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OReg student feedback positive despite changes

By Jessica Hanna News Editor

New student orientation went from two days to one in an attempt to make the experience easier for visiting families. With orientation ending Friday, reflections on the new program are generally positive, although student interaction was said to be lessened.

One mother also said if you don't live close to Bowling Green, making the drive to get here in the morning can be stressful.

"Most people will come up before orientation to spend the night, which is still less expen-sive then spending two nights," orientation leader Kristen Hoover said.

Most incoming freshmen usually arrive early, around 8 a.m., and leave by 3 p.m., said Hoover. Students and families can register, obtain necessary information and materials, get their BGI cards and begin the advising process, and be done by the end of the day.

Assistant Dean of Students Andy Alt said he has talked with families from a couple of hours away to as far as New Jersey who have opted to stay overnight for the convenience of being in Bowling Green early on orientation day. Those too far to do so have the option of doing orientation the day before moving into their resi-dence halls, he said.

"I think that our students really enjoyed the experience, especially the students with families here," Sam Killermann, orientation coordinator, said.

While incoming freshman Ke'Nesha Hall agreed that she

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Local artists, students to shine at regional art show

By Max Filby Reporter

The third annual Northwest Ohio Art Show will be held July 16 through July 25 at the University's Fine Arts Center

The art show is open to the public and will feature local area talent as well some

University students. Graduate student Tommy Frank will be showing a globe shaped ceramic pig, hoping to win the Best of Show award for the second year in a row. The pig represents globalization and how countries strive for it,

The pig also features frac-tured and disproportional continents including a swollen North America. Frank said he was inspired to make the pig shaped globe after read-ing "Animal Farm" by George

"It was my first time reading Animal Farm since high school," Frank said about his artwork. "Pigs were the clever animals that dominated the farm, they represent a cultural bias of greed.

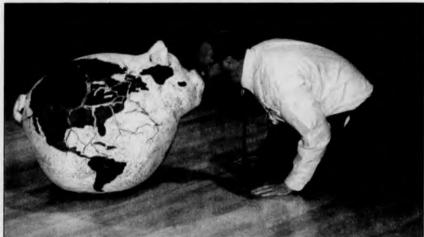


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ART: Graduate student Tommy Frank shows affection for his work. Frank hopes to win the Best of Show award for the second year in a row at this year's Northwest Ohio Art Show

Frank's animal artwork will also be accompanied by the artwork of Bowling Green resi-dents. Jill Beebe will be show-ing two pieces at the Northwest Ohio Art Show.

Beebe's artwork includes an acrylic owl titled "Autumn Visitor," and an untitled digital

design of rocks. "I enjoy painting nature a lot," Beebe said, "its just something

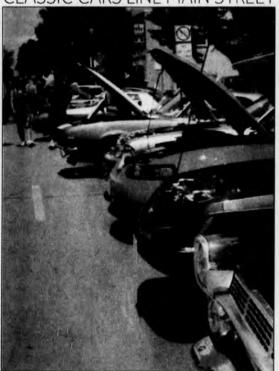
that sparks my interest."

Both Frank and Beebe will be vying for awards and potential buyers at the art show. Jurors will decide who will receive first and second

place for two-dimensional and three-dimensional pieces, Best of Show, Best Young Artist (18 and under) and several honor-able mentions, said University Gallery director Jacqueline

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CLASSIC CARS LINE MAIN STREET



ANDREA FEHL! THE RG NEWS

CAR TALK: Downtown Bowling Green was a haven for fans of classic cars this past Saturday. For more photos, see page 10.

FORUM

ABC Family gets 'Huge'

Cartoonist Sara McGuire sums up the new show on ABC Family, "Huge," with her comic, raising awareness of the country's obesity issue | Page 4

NATION

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' under fire

A Republican gay rights group has taken action against the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, planning to take it to federal court with the goal of halting the policy nationwide | Page 5

SPORTS

Downtown bar perfect for Browns fans

Campus Quarters Sports Bar and Carryout has become a meeting spot for fans of the Cleveland Browns. The bar intends on Sunday nights being great for business while fans can enjoy watching the game | Page 6

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What was your big 'decision' of the week?



MORGAN SEIFERT Graduate Student, Mental Health Coun. "Whether or not to get another dog." | Page 4

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BLOTTER FRI., JULY 9

12:17 A.M.

Brittany Bollin, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for drug abuse of less than 100 grams of marijuana within the 700 block of E. Napoleon

1:42 A.M.

Two residents within the 700 block of E. Napoleon Road reported their laptops stolen. One was a Sony

2:29 A.M.

Joel Newton. 22. of Bowling Green, was given a civil citation for disorderly conduct for public urination within the 100 block of E. Court St.

2:49 A.M.

Kathryn Davis, 22, of Sylvania, was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated/refusal and traffic control device within the 300 block of E. Wooster St

3:05 A.M.

Melissa Schwinnen, 18, of Defiance, Ohio, was arrested for domestic violence on the corner of E. Wooster St. and Lot 2.

Kyle Syphers, of Avon, Ohio, was cited for possession of marijuana less than 100 grams on Napoleon Road.

3:18 A.M.

Matthew Ducey, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct while intoxicated on Clough Street.

10:43 A.M.

Adam Gabriel, 25, of Bowling Green, was cited for criminal trespass within the 900 block of Klotz Road.

10:46 A.M.

Complainant from the BG Middle School reported sometime between Wednesday and report someone broke two windows on the east side of the building, valued at approximately \$1,000.

omplainant at Fairview Manor Apartments reported two slashed rear vehicle tires.

1:31 P.M.

Thor Sigurdson, 34, of Bradner, Ohio, was arrested for domestic violence within the 500 block of S. Grove St.

2:44 P.M.

Thor Sigurdson, 34, of Bradner, Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated/refusal and open container on the corner of Adams and S. Grove streets.

9:02 P.M.

plainant within the 500 block of E. Woodland Circle said between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. someone put a puncture hole in their vehicle hood, causing approximately \$200-300 worth of damage.

SAT., JULY 10

Austin Collier, 20, of Sterling, Mich., was arrested for obstructing official business, underage under the influence of alcohol and prohibited acts on the corner of North Prospect and East Court streets.

7:15 P.M.

Amber Adkins, 36, of Bowling Green and James Adkins, 65, of Findlay, were arrested for possession of drugs, resisting arrest, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal prior OVI in last 20 years and driving under noncompliance suspension on the corner of I-75 and East Wooster St.

8:37 P.M

Nicole Davis, 24, of Bowling Green, was arrested for an active warrant out of Findlay, within the 200 block of E. Napoleon Road.

10:20 P.M.

Rebecca Verbosky, 48, of Portage Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated/prohibited alcohol concentration levels, change of lanes without signaling and marked lanes on the corner of East Napoleon Road and South Main

Street 11:05 P.M.

