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**INTRODUCTION:** The new University President Mary Ellen Mazey gives her introduction speech Tuesday afternoon in the Union Ballroom.

## Mazey named new president

By Heather Linder  
Editor-in-Chief

As Mary Ellen Mazey fulfills the "thrill of [her] life" and prepares to become the University's 11th president, she must face the harsh realities foremost in many student and faculty minds — budget cuts and a struggling state economy.

But the Auburn University provost said she is well-equipped to tackle the task with 30 years experience in higher education, 26 of which were in Ohio.

"As you look across the country, I've come from an institution that's cut \$100 million out of its base budget," she said. "You have to deal with budget reductions.

"But we'll do everything we can to build Bowling Green State University through these difficult budget times. We cannot let that stop us in terms of building the reputation of this institution."

Mazey was named to the

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## THIS for THAT



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**SWAP:** Junior Alina Raulinaitis folds a pile of clothes she brought to trade in at the reStore. Raulinaitis swapped the clothes, a pair of shoes and some folders for an umbrella, a clock, a different pair of shoes and some fabric. "This is really cool," she said. "There's a lot of hidden gems."

### ReStore offers place for students to swap items, not throw them out

By Asia Rapai  
Assistant City Editor

Students can satisfy their urge to shop by going to the University's reStore, which opened for the first time Tuesday.

The reStore offers students a place to swap and donate used items without the need of money and with the hopes to reduce waste from items that would otherwise be thrown away, said Sustainability Coordinator Nick Hennessy. The

items available are meant to be useful to college students and include clothing, shoes, minifridges, printers, futon cushions and school supplies.

Located on the second floor of Kreisher outside the Compton-Darrow side of the Sundial, the reStore is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"I wish entire worlds were like this," said freshman Kyle Nutter.

Nutter visited the reStore with his friend Gabriel Morgan, sophomore,

to swap a stuffed rabbit and a yoga mat with two hockey sticks.

"I was just talking to a friend about playing hockey soon; it had to be fate," Nutter said.

Nutter and Morgan said they would continue to come back to the reStore.

"As an idea, this thing is incredible," Morgan said. "The more interaction we get with this, the more

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## State budget may bring higher tuition

University prepares for best and worst outcomes

By Heather Linder  
Editor-in-Chief

With last week's state budget proposal, University officials will be forced to make tough economic decisions to stay financially afloat — including a tuition increase.

Gov. John Kasich's proposed budget, which he revealed to lawmakers March 15, includes a 3.5 percent cap on tuition raises. And University Chief Financial Officer Sheri Stoll said students should be prepared for the Board of Trustees to pass an increase, which will be finalized before June.

"I went to USG just before the holidays and said, 'We're modeling 3.5 percent.' That's my way of saying, 'I really need you to be thinking in that vein, even before we've gone to the

board,'" she said. "It's always better to plan for the worst and have a pleasant surprise than not be prepared and have something unexpected occur and it's worse than you anticipated."

The Ohio Senate, House and a conference committee must pass Kasich's budget before it will be officially enacted.

And a tuition increase may be needed to counteract the 11.1 percent fund decrease higher education is slated to absorb.

Even with an overall decline in higher education dollars, Kasich's proposed budget also includes a 1 percent increase in state funding. But

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## Faculty senate plan goals, discuss budget in open forum

By Alissa Widman  
Assistant News Editor

With state budget cuts and an uncertain future, the University's mission remains "not merely to survive, but thrive."

This will be accomplished best by aligning the University's resources with its priorities, University President Carol Cartwright said.

"That is what we look to do in this process as we look at scenarios of what our budget might look like, on



**Sheri Stoll**  
Chief Financial Officer

the investment side as well as on the reduction side of it," she said. "What holds us all together is the strategic plan — the glue, the mission, the vision, the priorities."

Cartwright, Provost Ken Borland and Chief Financial Officer Sheri

Stoll collectively spoke for an hour, addressing budgets, goals and the strategic plan at a moderated forum Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Union Theater.

The Faculty Senate hosted the forum, titled "Planning for Change," to give more than 50 attendees the chance to ask questions and voice concerns.

"We hoped to foster information-

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## SELF-DEFENSE



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**BLOCKING:** Jim Hasenfratz, from United Karate System, explains a self-defense technique to freshman Katie Daley, right, as Courtney Hann, also from UKS, plays the role of attacker. Hasenfratz taught students in Harshman Quadrangle basic self defense Tuesday night as part of a program put on by the Honors Student Association. "I think everyone needs to spend a little more time being proactive about their safety," he said. "Too many people leave it up to chance; their planned defense is that [an attack] is not going to happen to them."

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What would you like to swap at the ReStore?



**Jeanine Such**  
Senior, VCT  
"My sports bra for a pair of sweatpants." | **Page 4**

# NATION BRIEFS

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## SD governor signs three-day wait for abortion into law

PIERRE, S.D. — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed a law Tuesday requiring women to wait three days after meeting with a doctor to have an abortion, the longest waiting period in the nation.

Abortion rights groups immediately said they plan to file a lawsuit challenging the measure, which also requires women to undergo counseling at pregnancy help centers that discourage abortions.

Daugaard, who gave no interviews after signing the bill, said in a written statement that he has conferred with state attorneys who will defend the law in court and a sponsor who has pledged private money to finance the state's legal costs.

"I think everyone agrees with the goal of reducing abortion by encouraging consideration of other alternatives," the Republican governor said in the statement. "I hope that women who are considering an abortion will use this three-day period to make good choices."

—Chet Brokaw (AP)

## Tween Brands to limit cadmium in its jewelry

LOS ANGELES — In the first settlement of its kind, national jewelry seller Tween Brands Inc. will effectively eliminate the toxic metal cadmium from the bracelets, necklaces and other items it sells.

The agreement covers jewelry sold in California, but given the size of the state's market, it becomes company policy nationally. It covers jewelry intended for children, teens and adults, expanding the age range from the preteen girls who had been the focus of concern after high levels of cadmium in jewelry surfaced over the past year.

Last July, Tween recalled about 137,000 pieces of jewelry that had been made in China due to unspecified high levels of cadmium. While test results from that recall have not been publicly released, some of the five other cadmium jewelry recalls orchestrated last year by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission involved pieces that were more than 90 percent cadmium, according to laboratory testing conducted for The Associated Press.

—Justin Pritchard (AP)

## Missing Virginia teacher's body located in Japan

RICHMOND, Va. — A Virginia couple is mourning the death of their daughter after learning that her body was found in disaster-ravaged Japan, where she had been teaching English.

Taylor Anderson, 24, could be the first known American victim in the Japan disaster as authorities continue the daunting task of finding and identifying almost 15,000 people believed to be missing.

Anderson's family said in a statement that the U.S. Embassy in Japan called them Monday to tell them she was found in Ishinomaki, a city about 240 miles (390 kilometers) north of Tokyo.

