in January by the online database EBSCO. She was given a scholarship to the American Library Association Midwinter

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### CATCH A DREAM



PHOTOS BY COURTNEY STELLAR | THE BG NEWS

TOP: Students gather for a Residence Life program in Founders Hall.

**BOTTOM:** Students Mary O'Connor (left), a sophomore special education major, and Molly Oswalt (right), a junior middle childhood education major, work hard making dreamcatchers Tuesday. The two students were making them for a Residence Life program in Founders Hall. O'Connor said she joined in on the program because making a dreamcatcher was cheaper than buying one. Oswalt said she needed a break from work.



### FORUM

### Olympics publicize NHL

Columnist Bryan Warrick thinks the National Hockey League should let its athletes participate in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games | Page 4

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Polk pushes offense
Otis Polk has been growing steadily as an offensive force for the men's basketball team this season as they head into the MAC Tournament | Page 5

### **SPORTS**

### **BG** wins game, outright MAC title

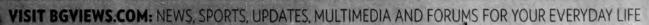
The women's basketball team beat Miami Wednesday 63-58 en route to their sixth consecutive outright regular season MAC Championship | Page 5

### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Who should be on the next season of "Dancing With the Stars?"



VINCE D'ETTARE Sophomore, History "William Shatner, because he goes' to bed with green ladies." | Page 4



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Individual reported her purse was stolen at 149 North Bar and Grill.

Individual reported an odor of marijuana within the 200 block of N. Enterprise St.

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### CORRECTION

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Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite





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INFORMATION: Electronic Resources Coordinator Amy Fry surfs the EBSCO Web site while working at a reference desk computer. Fry works at the Jerome Library where she teaches workshops, helps set up new online databases and assists students with access

### LIBRARY

Conference in Boston for writing an essay about the biggest challenges facing libraries in managing electronic resources.

"Libraries physical materials and it's all very important," Fry said. "But a lot is being digitized." Fry said she hopes to bring the two focuses of

physical materials and digitized materials together. Her experiences in school allowed her the opportunity to work with databases and online resources.
"I never had a job where I had

to catalogue," Fry said.

The new position of Electronic Resources Coordinator evolved out of the move to more electronic material.

Colleen Boff, Chair of Department of Library Teaching and Learning, said she sees Fry as a breath of fresh air.

The department provides

instruction and reference for students.

The purpose is to improve the experience of the user in terms of how they interact with our electronic resources," Boff said. "When [Fry] does her job she always has the user in mind.'

Boff sees Fry's abilities to think outside of the box and her energy and creativity as a great addition to the library staff.

"She's just been a real power house here," she said. Reference Coordinator Linda

Rich worked with Fry on a study to improve the library Web site to further improve student experiences.

"It was her design of the study and her energy that got it all started," Rich said. "When she first came in I had a list of

changes I wanted to get done and she just jumped right in."

Fry said she hopes to continue to improve the electronic resources and students experience in the library. We feel like students really care about the library," she said.



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### **Deliberations recess** in Ohio murder trial involving cyanide

CLEVELAND - A jury in Ohio deliberated for the day without reaching a verdict in the trial of a doctor accused of killing his wife by lacing her calcium capsule with cyanide

Jurors must return Wednesday in the trial of 41-year-old Dr. Yazeed

He's on trial in the 2005 death of his 38-year-old wife, Rosemarie. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, with parole possible after 20 years.

Prosecutors argued that the defendant was determined to escape a loveless marriage. The defense suggested that a mistress of the doctor might have killed the victim and wanted to marry him.

Essa was an emergency room doctor at Akron General Medical Center and fled to Lebanon after his wife's death. He gave up an extradition fight and was returned from Cyprus to Ohio last year.

Thomas J. Sheeran (AP)

### with sex-related offenses in Ala.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) Tuscaloosa County sheriff's deputies have charged a 28-year-old Ohio man with sex-related crimes after he was found in the bedroom of a teenager

Matthew Brandon Rogers faces charges of soliciting a child by computer, second-degree sexual abuse, enticing a child and possession of child

He was being held Tuesday in the Tuscaloosa County Jail on \$66,000 bail.

Sheriff Ted Sexton said the mother of a 14-year-old Duncanville girl found Rogers in her daughter's bedroom on

The mother held Rogers at gunpoint while she notified authorities. Deputies took him into custody.