Sara Steward, 20, of Boca Raton, Fla., was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol, obstructing official business and prohibited acts within the 100 block of N. Main St.

11:50 P.M.

Ross Benner, 22, and Cody Stidham, 21, both of Bowling Green, were cited for disorderly conduct for fighting within the 100 block of Clay

SUN., JULY 11

1:45 A.M.

Brittany Zupan, 19, of Cridersville,

Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol within the 200 block of N. Main St.

2:05 A.M.

Christopher Moore, 22, of Findlay, was issued a civil citation for open container of alcohol within the 100 block of E. Court St.

Dustin Torres, 21, of Bowling Green, was issued a civil citation for open contain of alcohol within the 100 block of E. Wooster St.

Jessica Bayus, of Whitehouse, Ohio. was cited for prohibited acts and nderage consumption on East Wooster Street

Donald Elsass, 20, of Powell, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol on North Main

10:46 A.M.

Parks and Recreation personnel reported graffiti on the women's restroom door, the maintenance garage door and two picnic tables at the city park. Complainants also turned in a Next Ultra Shock men's mountain bicycle.

Charles Wood, 47, of Clearwater, Fla., was arrested for abusing harmful intoxicants and open container of alcohol within the 900 bock of S Main St.

MON., JULY 12 1:35 A.M.

Virginia Gee, 45, of Pemberville, Ohio, was cited for theft for shoplifting at Meijer.

Ryan Strow, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicate/refusal, traffic control device, possession of marijuana less than 100 grams and underage under the influence of alcohol on the corner of East Napoleon and Klotz roads.

10-23 PM

Complainant reported damage. estimated at \$600, to a fence sepa rating two properties within the 300 block of N. Main St.

11:42 P.M.

Erik Burtch, 19, of Bowling Green was cited for nuisance party within the 200 block of E. Merry Ave. Party guests Kelsey May, 19, of Waterville, Ohio; Mac Kenzey Stachowiak, 19. of Maumee, and Alison Wannermacher, 19, of Waterville, Ohio, were cited for underage possession of alcohol.

TUE., JULY 13

2:48 A.M.

Ashley Hardin, 19, of Whitehouse, Ohio, was arrested for criminal trespass and criminal damage of property within the 200 block of E.

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EXHIBIT: Graduate student Tommy Frank poses with his artwork, which is to be shown in the Third Annual Northwest Ohio Art Show from July 16 through July 25 at the University's Fine Arts Galleries.

ART From Page 1

Nathan.

Spectators will also have the chance to vote for a People's Choice Award by donating one dollar in order to vote.

"This is a great opportunity to see what other people in our area are making," Frank said. "I won best of show last vear so I'm keeping my fingers crossed again this year."

Art show attendants will also have the chance to participate in a workshop with portrait artist Brandon Briggs on July 18. People can register for the workshop on the art show's website at nowohartshow.org.

This year's sponsors for the Northwest Ohio Art Show include; Coca-Cola, Henry County Bank, Fealion Studios, the Arts Village and Myle's Baker Street.

BANDZ

From Page 1

schoolers all the way to grandparents who come in and buy them."

University junior Katie Dolciato works as a counselor at a teen adventure camp in Cleveland, where she trades Silly Bandz with her campers. This is where she first got hooked on Silly Bandz.

"It was crazy, when I got there everyone was wearing them and when I visited BG everyone had them too," Dolciato said. Recently, Dolciato branched

out and purchased her first package of alphabet Silly Bandz.

"I've always wore a lot of bracelets before, but it's just fun to collect them and trade them with whoever," Dolciato said. While some people are just

now jumping on the Silly Bandz bandwagon, others are ready to get off and move on to the next fad. Megan Pucci discovered Silly Bandz last summer and started collecting the animal shaped bracelets. Silly Bandz seemed

really unique up until a couple months ago, when they became too popular, Pucci said. Although Pucci's jewelry box is still filled with the rubber band animals, she no longer

wears them. They have just gotten pretty ridiculous, I still have them but I think they are overrated now.'

While Silly Bandz may have already lost some fans, some students admire the simplicity of the bracelet.

"Even though they are so low tech, they've really spread and have become viral through the Internet," said recent alum and popular culture minor Coleman Howes. "In a sense, they are really inside and outside of

OREG From Page 1

liked getting everything done in one day, she also said she did not meet any other students throughout orientation. Orientation leader Tony Giannell agreed that student interaction was one element lacking this summer. According to Giannell, many of the student surveys collected reflected the opinion that social opportunities were lacking. He said he thinks a structured time for students to interact during the day could be helpful.

"If we could set aside even an hour of time where orientation leaders could take aside a group to do icebreakers or games, it would just give students a chance to exchange a phone number or two so they would feel like they have a friend when they got back to campus," Hoover said.

Alt said that while interaction has decreased this summer, new students will have three days before school starts full of opportunities to interact with other incoming students and upperclassmen student



ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

ORIENTATION: Senior orientation leader Larry Serfozo helps Eddie Walden create his name tag before beginning orientation. This year, orientation was changed from a two-day program to a one-day program to better accomodate families.

leaders. Still, he said he thinks the suggestion of a planned social time would be a good addition to the program next year, provided it can be worked into the schedule.

"As a campus community we're reviewing what's been successful and maybe where there are some areas where we

can make some improvements," Alt said, "Feedback from faculty, staff, students and families will be taken into consideration when our planning group gets together again at the start of the fall semester. There will not be any major changes, I don't believe, next year."

Hoover said she is sad orien-

tation is almost over, stating the experience was good for orientation leaders as well as students and their families.

"I'm really sad it went so fast," she said. "I'm really glad with the relationships I've made, I hope they last the whole summer. I'm going to miss wearing my orange polo this summer.

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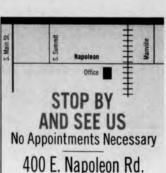
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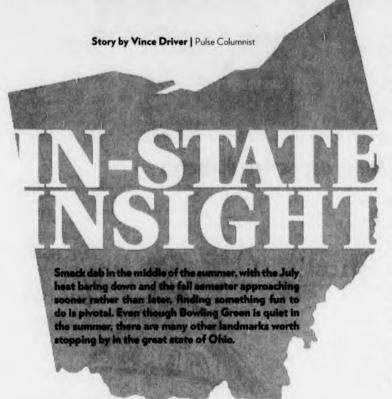
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6. Hello Seattle 7. Why Georgia 8. Warwick Avenue 9. Lovers In Japan

10. Ocean Avenu

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Kelleys Island: Party island atmosphere

If you're looking for an island getaway you can reach with a tank of gas and a ferry ride, look no further than Kelleys Island. The island packs natural attractions like glacial grooves and diverse landscapes, and holds no shortage of restaurants and breweries to sample. The night life is lively as well, as the island is known as a party retreat across northern Ohio.