Officials with U.S. Embassy in Japan and the State Department could not immediately confirm whether she was the first known U.S. victim in Japan. Another 25-year-old man is presumed dead after being swept into the ocean March 11 by a swell from the tsunami on the northern California coast.

—Zinie Chen Sampson (AP)

## Japan nuke crisis does not warrant US changes

ROCKVILLE, Md. — The nuclear crisis in Japan, while severe, appears to be stabilizing and does not warrant any immediate changes in U.S. nuclear plants, a top U.S. nuclear official said Monday.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's executive director for operations, Bill Borchardt, said officials have "a high degree of confidence" that operations at the 104 nuclear reactors in 31 states are safe. He said inspectors at each of the plants have redoubled efforts to guard against any safety breaches.

Borchardt gave NRC commissioners a detailed look at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, damaged in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, and the U.S. response thus far.

Borchardt told commissioners that Units 1, 2 and 3 at the crippled Fukushima plant have some core damage, but that containment for those three reactors has not been breached.

—Matthew Daly (AP)

## Agency: SC train ride inspector faked report

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A safety inspector admitted he never tested a children's train ride that derailed over the weekend, killing a 6-year-old boy and injuring dozens of others, state officials said Monday, and witnesses described the small engine increasing its speed just before it went off the tracks near a bridge.

Authorities have not said exactly what caused the train to crash Saturday at Cleveland Park in Spartanburg, in the northwestern part of the state. The nearly 60-year-old train dubbed "Sparky" opened a week early because of the warm spring weather and was supposedly checked by a state inspector last Wednesday. But after the crash, the inspector came forward to say he hadn't done a thorough review.

Benji Easler died after the train went off its rails, and his parents and siblings were also injured, along with 25 other children and adults onboard. The injuries ranged from bumps and bruises to broken bones. Some of the children were taken away on stretchers.

—Meg Kinnard (AP)

## Stocks edge lower again soon after a three-day rally

NEW YORK — Stocks edged lower following a three-day rally that had lifted the Dow Jones industrial average above 12,000 for the first time since an earthquake hit Japan just over a week ago.

The Dow Jones industrial average dipped 5 points to 12,032 in afternoon trading Tuesday. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3, or 0.2 percent, to 1,295. The Nasdaq composite index fell 7, or 0.3 percent, to 2,685.

A day with such little change for stocks has been rare so far in March. The Dow Jones industrial average has moved up or down by at least 100 points in four of the last five trading days. Developments in Japan's nuclear crisis and the violence in Libya have been driving the volatility.

The Dow jumped 3.6 percent over the last three days, its biggest gain since September. That has nearly brought the Dow back to its close of 12,044.40 on March 11, the day the earthquake struck Japan.

—Stan Choe (AP)

## BUDGET

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this apparent contradiction is due to the absence of last year's federal stimulus dollars — one-time aid provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The University received \$21.3 million in federal stimulus money, according to the Ohio auditor's website. The loss of the one-time dollars was inevitable, and University administrators have been preparing since

early last fall, Stoll said.

These state-allotted dollars, including the federal stimulus money, comprise the State Share of Instruction. The SSI accounted for 28.6 percent of the total University budget for the 2011 fiscal year, while student fees made up 66.8 percent.

If enacted by the board, a tuition increase would affect the \$8,322 paid by undergraduates annually, leaving general fees unchanged. A 3.5 percent increase would translate to just more than \$291 per year, per student.

The University is bracing itself for the best and worst case scenarios, Stoll said, which is between a 15 and 30 percent decrease in SSI, or \$6 million and \$18 million, Stoll said.

"Whether we have 15 or 30 percent less SSI, I believe this is a very critical point in Ohio history," she said. "Very significant changes are required of us."

But while Stoll and others attempt to prepare for the next fiscal year, many of the actual dollars for higher education are unknown, Ohio Rep.

Randy Gardner said. Kasich has not yet indicated how the funds will be distributed and which factors will determine how much money individual Ohio schools receive.

"We don't know if he is shifting the emphasis to two or four-year institutions," he said, adding, "We've got three months to work on enacting the best budget."

While a tuition raise would help the budget shortfall, raising prices alone will not solve the University's financial problems.

Though University President

Carol Cartwright said the University is "in a good place," she also said officials must stick to the strategic plan and invest in major priorities while tightening up on less pertinent expenditures. She and Stoll cited "Print Responsibly" as one effort to reduce wasteful spending. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ken Borland also noted changes to the graduate college.

"There will be ways we have to save some money. One of those things is in fact that we did reduce spending on graduate education," Borland said.

"That's a two-year strategy, and in 2011-12 that will be \$3 million less and another \$6 million in 2012-13."

And while University students and officials will feel the weight of the enacted budget, lawmakers are still trying to figure out what that budget will look like and whether or not many changes will be made to Kasich's original plan.

"I'm not satisfied this is good enough," Gardner said. "I think we need to look at adding ways to save money and generate more support for higher education."



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## SENATE

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sharing and dialogue, and we saw that here today," Senate Chair Kris Blair said.

Stoll addressed the state budget proposal revealed by Gov. John Kasich on March 15, which must pass through the Ohio Senate, House and a conference committee before it can be put into effect. The proposed budget will leave the University with approximately 12.5% less in State Shared Instruction funds, partially due to the elimination of all federal stimulus funds for public universities.

The University has planned for "best case" and "worst case" financial scenarios at all levels, both of which demon-

strate that "significant changes are required in the future," Stoll said.

"I don't think incremental change is sustainable at BGSU anymore," she said. "We cannot reduce our way to success."

To sustain budget cuts, investing in retaining student enrollment must be a top priority, Stoll said.

"There must be thoughtful, strategic investment in key academic programs, curriculum and academic areas of excellence," she said.

The seven steps of the strategic plan, implemented in 2009, will help the University align resources with these priorities, Borland said.

"There's a lot of anxiety about where we're headed financially because of cir-

cumstances in our national economy, our state economy and things within our own campus," Borland said. "But since the establishment of the University's strategic plan, a lot of people have stepped up in an attitude of service to make a lot of tremendous things happen at the University during very difficult times."

Borland also said student retention is an important issue, and the University is investing in expanding the student population according to the strategic plan.

"Housing, dining, performing arts, athletic facility development — all of that adds to the quality of life, which helps with recruitment and with retention," he said. "And our academic master plan which many people invested in this

year is about improving our academic spaces on campus."

The University is also addressing improving undergraduate education through Connecting the Undergraduate Experience, a curriculum overhaul that will begin fall 2012. The transition will take three to five years and cost between \$1 million and \$2 million.

"This is a sacrifice, it's a stewardship exercise, it's service, but it's going to be so much better for our students — to have a liberal education that's contemporaneous with their own existence today and their own futures," Borland said. "We're ready and willing to invest in that as we move forward."