The sheriff said Rogers befriended the girl on an Internet chat room and late last week left his home in the Cincinnati metro area and drove to Tuscaloosa

to fondling underage girls

A pair of Bellevue men have plead-ed guilty to fondling children recently in unrelated cases

According to Bellevue Police Detective Captain Matt Johnson, Steven Rogers, 43, 325 Euclid Ave. pleaded guilty to attempted gross sexual imposition, a fourth degree felony. He will be sentenced on April 4. Jeffrey Leber, 46, 504 Kilbourne St., pleaded guilty to attempted gross sexual imposition, a fifth degree felony. He was scheduled for sentencing today.

According to police reports, in May, Leber groped the breasts of a 15-yearold girl as she slept at a relative's home. Later, he allegedly sent a text message to the teen telling her of his actions. The girl and her family then contacted

Because police could not prove Leber sent the message, they conducted a taped interview between the girl and Leber.

'We had her contact him and we recorded the conversation where he admitted he touched her and that he knew she was 15," said Johnson.

- Staff Writer (AP)

### counseling for parents of teen convert

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A judge urged an Ohio couple to stick with counseling toward a reconciliation with their teenage daughter, who ran away to Florida last year claiming she would be harmed for converting from Islam to Christianity

Rifga Bary's parents have denied their daughter's claim and had asked Franklin County Juvenile Court Judge Elizabeth Gill to scrap a deal reached in January that includes counseling as part of a reunion effort.

Mohamed and Aysha Bary said the county child welfare agency, which nov has custody of the girl and developed the reconciliation plan, was allowing Rifqa Bary to talk to a Florida pastor who had sheltered her after she ran away. The couple believe that contact was hurting their chance for reconcili-

Gill on Tuesday denied the parents' request, saying she recognized their frustrations but believed that the best course was to move ahead with counseling to heal the family.

- Andrew Welsh-Huggins (AP)

### Two more aides to former Ohio AG to be arraigned Thursday

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Two more top aides to former Attorney General Marc Dann have been criminally charged in the wake of investigations that followed Dann's resignation in 2008.

Dann's Chief of Staff Edgar Simpson and communications chief Leo Jennings face arraignment Thursday in Franklin County on charges alleging they improperly handled supplemental

Simpson is accused of failing to report to the state money he received from the Ohio Democratic Party. Dann's campaign committee or Dann's transition committee. Jennings is accused of accepting income from the two Dann committees and with providing another Dann aide income in the form of lodging at a Columbus

Dann admitted having an affair with a subordinate and later resigned following a sexual harassment scandal

- Julie Carr Smyth (AP)

### Ohio high court slows questioning in slots probe

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio Supreme Court has stalled an investigation by the state's elections chief into a group pushing for a vote on electronic slot machines.

In a Tuesday decision, the court said Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner (BREW'-nehr) should not act on subpoenas issued to members of LetOhioVote.org until justices have decided if she has proper authority. Let Ohio Vote.org challenged Brunner after she launched an investigation last month into the source of the group's \$1.55 million in funding from a Virginia company.

Spokesman Jeff Ortega said Brunner plans to go forward with its investigative inquiries into others. That includes New Models, the Virginia entity that made the donation, and Norm Cummings, a political strategist who registered the LetOhioVote.org Web site.

- Julie Carr Smyth (AP)

### Three in Ohio charged with the death of alpaca

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) - Authorities have charged three people in the theft and fatal beating of a baby alpaca in southwest Ohio.

Butler County sheriff's officials say two 17-year-old boys are charged in juvenile court with animal cruelty. breaking and entering and tampering with evidence. A 22-year-old woman faces complicity charges for allegedly driving the truck the alpaca was moved in.

The 3-month-old alpaca, named Masterpiece, was reported stolen Feb. 19 from a farm near Middletown. Authorities say the animal was beaten, put in a truck and dumped in an abandoned barn.

The alpaca had a value of at least \$8,000. Alpacas are similar to llamas and native to South America.

### Ohio officer shot, suspect found dead in apartment

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio police officer has been shot in a confrontation with a man who authorities say was later found dead inside an apartment

Columbus police say officers responding to a report of a domestic dispute knocked at the apartment late Monday and were met with gunfire coming through the door. Police say officer Sean Bonn, an 18-year-veteran, was shot in the leg.

Police exchanged gunfire with the suspect and were later joined by SWAT members, who set off tear gas and entered the apartment after a 90minute standoff. Inside, police say they found 26-year-old Ryan Clayton dead of an apparent gunshot wound. It's not clear if it was self-inflicted or if the shot came from an officer's gun.

Bonn was hospitalized in stable

### Unemployment benefits ending for some Ohioans

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -Unemployed Ohioans are beginning to lose their jobless benefits because of a stalemate in Congress.