Cleveland: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Cleveland is home to a number of museums and attractions rivaling those of any other city in Ohio, but by far the best is the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The museum shows the history of rock and similar genres, as well as the artists who made it happen. The museum also frequently plays host to concerts, including the induction ceremony, which usually boasts a number of big name bands.

Canton: Pro Football Hall of Fame

For football fans, traveling to Canton is paying tribute to the history of professional football. The precursor to the NFL, The American Professional Football Association, was founded in Canton, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame is located there. Part NFL fan fever dream, part football mausoleum, the hall is a must for even casual fans.

Columbus: High-brow it See a show by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, watch BalletMet, visit the Columbus Museum of Art or listen to Opera Columbus. In addition, there are a variety of theaters to visit, including the Ohio Theater, where "Wicked" will play later in July.

Cincinnati: Southern connection

Situated on the Ohio River, Cincinnati splits its cultural identity between Ohio and the south. Some of the attractions in the city would seem more at home in Louisiana, like the multiple horse racing tracks or the riverboat tours. So put some money down at River Downs or Turfway Park, then grab a dinner cruise through BB Riverboats.

Dayton: Air Force Museum

Dayton, as the city where the Wright brothers designed and built the first airplane, is a natural fit for the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The museum is one of the most interesting in the state for the way it blends technological, military and political history around the subject of aviation. The massive collection of airplanes doesn't

Toledo: Toledo Museum of Art

Toledo's best feature is its art museum, which is one of the best in the state, if not the country. The museum now contains 45 galleries, 15 classroom studios, and a concert hall along with other specialized centers. From Bowling Green, Toledo is a quick drive, the museum is free, and there may be time to catch a Mud Hens game after.

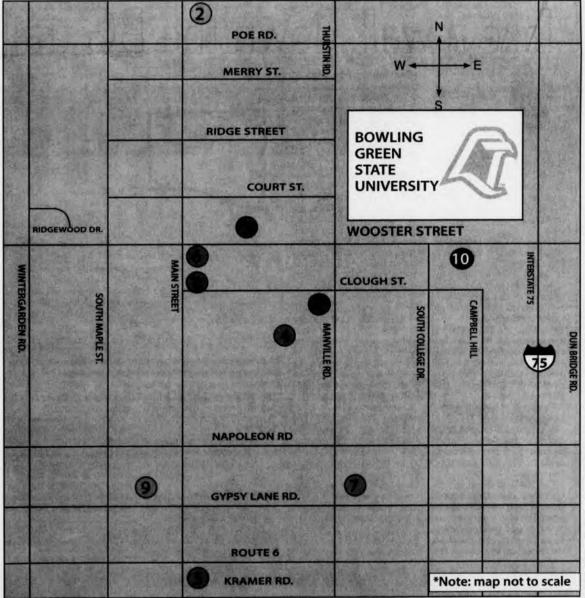
Blanchester: Giant Christian horseshoe crab

Blanchester, Ohio is home to the largest horseshoe crab in the world, or rather the largest sculpture made to look like one. And it sits in a biblical scripture garden in front of a Baptist church. 60 people can sit inside of it as well. If you love Jesus, crabs and buildings that look like animals, this may be your favorite destination.



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Whether or not to drive back here and go to class. KRISTIN MACAULAY,

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wake up to run."

JILL STEIN, Freshman. AYA Education



What was your big 'decision' this week?

"What to drink at Nate and Wally's on Friday."

GREG OVERMAN. Grad Student, Education



"Whether or not I should have Starbucks today." ERRA HUXFORD, Human Development and Family Studies

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FALCON SCREECH

Lunderstand why people are upset about LeBron James leaving the Cavs, but I think the death of cartoonist and writer Harvey Pekar is a bigger blow to the city of Cleveland. Best known from the 2003 film "American Splendor" made about his life, Harvey lived and breathed the city of Cleveland. He wasn't as flashy or profitable as LeBron, but he really could relate with the trials and tribulations of the average Clevelander Rest in peace, Harvey. - CRUSHED CLEVELANDER

Shopping at Wal Mart is like stepping into hell. In the last decade the store has gone from a quick one-stop shopping area to a parade of the worst of humanity. whether in an urban or rural area. The aisles are messy, especially the disorganized music selection. It's impossible to find anything in that department. Then, once you spent so much time finding everything in the store, they make you wait in ridiculously long lines! They have so many registers and employees standing around, but none ringing out customers. They know you're going to wait in line. so they make you miserable. Plus, it seems like shoppers always have problems there, so you have to wait even longer in the lines! It's just not a good experience no matter the location. MISERABLE SHOPPER

Do you know what I can't stand? People who ask me: "What are you going to do with your life as a journalist? Aren't the newspapers dying?" Perhaps, but there will always need to be a place for people to read their news, unless people are stupid enough that they need their information spoon-fed to them through videos on a -ANONYMOUS

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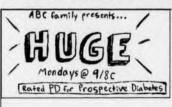
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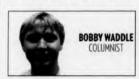
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Put down your remote or your game controller. Take a walk.

Or at least that's what I would do. Walking isn't just exercise for me, it keeps me This is why I feel fortunate

to live in Bowling Green; it is a great place for me to blow off steam with a walk. The different places it offers in a relatively small space makes it easy to experience them all on foot in 90 minutes.

Walking in BG neighborhoods provides the right balance of sound and silence, allowing the perfect environ-ment for thinking, exercising elaxing: walking can fit all of these purposes.

Former BG resident Sandra Bauer agrees.

"It provides a time to relax and find that sense of inner balance that comes with being alone with your thoughts," Bauer said.

The rush of fresh air to my face is one of the biggest stress relievers walking has to offer. The way it gets me out of a cramped indoor environment has a similar effect on my mind as I experience the

sights, smells and sounds of the town.

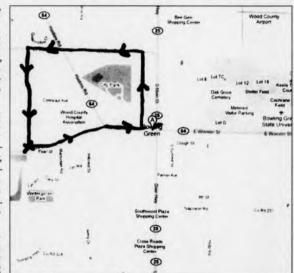
The town is populated enough to provide cars and people to the atmosphere, but it is small enough to give you space to take your time as you walk and enjoy the sights.
The downtown area at the

intersection of Wooster and Main Streets provides the heart of the experience, giving access to the University, residential and business sectors of town. It also provides good opportunities to stop and get food for the walk, par-ticularly with Myles' Dairy Queen right up the road.

For people who want to get some exercise, the town allows people to get creative on their paths, providing many great walking/run-ning circuits. I use two of the town's bigger streets, the west sides of Wooster and Poe Road, for a great 90-minute walk or 45-minute jog.

