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Mostly Cloudy
High: 45, Low: 34



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Rainy
High: 53, Low: 40

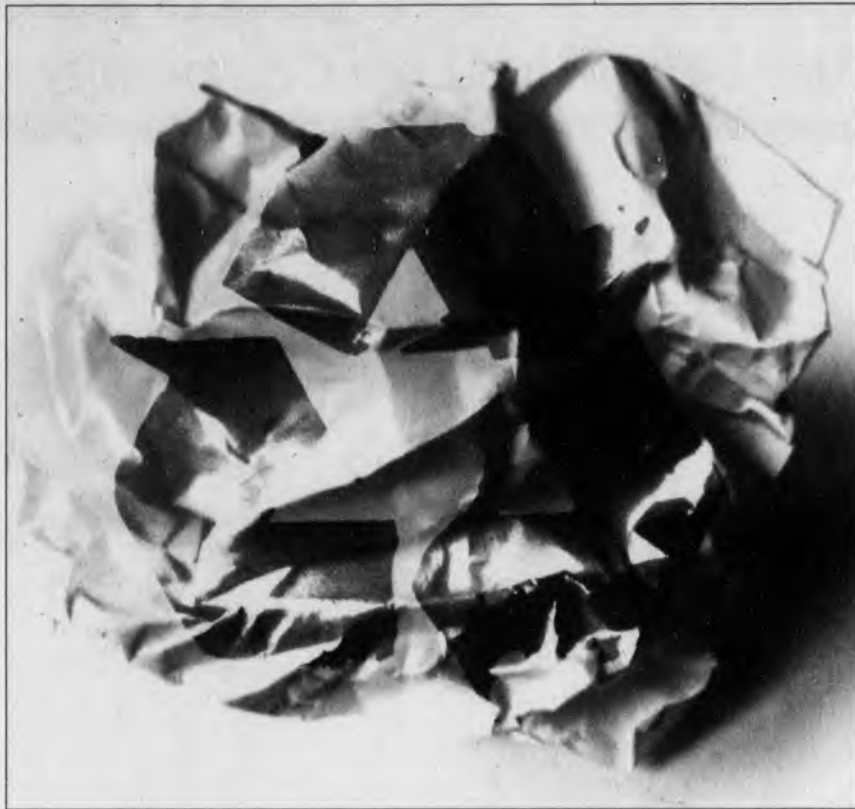


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Reduce reuse recycle

Conservation starts with a few simple lifestyle changes

By Courtney Flynn | Reporter

The three are like peas in a pod: Reducing, reusing and recycling are all needed to keep the environment clean. But is one more important than the others?

Reducing the products consumed and later reused essentially leads to less recycling being needed. But recycling cannot be forgotten; it gives new life to an old product.

Reducing, reusing and recycling product waste is a personal choice and is not hard to follow, said Ken Reiman, director of Wood County Solid Waste.

One of the simplest ways to reduce and reuse is to think about what products a person really needs, said Reiman.

Most of the products recycled are packaged products, a lot of which are associated with food.

Fast food is a major cause of unnecessary waste, Reiman said.

Richard Mbatu, an environmental program professor, suggests eating in; not only does it cut down on waste, but it also saves money.

If people do choose to eat out, they can ask for just a couple of napkins instead of taking the whole heap that is usually handed out. Also, try to eat in to avoid paper bags.

Another way to cut consumption is to stop buying bottled drink products.

"I quit buying bottled water and started drinking out of glasses. This way I don't have to worry about as much trash and get to save money," said junior Craig Gibson.

Mbatu also stressed how important it is to reduce the use of natural resources and conserve energy and water.

"I quit buying bottled water and started drinking out of glasses."

Craig Gibson | Junior

Take a bath, turn the water off when brushing your teeth, turn off the lights and carpool as often as possible. These can all be easy lifestyles to adopt, Mbatu said. When reducing isn't possible, people can opt to reuse materials.

"Paper is an easy product to recycle and reuse, but we don't concentrate on using it,"

Mbatu said. People can also print on both sides of a sheet of paper and rent books from the libraries as opposed to buying them.

When it comes down to it though, recycling is also essential to helping sustain the environment.

Just like reducing and reusing products, recycling cuts down on waste.

"I always recycle; I mean, I never thought about

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College students often targeted in pyramid scams

By Adam Louis
Reporter

Between school expenses, bills and rent, college students are often pressed for cash. This could make them easy targets for get-rich-quick schemes.

Pyramid schemes, also known as Ponzi schemes, are developed when one person or group promises a large amount of money in exchange for a considerably smaller introductory fee, and are disguised as legitimate investments. Then, the recruit is encouraged to recruit more investors, whose introductory fees are used by the creator to pay off the original recruit.

"[The schemer] takes money from one person to pay back someone earlier who had given money, usually skimming money off the top for themselves. At the end of the line, someone ends up without anything," the University's Chief

Financial Officer Sheri Stoll said.

Those at the bottom of the pyramid lose money because they are unable to recruit enough people to recover their own introductory fee. Because the scheme eventually runs out of people to recruit, they usually fail within a year, Applied Sciences Professor Cyndi Miglietti said. In the end, the schemer ends up with the most money.

Schemers are usually prominent and trustworthy in their community and those community members they recruit are more likely to take their word the pyramid scheme is a good investment because of that level of trust, Miglietti said.

Beyond their community outreach, schemers may also use e-mail, telephone solicitors or text messaging to advertise.

A warning sign that an investment may be a pyramid scheme is an advertised guarantee of



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and other investments also come with a prospectus, a legal document from the Securities and Exchange Commission that provides necessary details for potential investors to make a well-informed decision. Miglietti said often pyramid schemes promise a prospectus but never deliver the information.

The pyramid scheme itself is illegal, but there are companies similar to the pyramid scheme that are still within legal bound-

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Students, faculty hold memorial for Meyer

By Theresa Scott
Reporter

Last night the Peace Lutheran Church was transformed into a banquet hall.

The students and faculty involved in the Student Council on Family Relations organized and held a memorial for the late Doug Meyer, husband of Laura Landry-Meyer, a professor in Human Development and Family Relations at the University.

About 50 people attended the event and all the proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Wood County Cocoon Shelter.

Each plate cost \$15 and 100 percent of the money was donated directly to the shelter. Fifty plates could pay for a full week of safe emergency housing at the shelter and support to help a family live independently, said Michelle Clossick, the executive director of the Cocoon Shelter and a close friend of Doug Myers.

Film festival winners announced

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

Writers in Hollywood may have been lackadaisical for the past few months, but freshman contestants entering their films in the fourth annual Falcon Film Festival certainly weren't.

The eight films showcased on Saturday night in Olscamp 101 gave viewers different perspectives on freshman life and the first-year experience.

"All of the teams did a wonderful job this year," said Michael Griffel, director of Residence Life and one of the four judges at the event. "The videos were all excellent and thoughtful in their own unique ways."

Executive Vice President of BGSU Linda Dobb, independent filmmaker Thomas Hofbauer and Undergraduate Student Government President Johnnie L. Lewis were also chosen as judges in the contest and were responsible for selecting the top eight films showcased at the festival, along with the winning film.

According to the co-chair of the festival, Mike Hachtel, the videos were judged on a 10-point scale in the categories of creativity, innovative use of technology, videography, editing, thematic integration, quality of acting, performances and story. The eight films that received the highest scores were shown at the Falcon Film Festival.

The first-place film, titled "Afterthought," was produced by Chris Guyot, Mike Judge, Sarah Acker, Drew Ochoa and Paul Cohn, also known as Jag Co.

The video, which was between five to eight minutes long, detailed the lives of four different stereotypical people found on campus: a professor, a sorority girl, an "emo" boy and a male student looking at sexually suggestive pictures of women on Facebook.

The film showcased the first impressions made about each of the individual characters by those around them. It went on to stress the fact that these assumptions are normally incorrect and judgmental.

In one scene, the professor sees the sorority girl talking and laughing with friends before a major test and assumes she has not studied and is irresponsible. However, the movie then goes on to show that in the previous few hours, she had studied extensively for the test and was prepared for the questions that were sure to pop up, giving her time to talk with friends.

USG President and Falcon Film Festival judge Johnnie L. Lewis thought the winning film was one that addressed important judgmental issues that many

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Congratulations to the following fraternity men
and sorority women who achieved the
Fall 2007 Dean's List!
Representing 24% of the Greek Community at BGSU.