Republican Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky on Tuesday again blocked the Senate from extending the benefits to Americans, saying it would add \$10 billion to the budget deficit.

As a result, people who exhausted their benefits Saturday can't seek an

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services says even if Congress later acts to restore the measures, thousands of Ohioans will see a lapse in benefits, beginning with 20,000 people this week and about 24,000 each week after that

About 432,000 people receive unemployment benefits in Ohio, which has an unemployment rate of

### Couple receives four years for fire that killed two children

MARION, Ohio (AP) — Calling their conduct "inexcusable," an Ohio judge has sentenced a couple to four years in prison for allowing their two young children to die in a fire.

Marion County Common Pleas Judge Robert Davidson on Monday ignored a recommendation from prosecutors that he give Daniel Barrett and Cheyenne Tackett 30 days in jail

They had pleaded guilty to child endangering in a fire last May that killed 2-year-old Jacob Tackett and 8-month-old Madison Barrett. Investigators said the blaze was started by another child playing with a lighter while the parents were sleeping at the family's apartment in Marion, 42 miles north of Columbus

Prosecutors said the couple often stayed up late and slept during the day, leaving the children unsuper-

### Baby makes three on Ohio couple's wedding day

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) - An Ohio woman taken to a maternity ward in her wedding dress has become a newlywed and a new mom on the same day.

Jamie Phillips says she felt contractions while her father walked her down the aisle during her wedding ceremony Saturday in Toledo in northwest Ohio. but she thought it was a false alarm. It wasn't until after her water broke at the reception that she was rushed to a hospital in suburban Sylvania

The son who was born, Tova Phillips, wasn't due until March 7. His mother and her new husband, Mark Phillips, didn't think the baby would come quite so soon when they planned the wedding two weeks earlier.

Both parents say they wanted to "do the right thing" and get married before the baby's arrival, which is why they cut things so close.

### Ohio officer denies Facebook threat against group

ELMORE, Ohio (AP) - A police officer in northwest Ohio has been charged with making a threat on his Facebook page against an animal rescue group

Authorities say Elmore police officer Shaun Harder wrote online that the Arabian Rescue Mission "needs to be slaughtered like livestock.

Harder pleaded not guilty on Monday to aggravated menacing.

The officer is a volunteer with the humane society, which has been battling with rescue group over custody of 36 horses that were found to be mal-nourished on a farm outside of Toledo.

Police in Elmore say Harder has been on unpaid administrative leave since December over an unrelated investigation.



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JESSICA RYAN,



because he can do the 'Poker Face."

NICK REILLY,



"Tim Tebow."



"Michael Vick"

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### NHL's reputation bolstered by participation in Olympic games



The 2010 Winter Olympics are over, leaving us with amazing stories and memories of athletes achieving greatness. One of the best stories to come out of the games was the men's hockey tournament that ended in an epic battle between Canada and the United States for the gold medal. It was a game that will not soon be forgotten.

For the NHL, the publicity from this tournament was immeasurable, with everyone on the planet watching the league's star players battle it out. Despite all of this good press, Gary Bettman, the Commissioner of the NHL, is seriously debating whether or not he should even allow his players to take part in the 2014 games in Russia. He believes it may not help the league to be off for so long to play in the Olympics, and he should deny the NHL a break for the tournament.

At a time when the NHL is trying to get into the mainstream American market, Bettman is thinking of doing the worst possible thing. Hockey needs the Olympics, especially if it wants to win over American viewers.

The NHL is in fourth place out of the big four American sports. One of the biggest reasons is the simple lack of American star-power on league teams. The biggest names in the sport today are either from Canada or Europe. From Sidney Crosby to Alex Ovechkin, all the big stars of the NHL are foreign. The Detroit Red Wings' roster has so many players from overseas they are now referred to as the Euro Wings. The league is dominated by foreign players whom American sports fans may not want to watch so much.

But once every four years, the hockey players who call the United States their home nation get a chance to show their stuff on an international stage. In the 2010 Olympics, we saw stars like Ryan Miller, Jamie Langenbrunner and Zach Parise get the attention they deserve, and we saw them make Americans proud to have a national hockey team. They beat some of the best teams to come out of Europe; they even beat Canada once early in the tournament. If anything, this year's Olympics showed America is one of the elite hockey nations and that is the kind of reputation the NHL needs.

Bettman believes the Olympics hurt the league by putting it on hold

for nearly a month, but the truth is it draws more people into the sport. By making the big American names well-known to their own countrymen, there might be a better chance those fans will continue to follow the sport once the Olympics are over and those players come back to play in the NHL. It is by far the best thing to help the popularity of the league.