Sometimes I mix it up, walking to the University and enjoying the wide-open atmosphere on the evenings with its intramural fields followed by a 20-minute session of stadium stairs. The view from the Doyt coupled with the rush of exercise is a great way to relieve stress during the school year.

When I want nature to inspire me, there are great hiking/jogging trails, including



WALK: Bowling Green is the perfect size, and provides creative walking paths (one is high lighted here) with Poe Road and Wooster Street serving as good starting points.

the Wintergarden/St. John's Nature Preserve, the Simpson Garden Park and the Slippery Elm Trail.

The Slippery Elm Trail is a great place for people who like to travel long distances since the path stretches from BG to North Baltimore.

Bauer enjoys the trail, where she roller blades and bikes along with walking.

"It is truly a gem in Northwest Ohio," Bauer said. "People along the way are

friendly and the health benefits can't be beat.

Walking certainly helps me stay healthy, especially when I think I am going crazy. While I cannot say that a walk can magically solve a problem, the exertion of energy calms me down enough that I am able to focus my mind on whatever might challenge me next.

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NATION BRI

Coast Guard lifts ban on news coverage near booms

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Coast Guard has modified a policy on safety zones around boom deployed on oiled coastlines, a policy news organizations had said unnecessarily restricted coverage of the impact of the BP oil spill and efforts to clean it up.

In a statement Monday night, the government's point man for the spill, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, said new procedures permit credentialed news media free travel within the boom safety zones

"I have put out a direction that the press are to have clear, unfettered access to this event, with two exceptions - if there is a safety or security concern," said Allen. "This boom is critical to the defense of the marshes

News organizations, including The Associated Press, had argued being kept at least 65 feet away from the boom impeded the ability to cover

Nine charged in protests after Calif. train verdict

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Prosecutors have filed charges against nine people who were arrest ed during protests following the verdict for a white former San Francisco Bay area transit officer charged with killing an unarmed black man.

Prosecutor Bob Hartman said on Monday that seven were charged with felonies and two face misdemeanors in Thursday night's protests in downtown Oakland.

No names or charges were released.

A Los Angeles jury found Johannes Mehserle guilty of involuntary manslaughter instead of seconddegree murder for fatally shooting Oscar Grant last year

Alameda County authorities say the nine were among 78 people arrested as dozens of Oakland businesses were either looted or damaged. Most arrested were cited and released.

Oregon woman shocked by stun gun had only pellet gun

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - An Oregon sheriff's office says an 87-year-old woman who died after a deputy used a stun gun on her during a confrontation was armed with a pellet gun, not a real handgun.

Clackamas County sheriff's deputies Steve Shelly and Alan Alderman responded to a call Thursday about a woman threatening a man working on a water line at the Boring, Ore., mobile home park where she lived

The department says Phyllis Owens briefly set down the gun but picked it up again as deputies approached. That's when Shelly used a stun gun to disarm her.

Sheriff's Lt. Paul Steigleder II said Monday the deputies and other witnesses thought the pellet gun was a "fully functioning firearm Owens died about an hour after being

shocked. An autopsy determined heart disease was the cause of death. The county's major crimes team is

investigating.

LA police find pot stash in railroad tanker

WIRE SOURCES

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A late-night police pursuit ended with a drug bust and the discovery Monday of thousands of pounds of marijuana concealed in a railroad tank car that entered the U.S. from Mexico this month.

Police Detective Gus Villanueva said numerous bundles of pot were removed from the gooey inside of the petroleum rail tanker by late morning and many more packages were still inside

A total of 78 bundles were removed from the tank car, Ruda said

The marijuana discovery occurred after officers tried to halt a vehicle traveling erratically east of downtown late Sunday and the driver refused to stop. The chase ended near the rail yard in Commerce. where three men jumped out of the car and were quickly arrested.

Officers noticed an oily substance on the suspects' clothing and found bundles of marijuana coated with oil in the car.

The officers were then led to the nearby tank car, Villanueva said.

Ohio crash leaves scared pet monkey atop pole

MEDINA, Ohio (AP) - Police say a truck crash in Ohio left animal carcasses all over a road and the driver's pet monkey stranded atop a utility pole.

The State Highway Patrol says the truck was hauling carcasses for a meat processing plant late Monday afternoon. The patrol says the truck flipped over while going into a curve on a local road in northeast Ohio's Medina County. The frightened monkey scampered up the pole after the accident.

Troopers say the truck driver was OK. The monkey had to be coaxed down from its perch.

The meat plant sent another truck to pick up the carcasses. State and county highway crews were sent to help clean up the mess.

No charges have been filed. The crash is still being investigated.

YMCA shortens name, now know only as 'the Y'

CHICAGO (AP) — The YMCA is now known officially as just

The Chicago-based U.S. nonprofit announced Monday that it is changing both its logo and name to "the Y," marking its first branding change in 43 years. The switch comes after more than two years of research indicated many people don't understand what the group does. Officials with the Y say they hope the new logo will be more inviting.

The group's mission is to strengthen communities by focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

The new name applies to the group nationally, but individual locations will still be referred to as YMCAs. The transition is already under way and should be completed within five years at locations in more than 10,000 communities across the country.

GOP group challenges policy on gays in military

Grea Risling and Julie Watson

Associated Press Writers

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A Republican gay rights group frustrated with the Obama administration's failure to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" law is challenging the policy's constitutionality in federal court.

If the Log Cabin Republicans win their case, their lawyer says he will ask a federal judge to do what President Obama has so far failed to do - halt the policy immediately nationwide.

"Don't ask, don't tell" prohibits the military from asking about the sexual orientation of service members but requires discharge of those who acknowledge being gay or are discovered to be engaging in homosexual activeven in the privacy of their off-base homes.

"We're trying to get this

changed right away. After all, there are people today fighting, dying for our country, while their constitutional rights are being violated," said attorney Dan Woods, representing the national organization whose 19,000 members include current and former military members.

Some legal experts say the trial that opens Tuesday in Riverside could not come at a worse time for Obama, who derided the policy but has failed to get it off the books since taking office last year. Not only are midterm elections approaching, but the group suing the U.S. government is Republican.

"This trial is taking place as a direct consequence of the president's political decision in January 2009 to put the repeal of this law on the back burner," said Richard Socarides, an

"We're trying to get this changed right away. After all, there are people today fighting, dying for our country, while their constitutional rights are being violated."

Dan Woods | Attorney

attorney and a senior adviser to President Bill Clinton on gay rights issues. "We shouldn't still be living under a law that excludes people from military

service because they are gay."
Socarides added the fact that the U.S. Justice Department will be defending the policy in court is nonsensical.