The forum is archived on the University's website.

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JOB FAIR



BYRON MACKI THE BG NEWS

**OPPORTUNITY:** Sophomore Tony Fritsch and former University Alum and Cleveland Cavaliers representative Steve Kory discuss job openings during Tuesday's Sport Management Job Fair.

STORE

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different it's going to be."

Plans for the reStore began in the fall when interns in the sustainability department started working with Hennessy.

Former students Krista Elvey and Kevin Pence prepared the image of the store last semester, Hennessy said. Elvey created the business plan and Pence designed the brand and logo, which can be seen in the store and on some product labels.

After Elvey and Pence graduated in December, Heather Baum, fifth-year senior, and Andrea Wensowitch, graduate student, took on the project at the beginning of this semester.

Baum works as the store manager and said her experience with her retail job at Hobby Lobby has helped her in this project.

"From working at Hobby Lobby, I know what kids will and won't buy," she said.

Baum said she has started

analyzing people's consumption habits by noticing what people buy, what gets donated and by sorting through the donations to keep products that students will want or need. In doing this, she said she spends about 10 hours a week on the reStore.

Items in the store are representatives of the total inventory, because the entire stock would not fit in the space. Additional items are kept in a storage room in Harshman. Other items that get donated to the reStore but not kept are organized by type and quality and given to charities including Goodwill and the Cocoon Shelter.

The reStore is located in a room that dining services has let the sustainability department borrow. It was a storage room that needed to be cleared out and redesigned, Hennessy said.

During the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, students painted the room with paint provided by campus operations. The room was also carpeted with help from residence life, and Hennessy

said many of the physical aspects of redesigning the room were made easier by the help of campus operations.

Baum said she hopes to keep the store open until the end of the semester and to open it again in the fall when she will stay involved by serving as a volunteer.

Other people interested in volunteering to work in the store, sort donations, or make donations can contact Hennessy at nickjh@bgsu.edu.

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1. Freecycle — Take one, it's free.
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- Source: reStore interns and Sustainability Coordinator Nick Hennessy

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MAZEY

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University's top administrative spot for a five-year contract at the Board of Trustees' meeting Tuesday morning after trustee and selection committee Chair William Primrose brought her recommendation before the board. "She is clearly the best fit for our University as we begin our second century," he said.

Mazey will bring her expertise from her Alabama-based university, where she has worked since 2009 and where she stood out as an administrator, said Deedie Dowdle, executive director of marketing and communications at Auburn.

"Dr. Mazey has been one of the best senior administrators with whom I've ever worked," Dowdle said. "She has great direction and is highly dedicated to the academic mission."

The board unanimously selected Mazey three weeks after it began on-campus visits and interviews with all three finalists, which included William Ruud of Shippensburg University and Gary Miller of Wichita State University.

While Mazey's experience in Ohio higher education may have made her an attractive candidate to take the helm at the University—she received her Ph.D. from the University

of Cincinnati and worked at Wright State University for 17 years — Primrose and other members of the committee made it clear her qualifications were far-reaching.

"There wasn't one thing about Mary Ellen Mazey that made her the top candidate," Primrose said. "It was overall her leadership, her experience, her academic credentials. She just hit everything."

As president, Mazey will be responsible for further promoting the University's strategic plan and contributing her fresh perspective.

While she said she has ideas to bring to the table, she will begin by observing and taking in the needs of the students, faculty and staff, a method she referred to as "hitting the ground listening." "I think what you need to learn is the University's culture ... and learn about the critical issues," she said. "Obviously the budget is a critical issue, and what are we going to do to best address that without impacting our instructional mission."

Junior Emily Ancinec, the undergraduate student representative on the search committee, found Mazey to be suited for the campus atmosphere, and she is hopeful Mazey will bridge the gap between students and administrators, she said.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I feel like [Mazey] is going to make a great leader. She is just

what the University needs and is very student-oriented."

Mazey will also inherit a newly-formed faculty union and the task of negotiating contracts with union representatives. And she will bring her experience with working with American Association of University Professors chapters.

Wright State University, where she was the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts for seven years, has an active faculty union. Auburn University also has an AAUP chapter, though it is an advocacy chapter rather than collective bargaining.

But David Jackson, president of the University's Faculty Association, is cautiously optimistic Mazey's entrance will provide a fresh start for the faculty and administration.

"There's no reason why relations between faculty and administrators have to be adversarial," he said. "This is a chance to wipe the slate clean and have no bitterness; it's a chance to reset relations."

While politics and policy will play a role in Mazey's time as president, she acknowledged student relationships to also be a crucial aspect.

"I've always reached out to the students," she said. "I hope the president's home can become a place where students come. It's not the president's home; it's the University's home."

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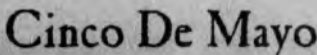
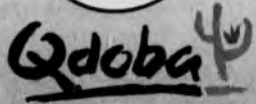
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"But we'll do everything we can to build Bowling Green State University through these difficult budget times. We cannot let that stop us in terms of building the reputation of this institution."  
 — Mary Ellen Mazey, 11th University president on her plans for the future [see story, pg. 1]

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET What would you like to swap at the reStore?



"It'd be cool to trade in my PC for a Mac."  
**PATRICK NIGHTINGALE**, Sophomore, Earth Science Education



"I'd like to swap clothes."  
**KEVIN CORSO**, Senior, Education



"My iPod touch for the iPad."  
**AARON YOUNG**, Junior, Film Production



"My cellphone for an iPhone."  
**BRYANT PRUGH**, Senior, Art Education

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## Women's history month should value all who made a difference



**KATE NOFTINGER**  
 COLUMNIST

Every March, time is allotted in the American school system to discuss women's impact on history. For roughly 30 days, the sidebars in textbooks become the main event.

As children learn about women fighting for the right to vote or participate in sports, it's worth noting the observance of Women's History Month itself was a struggle.

The battle for the calendar began in 1978. Initially only seven days of remembrance, "Women's History Week" hovered over the already established International Women's Day — a worldwide holiday that celebrated its 100th anniversary this year.

The United States was content with just a week of women's history for nearly a decade. And then it became an issue.

According to the National Women's History Month Project, it was 1987 when the group "petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been approved every year with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate."

If women are half the population, they should be half of

everything else. Yet women are underrepresented in government, underpaid at work, and under-appreciated in the past.

Why does history matter? When little girls learn that women didn't do as much to make this country great, they internalize they can't do as much in the future.

With centuries worth of women's contributions overlooked or erased, one month of relevance hardly seems sufficient. Luckily, there are several agents working to preserve women's history all year long.

The National Women's Studies Association is "leading the field in educational and social transformation." The importance of Women's Studies and the academic understanding of gender are incalculable. Unfortunately, these topics are reserved for classrooms in university settings — as are resources devoted entirely to women's history.