At this point, allowing the NHL players to take part in the 2014 games would do nothing but make the NHL more popular to the American public, which is something Bettman needs to realize. How could a United States and Canada rematch hurt? How could allowing the American hockey stars to make a name for themselves in a sport where the best-known names are foreign hurt the league?

This year, the world saw one of the best hockey tournaments in decades, ending in one of the best games ever played in the sport. It is exactly what the NHL needs and what Bettman really needs to do is pray that in 2014 he gets another tournament anywhere near as amazing as it was in the 2010 Olympics.

Respond to Bryan at



### Tea Party protestors represent fringe elements of the far right



Those of us familiar with the Superman franchise know that in Bizarro World everything is a warped opposite of what it is on Earth. Bad means good, hot means cold, tasty is disgusting, etc., Bizarro World is like our world, except it exists on the opposite side of the same coin.

In one episode of the TV show, for example, a salesman is doing a brisk trade selling Bizarro bonds: "Guaranteed to lose money for you!" Later, the mayor appoints Bizarro No. 1 to investigate a crime, "Because you are stupider than the entire Bizarro police force put together!" This is intended and taken as a great compliment. Superman has a Bizarro, Batman has a Bizarro (the world's worst detective) and now, Abbie Hoffman has a Bizarro. His

name is Glenn Beck. How do I know Glenn Beck is Bizarro Abbie Hoffman? For starters, one was addicted to amphetamines, the other to alcohol. One was the cultural paragon of the Hippie movement, the other is a champion of the Tea Baggers. One sports flowing, brightly-colored ponchos, the other is seldom seen without a battleship gray suit. One was known for making outrageous statements for publicity's sake, and whipping up throngs of semi-lucid followers to rail against "The Man," and the other one ... oh wait, Beck does that too. He just comes at you from the other direction.

The fact of the matter is, America's largest counter-cul-"anti-establishment" (note the quotes) movement is the Tea Party protests, and they're getting crazier every day. In effect, the Tea Baggers are the conservative response

to the Hippie movement. But this isn't your granddad's

counterculture. The establishment, in their eyes, consists of Muslim government infil-trators, closet socialists, politically connected minorities, academics, intellectuals and atheists. Instead of a flowerstudded Volkswagen, these guys are driving a pickup with truck nuts. Instead of poetry slams and love-ins, it's six hour church services. Instead of long hair and dreadlocks, it's crew cuts and "Git 'R Done!" hats. They are a subculture unto themselves, and Beck is

their king. If you've ever had the displeasure of experiencing one of these nonsensical orgies first hand, there is definitely a festival atmosphere to the event. They aren't necessarily trying to change the laws policies, they're trying to change the way you think about government.

And on the surface, there's a grain of validity in there. Your government is not your friend or the solution to your problems. It is your government, and what you do with it is every bit as important as what it does with you. However, if there is any libertarianism seasoning the Tea Party's cup, it is only the residue left over from its previous owners who didn't wash it. Interestingly enough, Ron Paul, the conservative libertarian who got the ball rolling on the protests, can no longer count on the support of the movement to further his

political goals. His son, Rand Paul, has received considerable criticism within the Tea Party movement and it appears they are beginning to fracture. As a matter of fact, the Senate seat for which Paul is running is highly contested in the Kentucky electorate. With Tea Party hardliners running against him and diverting support, it looks like the movement might be going the way of the Republican Party in 2008 (eating itself). Birthers like Gurley Martin, alsointheKentuckyRepublican primary, appeal more to the fringe elements that form the core of this movement, and while he probably won't win, it's safe to say he'll raise hell for the Paul campaign while he's still able. With a campaign slogan like "Extremely! Proud to be an American and nothing else! Extremely!" Gurley seems like the kind of guy who would fit right in at a Tea Party.

Perhaps Beck would receive more loyalty if he ran for office. His penchant for weeping in public would almost certainly be a liability on the campaign trail, but that's his appeal. He's the heart (or should I say gut?) and soul of a movement that is emotionally rich, even if it is in danger of intellectual bankruptcy. He voices their anger and cries on their behalf. He cries on his show, he cries at conventions, he cries when he Tea Bags; he's the kind of leader it feels good to follow.

As a movement of politically-concerned protesters who don't want to get involved in politics, the Tea Parties are going to have to re-evaluate their priorities pretty soon. Known to target Democrats and Republicans alike, these folks will Tea Bag anyone within shouting distance female, young, old, incumbent, underdog, they don't care! They'll Tea Bag yah! In a few states, they have even started organizing their own political parties to push their goals forward.