Alpha Chi Omega 30%

Biksacky, Lauren F
Browne, Rachel A
Bukach, Christy M
Burrill, Colleen M
Daigle, Emily M
Fay, Amanda E
Finelli, Jamie M
Goodright, Jessica L
Hendrick, Kara E
Hoffmann, Katy L
Housley, Lauren E
Koebel, Kristen M
Kovach, Cara E
Leber, Jena C
Lamarbe, Chelsea A
Risher, Hanna L
Schaid, Laura E
Specht, Laura J
Vitale, Vanessa L
Wyper, Debra A

Alpha Gamma Delta 24%

Crabtree, Rachael E
Kamper, Kristin M
Lottman, Lynn E
Otterbacher, Sarah K
Pauletta, Meghan K
Sarks, Abby E
Statley, Jessica N

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc 39%

Beck, Chloe
Davis, Sarah C
Douglas, Ashley N
Myers, Jennifer R
Wagner, Melissa

Alpha Omicron Pi 36%

Ambrosic, Briana J
Carmack, Sarah C
Doyle, Michelle D
Fitch, Courtney N
Gass, Caroline E
Haeussler, Andrea K
Hall, Mallory J
Lewis, Lindsey M
Lewis Ranae G
Lininger, Amanda L
Lopez, Brittany M
Loughton, Haley A
Mattmuller, Jacqueline S
Menoff, Stefanie A
Miller, Stefanie E
Pidcock, Ainsley N
Rutschilling, Kelly J
Schoendorf, Andrea E
Slates, Heather L
Stewart, Shannon M
Traux, Bethany L
Walsh, Lisa M
Wulff, Brittany A

Alpha Phi 36%

Axelrod, Robin C
Ballmer, Mollie R
Braemer, Kristen M
Burger, Erica A
Caldwell, Katrina L
Coudriet, Tana R
Dariano, Sarah E
Devine, Danielle A
Dill, Amanda B
Fratianne, Nicole E
Geyer, Hanna R
Giesler, Ashley N
Gilpin, Sarah L
Helm, Amy M
Jones, Catelyn M
Kantner, Alaina D
Kuharik, Amanda L
Lee, Megan M
Martin, Emily J
Moore, Allison C
Moore, Sarah A
Pankratz, Sarah V
Riggenbach, Amanda C
Rogers, Victoria M
Roush, Christina M
Shorter, Amy L
Smiley, Katherine A
Taylor, Jennifer E
Thompson, Megan L
Warth Tiffany J
Weckesser, Mary A

Alpha Phi Omega 45%

Anyanwu, Emeka C
Babcock, Robert D
Barrett, Marie C
Barton, Katrina M

Beck, Jessica A
Brautigam, Megan L
Brookhart, Carey A
Budaji, Katherine D
Burke, Jeffrey A
Cifranic, Kelly M
Cross, Ashley N
Dick, Ashley M
Ewart, Jessica M
Fister, Katherine S
Flenner, Lindsey K
Ford, Meghann M
Francis, Kelsey E
Greenwald, Megan L
Hammond, Brittany N
Harris-Johnson, JoVanna M
Hartman, Katherine W
Hayes, Whitney A
Horton, Maura K
Loh, Christine S
Manley, Sarah M
Manor, Kelsey E
Northey, Elyssa C
Orchard, Jessica M
Quinn, Ashley M
Ruckel, Emily C
Schenck, Valerie M
Simmons, Elizabeth A
Weber, Kathleen M
Weinland, Christopher J
Wilcox, Samantha J
Wilkewitz, Tiffany A
Wurstle, Jessica A
Yarnell, James E

Alpha Sigma Phi 17%

Cass, Mathew L
Crumrine, Eric T
DeClercq, William F Jr
Heilmeyer, Brian P
Huff, Adam M
McBride, Glenn R
Melchor, Gabriel S
Turner, John D
Wright, Benjamin K

Alpha Tau Omega 17%

Barber, Mathew J
Carr, Bobby J
Holzhauer, David A
Pignatiello, Shawn M
Sinur, Nicholas A
Young, Eric R

Alpha Xi Delta 34%

Adler, Kaitlyn L
Apatzky, Amanda L
Barrett, Nicole R
Battiato, Jessica M
Beane, Jessica E
Bollin, Heidi K
Borsick, Sarah B
Brown, Stephanie M
Dennison, Melissa A
Deyoung, Brandi L
Dill, Jessica L
Eagle, Shannon M
Englefield, Kara M
Guiz, Katherine I
Hill, Samantha R
Holden, Jennifer L
Keane, Molly E
Lakas, Christina T
Lekas, Stephanie A
Lowery, Katherine J
McLaggart, Caitlin M
Meyer, Denise N
Muth, Jillian K
Perry, Ashley N
Princic, Anna T
Schumacher, Morgan M
Ussio-Hoffman, Jessica L
Vokish, Megan
Zavacky, Shannon L

Chi Omega 26%

Bonko, Katelyn M
Calevich, Aimee M
Ennis, Kathryn J
Everly, Emily J
Fries, Jessica M
Grabfelder, Jill M
Gyurke, Ashley L
Lewis, Catherine L
Maple, Caleigh M
Melesky, Casey L
Messaros, Jana L
Opfer, Kelsey A
Rettig, Sara E
Saunders, Lindsay M
Schantz, Ashley A
Spears, Stephanie M
Summers, Brittany L
Wineiland, Elizabeth A

Zachrich, Kristine R**Delta Chi 27%**

Bundy, Nicholas E
Dehnart, Patrick K
Georges, Timothy M
Holycross, Bo M
Lewis, Shane P
Miller, Keith D
Rancourt, Christopher A
Skidmore, Brandon C
Starnier, Artie W
Svoboda, Leo R
Zelina, William B III

Delta Gamma 18%

Advey, Jodi A
Brown, Whitney R
Gati, Gina M
Konopka, Kristin L
LaFramboise, Virginia R
Lumm, Ashley N
Meadows, Cynthia M
Obrock, Chelsea R
Pagano, Jacqueline S
Pecoraro, Brittany A
Rucker, Mary
Schwartz, Erica N
Snedden, Nicole E
Vittardi, Leah C
Young, Angeliqye K

Delta Lambda Phi 25%

Crosby, Shacorra H N

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 20%

Crosby, Shacorra H N
Young, Melissa A

Delta Tau Delta 16%

Achmoody, Mathew J
Gerycz, Christopher M
Hoyt, Dean C
Misiak, Aaron W
Pletcher, Christopher S

Delta Xi Phi 28%

Chaya, Julie A
Spriggs, Natasha M

Delta Zeta 37%

Albertson, Molly N
Belcher, Krista M
Boyd, Lindsey T
Brendel, Chelsea M
Butcher, Tiffany L
Casteel, Jennifer S
Daniel, Hilary C
Eyman, Lynsey N
Goetz, Laura E
Kline, Angela R
Koerner, Lynne M
Lombardo, Ashley M
Long, Gina M
McCarthy, Marissa A
Miller, Josie L
Morrow, Rebecca M
Patrick, Rochelle
Reeves, Kayla M
Stencel, Alexandra E
Sudhoff, Tammy M
Walters, Julie A
Zeller, Jacquelyn L

Gamma Phi Beta 24%

Edwards, Susan B
Habercht, Sarah L
Merritt, Patricia C
Miller, Amanda M
Porter, Emily B
Ritchey, Heather A
Rozevink, Jennifer M
Savage, Nicole S
Tuft, Samantha E

Kappa Alpha 13%

Cieker, Ryan P
Johnson, Davis M
Marshall, Larry S
McBride, Justin D

Kappa Delta 37%

Advent, Samantha K
Andrews, Erika S
Arozarena, Jennifer P
Bland, Julie A
Cline, Sarah K

Doblas, Amanda N
Doering, Jakki J
Fike, Amanda M
Hollister, Courtney A
Horstman, Lindsey N
Jones, Stephanie M
Kohlas, Alana A
Lissey, Cassandra B
Mushaben, Julia R
Riddle, Lauren M
Robinson, Michelle
Royse, Emily G
Small, Erin L
Thomas, Margaret E
Wolk, Lauren E

Kappa Kappa Gamma 23%

Applebaum, Suzanne J
Collins, Kelsey M
Compton, Mariah N
Cramer, Jaimie L
D'Alessandro, Lauren E
Dieckman, Kaela M
Doney, Kate L
Gordon, Kelsey R
Grieve, Kelly M
Gruss, Julia R
Hanna, Ashley R
Latkovic, Stacey L
Meekins, Erin T
Montgomery, Brook A
Novak, Samantha K
Philpot, Jill M
Sommer, Alyssa K
Zeligson, Peggy M
Zielaskiewicz, Katie B

Kappa Sigma 8%

Figley, Drew D
Greiner, Raymond A
Guckert, Alexander B
Wuebold, Andrew D

Lambda Chi Alpha 13%

Fisher, Jason M
Malinak, Matthew R
Rickels, William R
Scanlan, Ross M
Streaker, Benjamin L

Omega Phi Alpha 58%

Adam, Michelle L
Adkins, Nicole G
Bafunno, Michelle T
Cassel, Megan M
Compton, Kristen M
Ellerbrock, Leanne M
Jacoby, Stefany M
Kaufman, Leanne M
Kistler, Katelyn M
Maas, Ericka J
Miller, Amanda A
Neuhauser, Elizabeth N
O'Riordan, Molly K
Plymire, Ashley M
Ragan, Ashley M
Schroeder, Megan T
Simms, Dominique M
Traster, Jennifer A
Van Nieuwal, Cassandra L
Wenert, Colleen M
Zeiler, Alicia M

Phi Delta Theta 29%

Caligiuri, Ryan T
Chorba, Jarrett J
Calaruso, Anthony M
Matin, Sean P
Patton, Randy A
Pence, Brandon L
Schlekie, William R
Serfozo, Laurence J
Thompson, Tyler A

Phi Gamma Delta 3%

Walters, Matthew S

Phi Kappa Tau 13%

Connors, Ryan E
Levine, Adam H
Lowe, Jesse D
Meyers, Benjamin L
Rasgado, Diego E
Rothstein, Jeremy A
Sebbio, Brett A
Seitz, Michael R