The Feminist Press, set up at the City University of New York, is helping to make women's history visible. Dedicated to "rescuing lost works" and publishing "exciting writing by women and men who share an activist spirit and a belief in choice and equality," this publisher seeks out what's been forgotten. If you've read "The Yellow Wallpaper" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, thank the Feminist Press.

But what about something

more tangible for the public? A museum with 70,000 square feet of women-centric exhibits is a good place to start. The Women's Museum opened its doors in 2000, explaining that "a fully democratic civil society must represent and involve both men and women, and that the voices, vision and contributions of women must be part of the fabric of history and shape of the future."

The Smithsonian affiliate resides in Texas, while the Smithsonian Institute is located in Washington D.C. Another organization is attempting to build the first-ever women's history museum in the nation's capital, but the project has been stationary for years while Congress keeps the bill on hold.

This year's theme for Women's History Month is "our history is our strength," which brings me to my final thought. When teachers incorporate women into the curriculum, they always turn to the usual suspects.

But women's history is not just Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Looking back, suffragettes like Alice Paul sealed the deal with more radical tactics.

And it's more than Amelia Earhart or Helen Keller. While each of their life's work was incredible, they continue to overshadow Emma Goldman, Dolores Huerta, and all the women who fearlessly fought for workers' rights.

Women's history is made up of Margaret Sanger, who gave us Planned Parenthood and the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, who wrote "Our Bodies, Ourselves."

It's more than Gloria Steinem, but Dorothy Pittman Hughes, Margaret Sloan, Flo Kennedy and all the women who shared a vision of a more egalitarian lifestyle.

The road to social, political and economic equality was paved by Betty Friedan and the National Organization for Women as well as Rita Mae Brown and the Lavender Menace.

And women's accomplishments aren't just Sandra Day O'Connor and all the women who came first, but Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonja Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and all the women who came after.

There are eight days of Women's History Month left. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is this:

First, learn about a nontraditional figure in women's history. Find someone other than a white, able-bodied, heterosexual, well-known icon to add to the conversation. Act as her publicist. Tell everyone.

And second, realize that you have the potential to make history yourself. So do it.

Respond to Kate at [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com)

## Americans turning to world outlets for news

US losing the information war, says Clinton

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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated earlier this month to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the U.S. was losing the information war. She cited international news networks such as Al-Jazeera as examples of agencies that do a better job at providing quality news programming than their domestic counterparts.

"You may not agree with it, but you feel like you're getting real news around the clock instead of a million commercials and, you know, arguments between talking heads and the kind of stuff that we do on our news which, you know, is not particularly informative to us, let alone foreigners," Clinton said.

The rise in demand for Al-Jazeera in the U.S. came in on the waves of the Egyptian revolution, with record numbers of American internet users visiting the English Al-Jazeera website.

According to an article published in the Huffington Post, viewership on the Al-Jazeera English network rose 2,500 percent at its peak.

Contrary to Clinton's observation, domestic cable news networks have world news coverage, opinion and political commentary. And casual perusal of the Al-Jazeera English website will reveal in-depth analysis and opinion articles galore, just as in other networks.

However, the quality of reporting and the coverage

of world events is superior in foreign media, which is why more viewers are turning to outlets such as Al-Jazeera, BBC and others.

Frank Sesno, former CNN bureau chief, astutely observed that the attention span of American cable and network news was shorter than international programs.

The emphasis is to cover the breaking news but a lack of follow-up in the aftermath. The competition between the numerous U.S. outlets creates a ratings war, and it is much cheaper to compete using inflammatory comments and "talking heads," than employing expensive international divisions and correspondents.

The spike of Al-Jazeera and other international networks might also point to a rising group of viewers that would prefer to get their news without the added twist of the celebrity scandal of the day.

Predictably, pundits like Fox News' Glenn Beck have railed against Clinton and her comments. Beck stated Clinton's view about Al-Jazeera was "insanity," while calling the network "the propaganda arm of the Middle East and Islamic extremism." What is telling is the lack of comment from many of the more mainstream networks.

As the demand for cable providers to produce these types of programming increases, perhaps the networks will take note and re-evaluate their choices. If the proposed sweeping cuts to public media budgeting take hold, many viewers will be looking for new outlets for information.

## US should not cut foreign aid budget

Assistance given to other countries is a small price to pay to prevent further disasters

By Carolina Chacon  
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The House of Representatives made a devastating decision three weeks ago, cutting \$1.7 billion from the international affairs budget.

By slashing foreign assistance so drastically, the House is not only hurting millions of the world's most vulnerable communities, but also damaging the economic and security interests that drive our foreign policy.

The \$1.7 billion slash includes cutting \$431 million from International Disaster Assistance, \$687 million from Food for Peace, \$582

million from Migration and Refugee Assistance and \$137 million from the Civilian Stabilization Initiative.

These programs deliver lifesaving aid to people whose livelihoods and stability are in our interest to protect.

Just think of the 2.5 billion people of the world living at or below the poverty line — communities who often produce the least stable regimes, which in turn sponsor terrorism or commit mass atrocities (Pakistan, Somalia, etc.).

While it's true that Congress needs to tighten its belt in these trying economic times, these cuts won't trim much spending.

Foreign assistance

makes up 1.4 percent of the federal budget — though a recent survey found most Americans erroneously believe it eats up 25 percent — and serves as an investment in our national interests.

The belief that foreign aid spending, as opposed to spending on domestic programs, amounts to a choice between "us" or "them" is severely misguided.

Every time America delivers aid to earthquake victims, whether it's Japan or Haiti, we help improve global health and economy by preventing disease, starvation and inflation.

When we provide development assistance to struggling

countries from Nicaragua to Romania, we stabilize potentially volatile situations.

Every time we restructure our own programs to increase their transparency and efficacy, we ensure they can promote human rights and democracy worldwide.

Rather than boost savings, these cuts will only accelerate crises that will later necessitate heavier spending to undo the damages of our decision.

Congress will end up spending money to rescue victims of natural disasters or refugees from political blowouts instead of empowering vulnerable communities to prepare for tsunamis, famines or mass atrocities.

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# WORLD BRIEFS

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## Obama's worries closer to home in Central America

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — President Barack Obama will tackle the sensitive issues of immigration and narcotics-related crime in El Salvador, the final stop of his Latin America tour.

Obama, along with Michelle Obama and their two daughters, arrived in San Salvador Tuesday afternoon following stops in Brazil and Chile. Obama will hold meetings with El Salvador's President Mauricio Funes at the National Palace, followed by a joint news conference.

Obama also plans to visit El Salvador's Metropolitan Cathedral and the San Andres Mayan ruins during his stop here.

Obama is scheduled to depart El Salvador Wednesday afternoon and arrive in Washington later that night.