I don't know what direction the Tea Parties are heading in next, but I do know they are far from over and Beck will remain as influential as ever. However, like their flower-child counterparts, their movement might ultimately have more of an effect on our culture than it has on our elections.

> Respond to Mike at thenews@bgnews.com

### National media's priorities shift when Americans aren't affected

By Matt Liasse

While watching media coverage of the natural disasters occurring over the weekend, it was hard not to grow irritated with the news almost impossible.

First, when the news of the earthquake that struck Chile surfaced, it was hard to understand just how severe it was. Of course, it takes a while for news outlets to develop a story, so let's let that one fly.

But Saturday morning turned into Saturday afternoon, and the severity became more clear. This much was true: things were bad in Chile and Hawaii had things to

Along with a lot of other people, no amount of news coming in on the situation down south was too much. Live feeds of the earthquake flooded CNN, Fox News and MSNBC, Tweets came in left and right with breaking news and every online news outlet devoted their home page to the disaster.

As the day went on, focus was taken away from Chile, a country that has over 700 people dead

from the earthquake, to Hawaii, as the state was facing a possible tsunami caused by the earthquake.

This is where the most frustration began to ring in.

While Hawaii's coasts were packing up and preparing for the worst, cell phones all around the world buzzed from a tweet by NN reporting "Marie Osmond's 18-year-old son has died."

Call me heartless, but weren't there other more important news headlines to tweet at the time? American news outlets acted exactly how they should've and placed celebrity news right on par with a natural disaster (an act other countries overseas hate about American media).

Our fascination with the celebrities of America needs to not overshadow the other more serious news. Here's a more reasonable way of thinking: hard news about Obama's plan for health care needs to stay on CNN, while Brangelina's baby pictures need to stay on El.

The tsunami just missed Hawaii and a "dodged a bullet" remark was made, but the time to celebrate was not upon the world just yet, much to CNN's surprise. The minute Hawaii was in the clear, coverage on Osmond continued, all while Japan was the next target

for a tsunami. Call me heartless (again), but I

still think the threat against one of our neighboring countries is a little more important than Osmond. And as the night went on, Japan didn't receive a quarter of the coverage Hawaii did.

Where the American news outlet's priorities lay are a bit disturbing and hopefully will begin to shift.

The attitude that one dead celebrity overpowers 700 dead Chileans is backward. The attitude of the disaster being over the minute it doesn't affect Americans anymore is ridiculous.

Yahoo! News offered another example of bad priorities when they decided to report Gatorade dropping Tiger Woods' sponsor-ship or Jennifer Lopez's career being in trouble the minute Hawaii was no longer in danger.

How do the troubles of the millionaires outrank the troubles of the normal civilians dying from collapsing buildings?

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### SIDELINES



### BASKETBALL **Polk named Athlete** of the Week

Senior men's basketball player Otis Polk has been named the Papa John's Athlete of the Week for his efforts in the Falcons' last two games against Kent State and Akron. Polk averaged 19 points and seven rebounds in the two losses, scoring 17 points against the Zips on Senior Day.

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### The List

After the Falcons' 63-58 win at Miami Tuesday night, we take a look at the top five performances from the game.

1. Prochaska: Lauren Prochaska led all scorers with 25 points while also grabbing seven rebounds and recording three steals.

2. Osborn: Miami freshman Courtney Osborn led the way for the RedHawks, finishing with 23 points

3. Olowinski: Kirsten Olowinski posted a doubledouble for Miami, finishing with 12 points and a gamehigh 17 rebounds.

4. Nurse: BG's Tamika Nurse posted 13 points and added three assists and four rebounds.

5. Pontius: Tracy Pontius added 12 points on 4-of-9 from the field for the Falcons.

# MAC CHAMPIONS



CELEBRATE: The Falcons' bench cheers in a game against Kent State on Saturday. BG won its sixth consecutive outright regular-season MAC Championship at Miami Wednesday night

### BG wins sixth consecutive outright title

By Paul Barney

Assistant Sports Editor

They shot just 29 percent from the field.

They committed 18 turn-

It was a game in which they

were outscored 24-14 in the

And yes, the Falcons still won, 63-58. It didn't matter how they got the win, the important

thing is they got it. The BG women's basketball team's rematch against Miami at Millett Hall was just as nerve-wrecking as last year's 45-40 defeat, but the Falcons made a few more plays than the RedHawks Tuesday night at 24-6 overall and 13-3 in the Mid-American Conference.