Phi Kappa Psi 50%

Adkins, Cory J

Grayshaw, Patrick D
Moeller, Christopher M
Wolf, Kevin A

Phi Mu 35%

Brunn, Kimberly J
DeWolf, Megan E
Dues, Jodi L
Edwards, Lindsay P
Gillotte, Madeline L
Lombardi, Marissa K
May, Jessica M
Mayer, Carolyn
Otto, Rachael J
Owens, malina A
Porter, Sarah A
Sanderson, Lindsay M
Saylor, Laura E
Seigneur, Rebecca A
Spontelli, Caitlin
Sulewski, Kristi R

Pi Beta Phi 12%

Blackton, Stephanie A
Charnock, Brittany M
Delauder, Kelly M
Dinning, Andrea L
Distel, Jill A
Karnavas, Aimee E
Kary, Lauren E
Sabo, Melanie N
Stratton, Shannon L
Vinson, Cassandra N

Pi Kappa Alpha 10%

Calder, William T
Moody, Mark A
Mossing, Benjamin M
Richter, Scott D
Romano, Anthony III
Rosch, Kyle J
Waynick, John R

Pi Kappa Phi 14%

Butterfield, Zachary R
Fisher, Craig T
Hall, Andrew R
Preg, Eric M
Tanner, Cameron D

Sigma Alpha Epsilon 19%

Beres, Kevin P
Brenner, Timothy P
Callahan, James P
Ferguson, Sean M
Greggilla, Christopher S
Luthy, Logan A
Newborn, Nathaniel D

Sigma Kappa 21%

Buchop, Kimberly A
Fletcher, Stephanie L
Gilles, Amanda M
Hogan, Martina E
Loy, Christine A
Loy, Michelle E
Mireau, Angela M
Pressnell, Melinda J
Sutter, Jennifer J

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc. 25%

Saldana, Sara J
Vazquez, Jessica E

Sigma Nu 20%

Ellis, Robert J
Minich, Nicholas M
Novak, Corey W

Sigma Phi Epsilon 16%

Albrethsen, Timothy V
Bacher, James J Jr
Barlock, Jeremy J
Cheadle, Nathan L
Craig, Daniel J
Lang, Brandon J
McAninch, Charlee L
Retay, Nicholas A
Russell, Adam J

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 16%

Harris-Johnson, JoVanna M
Lightfoot, Shaina S

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GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Falcon's Nest, Union

Noon - 1 p.m.

FYSS - Good Debt, Bad Debt
315 Union

2 - 5 p.m.

Dance Marathon Book Scholarship
Union Table Space

6 - 9 p.m.

Disney College Program Presentation
223 Olscamp

8 p.m.

Jazz Fest '08: Student Jazz Combos
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

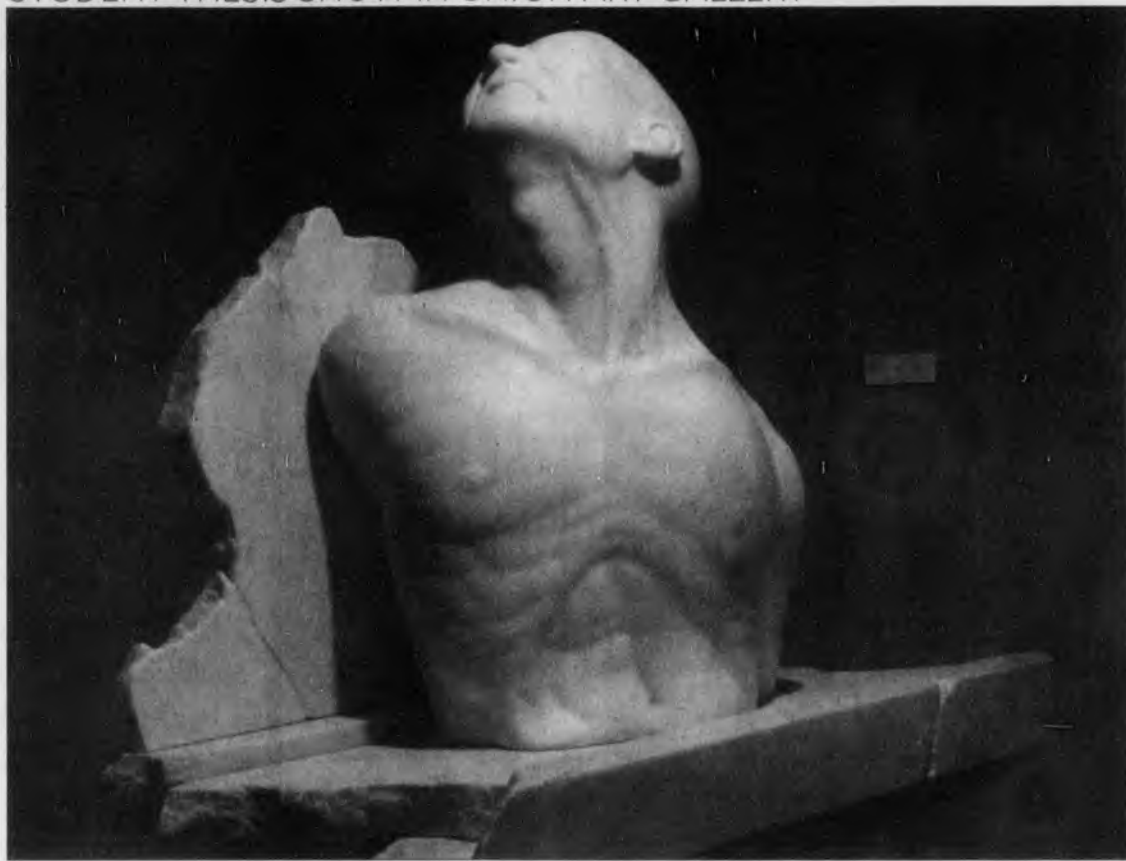
9 - 11 p.m.

Pub Trivia Night
Black Swamp Pub

9:15 p.m.

Good Guys - Recruitment Session
209 Olscamp

STUDENT THESIS SHOW IN UNION ART GALLERY



ART: "Iconocrash" by Jason Karas is one of the pieces featured in the BFA Student Thesis Show held in the art gallery on the first floor of the Union. The show started on March 15 and will run until April 5.

RACHEL RADWANSKI | THE BG NEWS

BGSU considers master's program in architecture

By Kate Snyder
Reporter

Future architecture students looking to complete their master's degree might not have to look for a school past BGSU.

At the Graduate Student Senate meeting last Friday, representatives from the Architecture Program Committee spoke about their proposal for a two-year master's degree program for the University.

Several schools further south, such as Miami, OSU and Kent State, offer a master's in architecture, but there isn't a program located in northwest Ohio.

Also at the meeting was Marshall Rose from the Office of Equity and Diversity, who spoke about the operating process of his office.

If a non-student is accused of discrimination against a student, the office handles the problem. Rose invited students to come forward with complaints.

The GSS also opened its nomination process for elections of officers for next year.

The nominations started on Friday and will carry through until March 28. Elections will be held April 4.

Second Life weapons system earns more than \$20,000

By Caroline Sedano
U-Wire

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Before setting foot on Brown's campus, Evan Donahue '11 made thousands of dollars creating weapons to summon damned souls and create rifts in space-time fabric to suck in adversaries.

The weapons systems were for the virtual world of Second Life, a popular online role-playing game. But the money — more than \$20,000 — was very real.

"Second Life is like an empty world in which users can do whatever they want," Donahue said. "Some people can meet friends and talk or build fantastic landscapes. Some people fight with each other. I program things for people to fight each other with."

Started in 2003 by Linden Labs, Second Life is an online world with a similar concept to EA Games' The Sims. In Second Life, a player creates an avatar and then is free to network, get a job, buy a house, buy clothing, have sex or fight other "residents" — as users do in the video game World of Warcraft. Some companies (Toyota and Calvin Klein), bands (Oasis) and even presidential candidates (John Edwards) have a presence in Second Life.

Second Life is built to mimic

real life. Following the lead of Wikipedia — the pages of which can be edited by anyone — any user can create programs for this online world. But unlike in The Sims, Second Life users can create items and then buy or sell them for "Linden Dollars," which translate into real U.S. dollars. Thousands of Donahue's combat systems, which cost between \$4 and \$12.

In February, users made \$328,122 in transactions in Second Life, according to the Second Life Web site. The Web site also says that there are more than 12 million Second Life users, and about 1.3 million have logged on to the world in the past 60 days.

Somewhat strangely, Donahue discovered Second Life through his mother. Donahue said his mother, an English professor at Duke University, was looking at the virtual world's social aspect and had the program up on her computer.

"I was bored and clicked on it and realized what I can do, but I didn't really expect to make money," he said, adding he created one weapon system a couple years ago, and the other before coming to Brown last summer. Second Life itself provides tools for anyone to create items and programs within the virtual world.

Committee to discuss worries over student loans

By Evan Regan-Levine
U-Wire

WASHINGTON — Amid a weak national lending market that has already led to losses for large and small lenders across the country, some officials are worried that a new victim might emerge: students who take out private loans to pay for college.

Members of Congress have expressed concerns with rising interest rates for student loans — currently averaging near 10 percent but sometimes as high as 18 percent — as private loans are becoming harder to secure. As a part of the search for a solution to the credit crunch, the House Education and Labor Committee is holding a hearing today to discuss how to keep federal student loans available.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., submitted an amendment to the Senate budget resolution this week aimed at protecting students who need loans to help pay for higher education.