"On the one hand, the president has said he's working hard to stop these discharges. And on the other hand, the Justice Department is spending taxpayer dollars defending their ongoing right to kick people out," Socarides said.

In a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press, the Justice Department said it is "defend-ing the statute, as it traditionally does when acts of Congress are challenged."

But the agency also noted the position of Obama, who is working with military leaders and Congress to repeal the law.

"The President believes and has repeatedly affirmed that 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is a bad policy that harms our national security and undermines our military effectiveness because it requires the discharge of brave Americans who wish to serve this country honorably," the Justice Department said.

The government tried to block the case from going to trial, arguing among other things that courts should not decide constitutional issues and that a trial was unnecessary because of ongoing congressional debate.

The U.S. House voted May 27 to repeal the policy, and the Senate is expected to take up the issue this summer.

In deciding to hear the challenge, U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips said the "possibility that action by the legislative and executive branches will moot this case is sufficiently remote.'

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Woods, a Los Angeles attorney from the firm White & Case, said he wants a federal injunction. If that happens and the government appeals, Woods said he will ask Phillips to suspend the policy until the case is decided.

The case is unique in that it is not based on an individual's complaint but rather is a broad. sweeping attack on the policy.

The group says more than 13,500 service members have been fired under the law since 1994.

Gay troops at bases in the West have greater protections than their colleagues around the globe because of a 2008 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that forced the military to apply a much higher threshold in determining whether a service member should be dismissed for being gay.







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Basketball **BG** men's basketball to play in Legends Classic Regional

The Falcons will take on the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on November 18 in the preliminary round of the Legends Classic Tournament. The first Legends Classic was played in 2007, and the tournament has grown into one of the elite early-season basketball tournaments.

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OUR CALL

Today in **Sports History**

1962-Atlanta Braves outfielder Hank Aaron hits his 500th career home run.

1974—Major League Baseball's Rookie of the Year Award is renamed in honor of Jackie Robinson.

The List

After Monday's 25th Home Run Derby, we take a look at the top five stories in the Derby's history.

1. Josh Hamilton: In 2008, Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton awed fans in Yankee Stadium, hitting 28 home runs in just one round, three of which traveled over

500 feet. 2. Bobby Abreu: Abreu launched a total of 41 home runs in the 2005 Home Run Derby at Comerica Park in

Detroit. 3. 1985: In the first ever Home Run Derby, the American League beat the

National League 17-16. 4. David Wright: In

2006, New York Mets third baseman David Wright hit 16 home runs in the first round

5. Ryan Howard:

Howard put six home runs in the Allegheny River outside Pittsburgh's PNC Park. He went on to win the competition.



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OPEN TAB: Co-owner Lauren Kostelnik in Campus Quarters Sports Bar and Carryout. Kostelnik and her husband Joe Kostelnik own and manage the establishment, and will open their doors to the Browns Backers. Quarters will provide a local venue for Browns Backers to root

Bar backs Browns

By Zach Gase

Fans of the Cleveland Browns now have an official meeting place to watch games in Bowling Green.

Campus Quarters Sports Bar and Carryout, located at 1414 E. Wooster St., is the home for the Browns' official fan club, the Browns Backers.

Joe and Lauren Kostelnik own and manage the bar together and hope its affilia-tion with the worldwide fan club of the Browns will bring in more fans and improve business on Sundays this fall.

The bar has seen good busi-ness on Sundays during football season, Joe Kostelnik said. The usual Sunday crowd consists of fans of various teams, but the majority are Browns fans.

'I think a lot of places in town try to cater to every-body," Lauren Kostelnik said.

"[Having] a larger group of people that are supporting the same team around you is always something that people are looking for when they go out to watch a game.'

The idea to sign the bar up as a meeting spot for the Backers came up when a former regular customer of the bar said he set up a club in his current city

"I jumped at the idea," Lauren Kostelnik said. "There's a ton of Browns fans around here, and it would be a great spot for everyone to meet.

In order to get approval to be an official meeting place for the Browns Backers, the Kostelniks had to get at least five members to register with them, and they said they had up to 25 members.

The Browns Backers club offers many benefits to Browns fans, Lauren Kostelnik said. Members of the club receive

e-mail updates on the team including free-agency signings and rookie reports.

Campus Quarters will give Browns Backers from Bowling Green a local place to watch the games and have meet-ings. Before Quarters became a meeting place for the club, Backers would have to drive to Fostoria and Findlay to watch games with fellow members.

Mark Holtgreven, president of Findlay's chapter of the club, said he has met many friends and former Browns players. Holtgreven, a member of the club for over 10 years, said he has "gotten more autographs doing this, than anything else."
The Browns Backers also

gives back to the community by hosting events and donating money to charity, Hotgreven said. His club alone has donated about \$40,000 to charity in The World Cup is over, but soccer still has a lot to offer sports fans



Goodbye World Cup. Goodbye

While I'll continue to watch an occasional English Premier League Game and I'll still play the FIFA Soccer '10 video game with my roommate rather than work on homework, the rest of America will not.

The next time most Americans will even pretend to care about soccer will be when the 2014 World Cup kicks off in Brazil. And it's a shame.

Yes, this World Cup perpetuated some of the stereotypes that soccer is a low-scoring, boring sport. Spain, the new World Champion, won all four of its knockout stage games 1-0.

But, we have to look beyond the score of the games and truly embrace soccer for what it brings to the table.

Unlike baseball, football or basketball, soccer provides us a welcomed break from superstar mania that detracts from the sports itself.

As the ultimate team sport, soccer rarely gives an individ-ual all the glory and if that does happen it's something that has been earned.

In basketball, football and baseball, the multitude of stop-pages and downtime allows athletes (who I won't be naming in this column) to turn sport into an unneeded spectacle.

Soccer, on the other hand, is constant action for a full 90 minutes, and the focus is only on one thing - the game itself. And when a player does get the spotlight, it's been earned, usually through a goal celebration.

Soccer, especially during the World Cup, connects people.

Whether it was because the UnitedStatestiedEnglandthanks to an error, or Landon Donovan's thrilling game-winner against Algeria, you can't argue against the fact that the pride on display

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An open letter to our former King



I find that tattoo of the word "loyalty" on your arm ironic. What's even more amazing is the fact that you said back in 2006, "I don't want to go ringchasing, as I call it; you know, going to a team that's already pretty established and trying to win a ring with them. I want to stay with the Cavs and build a champion." And lastly, I never thought in a million years that I'd burn your jersey to ashes.

I understand that it was a career decision. I also know that you had every right to make your choice and do what you felt would give you the best chance at winning mul-tiple championships. But what I cannot possibly comprehend is the manner in which you abandoned us.