With the Falcons winning and Toledo falling at Eastern Michigan 89-84 in overtime, BG clinched the outright MAC title and the No.1 seed in the MAC Tournament.

"We're excited to be the outright MAC champs for six years in a row," BG coach Curt Miller said. "Certainly a dream season for us to be

able to pull that off."

The Rockets' loss dropped them to 22-7 overall and 12-4 in the MAC, locking up the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

Wednesday's win in Oxford did not come easily, however, as the Falcons started the first half slowly — Miami jumped out to a 10-5 lead off a Courtney Reed 3-pointer at the 14:39 mark.

However, the RedHawks went cold from the field over the next 5:52 as the Falcons went on a 15-3 run to take a 20-13 lead.

The final 8:47 of the first half was as even as it gets; as the Falcons scored 11 points compared to the RedHawks 12, and BG took a 31-25 advan-

Despite BG's run, the Falcons shot just 12-for-34 (35.3 percent) in the first half

and committed 10 turnovers. 'You can't look at a stat sheet and think we won tonight,"

Miller said. With a six-point lead to start the second half, the RedHawks put a scare on the

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DRIVE: Lauren Prochaska cuts to the basket in BG's win against Kent State on Saturday.

FREE: Senior Otis Polk shours free throws in a game against Valparaiso earlier this senson.

### Polk's offensive surge comes at the right time

By Paul Barney

Otis Polk has always had great

potential at the offensive end of the floor. And in the Falcons' last

three games, he's shown that potential. "Since the Valpo game he's

played consistently well since I've seen him," BG coach Louis Orr said.

Inthosethreegamesagainst Valparaiso, Kent State and Akron, in which the Falcons went 1-2, Polk combined to shoot 19-of-26 from the field, scoring 49 points, making 11of-14 free throws and grabbing 18 rebounds.

The senior was recently named this week's Papa John's Athlete of the Week, scoring a career-high 21 points in a loss to Kent State last week and scoring a game-high 17 points in BG's loss to Akron

on Saturday.
Polk shot 79 percent from the field by making 8-of-9 shots against the Golden Flashes, and 7-of-10 shots against the Zips.

Polkhas started all 28 games for BG this season, averaging 28.4 minutes a game on the

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### Williams should be 'official' head coach

By Ryan Satkowiak

As the BG hockey team prepares for its first round playoff series againstNebraska-Omaha, there is still a huge question hanging around the hockey program:

What will happen to interim head coach Dennis Williams?

On June 30 of last year, just months before the season started, former head coach Scott Paluch announced his resignation to take a position with Team USA.

That was when Williams, who was an assistant under Paluch. as well as a BG alumus, was named the interim head coach.

Despite the fact that the team had an overall record of 5-23-6 this year, the interim tag needs to be taken off Williams name, making him the 'official' head coach of the program.

There are several reasons this needs to happen as soon as pos-

Opponents of Williams will likely point to the team's record this year and how they were last in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in both goals and goals against.

However, as anyone who follows sports knows, rebuilding a team is not a one-year ordeal, especially considering what the hockey program has gone through the past 12 months.

Coupled with Paluch resigning just months before the season, there was uncertainty if there would even be a hockey team this year, which undoubtedly hurt recruiting efforts and left team morale low head-

ing into the season. Now, with the University and the state of Ohio combining to commit a total of \$5 million to renovations of the Ice Arena, as well as large donations from former hockey coach Jack Vivian and Bowling Green native Scott Hamilton, the hockey program appears to be on steady footing going forward.

One of the reasons the team struggled early in the season was due to having to break in ten freshmen.

Although there is plenty of talent in this year's freshman class, including Jordan Samuels-Thomas, who leads the team with 11 goals, it is rare to find a successful team in any college sport whose playing rotation consists of many freshmen.

They need game experience to grow, and heading into next they will have.

An area that this particularly hurt the Falcons was defen-

After senior Brian Moore was lost for the season due to injury, five of seven defensemen on the roster were freshmen, the two exceptions being senior Kyle Page and junior Andrew

While these freshmen showed great flashes of potential this year, growing pains and inconsistencies are common

with first-year players.

Another reason Williams needs to be retained is familiarity.

How can the University expect to get great junior hockey players to want to play here if the team is under the leadership of its third head coach in less than a year? Some players commit to the head coach and not the University.

Just look at what happened when John Calipari left Memphis after last season to coach Kentucky; many of the players he recruited for Memphis came with him.