—Jim Kuhnhenn (AP)

## Church: Cuba to release last dissidents from '03

HAVANA — The Roman Catholic Church said Tuesday that the Cuban government will release the last two political prisoners held since a 2003 crackdown on dissent, a landmark announcement that came the same day Fidel Castro said he had stepped down as head of the island's Communist Party.

The decision will clear Cuban jails of the last of 75 prominent intellectuals, opposition leaders and activists whose imprisonment on charges including treason has long soured relations with the outside world.

The last two men to be released are Felix Navarro and Jose Daniel Ferrer, activists who had each been sentenced to 25 years in jail.

"I am very content and nervous at the same time," said Bertha Soler, a leader of the Ladies in White opposition group and the wife of recently freed prisoner Angel Moya. The Ladies — wives and mothers of the 2003 prisoners — have been marching peacefully each Sunday since the arrests.

—Paul Haven (AP)

## Ex-Israeli pres. sentenced to 7 years for rape

TEL AVIV, Israel — An Israeli court sentenced former President Moshe Katsav to seven years in prison on Tuesday for raping a former employee, capping a five-year saga that turned a working-class hero into the country's highest-ranking official ever ordered to jail.

The case has riveted Israel, sparking heated debate about equality before the law, women's rights and the role of the media. Vowing to appeal, Katsav shouted at the judges: "You have committed an injustice! The verdict is untrue. It is a lie. The lies have won!"

The court ordered Katsav, 65, to report to prison on May 8, giving him time to prepare an appeal before the Supreme Court that his attorneys said they will file promptly.

—Aron Heller (AP)

## Protest spreads to new southern Syrian village

DAMASCUS, Syria — Protests spread in southern Syria Tuesday as hundreds of people marched to demand reforms in a previously peaceful village, witnesses and activists said.

In a nearby city, troops and protesters faced off outside a mosque where demonstrators have taken shelter.

The government sought to contain the first serious intrusion of the Arab world's political unrest by firing the governor of the southern province of Daraa, where security forces killed seven protesters in the main city of Daraa over the weekend.

The governor's dismissal failed to quell popular anger and the protests reached the village of Nawa, where hundreds of people marched demanding reforms, an activist told The Associated Press.

—Bassem Mroue (AP)

## France wants body outside NATO to head Libya fight

PARIS (AP) — France proposed on Tuesday a new political steering committee outside NATO to be responsible for overseeing military operations over Libya.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said the new body will bring together foreign ministers of participating states — such as Britain, France and the United States — as well as the Arab League. It is expected to meet in the coming days, either in Brussels, London or Paris, Juppe said.

Juppe said not all members of the military coalition are members of NATO but the coalition would use the military alliance's planning and intervention capabilities.

"For us, the intervention is firstly an operation wanted by the United Nations. It is run by a coalition of member-states, all of whom are not members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization," Juppe said. "This is, therefore, not a NATO operation, even if it must be able to rely on military planning and intervention capacities of the Alliance."

## Saudi Arabia to hold municipal elections in April

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia announced Tuesday it will hold municipal elections next month after a delay of a year and a half that had angered rights activists.

In a setback to reform advocates, the voting on April 23 will not be open to women.

The kingdom held its first municipal elections in 2005, the first elections ever held under the absolute monarchy. The councils have little power, but many Saudis jumped at the chance for even a small voice in politics and saw the elections as a sign the conservative kingdom was ushering in a new era of reform. Half the seats are elected while the rest are appointed.

The second such elections had been scheduled for Oct. 31, 2009, but the government delayed them, saying it needed time to expand the electorate and study the possibility of allowing women to vote. Rights activists were skeptical of the explanation and called the delay a setback to their push to open the country's politics to the people.

# UN: EU must help Italy cope with refugee crisis

By Alessandra Rizzo  
The Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Europe should help Italy cope with a massive influx of migrants from North Africa, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday, as fears mounted of a deeper crisis with the possible arrival of waves of refugees from Libya.

Since the start of the year, almost 15,000 Tunisians have crossed the Mediterranean and landed in the tiny island of Lampedusa, closer to Africa than to mainland Italy. About 5,000 are currently on the island — doubling the population and raising fears of a sanitation crisis. The island's migrant center, built for 800, is housing twice as many people.

"Many people are unable to

"Many people are unable to find shelter from rain and cold weather."

Adrian Edwards | Spokesman

find shelter from rain and cold weather," said a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Adrian Edwards. "Hygiene conditions are dire," he added, urging Italy to ease the overcrowding.

Italian Interior Minister Roberto Maroni travels Wednesday to Tunisia to discuss stemming the influx. In a meeting Tuesday in Rome, he gained assurances from Italian regional authorities that they would take in thousands of migrants, and

arranged for a Navy ship to travel to Lampedusa and transfer some of them.

Maroni said Tuesday that a "question mark" still remains over possible arrivals from Libya of "refugees fleeing a dramatic situation."

The UNHCR urged EU solidarity saying "it is crucial that the situation on Lampedusa not impede Italian preparedness for arrivals of persons fleeing the situation in Libya, as such persons would be likely to have international protection needs."

Italy has asked fellow European nations to share the burden of looking after the refugees. So far, the EU border agency has sent a team in to help, but Italy is insisting on far more tangible support from individual nations.

# Qatar jets make pit-stop in Greece

United States Air Force aircraft in Cyprus on their way to aid in Libya

By Menelaos Hadjicostis  
The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Two Qatar Air Force fighter jets and a cargo jet flew to a Greek air base on the island of Crete Tuesday in the first sign of military operations by Qatar so far to help enforce a no-fly zone over Libya, officials said.

The Mirage 2000 jets and the C-17 cargo aircraft made an unscheduled stop at Cyprus' Larnaca airport, and a Cyprus civil aviation official told the Associated Press

that they left after refueling en route to Souda base in Crete. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

High winds had forced the three planes to land at Larnaca for refueling, said another who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department policy.

Greece has granted permission for six Mirage fighters and two transport planes to operate from the base, said Lt. Col. Constantinos Bouzos, a Greek military spokesman.

He did not know when all the planes would arrive on Crete.

Cypriot authorities initially refused the request by Qatar's planes to land, but later granted permission after the pilots declared a fuel emergency per international regulations, Cyprus government spokesman Stefanos Stefanou said.

RAF Akrotiri, one of two British military bases on Cyprus' southern coast, is hosting VC-10, RAF E3D and Sentinel surveillance aircraft which also provide refueling capability to help enforce the U.N.-sanctioned no-fly zone.

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## Internal competition brews during spring practices

Schilz, Hurley battle for starting quarterback job

By Sean Shapiro  
Senior Reporter

The 2010 BG football season was a tough one for Trent Hurley, as he watched his team struggle to a 2-10 record.

"I've been playing quarterback since seventh grade, so this was the first time I've ever not played football for an entire year," Hurley said. "It's kind of tough, just sitting on the sideline watching our team struggle, kind of wish I was in there and helping the team out."