When it was announced that ESPN was doing a primetime special on national television, it solidified my belief that you weren't leaving. That, in the end, after all the meetings and rumors, you would ultimately celebrate your loyalty to Cleveland and announce that you were going to finish what you started. That you couldn't possibly string along your hometown for weeks just to publicly humiliate us. And you were going to fulfill your promise you made over a year ago, "I got a goal and that's to bring an NBA championship to Cleveland and I won't stop until I get it." Apparently, after disap-pointing losses in the playoffs, your feelings had changed.

It's impossible for those out-side of Northern Ohio to truly understand what it meant to have a local icon and legend like yourself desert them, especially in the manner that you did. I've heard it several times this week that "It's just a game," but to the city of Cleveland, it was more than that. It was a personal relationship; LeBron,

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Yankees owner George Steinbrenner dies at 80

By Ronald Blum The Associated Press

YORK George Steinbrenner, who rebuilt the New York Yankees into a sports empire with a mix of bluster and big bucks that polarized fans all across America, died Tuesday. He had just celebrated his 80th birthday July 4.

Steinbrenner had a heart attack, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Fla., and died at about 6:30 a.m., a person close to the owner told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not disclosed those details.

His death was the second in three days to rock the Yankees. BobSheppard, theteam's revered public address announcer from 1951-07, died Sunday at 99.

For more than 30 years, Steinbrenner lived up to his billing as "the Boss," a nickname he earned and clearly enjoyed as he ruled with an iron fist. While he lived in Tampa he was a staple on the front pages of New York newspapers.

"He was an incredible and charitable man," his family said in a statement. "He was a visionary and a giant in the world sports. He took a great but struggling franchise and turned it into a champion again.'

Steinbrenner's mansion, on a leafy street in an older neighborhood of south Tampa, was quiet Tuesday morning. Private security guards milled around on the empty circular driveway inside the iron gates. A police officer took up a position outside the gates to turn away reporters and keep traffic moving along the narrow street. News vehicles

"Few people have had a bigger impact on New York over the past four decades."

Michael Bloomberg | Mayor

lined the other side of the street. Steinbrenner was known for feuds, clashing with Yankees great Yogi Berra and hiring manager Billy Martin five times while repeatedly fighting with him. But as his health declined, Steinbrenner let sons Hal and Hank run more of the family business.

Steinbrenner was in fragile health for years, resulting in fewer public appearances and pronouncements. Yet dressed in his trademark navy blue blazer and white turtleneck, he was the model of success: The Yankees won seven World Series championships, 11 American League pennants and 16 AL East titles

after his reign began in 1973. "Few people have had a bigger impact on New York over the past four decades than George Steinbrenner," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in a statement. "George had a deep love for New York, and his steely determination to succeed combined with his deep respect and appreciation for talent and hard work made him a quintessential New Yorker.'

He appeared at the new Yankee Stadium just four times: for the 2009 opener, the first two games of last year's World Series and this year's homer opener, when captain Derek Jeter and

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OVER THE NET: Senior Christine Chiricosta focuses intensely on returning a serve last season. Chiricosta is the team's only senior this season, but will look to provide leadership for the young squad as they pursue a successful season. Chiricosta's sister Nikki will join the squad this year as an incoming freshman.

lennis team expects great chemistry

The Falcon tennis team is staying busy during the summer by keeping its physical and mental game sharp for the next season as it adds three new players and bids farewell to two seniors.

Freshmen Nikki Chiricosta and Emily Reuland will join the team along with sophomore transfer Mary Hill. Chiricosta joins her sister Christine, this year's sole team senior.

Christine Chiricosta is looking forward to working with the new players, mentioning how she is able to play tennis on a regular basis with her sister during the summer.

"This summer she is probably playing her best tennis ever," Christine Chiricosta said. She will definitely bring a lot of competition to

the [team]. While Chiricosta has not had the opportunity to see Reuland play, she said her tournament statistics are encouraging. Chiricosta said Hill, who comes from Coastal Carolina University, has

been a friend since childhood and occasionally stays with Chiricosta in the summer.

"[Hill] plays a big game and hits a really hard ball," Chiricosta said. "She will be a great addition to the singles lineup.

Coach Penny Dean added Hill will be a big help in maintaining team morale and chemistry "She's a very outgoing, likable type of person who gets along with everybody," Dean said.

Dean said chemistry is an important factor for success, something she said was tough last year due to the age differences on the team, with a

wide gap between freshmen and seniors.

This year, she feels chemistry will improve with more of a common age group, with six out of eight players being freshmen and sophomores.

Dean added Chiricosta and junior Jessica

Easdale are probably going to take on more of a leadership role on the team. "They both have younger sisters, so I think that

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during the World Cup is second

Even when the United States was already eliminated, thousands of Spanish Americans were able to unite over the success of the new World Champions.

I understand I'm not your typi cal American sports fan — soccer is my second favorite sport and hockey comes in at number one but the World Cup showed us how much potential soccer has to catch the eye of Americans

Sogoodbye, World Cup. Thanks for the memories and hopefully by 2014 my fellow Americans will be ready to embrace the sport.

LEBRON

you were one of us. You knew exactly what it was like to be from Cleveland and that we hold the country's record for the longest time without a title in any of the three major sports.

Ican't speak for every person from Cleveland, but LeBron, you're dead to me. You are no longer welcome here. You quit on me along with every other Cavs fan and were unable to finish what you started. I don't want to hear about how disrespectful it was that I burnt your jersey or stopped rooting for you. Disrespect is publicly

"Disrespect is publicly embarrassing your hometown that gave you everything."

embarrassing your hometown that gave you everything you ever wanted and then jumping ship.

Your legacy is tarnished and you will now be nothing more than a glorified Scottie Pippen. The difference between you and Kobe is simple: Kobe would rather compete against the best rather than join them. The minute that Bryant found out that you joined Miami; he

team is given a packet from the Strength and Conditioning

department detailing work-

outs that players are encour-

aged to do on their own while

they are at home during the

summer, though they do not

Nate Kapsal, the tennis

strength coach, said the tennis

packets have to be general in nature because it is difficult to

know what exercise resources

each player can access during

the summer, as only one was on

campus this summer.
"Mostly during the sum-

mer, the goal is to get stronger

because we don't really get a

chance to do that during the

Chiricosta said most players

return to their United States

Tennis Association Junior

Competition coaches and clubs during the summer. She mentioned her parents are her

coaches, and she plays with

"It's easier for me than some

of the others," Chiricosta said.

year," Kapsal said.

them and her sister.

have to due to NCAA rules.

was back in the gym working harder than ever. He has the killer instinct that you have always lacked.

"King" James, thanks for leaving unfulfilled promises and heartbroken Cleveland fans behind to live and play in Miami. You quit on your city, destroyed your legacy and the opportunity to give Cleveland something it hasn't had in over forty years. And if you do get a ring, you should have Wade and Bosh put it on your finger, because they're the only reason you got one. Titles in Miami won't compare to how amazing it could have been for you to break the curse that's followed us for so long.