"The maximum amount in federal loans a student may access to pay for college has remained essentially stagnant over the past 15 years," Kennedy said in a speech introducing the

"By providing for Congress to increase federal loan limits, this amendment would protect students from having to turn to the private markets to finance their education."

Ted Kennedy | Massachusetts Senator

amendment. As a result, students have had to turn increasingly to private lenders, which are less predictable than the federal government, Kennedy said.

"In recent weeks, disruptions in the credit market have increased costs for lenders. This has caused some lenders operating outside the federal student loan program to cut back on lending to high-risk borrowers or offer higher interest rates or less favorable terms for students," Kennedy said in the speech. "By providing for Congress to increase federal loan limits, this amendment would protect students from having to turn to the private markets to finance their education."

The amendment does not specify by how much federal funding of student loans would increase, but it would allow for future increases in funding for federal student loans.

On Feb. 28, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, and Kennedy wrote a letter to the Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings about the issue.

"Recently, certain student loan lenders have encountered difficulties in accessing the capital markets to finance their lending activity," the letter said. "While these disruptions have had an impact on some lenders, they so far have not negatively affected students' ability to access federal loans."

But according to Scott Fleming (SFS '72), assistant to the president for federal relations, students should not be immediately alarmed by the fluctuations in the loan market.

"I would emphasize that, while this is clearly a situation that warrants vigilant attention by everyone concerned — and

it is receiving careful attention here at Georgetown — it should not be cause for overblown concern, particularly for students at an institution like Georgetown, where our default rate on student loans is among the lowest in the country," Fleming said.

University spokesperson Julie Bataille said the university does not anticipate students encountering problems getting loans.

"At this point, we do not believe that Georgetown students will have trouble accessing student loans. We are in touch with lenders, federal officials and others as part of ongoing efforts to look at these issues but do not believe that, at this time, there is reason for Georgetown students to worry," she said. "A contingency option would be to participate in the federal government direct lending program, but at this point, we are not actively taking steps to do so, as we do not anticipate a problem in our students' ability to access private loans."

One private lender, Wachovia, is not planning on decreasing funding for private student loans.

"We haven't changed our commitment to the student lender market," Wachovia spokesperson Ferris Morrison said.

MARCH MADNESS

ENTER & WIN!

For more information, see pages 12 & 13.

Compliments of:

- 5 free 1 topping pizzas (2 winners)
- Frisbee golf disc
- \$20 gift certificate
- 3 foot party sub (2 winners)
- BGSU sweatshirt (2 winners)

Easter Buffet
at the
Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Sunday, March 23, 2008
11AM - 2PM
Lenhart Grand Ballroom

Reservations
Call 419-372-7950 Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Reservation deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, March 19th

Menu Includes

- Appetizers
- Carving Station
- Assorted Salads
- Various Entrées
- Gourmet Desserts

Adults - \$17.95
Seniors 60+ - \$14.95
Children 4-12 years old - \$7.50
Children under 4 years old - Free
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Falcon's Nest, Union

Noon - 1 p.m.

FYSS - Good Debt, Bad Debt
315 Union

2 - 5 p.m.

Dance Marathon Book Scholarship
Union Table Space

6 - 9 p.m.

Disney College Program Presentation
223 Olscamp

8 p.m.

Jazz Fest '08: Student Jazz Combos
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

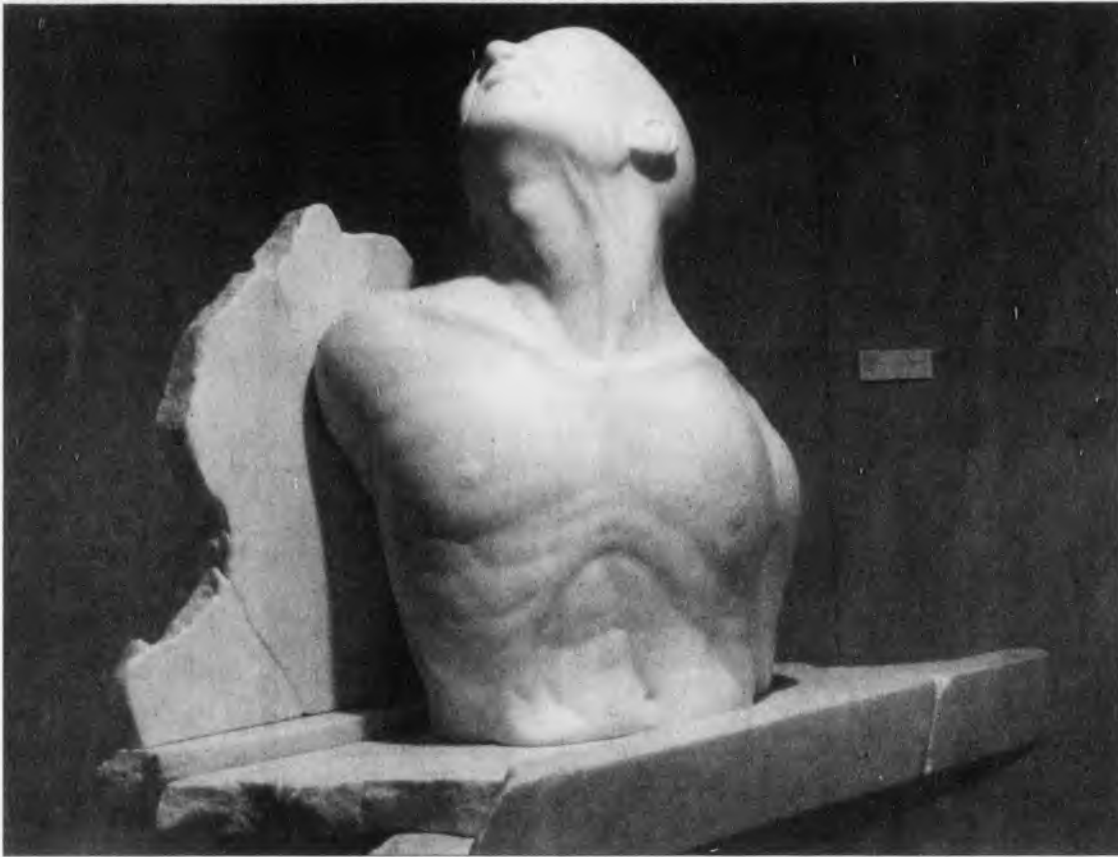
9 - 11 p.m.

Pub Trivia Night
Black Swamp Pub

9:35 p.m.

Good Guys - Recruitment Session
209 Olscamp

STUDENT THESIS SHOW IN UNION ART GALLERY



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ART: "Iconoclash" by Jason Karas is one of the pieces featured in the BFA Student Thesis Show held in the art gallery on the first floor of the Union. The show started on March 15 and will run until April 5.

BGSU considers master's program in architecture

By Kate Snyder
Reporter

Future architecture students looking to complete their master's degree might not have to look for a school past BGSU.

At the Graduate Student Senate meeting last Friday, representatives from the Architecture Program Committee spoke about their proposal for a two-year master's degree program for the University.

Several schools further south, such as Miami, OSU and Kent State, offer a master's in architecture, but there isn't a program located in northwest Ohio.

Also at the meeting was Marshall Rose from the Office of Equity and Diversity, who spoke about the operating process of his office.

If a non-student is accused of discrimination against a student, the office handles the problem. Rose invited students to come forward with complaints.

The GSS also opened its nomination process for elections of officers for next year.

The nominations started on Friday and will carry through until March 28. Elections will be held April 4.

Second Life weapons system earns more than \$20,000

By Caroline Sedano
U-Wire

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Before setting foot on Brown's campus, Evan Donahue '11 made thousands of dollars creating weapons to summon damned souls and create rifts in space-time fabric to suck in adversaries.

The weapons systems were for the virtual world of Second Life, a popular online role-playing game. But the money — more than \$20,000 — was very real.

"Second Life is like an empty world in which users can do whatever they want," Donahue said. "Some people can meet friends and talk or build fantastic landscapes. Some people fight with each other. I program things for people to fight each other with."

Started in 2003 by Linden Labs, Second Life is an online world with a similar concept to EA Games' The Sims. In Second Life, a player creates an avatar and then is free to network, get a job, buy a house, buy clothing, have sex or fight other "residents" — as users do in the video game World of Warcraft. Some companies (Toyota and Calvin Klein), bands (Oasis) and even presidential candidates (John Edwards) have a presence in Second Life.

Second Life is built to mimic

real life. Following the lead of Wikipedia — the pages of which can be edited by anyone — any user can create programs for this online world. But unlike in The Sims, Second Life users can create items and then buy or sell them for "Linden Dollars," which translate into real U.S. dollars. Thousands of Second Life users have bought Donahue's combat systems, which cost between \$4 and \$12.

In February, users made \$328,122 in transactions in Second Life, according to the Second Life Web site. The Web site also says that there are more than 12 million Second Life users, and about 1.3 million have logged on to the world in the past 60 days.

Somewhat strangely, Donahue discovered Second Life through his mother. Donahue said his mother, an English professor at Duke University, was looking at the virtual world's social aspect and had the program up on her computer.