If the University changes head coaches again, it may deter future hockey players from wanting to play here, especially when there are guys in the same league, like Red Berenson at Michigan, who

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### O'Neal to miss up to eight weeks after thumb surgery

Now that his regular season is all but ended, Shaquille O'Neal promises he'll make it up to Cleveland in the playoffs.

The Cavaliers center had surery on his injured right thumb Monday and seems likely to miss the rest of the regular season.

He should miss about eight weeks, the team said.

He was examined Sunday by specialist Dr. Thomas Graham at the National Hand Center in Baltimore, who operated

Monday morning.

He was acquired in a trade by the Cavs in the offseason to help them win the NBA finals in LeBron James' final year under contract in Cleveland.

Shaq immediately took to the challenge, saying he was there to win LeBron his first

NBA title.
"Will be out for a min but when I return it is on," O'Neal posted on his Twitter account Monday morning. "Win da ring for da king! Luv my team, Cavs baby!

O'Neal was averaging 12 points and 6.7 rebounds in 53 games. He injured the thumb

shot was blocked by Glen "Big Baby" Davis with just over seven minutes left in the first half.

Making things worse for the Cavs, they had just traded away longtime center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who had come to overlap roles with O'Neal.

The recovery timeline means O'Neal, who turns 38 on Saturday, may not be ready for the start of the playoffs April 17.

The Cavaliers acquired him last summer with an eye toward the postseason, after Dwight Howard and Orlando eliminated them in the Eastern Conference

"He feels like he let us down, but we understand injuries hap-pen in the game," said team-mate Jamario Moon, who got a text from the star center along with the other Cavs. "I think he's really down about being out. He let us know it's time to continue playing basketball and he's going to be all right."

Cavs general manager Danny Ferry said O'Neal will wear a splint for the next two weeks, then begin his rehab.

"Our guys have done a very

Is likely to miss the remainder of the regular season good job of stepping up this season. We are confident they will

do the same in this situation," Ferry said. "We are fortunate to have some depth in our front court that can keep us moving forward while Shaq recovers and returns to play for the post-Anderson Varejao will con-

tinue to start at center for Cleveland, which has the NBA's best record at 44-16, 1.1. Hickson and Leon Powe, who recently returned from knee surgery, are also options.

Ilgauskas, traded to Washington for Antawn Jamison, is now a free agent following a buyout by the Wizards.

Ilgauskas is free to sign with any team, but will have to wait another couple of weeks under NBA rules should he elect to resign with the Cavaliers.

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have been at their school for a

Anyone who closely followed this team can tell you that despite the record, this team played better as the season went on, although they showed inconsistencies, which is common with young teams.

Including shootout wins, the teamwon six of their last 16 games after the calendar turned to 2010. While in the first half, they won four of 18 games.

While two wins may not seem like much, the team also played great in several losses, including a 3-2 heartbreaker on Feb. 12 against No. 1 Miami.

Williams has also shown that he can resurrect a program as a head coach before. At his pre-vious head coaching stop, Div. III Neumann College, the year before he took over as head coach, the team was 3-21-1.

In his final year as head coach at Neumann, the team had a record of 17-5-5. His last two seasons at Neumann were the best two seasons in their program history. While not at the CCHA level, he

has shown that he has what it takes to build a winner.

I do not think that it would be fair to base Williams' future at BG on a win-loss record from this past year.

He had too much going against him given that at this time last year people were unsure if there would even be a hockey team, and that he only had a couple of months off to get players Paluch recruited to buy into his way of doing things.

Heading into next year, should he be retained, he would have a lot more going for him.

Although the team loses sev-eral talented seniors, including do-it-all defenseman Kyle Page, the team as a whole will be much more experienced, and he has lined up a fine recruiting class for the 2010-11 season.

The Ice Arena will also be newly renovated, which will hopefully attract more fans to home games on a regular basis.

But most importantly, Williams has shown in the past he can resurrect a program. There is no reason he should not be given a chance to do it again.



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### Choo's future with Indians uncertain due to Korea military obligations

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — As one of baseball's rising young stars, Shin-Soo Choo has a bright future.

Due to circumstances beyond his control, the Cleveland Indians outfielder and native of South Korea is uncertain if that future will be interrupted.
Choo put together a solid all-

around season in 2009, but he faces a potential problem that has nothing to do with baseball. South Korean men are

required to serve two years in the military by the time they turn 30 years old.

Choo will be 28 in July and will have to deal with this issue soon. 'It's hanging over my head a

little bit," he admitted. Choo has options. The best alternative would be to play for the South Korean baseball team in the 2010 Asian Games, which will be held in November.