However, the redshirt-freshman will have a chance to change that for the 2011 season as he and incumbent starter Matt Schilz have started a close battle during spring practices for next season's starting job.

Unlike last year, when BG had four quarterbacks competing for one job, this spring is a head-to-head race between Schilz and Hurley as they're the only two scholarship players at the position during the spring — Kellen Pagel and Aaron Pankratz, both backups last season, have left the team.

For Schilz, the competition has helped push him after an injury-plagued, 14-interception season, and he says he isn't suffering any ill effects from the shoulder sprain he sustained against

Marshall last season.

"It's a little similar, but I think it's good for me," Schilz said. "It's better competition, and I have to come out here and play everyday and play my best. I can't take a day off."

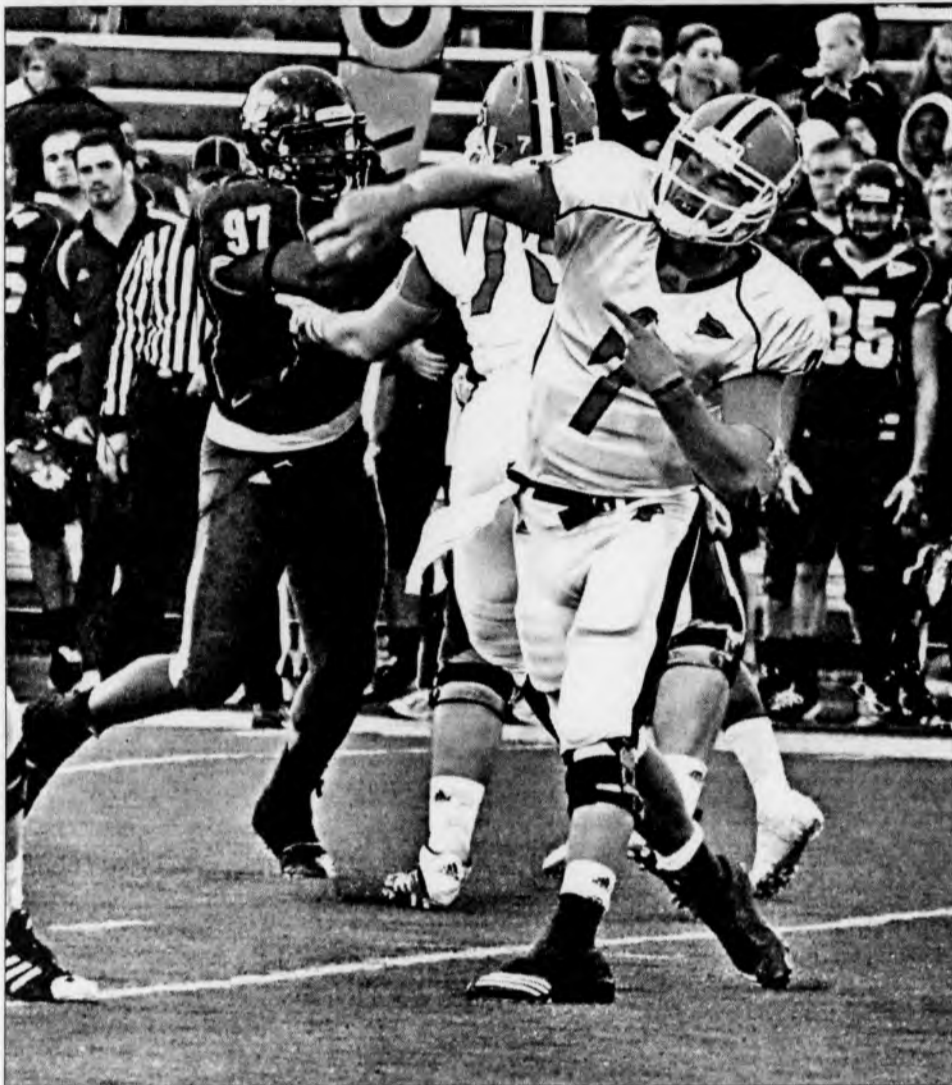
During Tuesday's practice, both quarterbacks took reps with the first team offense, and coach Dave Clawson has the benefit that both players — who were recruited by Clawson — are the same style of player and fit the BG offense.

"We wouldn't change the style of offense with either quarterback; I think they're both traditional pro-style guys," Clawson said. "We'd like to run our quarterback a little bit more than we did last year, and now that we have depth, I think we can do that. I don't think there is two different skill sets there."

However, picking who will start the season will likely be undetermined until the spring.

"Right now we're just loading both of them up with reps," Clawson said. "The great thing is both of those guys are getting a lot of reps, we've got to get them both ready ... you need to have two quarterbacks. It is a competition, but right now we're more

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**DELIVERY:** Matt Schilz throws a pass at Central Michigan last season. Schilz will compete for the starting job for the second consecutive season.



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**BRUSH BACK:** T.J. Losby eludes a pitch high and inside in a game last week.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### BG baseball game against Central Michigan today canceled due to weather

After being rained out Tuesday for its game against Dayton, the BG baseball team will have to wait yet again to get back on the diamond after its game at Central Michigan was canceled due to expected inclement weather.

BG's next game is scheduled for Friday when the Falcons open up a three-game series against Northern Illinois in Dekalb, Ill.

The Falcons are 6-10 this season and are coming off a 10-inning loss to Cleveland State on Sunday.

BG is led by freshman infielder Brandon

Howard, who has a .417 batting average in 14 games played this season. Howard was named a Papa John's Athlete of the Week after going 9 for 14 at the plate in the Falcons' three-game series against Cleveland State.

While the hits are coming for the Falcons this season, coach Danny Schmitz is still looking for his team to take advantage of those opportunities and drive runners in.

On the mound, Schmitz has been pleased with the starters and bullpen.

Senior right-handed pitcher Charles Wooten is coming off a career-day at CSU on Sunday, setting highs in both innings pitched (6) and strikeouts (9).

## Five-win improvement for hockey team is a good starting point



RYAN SATKOWIAK  
ASSISTANT SPORTS  
EDITOR

Five wins.

That is the improvement made by the BG hockey team (10-27-4) this season. While on the surface that may not seem like much, it is a strong step in the right direction in the first season of the Chris Bergeron era.

While the Falcons did play five additional games in 2010-11, that is due to playing in the RPI Tournament in November — where they beat Alabama-Huntsville and lost in overtime to NCAA Tournament team Rensselaer — as well as playing in three additional games in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

While 10 wins in future seasons will likely fall short of the expectations of the coaching staff and players, the improvements made during the season have the program pointing in the right direction.

While the offense struggled mightily after the calendar turned to 2011 — the team only scored more than two goals in a game once in the new year: a 6-3 loss to Northern Michigan in the first round of the CCHA play-

offs — the Falcons made strong improvements on defense.