In addition, Chiricosta said

the team members make it a

point to meet with each other a

few times during the summer.

but also just to see each other

because everybody is such

vary from year to year due to

the unique competitive nature

of the sport, in terms of skill as

You have to find a fine line

where you can keep practice

energized, dynamic and com-

petitive, but the girls aren't

going to hate each other by

the time they're in matches,

Ultimately, there are good

We have a lot of great com-

expectations for next season.

binations and a lot of really

natural doubles players on the team to look forward to," Chiricosta said. "The goal is

to win MAC and to maintain

a winning record that we've

always had and pull off some

Dean said team dynamics

good friends.

Dean said.

big wins.'

well as personality.

"[We meet] not only to hit

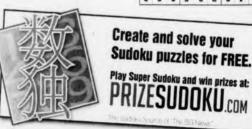
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should help them relate to the younger players," Dean said.

Both Chiricosta and Dean stressed the importance of tournament play during the summer as a way to stay competitive during the summer months, where NCAA rules prohibit coaches' involvement with training.

"Even if you're practicing every day, it's not the same as being in tournament shape,' Chiricosta said. "You really need the competition to practice mental strategies.

In addition, teammates frequently play in the same tournaments, with the elder Chiricosta going to a tournament with Easdale, and the younger Chiricosta going to the Western Intercollegiate Michigan Tennis Association tournament with Hill and sophomore Katie

Dean said the fact that

manager Joe Girardi went to his

suite and personally delivered his seventh World Series ring.

Hal Steinbrenner, his father's

successor as managing gen-

Until the end, Steinbrenner

demanded championships. He

barbed Joe Torre during the 2007

AL playoffs, then let the popular

manager leave after another loss

in the opening round. The team

responded last year by winning

Steinbrenner had fainted at a

memorial service for NFL star

Otto Graham in 2003, appeared

weak in 2006 at the ground-

breaking for the new Yankee Stadium and later became ill

while watching his granddaugh-

ter in a college play.
In recent times, Steinbrenner
let sons Hal and Hank run more

of the family business. Still, the

former Big Ten football coach

took umbrage when others questioned his fitness.

I am not ill. I work out daily,"

Steinbrenner said in 2006. "I'd

like to see people who are saying that to come down here and

When Steinbrenner headed a

group that bought the team on

Jan. 3, 1973, he promised absen-tee ownership. But it didn't turn

Steinbrenner not only clashed

with Berra for more than a

decade but paid to dig up dirt

do the workout that I do."

out that way.

'No. I did not have a stroke.

eral partner.

another title.

'He was very emotional," said

YANKEES

Grubb, Hill and sophomore Jade Johnson are all from Northern Indiana will help the

team chemistry.
"All three of them have played once a year or on summer teams together," Dean said. We'll have a really good nucleus right there.

Dean added competition experience is essential for suc-cess in doubles tennis, a strong point for the team last season winning three-quarters of its doubles points.

To create a successful doubles lineup, Dean said, three teams need to be put together for the doubles round, and finding the right combinations

can be tricky.
"The teaching you do [in college tennis] would probably be more on the doubles court than anywhere else," Dean said.

While tournaments are a great way to stay competitive during the summer, the players also have exercises outside of tournaments they can consider.

Like other teams, the tennis

"He was a visionary and a giant in the world of sports. He took a great but struggling franchise and turned it into a champion again."

on Dave Winfield, deriding the future Hall of Famer as "Mr. May" in 1985 after poor performances. Berra's wife, Carmen, said Tuesday her husband was at a golf event in Pennsylvania and was expected to comment later in the day.

While he liked to appear stern, Steinbrenner could poke fun at himself. He hosted "Saturday Night Live," clowned with Martin in a commercial and chuckled at his impersonation on "Seinfeld."

He gave millions to charity, often with one stipulation, that no one be told who made the donation.

The Yankees paid off for him, too, with their value increasing more than 100-fold from the \$8.7 million net price his group paid in January 1973. He freely spent his money, shelling out huge amounts for Jeter, Reggie Jackson, Alex Rodriguez, Torre and others in hopes of yet another title.

Winning is the most important thing in my life, after breathing," Steinbrenner was fond of saying. "Breathing first,

All along, he envisioned himself as a true Yankee Doodle Dandy. It was fitting: George Michael Steinbrenner III was born on the Fourth of July, in

Added up, he joined the likes of Al Davis, Charlie O. Finley, Bill Veeck, George Halas, Jack Kent Cooke and Jerry Jones as the most recognized team owners in history.

Steinbrenner's sporting interests extended beyond baseball.

He was an assistant football coach at Northwestern and Purdue in the 1950s and was part of the group that bought the Cleveland Pipers of the American Basketball League in the 1960s.

He was a vice president of the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1989-96 and entered six horses in the Kentucky Derby, failing to win with Steve's Friend (1977) Eternal Prince (1985), Diligence (1996), Concerto (1997), Blue Burner (2002) and the 2005 favorite, Bellamy Road.

To many, though, the Yankees and Steinbrenner were synonymous.

His fans applauded his winat-all-costs style. His detractors blamed him for spiraling salaries and wrecking baseball's competitive balance

Steinbrenner never managed a game, as Ted Turner once did when he owned the Atlanta Braves, but he controlled everything else. When he thought the club's parking lot was too crowded, Steinbrenner stood on the pavement - albeit behind a van, out of sight — and had a guard personally check every driver's credential.

Steinbrenner made no apologies for bombast and behavior, even when it cost him dearly.

He served two long suspen-sions: He was banned for two years for paying self-described gambler Howie Spira to dig up negative information about Winfield, and for 15 months following a guilty plea in federal court for conspiring to make illegal campaign contributions during the Watergate era.

"I haven't always done a good job, and I haven't always been successful," Steinbrenner said in 2005. 'But I know that I have tried.'

Steinbrenner negotiated a landmark \$486 million, 12-year cable television contract with the Madison Square Garden Network in 1988 and launched the Yankees' own YES Network

for the 2002 season.

All that cash, the Yankees later became the first team with a \$200 million payroll, provoked anger and envy among other owners. After the 1982 season, Baltimore owner Edward Bennett Williams said Steinbrenner hoarded outfielders "like nuclear weapons."

When Steinbrenner bought the Yankees, he insisted he was too busy with his family's shipbuilding business to take an active role in running the club. As his partners soon found out, that wasn't quite the case.