"I was bored and clicked on it and realized what I can do, but I didn't really expect to make money," he said, adding he created one weapon system a couple years ago, and the other before coming to Brown last summer. Second Life itself provides tools for anyone to create items and programs within the virtual world.

Committee to discuss worries over student loans

By Evan Regan-Levine
U-Wire

WASHINGTON — Amid a weak national lending market that has already led to losses for large and small lenders across the country, some officials are worried that a new victim might emerge: students who take out private loans to pay for college.

Members of Congress have expressed concerns with rising interest rates for student loans — currently averaging near 10 percent but sometimes as high as 18 percent — as private loans are becoming harder to secure. As a part of the search for a solution to the credit crunch, the House Education and Labor Committee is holding a hearing today to discuss how to keep federal student loans available.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., submitted an amendment to the Senate budget resolution this week aimed at protecting students who need loans to help pay for higher education.

"The maximum amount in federal loans a student may access to pay for college has remained essentially stagnant over the past 15 years," Kennedy said in a speech introducing the

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Ted Kennedy | Massachusetts Senator

amendment. As a result, students have had to turn increasingly to private lenders, which are less predictable than the federal government, Kennedy said.

"In recent weeks, disruptions in the credit market have increased costs for lenders. This has caused some lenders operating outside the federal student loan program to cut back on lending to high-risk borrowers or offer higher interest rates or less favorable terms for students," Kennedy said in the speech. "By providing for Congress to increase federal loan limits, this amendment would protect students from having to turn to the private markets to finance their education."

The amendment does not specify by how much federal funding of student loans would increase, but it would allow for future increases in funding for federal student loans.

On Feb. 28, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, and Kennedy wrote a letter to the Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings about the issue.

"Recently, certain student loan lenders have encountered difficulties in accessing the capital markets to finance their lending activity," the letter said. "While these disruptions have had an impact on some lenders, they so far have not negatively affected students' ability to access federal loans."

But according to Scott Fleming (SFS '72), assistant to the president for federal relations, students should not be immediately alarmed by the fluctuations in the loan market.

"I would emphasize that, while this is clearly a situation that warrants vigilant attention by everyone concerned — and

it is receiving careful attention here at Georgetown — it should not be cause for overblown concern, particularly for students at an institution like Georgetown, where our default rate on student loans is among the lowest in the country," Fleming said.

University spokesperson Julie Baille said the university does not anticipate students encountering problems getting loans.

"At this point, we do not believe that Georgetown students will have trouble accessing student loans. We are in touch with lenders, federal officials and others as part of ongoing efforts to look at these issues but do not believe that, at this time, there is reason for Georgetown students to worry," she said. "A contingency option would be to participate in the federal government direct lending program, but at this point, we are not actively taking steps to do so, as we do not anticipate a problem in our students' ability to access private loans."

One private lender, Wachovia, is not planning on decreasing funding for private student loans.

"We haven't changed our commitment to the student lender market," Wachovia spokesperson Ferris Morrison said.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Falcon's Nest, Union

Noon - 1 p.m.
FYSS - Good Debt, Bad Debt
315 Union

2 - 5 p.m.
Dance Marathon Book Scholarship
Union Table Space

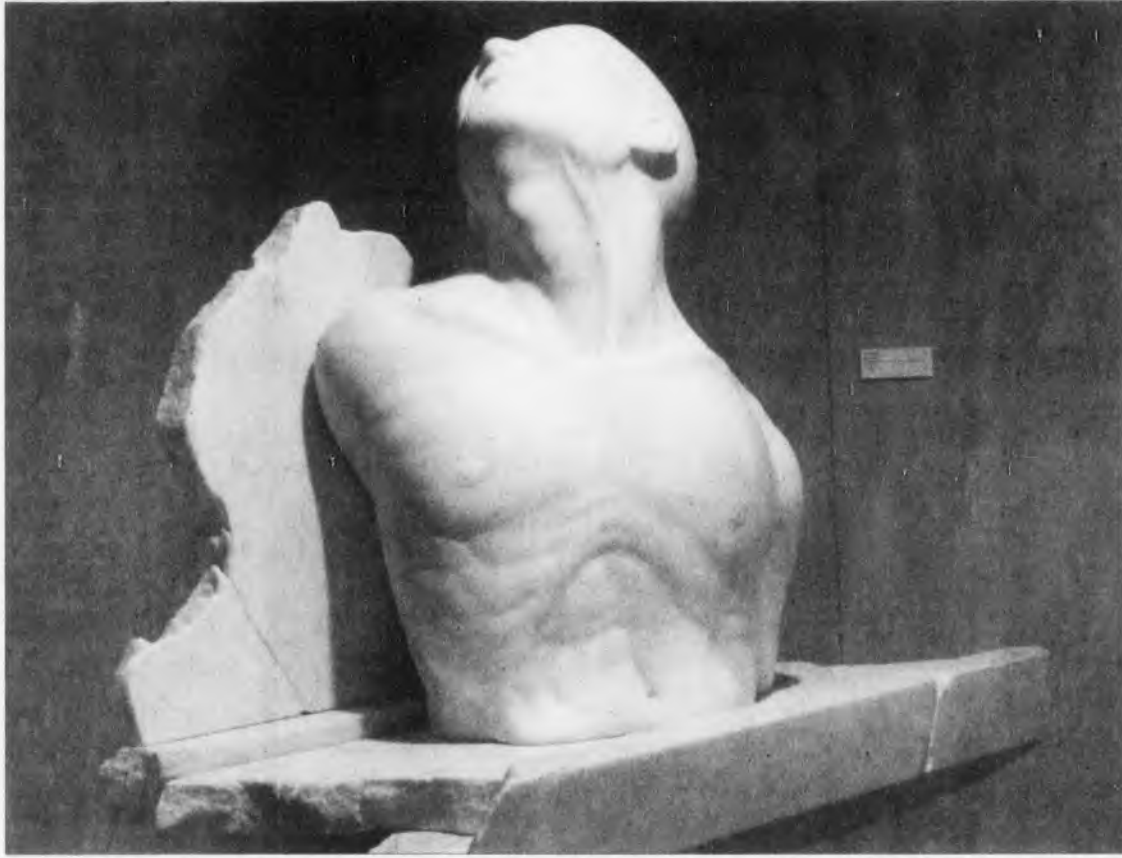
6 - 9 p.m.
Disney College Program Presentation
223 Olscamp

8 p.m.
Jazz Fest '08: Student Jazz Combos
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

9 - 11 p.m.
Pub Trivia Night
Black Swamp Pub

9:15 p.m.
Good Guys - Recruitment Session
209 Olscamp

STUDENT THESIS SHOW IN UNION ART GALLERY



ART: An abstract by Leah Kawa is one of the pieces featured in the BFA Student Thesis Show held in the art gallery on the first floor of the Union. The show started on March 15 and will run until April 4.

RACHEL RADWANSKI

BGSU considers master's program in architecture

By Kate Snyder
Reporter

Future architecture students looking to complete their master's degree might not have to look for a school past BGSU.

At the Graduate Student Senate meeting last Friday, representatives from the Architecture Program Committee spoke about their proposal for a two-year master's degree program for the University.

Several schools further south, such as Miami, OSU and Kent State, offer a master's in architecture, but there isn't a program located in northwest Ohio.

Also at the meeting was Marshall Rose from the Office of Equity and Diversity, who spoke about the operating process of his office.

If a non-student is accused of discrimination against a student, the office handles the problem. Rose invited students to come forward with complaints.

The GSS also opened its nomination process for elections of officers for next year.

The nominations started on Friday and will carry through until March 28. Elections will be held April 4.

Second Life weapons system earns more than \$20,000

By Caroline Sedano
U-Wire

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Before setting foot on Brown's campus, Evan Donahue '11 made thousands of dollars creating weapons to summon damned souls and create rifts in space-time fabric to suck in adversaries.

The weapons systems were for the virtual world of Second Life, a popular online role-playing game. But the money — more than \$20,000 — was very real.

"Second Life is like an empty world in which users can do whatever they want," Donahue said. "Some people can meet friends and talk or build fantastic landscapes. Some people fight with each other. I program things for people to fight each other with."

Started in 2003 by Linden Labs, Second Life is an online world with a similar concept to EA Games' The Sims. In Second Life, a player creates an avatar and then is free to network, get a job, buy a house, buy clothing, have sex or fight other "residents" — as users do in the video game World of Warcraft. Some companies (Toyota and Calvin Klein), bands (Oasis) and even presidential candidates (John Edwards) have a presence in Second Life.

Second Life is built to mimic

real life, following the lead of Wikipedia — the pages of which can be edited by anyone — any user can create programs for this online world. But unlike in The Sims, Second Life users can create items and then buy or sell them for "Linden Dollars," which translate into real U.S. dollars. Thousands of Second Life users have bought Donahue's combat systems, which cost between \$4 and \$12.

In February, users made 8,328,122 in transactions in Second Life, according to the Second Life Web site. The Web site also says that there are more than 12 million Second Life users, and about 1.3 million have logged on to the world in the past 60 days.

Somewhat strangely, Donahue discovered Second Life through his mother. Donahue said his mother, an English professor at Duke University, was looking at the virtual world's social aspect and had the program up on her computer.

"I was bored and clicked on it and realized what I can do, but I didn't really expect to make money," he said, adding he created one weapon system a couple years ago, and the other before coming to Brown last summer. Second Life itself provides tools for anyone to create items and programs within the virtual world.