While the Falcons battled a lack of depth among defenseman, mostly caused by injury but also by Michael Montrose leaving the program during the winter, the team improved its team goals-against average significantly: from 3.77 in 2009-10 to 2.94 this past season.

This was mostly due to the breakout of sophomore goaltender Andrew Hammond, who finished with a 2.67 GAA and a .915 save percent overall. His 1-12-3 record in CCHA games was mostly a result of the team averaging a CCHA-worst 1.46 goals per game in conference games.

While the offense did struggle this season, the team's 1.77 goals per game overall was not much worse than the 1.94 goals per game posted last season. A silver lining for the Falcons is that the 2009-10 Falcons struggled with forwards that were top-heavy on senior talent, this year's team was top-heavy with freshman talent.

Forced to play top-minute roles because of no viable alternatives, guys like Brett Mohler (17 points), Cam Wojtala (16 points), and Bryce Williamson (seven points) gave BG fans a glimpse of what has the potential to be a class that produces big numbers a year or

two down the line.

Despite winning only three conference games in the regular season, the Falcons had a big victory over Notre Dame, and they played well against several other strong teams.

Additionally, the team won its first round playoff series for the first time in three years, making it only the second time in 16 years that the lowest seeded team in the CCHA playoffs won just a single game during the tournament.

With the talented freshman class getting a valuable year of experience of learning on the job, and other key players — namely Hammond and forwards Jordan Samuels-Thomas and Marc Rodriguez — entering their junior seasons, another significant win improvement for 2011-12 seems to be a safe bet.

While it may be several years before the Falcons make a serious run as a top team in the conference, seeing them make a run at double-digit conference wins next season should not be out of the question.

And who knows, maybe they will surprise everyone next year. Western Michigan showed this year that making a run from conference basement to the NCAA tournament is possible.

## Indians' Lewis sent to Triple-A Columbus

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Jensen Lewis' poor spring has cost him his job in the Cleveland Indians' bullpen.

The veteran right-hander cleared waivers Tuesday and was sent outright to Triple-A Columbus.

"Jensen has had some success in the past," manager Manny Acta said, "and we want him to go down and get back on track."

The Indians tried that four times a year ago when the 26-year-old still had a minor-league

option remaining. Now, he is off Cleveland's 40-man roster, which will have to be tweaked if Lewis is called up.

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### WOMEN'S SOCCER

**BG hands out awards for 2010**  
The BG women's soccer team handed out its 2010 season awards this past weekend. Among to win were Alicia Almond for the defensive MVP and Alyssa Zuccaro for the offensive MVP.

### FOOTBALL

**Running back position up for grabs**  
The Falcons' running back position is also up for grabs after the team lost the services of Willie Geter last season. Check out Thursday's edition of The BG News for who may be the frontrunner out of the backfield.

# Matta's turnaround of Ohio State basketball a remarkable feat

By Rusty Miller  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It's hard to even recall how bleak things were at Ohio State seven years ago when Thad Matta took over as head basketball coach.

"It wasn't good," Matta said of the woeful culture of the program.

Jim O'Brien had been summarily dismissed for giving a recruit money, NCAA investigators were sniffing around campus and ready to drop the hammer on the Buckeyes and, on top of everything else, there wasn't all-world talent in the pipeline.

Now the top-ranked Buckeyes (34-2) are the No. 1 overall seed and on a roll coming off second- and third-round wins by a combined 61 points heading into Friday night's regional semifinal showdown with Kentucky (27-8) in Newark, N.J.

How fitting that when he first arrived at Ohio State, Matta used Kentucky as one of the templates for what he wanted to construct.

"When I came here, I looked at what a Kentucky had done, what a North Carolina had done, and those things weren't built overnight, and not in a decade. It took several decades," the thinning-haired, 43-year-old native of the aptly named Hoopston, Ill., said Tuesday.

"When I came here seven years ago, Ohio State had a 51-percent winning percentage in the Big Ten. We knew we had our work cut out for us in

building this thing."

But how has Matta turned around the program?

Satch Sullinger, father of Matta's current star post player, Jared, is a legendary high school coach in Columbus. His son, J.J., also played for Matta at Ohio State. He tells a story that sheds light on how Matta treats his players—and why he might just be the best recruiter in the nation.

"Thad Matta coaches the whole kid," Sullinger said. "When Jim O'Brien was fired, he wrote out a map for the guys to come to his house to give them the news. They'd never been there before. Thad Matta wasn't in that position [at Ohio State] for two weeks before he had his whole team over to his house. It's family. He coaches family. He doesn't coach a basketball team."

When then-athletic director Andy Geiger ruled early in Matta's first season that Ohio State would not accept any postseason offer to mitigate potential NCAA penalties, Matta recognized how damaging that was to his budding program. With little to play for, the Buckeyes nonetheless went 20-12 and shocked unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Illinois on a late shot in the regular-season finale.

Shortly after that, Matta began receiving verbal commitments from one of the greatest recruiting classes ever—the so-called Thad Five of Greg Oden, Mike Conley Jr., Daequan Cook, David Lighty and Othello Hunter.

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Thad Matta | Ohio State coach

With the possibility of additional NCAA sanctions hanging over the program, Matta provided a unique escape clause to them: If the NCAA added to Ohio State's penalties, he would release them from their scholarships. It was a remarkably fair and gracious move. Lighty, still a Buckeye, refused the offer outright. The others stuck with Matta and Ohio State.

No more sanctions were levied. In Matta's second season, the Buckeyes went 26-6 and lost in the second round of the NCAAs. The great recruiting class then came in and led the way to a 35-4 season that ended with a loss to defending champion Florida in the national title game.

Matta, whose teams at Butler, Xavier and Ohio State have always won at least 20 games, piled up records of 24-13, 22-11 and 29-8 heading into this season. Those glittering marks have come despite losing Oden, Conley and Cook, and subsequently fellow prized freshmen Kosta Koufos and Byron Mullens to the NBA draft after one-then-two seasons.

Imagine how good the current Buckeyes might be

if Evan Turner, the consensus national player of the year and the No. 2 pick in the NBA draft, had come back for his senior season.

"There's not a lot of programs that have been hit with the early departures like we have," Matta said. "But that's part of it. I'm not making excuses, I'm OK with it."

The ever-upbeat Matta does not countenance prima donnas or selfish players, either.

"He brings in a lot of guys with great character," said Jon Diebler, Ohio's leading schoolboy scorer who has developed into the Big Ten's leading all-time leader in 3-pointers. "He wants people who want to win. That's the most important thing, guys who can kind of put their egos aside and do what's best for the team."

Hang around off the court and you become a cohesive unit off it: That's the Matta Plan.

"Thad's got them playing at a high level, and he's got them playing together," Purdue coach Matt Painter said earlier this season. "That's why they're ranked No. 1 in the country."