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Sophomore Quin Conaway (QC) lands record deal, plans to have new mixtape by fall semester

By Matt Liasse Pulse Editor

Back in February, University sophomore Quin Conaway took the stage at Sky Bar as the opening act for Wiz Khalifa. Watching Conaway from the audience that night, Christopher Titus, CEO of Shutter Industries, saw a lot more than just a student with a microphone.
"I was anxious beforehand," said

Conaway, nicknamed QC. But once onstage in front of 600 people, 250 with tickets he sold himself, microphone in hand, his nerves settled.

According to Titus, QC had the perfect look, sound and confidence to be an entertainer.

"You can go grab Quin and 40 of his friends, and he would still stick out from them all," said Titus. Since that night, Titus became QC's manager and "everything's changed," he said.

QC, from Chillicothe, Ohio, was recently signed to Famous Music Group Records, a label based out of Miami, Florida, with Kevin "Famous" Wiggins. This summer, QC has been working hard with his music and at the end of July he will find himself in New York City with Titus recording his first mix tape.

When he returns to the University with a finished product at the start of classes in August, QC plans to pass out about 10,000 copies to anyone interested on campus. Titus and QC's Public Relations and Marketing Director Malorie Palma plan to "promote the hell out of it."

All the songs for the E.P., titled "Spring Rush" (originally planned to be called "2000 & Quin"), are already written and beats are currently being sent to him, making his cell phone vibrate almost constantly. QC said it will feature 6-8 original tunes, with only 3-4 covers, which is rare on a first-time mix tape, according to Titus.
"We're not featuring beats paid for

online," Titus said, adding that the beats are coming in from original artists, sponsors and producers, includ-

ing NFL player Andrew Hawkins.
"When recording, I think about
how people will react," QC said,
assuring the songs will be perfect for the stage

According to QC, his record deal astemmed from his love of music and experimenting with his musical older brother. At age 17, he wrote a verse that his brother put to a beat. That verse turned into the song "Tell Me That," his first of 35 songs he's written

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Party-rocker Andrew W.K. lights up Vans Warped Tour

By Bobby Waddle Pulse Columnist

"I partied hard with Andrew W.K. ... and all I got is this sweet piece of party paper.

After sweating in line on a hot day to get Andrew W.K.'s signature, that phrase adorns the custom-made autograph stationary I now hold.

W.K. is on tour with a full band for the first time in four years. My best friend is a major fan of his high-energy music, so we could not miss him at the Vans Warped Tour at the Tine Warner Amphitheater at Tower City in Cleveland.

Looking at that autograph, I wonder why people scramble

to obtain a scribble and greeting from a celebrity. Aren't they just a regular person with more publicity? Is it worth it?

The answer to the first question is yes. Question two is more complicated, and I realized the answer at the end of the music festival.

Corey Mowery, who works for W.K.'s management and runs his merchandise, said that he enjoys checking out new music on the tour.

"[The tour is] amazing. There's not much like it," Mowery said. "It's kind of like a rock and roll summer camp.

The nationwide tour boasts performances from more than 70 bands at each of its stops. While the setlists are on the short side, the band quantity (including the All-American Rejects, Sum 41 and Dillinger Escape Plan) offers opportunities for people to catch favorite bands and discover new ones.

While W.K. was the main artist I was familiar with, many bands knew how to work the crowd. Sparks the Rescue even encouraged a member to surf up to the stage to claim a t-shirt.

It is this kind of energy that drew me to the event in the first place, as W.K. has amazing stage energy, and that is why it was worth the wait to meet him in his merchandise tent, the "Party House.

He spent time talking to every

person that met him, and he never looked tired or exhausted even when he admitted that the heat was rough before he signed our stuff. He made the experience a personal one, taking a creative photo with each person, with each pose different from

It is true that "celebrity" is just a status ascribed to someone with media exposure, but what made the meeting special was the passion that he puts into his music and approach to life, which may help explain why he was down-to-earth and friendly at the signing. From what I

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CELEBRITY: Columnist Bobby Waddle poses for a photo with Vans Warped Tour artist Andrew W.K. The tour stopped at more than 40 cities this year, including the show Waddle attended in Cleveland

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since then. His brother, who currently lives in Italy, gave QC a big push into making music after making two different mix tapes of his own. QC loves recording

a storyteller with his music. Making music over the summer has been a little easier for him; during school months he has to balance his music with classes and his commitments to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

with his brother, who he said is

"I don't sleep at night," QC said. "Sometimes I am up until 6 in the morning. It does come down to making time [for

OC has influences in both rap and rock 'n' roll, with interest in

acoustics but keeping with an urban mix. He said he enjoys using "outer space" and lazer sounds in order to grab people's attention.

He grew up with a diverse musical background, his parents listening to everything from AC/DC and Metallica to Tupac and Dr. Dre. QC's per-sonal favorites fall between artists like Kanye West and Lupe Fiasco.

[I like] artists that make real music, not just about living a flashy life," QC said. His own music can relate to that as well, saying that he talks about dealing with college aged topics in his music. One of the songs featured on his YouTube channel features the line, "My a** flying high, I'm a BG falcon."

His family plays a huge part

in his musical career, as well. "My mom's all about my music," QC said. He said he still keeps her motto, "let your haters be your motivators," dear to his heart on a daily basis.

"You know there's going to be hate," said QC, who dealt with rude comments when he posted a video of one of his songs when he was in high school. He said while in college, he started to receive more praise for his music.

Whatever the case may be OC wants to take his love of music with him further in life. As a radio broadcast major, he aspires to have his own-radio show on the airwaves in order to promote his own music and other aspiring artists like him.

"Wherever I go, I want to do music," QC said

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can tell, he is a guy that enjoys making people happy, and I think experiencing that in person adds to the human factor of the musical experience.

While W.K.'s appreciation for his fans is reflected by his willingness to meet them personally, I didn't get a true taste of it until I saw him on stage at the end of the night with his band (which includes his wife, Cherie Lily).

While the songs were intense, it was W.K.'s interactions with the crowd that made me happy

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to be there. This was especially true when he thanked the audience members for deciding to come to the festival when they could have easily been some where else.

But why would anyone want to be anywhere else, especially when W.K. was encouraging people to go crazy and have a good time?

"Those guys and girls in the pit, we love you," W.K. said.

It was evident people in the crowd loved him back, singing along with songs "She Is Beautiful," "Ready to Die" and "I Get Wet" while he delivered notes from his keyboard over the huge band sound.

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He ended the set with the classic "Party Hard," bringing out the VIP audience members to rock out with the rest of the band onstage while encouraging the crowd to form a circle triangle, oval and rectangle mosh pits.

It must be said that for someone who is rather shy, this festival provided a good chance for me to cut loose, enjoy some music and participate in fun crowd acrobatics. The fact that Andrew W.K. in particular celebrates the virtue of selfexpression through his work is something that I will always appreciate.

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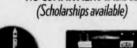
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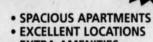
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