Falcons when they cut the deficit 36-35 just under five

would get, however, as BG was able to pull away just enough as they relied on free

The Falcons shot a dismal

6-for-28 (21.4 percent) from

the field in the game's final 20 minutes, but made their

free throws, 16-of-20 to seal

"It was a little scary there

for a while but we took care

of business and did what we

needed to do to win," junior

Prochaska led all scorers

Lauren Prochaska said.

throws down the stretch.

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minutes into the half. That's the closest Miami

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the win.

Choo would need to get clearance from the Indians to

If South Korea wins the gold medal, Choo said his military obligation would be waived.

The situation would become more complicated if Choo doesn't play on the team or if South Korea doesn't win the tournament.

He's reluctant to go into details since this is a sensitive issue in his country, where his success with the Indians has turned him into a well-known figure.

Choo could refuse to return to South Korea or apply for citizenship in the United States, but he realizes that decision may not be well-received in his country, where people follow his performance on a daily basis.

'Itrynot to think about it," Choo said. "It's the same as last year. I didn't think about it then. The only thing I know how to do is

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Pontius provided BG a much needed lift, combining for 25

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play baseball."

Choo has gotten some goodnatured questions about the situation from his teammates.

'They've asked me about it and I told them, don't worry, that I'll be with them," he said.

Choo, who bats and throws left-handed, had good numbers across the board last season.

He hit .300 with 20 homers, 86 RBIs and 21 stolen bases. Choo tied for fourth among American League outfielders with 11 assists.

'I think I'm getting better at everything, not only hitting, but defense and stealing bases," Choo said. "I want to keep getting better. That's my goal every year.

New manager Manny Acta is getting his first look at Choo, but has been impressed with what he's seen early in camp.

"He sticks out the way he swings the bat," Acta said.

### "I like being with the Indians. I feel like I'm at home here."

Shin-Soo Choo | Indians' outfielder

Choo's improvement could cause another problem for the money-conscious Indians.

Although he can't be a free agent until after the 2013 season. he'll be eligible for arbitration following this season unless he signs a multiyear contract.

The fact Choo recently hired Scott Boras as his agent probably won't help the Indians' chances of reaching a deal.

Choo, however, is comfortable playing in Cleveland.

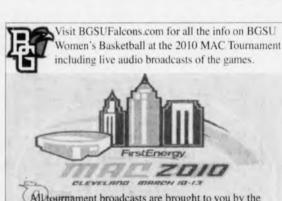
"I like being with the Indians," he said. "I feel like I'm at home here. I want to stay a long time."



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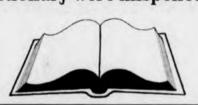
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### POLK

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floor, which, according to Orr, is the most minutes he has ever played.

"Offensively, Otis is get-ting stronger," Orr said. "I like the way he's playing offensively now probably better than he played early in the year." in the year.

Playing significant min-utes has played dividends for Polk's offense, which is coming just in time for the Mid-American Conference Tournament.

The Falcons will be on the road on Sunday in the first round against a team yet to be determined.

Couple Polk's offensive surge with that of the offense of sophomores Dee Brown and Scott Thomas, and the Falcons will be right where they want to be heading into the MAC Tournament.

Polk's offense undoubtedly was key in keeping BG in the game against MAC East Division leaders Akron and Kent State, but Orr doesn't want Polk to stray away from his primary duties, which include grabbing rebounds, blocking shots and ultimately drawing attention inside the paint.



two games "I think the challenge for Otis, and I told him this, 'I

want to see your offense develop, but I don't want the rest of your game to suffer,' Orr said. "I like the fact that offensively he's gotten bet-ter, but I want him to continue to do the other things, because those are the things that really separate him from other players in this league." Polk is averaging 7.3

rebounds per game this season and has racked up 33 blocked shots

His 33 blocked shots this year are just two shy of cracking the top 10 single-season total in BG men's basketball history

Polk is already the school's alltime blocked shot leader with 155, breaking Tom Hall's mark of 117 from 1989-92.

And even though Polk's career in a Falcon uniform is coming to an end, Orr knows he has a bright future.

'Otis is still growing as a player, and I hope he continues to commit himself to being the best player he can be," Orr said. "His best years are ahead of him."



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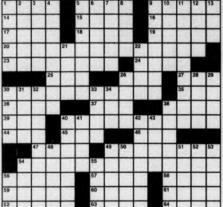
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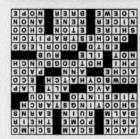
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