Committee to discuss worries over student loans

By Evan Regan-Levine
U-Wire

WASHINGTON — Amid a weak national lending market that has already led to losses for large and small lenders across the country, some officials are worried that a new victim might emerge: students who take out private loans to pay for college.

Members of Congress have expressed concerns with rising interest rates for student loans — currently averaging near 10 percent but sometimes as high as 18 percent — as private loans are becoming harder to secure. As a part of the search for a solution to the credit crunch, the House Education and Labor Committee is holding a hearing today to discuss how to keep federal student loans available.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., submitted an amendment to the Senate budget resolution this week aimed at protecting students who need loans to help pay for higher education.

"The maximum amount in federal loans a student may access to pay for college has remained essentially stagnant over the past 15 years," Kennedy said in a speech introducing the

"By providing for Congress to increase federal loan limits, this amendment would protect students from having to turn to the private markets to finance their education."

amendment. As a result, students have had to turn increasingly to private lenders, which are less predictable than the federal government, Kennedy said.

"In recent weeks, disruptions in the credit market have increased costs for lenders. This has caused some lenders operating outside the federal student loan program to cut back on lending to high-risk borrowers or offer higher interest rates or less favorable terms for students," Kennedy said in the speech. "By providing for Congress to increase federal loan limits, this amendment would protect students from having to turn to the private markets to finance their education."

The amendment does not specify by how much federal funding of student loans would increase, but it would allow for future increases in funding for federal student loans.

On Feb. 28, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, and Kennedy wrote a letter to the Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings about the issue.

"Recently, certain student loan lenders have encountered difficulties in accessing the capital markets to finance their lending activity," the letter said. "While these disruptions have had an impact on some lenders, they so far have not negatively affected students' ability to access federal loans."

But according to Scott Fleming (SES '72), assistant to the president for federal relations, students should not be immediately alarmed by the fluctuations in the loan market.

"I would emphasize that, while this is clearly a situation that warrants vigilant attention by everyone concerned — and

it is receiving careful attention here at Georgetown — it should not be cause for overblown concern, particularly for students at an institution like Georgetown, where our default rate on student loans is among the lowest in the country," Fleming said.

University spokesperson Julie Bataille said the university does not anticipate students encountering problems getting loans.

"At this point, we do not believe that Georgetown students will have trouble accessing student loans. We are in touch with lenders, federal officials and others as part of ongoing efforts to look at these issues but do not believe that, at this time, there is reason for Georgetown students to worry," she said. "A contingency option would be to participate in the federal government direct lending program, but at this point, we are not actively taking steps to do so, as we do not anticipate a problem in our students' ability to access private loans."

One private lender, Wachovia, is not planning on decreasing funding for private student loans.

"We haven't changed our commitment to the student lender market," Wachovia spokesperson Ferris Morrison said.

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MICHAEL WEIGMAN | THE BG NEWS

Who's to blame as police brutality rears its ugly head?



LEMARQUNITA LOWE
COLUMNIST

"Depending on one's outlook, no one is to blame, but a change must be made in order for police officers to be trusted again."

A young Latino male waits at a stoplight and gets pulled over for speeding by a Los Angeles police officer. Before the officer walks back to his car, the man writes down the license plate number of the police car and the police officer's badge number.

The officer questions the young man and asks him why he was writing down the license plate number. The gentleman responds by saying, "All cops are crooked, and I wanted to have both numbers in case I was illegally arrested."

Seeing police uniforms should give people a sense of security and safety, not a sense of fear. However, as time changes, seeing the uniform with a gold badge has caused citizens to distrust cops because of police corruption.

Having "bad cops" in the justice system has been a major problem that dates back to police headquarters in Los Angeles, New York City and Chicago. I am sure that officers did not go into the line of duty planning to become just like the criminals that roam the street, so what caused these officers to become "bad cops," and who should take the blame for not trusting the police? Or should anyone take the blame?

Police corruption dates to the beginning of many riots that involved minorities and immigrants. Not accepting social change can be the main factor that causes police corruption to exist until this decade.

Society divides itself into upper class, middle class and lower class. The upper class consists of the people who are rich, the lower class consists of the people who are poor and the middle class are those individuals who are average.

With each class structure, certain racial backgrounds are categorized; society shows that Latinos, Mexicans and African-Americans fit into the lower class ranking. With this new structure of society being formed, many riots began because of segregation and violence against minorities.

Riots grew to the point where violence erupted, and police officers began to blame the minorities for the violence that rose within a community. Instead of trying to end the riots peacefully, officers began to "shoot to kill" and many minorities were killed.

This is just the beginning of racial profiling that occurred in many neighborhoods, and the police blamed minorities for every crime that happened. More were arrested unjustly,

more minorities were being seen beaten with clubs and the jail cells started to overload.

Minorities began to complain they were being arrested by the police unjustly and sent to jail without a fair trial. Officers began to beat victims, forcing them to confess to a crime.

One might say that since the Civil War, police crime has decreased because minorities are being accepted more into society. Even today police corruption still exists, so there must be someone or something else to blame.

Police officers do not get paid as much as a wealthy doctor and some of their salaries are low. The standards in hiring new personnel also play a role in the quality of the police officer. For example, someone coming into the field with a college degree, high morality and training through the police academy should have high standards and be a good police officer.

Are police, minorities or society itself to blame for police corruption? Depending on one's outlook, no one is to blame, but a change must be made in order for police officers to be trusted again. Instead of fearing an officer while waiting at a stop light, citizens should feel safe and secure whenever they see an officer in uniform.

— Respond to LeMarqunita at thenews@bgnews.com.

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Don't stop at St. Patrick's Day, save me from these holidays, too



GREG CHICK
COLUMNIST

"No right-minded college would want the public relations nightmare that is the health epidemic of Valentine's Day. Why, what would potential students and parents think?"

So have you heard the one about the University administrators moving spring break to coincide with St. Patrick's Day to avoid all the trouble the holiday brings? Instead of focusing on providing a quality education, improving retention and lowering tuition, the head honchos that run the place are in their well-furnished offices wasting time on silly issues such as this.

This stuff is too good to make up. It has to be true.

When I heard about the proposal, I, like any other rational person, couldn't deny the logic in the decision. I mean, if I were an upper level University administrator, why would I want to try to actually face the problem of student drinking when I can just move spring break to cover it up a little?

Who needs to educate students about the risks of binge drinking or coordinate University and local police to be prepared to handle the situation when you can all but delete the Super Bowl of drinking with a spring break? Since when was college about helping students learn, grow and develop when you've got the institution's image to worry about?

Well, to do my part in helping this place run more smoothly, I thought I'd offer a few suggestions to those charged with my and my colleagues' success. I'll even go in order of the calendar year just so those bureaucrats don't have to spend more time away from playing DDR in the Union to put them all in order.

The first holiday that needs to be somehow averted is Valentine's Day. The transfer of STIs and creation of unplanned pregnancies transpires on that day more than any other day of the year. Such popular campus-wide sexual practices are a scar to the right-

teous University image. No right-minded college would want the public relations nightmare that is the health epidemic of Valentine's Day. Why, what would potential students and parents think? They could actually believe that fabled story of how BGSU is the STI capital of the known universe.

If it were up to me, I'd shut down the whole campus for a week and actually enforce that ridiculous rule they have in the residence halls about not allowing sleepovers. They could force all the men to watch a "Biggest Loser" marathon and the women watch the World's Strongest Man competition on ESPN2.

One holiday that offers more opportunities for trouble is Earth Day. Yes, Earth Day.

The University needs to quickly mobilize on this, as Earth Day is a breeding ground for neo-conservationists and environmental terrorism. You can already see all the tree-hugging hippie bumper stickers on cars throughout campus, an indication of the grassroots (no pun intended) movement of students organizing to fight for the environment.

This is no laughing matter; one day students come to campus having a slight adoration of seamonkeys and pet rocks, then Earth Day comes and they're brainwashed into thinking any petroleum use is endangering to every species on Earth.

We all saw what environmentalists did in the first few minutes of "28 Days Later." If the University wants to avert attention from the Department of Homeland Security as harboring environmental terrorists, something must be done to thwart the mecca of all Southeast Indian Orangutan worshipping holidays.

Another annual celebration

that threatens the very foundation of our great University is Halloween.

Now, I know what you're thinking. You may have thought I'd be concerned with the traditional vandalism, TP-ing, egg tossing and other common juvenile practices that happen every year.

No, like any fair-minded thinker, I have grave concern for the health of the student body. The amount of sugar, trans fat, calories, saturated fat and other unhealthy components make candy that is consumed in masses are dangerous to the well-being of students.