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## LEWIS

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"It's about results," Acta said. "When we had a sit-down [talk] with each player before camp, we explained what was expected."

Lewis' recent bad stretch was not on the list. He has given up 13 hits and nine earned runs in only 5 2-3 innings, with a 14.29 ERA.

On March 15, vs. Milwaukee, he entered with a 6-1 lead, two outs and two runners on base. He gave up a pair of three-run homers to trail 7-6 before recording an out.

On Saturday, against the Los Angeles Angels, he picked up two quick outs to start an inning, but could not protect a 7-4 lead, allowing three runs before another reliever concluded the inning.

Acta said Lewis, essentially a fastball-changeup pitcher, has not had a drop in velocity, but the manager is more concerned with an overall lack of command.

"His velocity is a little bit down," Acta said. "Doug Jones saved a zil-

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Manny Acta | Indians' manager

lion games for Cleveland and other teams without velocity. Jamie Moyer had success for a long time. At the Major League level, velocity is not the only thing. He has to control his pitches."

Lewis was a key part of Cleveland's bullpen as a rookie in 2007, compiling a 2.15 ERA. He has bounced between Cleveland and Triple-A for four seasons. He has a 7-11 record with 14 saves and a 3.68 ERA.

With Lewis sent down and veteran right-hander Joe Smith likely unable to start the season as he recovers from an abdominal strain, the Indians now have three bullpen openings.



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HEAD-TO-HEAD: Alex Bayer (pictured) will compete with Tyler Beck for the starting tight end job.

## NOTES

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concerned that both those guys are playing at high level than picking who the starter is."

### Every job open

While the quarterback position is one of the more publicized battles, every position is open this spring, which has created a more competitive atmosphere and has helped Clawson's young team succeed early in the spring season.

"The practice tempo is so much better, since we've got guys competing for jobs," Clawson said. "It's a great tempo, it's a good energy — every rep means something, and it's just exciting to have that."

The secondary and the offensive line are both competitive positions. Last year both groups struggled as the team posted one of

its worst records in program history.

### Strong on the ends

One position that is particularly strong is at tight end, where BG has five players who are young and have performed well so far in camp this spring.

"Now we can commit to running some two-tight end sets, knowing that if there is an injury that you can still run that offense," Clawson said. "We've got four, and the great thing is the oldest one's a sophomore ... I think we're going to have five good tight ends in our program, and all of them are going to have three years or more of eligibility."

Alex Bayer — who had 22 catches for 298 yards last season — and Tyler Beck are the two most experienced players at the position, while Clay Rolf and Kendall Montgomery add size and athleticism to the group.

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# New homes are becoming a bad deal in weak markets

Foreclosures cause old homes to be a cheap commodity

By Derek Kravitz  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new home, the dream of many would-be buyers, makes less and less financial sense in many places.

A wave of foreclosures has driven down the cost of previously occupied homes and made them even more of a comparative bargain. By contrast, new homes have become more expensive.

The median price of a new home in the United States is now 48 percent higher than that of a home being resold, more than three times the gap in a healthy housing market.

Such a disparity can be a drag on the economy. New homes represent a small fraction of sales, but they cause economic ripples, bringing business to construction and other industries. Sluggish new-home sales deprive the economy of strength.

"A lot of people are saying, 'If I can get a great deal on a home already on the market, why go through the headaches of getting a new home?'" says Mark Vitner, a senior economist with Wells Fargo. "There's a relatively small group of people who have the credit, have the down payment and are secure in their jobs that can

go out and buy new."

The gap is widening because prices of previously occupied homes are falling fast, pulled down by waves of foreclosures and short sales. A short sale occurs when a lender lets a homeowner sell for less than they owe on their mortgage. New homes aren't directly affected by such sales.

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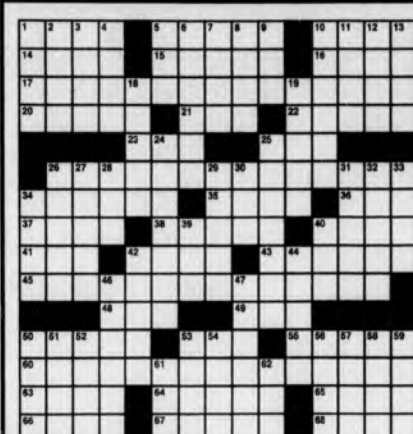
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- 2 Horse racing surface
- 3 Cut, perhaps
- 4 Nick at
- 5 Dogfaces, briefly
- 6 Yoga instruction
- 7 Had no doubts about
- 8 Leafy vegetable
- 9 Santana's "\_\_\_ Como Va"
- 10 Irritates, with "on"
- 11 One may have an agt.
- 12 Fruit used to flavor gin
- 13 Bavarian mister
- 18 Really peeved
- 19 Fogg's creator
- 24 Honeybunch
- 25 What might be used when a bomb is hurled on a field?
- 26 Port closing?
- 27 Show up
- 28 Flamenco exclamation
- 29 Bedouins, e.g.
- 30 "Really cool!"
- 31 Break out, as violence
- 32 Ticks off
- 33 Organized string of gigs
- 34 Atkins diet taboo
- 39 Pistol
- 40 Island welcome
- 42 Old Detroit brewery name
- 44 Lakeshore natives
- 46 World Cup sport
- 47 Digital dots
- 50 Used a 39-Down
- 51 "Gadzooks!"
- 52 Swizzle
- 53 Clue for 17-, 26-, 45- and 60-Across
- 54 Haggard's "\_\_\_ from Muskogee"
- 56 See-through, in comics
- 57 Meerschmum or brier
- 58 Genesis locale
- 59 Subtraction word
- 61 Half a devious laugh
- 62 Living in Ariz., maybe

### ACROSS

- 1 Bingo call
- 5 Gordon \_\_\_: Michael Douglas's "Wall Street" role
- 10 One may require stitches
- 14 German import
- 15 Slangy negative
- 16 Control
- 17 See 53-Down
- 20 Fairy tale ender
- 21 Amazement
- 22 Early surgery aid
- 23 Talking with one's hands??: Abbr.
- 25 Ante-
- 26 See 53-Down
- 34 Washington's Grand \_\_\_ Dam
- 35 Fierce anger
- 36 Carnival city
- 37 Old, in Oberhausen
- 38 "Good heavens!"
- 40 Humdinger
- 41 Relieve (of)
- 42 Pencil remnant
- 43 Legal-sized fish
- 45 See 53-Down
- 48 Neighbor of Nev.
- 49 Reggae singer Kamoze
- 50 Big name in food service
- 53 Brine-cured delicacy
- 55 Remove forcibly
- 60 See 53-Down
- 63 Andy Taylor's son
- 64 Submit taxes, nowadays
- 65 Kong's kin
- 66 Guam, for one: Abbr.
- 67 '50s experiment, briefly
- 68 Longings

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