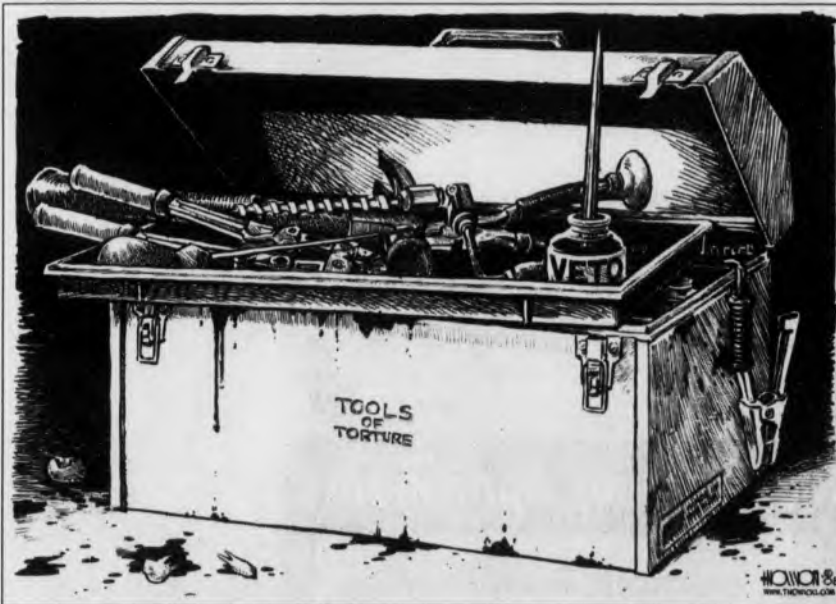
This self-inflicted degradation of students' health must be stopped at all costs. I would suggest turning all on-campus eateries into "health zone headquarters" for the week, where only the finest fruit and vegetables are served.

Better yet, force the students to spend a certain amount of their meal plan within the week so they have no choice but to buy healthy foods. Making self-ish, arbitrary decisions about students' meal plans has been a hallmark of this administration, so why stop?

There are several other holidays that I don't have the space here to mention. Father's Day, Groundhog Day and Columbus Day all come to mind. If the University administrators listen to the advice I've listed here, I'm sure the institution's image will be squeaky clean for the rest of eternity.

Now, if you'd excuse me, I'm going to get wasted downtown and make bad decisions like every other self-respecting student. Do not like there's anything else to do around here. Cheers!

— Respond to Greg at thenews@bgnews.com.



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BLOTTER

FRIDAY

5:13 P.M.
A vehicle parked on East Wooster Street was reported damaged overnight.

6:08 P.M.
Two young males were reported seen with matches by the Dumpster behind Big Lots.

6:40 P.M.
Lance A. Lundquist, 37, of Grand Rapids, Ohio, was arrested for shoplifting from Kroger's on North Main Street.

9:16 P.M.
Jordan L. Laskey, 19, and Scott P. Ankey, 18, both of Bowling Green, were cited for underage possession of alcohol.

10:00 P.M.
Gregory M. Luczyk, 24, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct for loud music.

11:29 P.M.
Timothy E. South, 22, of Bowling Green, was issued a civil citation for urinating in public.

11:42 P.M.
A male was reported "sucker punched" on Thurstin Avenue.

SATURDAY

12:05 A.M.
A group of males were reported to be knocking off mailboxes on State Avenue.

12:20 A.M.
Gregorio D. Miranda, 20, of Cleveland, was arrested for open container and underage under the influence of alcohol. Nicole M. Sparks, 21, of Rocky River, Ohio, was arrested for open container of alcohol.

12:37 A.M.
Timothy S. Hutchinson, 26, of Trenton, Ohio, was cited for jay-walking.

1:00 A.M.
Dustin J. Bumpus, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage

under the influence of alcohol.

1:48 A.M.
Mohammed Alqahtani, 32, of Bowling Green, was issued a civil citation for urinating on East Wooster Street.

1:52 A.M.
A fight was reported at Uptown/Downtown Bar on North Main Street.

2:00 A.M.
Brittany M. Gause, 22, of Walbridge, Ohio, was arrested for criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct for fighting at Uptown/Downtown Bar on North Main Street.

2:01 A.M.
Matthew F. Heilman, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container and underage possession of alcohol.

2:30 A.M.
Ryan D. Intone, 19, of Portage, Ohio, was arrested for urinating on West Wooster Street.

2:45 A.M.
A vehicle in Lot 1 was reported damaged.

2:50 A.M.
Richard A. Bowles, 22, of Perrysburg, was arrested for urinating on East Court Street.

3:19 A.M.
A lightbar was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Clough Street.

3:37 A.M.
Tyler M. Kiel, 26, of Toledo, was cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

9:23 a.m.
A glass patio table at a Troup Avenue residence was reported broken.

1:21 P.M.
A 4 foot tall wooden Easter bunny was reported stolen from a West Merry Avenue residence.

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MEMORIAL

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women to find support and shelter in their own county.

Though the night was a memorial, the mood was far from cheerless.

"We say this is a memorial, but really that is such a somber word," said SCFR president Ashley Albertson. "Really this is a celebration of his life."

The SCFR has been planning the event since early this school year to honor Meyers who died in June of 2007. The event is the largest event in the organization's history said Albertson.

"This is a huge undertaking and it was a great learning experience for all of us," Albertson said.

Sophomore Jodi Carmack took charge and headed the organization of the event.

The Peace Lutheran Church was the home church of Doug Meyers and is still the church of Landry-Meyers and her family.

Meyers had a great influence on the parish and the community, said Pastor Debbie Conklin.

"Doug's spirit is here every moment and we miss him desperately," Conklin said. "He was someone who you could depend on, he kept things together in his own silent way."

After dinner was served and all were full, community members spoke in honor of the late Meyers.

"Doug was an ordinary man with an extraordinary sense of justice and fairness and what was the right thing to do," Clossick said. "He was a rare and good human being who, without trying, made a difference wherever he went."

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FILMS

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students face on campus on a regular basis.

"I really like the point of this film, and I hope that the people watching it saw the message behind it," he said. "You cannot judge someone at first glance because you know nothing about that person."

Jag Co. member and actor Mike Judge agreed with Lewis and said that he hopes his film will make students think before they begin to judge others based on appearance or stereotype.

And though the film was deemed a success by both judges and the attending audience, Judge said coming up with the idea was difficult.

Although the group originally had several ideas for the film, they ended up choosing the winning idea after contemplating the freshman experience and the negative aspects that sometimes go along with it.

"High school is such a judgmental place, and freshman students can't help but bring

that to college with them," Judge said. "People judge us and we judge others, and we just decided we wanted to express the real thoughts and feelings behind the people who were being incorrectly labeled."

Time management also became an issue for the team as the deadline of Feb. 8 approached, said actress and Jag Co. member Sarah Acker.

Regardless, Jag Co.'s film won the coveted first place entry and members received an iPod Touch as a result of their efforts. The film "Convergence" by License to Film won second place and members received Nintendo Wiis. "Blowing Green" by Team Extreme won third place and team members were given iPod Nanos.

But for Jag Co. actor Evan Turner, the prizes were not the reasons why he decided to participate in the creation of the film.

"I just wanted to make a movie, and the fact that we won ... well, I'm honored and it just makes it all worthwhile," Turner said. "This experience is going to make a memory."

Fed approves cut in lending rate

By Jeannine Aversa
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, in an extraordinarily rare weekend move, took bold action yesterday evening to provide cash to financially squeezed Wall Street investment houses, a fresh effort to prevent a spreading credit crisis from sinking the U.S. economy.

The central bank approved a cut in its emergency lending rate to financial institutions to 3.25 percent from 3.50 percent, effective immediately, and created a lending facility for big investment banks to secure short-term loans. The new lending facility will be available to big Wall Street firms today.

"These steps will provide financial institutions with greater assurance of access to funds," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

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Ben Bernanke | Federal Reserve

Bernanke told reporters in a brief conference call yesterday evening.

The Fed acted just after JP Morgan Chase & Co. agreed to buy rival Bear Stearns Cos. for \$236.2 million in a deal that represents a stunning collapse for one of the world's largest and most venerable investment banks. Just on Friday the Fed had raced to provide emergency financing to cash-strapped Bear Stearns through JP Morgan.

PYRAMID

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Multi-level marketing firms are legitimate businesses often confused for pyramid schemes, said accounting professor Alan Lord said. Although both are structured in much the same way, they differ in income. In MLM, money is primarily made through the sale of actual products (commonly door-to-door) as opposed to the sale of a "money-making" activity or investment, Lord said.

Bonuses are awarded to those who recruit more sellers, according to MLM firm Amway, making it similar to the pyramid scheme.

MLM salespersons can lose money just as easily. Senior accounting major Matt Brotzki lost money three years ago to University Painters, a professional house painting firm which recruits college students.

Students had to sell \$10,000 worth of services before they could start getting paid a salary as painters, Brotzki said. Their salary, however, was given to them after the job was done and was capped at approximately \$400 a week.

Although he personally lost "gas money and time," other students ended up losing more.

"I would say a lot of people got in over their heads, believing false promises. [They] spent more money than what they had, and it came back to bite them," Brotzki said.

The experience taught Brotzki what not to do in a job search, he said.

Students could only make \$400 a week, and those who generated more business than that had their extra earned money taken by the company, Brotzki said.

Brotzki admits there were members of University Painters who made money, but those results were not typical.

College students can protect themselves from making money-losing investments and falling for scams simply by informing themselves before they invest, Stoll said.

"I think there are two things that really sum it up: There's no such thing as a free lunch and that's just a fact," Stoll said. "If sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Whatever you're doing, it's always good to have healthy skepticism."

Investors who believe they are victims of a pyramid scheme should call the police and to give as much information as possible, Stoll said.

"If they [victims] don't speak up, it just makes it that much easier [for the scheme to continue]," Stoll said.

RECYCLE

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what I could do to cut back on that too, but I know that recycling is important for the environment," said sophomore Kris Payne.

Instead of dumping large amounts of waste in landfills, Mbatu suggested separating the trash into recyclable piles, like cardboard, plastic and paper.

In some states, like Michigan, there are recycling incentives

where you get a certain amount of money for each bottle or can.

The three R's all help counteract global warming and help sustain natural resources, Mbatu said.

Mbatu said he feels that having more student programs would increase awareness about the need to reduce, reuse and recycle. It could also contribute to cultivating good ethics for protecting the environment.

"Remember, we are living on one planet," Mbatu said.



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Iraq war deaths nearing 4,000

Number of U.S. casualties may bring renewed attention to war

By Bradley Brooks
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Sometime soon, the U.S. military will suffer the 4,000th death of the war in Iraq.

When the 1,000th American died in September 2004, the insurgency was just gaining steam.

The 2,000th death came as Iraq held its first elections in decades, in October 2005.

The U.S. announced its 3,000th loss on the last day of 2006, at the end of a year rocked by sectarian violence.

The 4,000th death will come

with the war further out of the public eye, and replaced by other topics on the front burner of the U.S. presidential campaigns.

Analysts say the 4,000 dead, while an arbitrary marker, could inject the war debate back into the campaign season, particularly with the war's fifth anniversary on Thursday. Or, with overall violence lower in Iraq, the milestone could pass with far less public discussion than in past years.

Last year was the deadliest for American troops in Iraq, with 901 troops killed. As of yesterday, at least 3,988 Americans have

died in Iraq.

James Carafano, a military analyst with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, said that the decline in violence since 30,000 troops were sent into Iraq last summer has been more important in the public's eye.

"Americans are not casualty averse. They are failure averse," Carafano said.

"They were unhappy with the lack of progress and spiraling violence. That is why you have seen public support rebound after it was clear the surge was working."



MASTER SGT. ANDY DUNAWAY | AP PHOTO

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL: Sen. John McCain visited Baghdad to meet with U.S. diplomatic and military officials yesterday.

McCain visits Iraqi officials; marks 20th anniversary of chemical attacks

By Ryan Lenz
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Sen. John McCain, the likely Republican presidential nominee, arrived in Baghdad yesterday for a visit with Iraqi and U.S. diplomatic and military officials.

The trip by McCain, who has linked his political future to U.S. military success in the nearly five-year-old war, coincided with the 20th anniversary of a horrific chemical weapons attack in northern Iraq.

McCain met with Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh and planned to meet with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, according to the U.S. Embassy. Further details of McCain's visit, which had been anticipated, were not being released for security reasons, the embassy said.

Before leaving the United States, McCain, one of the foremost proponents of the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion,

said the trip to the Middle East and Europe was for fact-finding purposes, not a campaign photo opportunity.

But he expressed public worries that militants in Iraq might try to influence the November general election.

"Yes, I worry about it," he said, responding to a question during a campaign appearance in Pennsylvania. "And I know they pay attention, because of the intercepts we have of their communications."

McCain, the senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, was accompanied by Sens. Joe Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., two top supporters of his presidential ambitions.

The weeklong trip will take McCain to Israel, Britain and France, and include his first meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. He also is expected to meet with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Israeli

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and other Israeli officials.

His focus in Iraq was thought to be the drop in sectarian violence and U.S. and civilian casualties since last summer. Exactly what was discussed, however, remained unclear since numerous telephone calls to aides traveling with McCain went unanswered.

Elsewhere, Kurds in northern Iraq commemorated the anniversary of the chemical weapons attack in Halabja, near the Iranian border, with solemn observances. The streets were empty and heavily patrolled by Iraqi security forces.

Saddam Hussein ordered the 1988 attack as part of a scorched-earth campaign to crush a Kurdish rebellion in the north, which was seen as aiding Iran near the end of its war with Iraq.

Saddam was executed for other crimes against humanity before he could face trial for the attacks.

Dalai Lama calls for protest investigation

By Tini Tran
The Associated Press

BEIJING — The Dalai Lama called yesterday for an international investigation into China's crackdown against protesters in Tibet, which he said is facing a "cultural genocide" and where his exiled government said 80 people were killed in the violence.

The demonstrations were the fiercest challenge to Beijing's rule in the region in nearly two decades, leading to sympathy protests elsewhere and embarrassing China ahead of the Olympic Games.

Along with 80 killed, some 72 people were injured in the protests, said Thubten Samphel, a spokesman for the exiles.

He said the figures were confirmed by multiple sources inside Tibet who had counted corpses. China's state media said 10 people died.

Meanwhile, hundreds of armed police and soldiers

"There is an ancient cultural heritage that is facing serious danger."

The Dalai Lama

patrolled the streets of Lhasa two days after Tibetans torched buildings and stoned Chinese residents.

Hong Kong Cable TV reported some 200 military vehicles, carrying 40 to 60 armed soldiers each, drove into the city center of Lhasa yesterday.

Footage showed the streets were mostly empty other than the security forces. Messages on loudspeakers warned residents to "discern between enemies and friends, maintain order" and "have a clear stand to oppose violence, maintain stability."

The Tibetan spiritual leader, speaking in Dharmasala, the north Indian hill town where

Tibet's government-in-exile is based, said "Some respected international organization can find out what the situation is in Tibet and what is the cause."

"Whether the [Chinese] government there admits or not, there is a problem. There is an ancient cultural heritage that is facing serious danger," the Dalai Lama said.

"Whether intentionally or unintentionally, some kind of cultural genocide is taking place."

It was not immediately clear if he was referring to China's overall policies in Tibet when he spoke of a genocide, or the recent crackdown.

The violence erupted just two weeks before China's Summer Olympic celebrations kick off with the start of the torch relay, which passes through Tibet. China is gambling that its crackdown will not draw an international outcry over human rights violations that could lead to boycotts of the Olympics.

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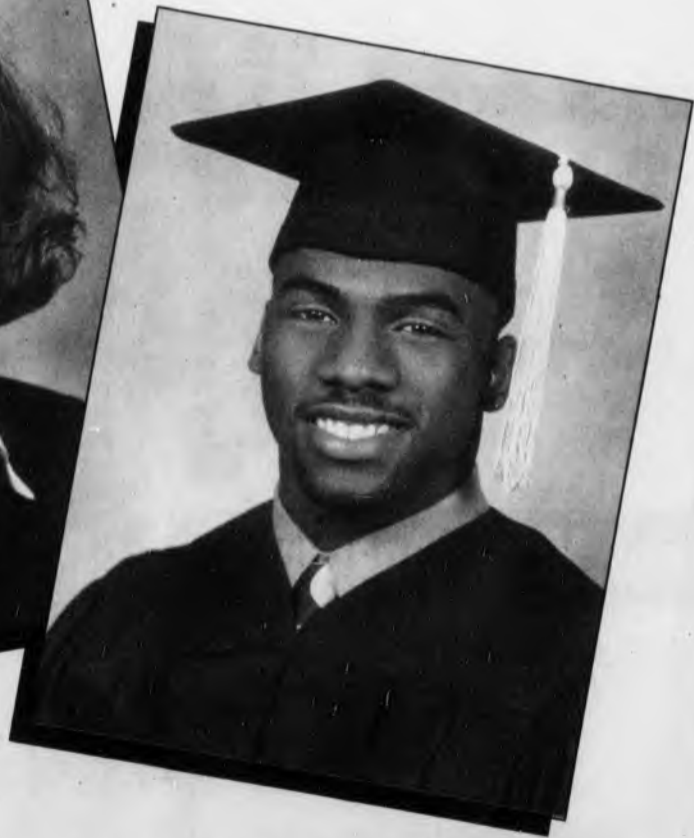
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'Boot camp' relieves chronic back pain

By Carla K. Johnson
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Ballet teacher Gayle Parseghian thought she might never dance again after a back injury while moving heavy furniture left her with unrelenting pain.

But an intensive, four-week "boot camp" got the 55-year-old dancer from Toledo back to the barre. The program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago taught her to manage the chronic pain that had tormented her for more than a year.

"It affects your relationship with your spouse, your family, your friends, your boss," she said. "It's like you're trapped in your body and you can't get out. It's a feeling of being completely out of control."

New research suggests chronic pain affects the brain's ability to rest, disrupting a system that normally charges up some brain regions and powers down others when a person relaxes.

"I ask a patient who has had chronic pain for 10 years to put the mind blank, don't think about anything," says Dr. Dante Chialvo, a researcher at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of



BACK PAIN BOOT CAMP: Gayle Parseghian, center, a 55-year-old ballet teacher from Toledo, exercises in the pool with other patients.

Medicine who is not involved with the boot camp.

MRI images show the pain sufferer's brain lighting up, but not as a normal brain at rest would, he said. "There is an objective biological difference in the brain."

The early findings could explain the sleep disturbances, decision-making problems and mood changes that often accompany chronic pain, he said.

And they could explain why the boot camp approach worked for Parseghian.

The Chicago program, affiliated with Northwestern's medical school, attacks pain on three fronts — biological, psychological and social. It doesn't claim to cure chronic pain, but instead gives patients tools to lessen its hold on their lives.

Patients spend Monday

through Friday stretching, exercising and moving in new ways. They meet with a physician, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a biofeedback therapist, a clinical psychologist and a movement specialist.

They may address depression or sleep problems or adjust their medications. And they learn from the other patients in the program.

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Middle-class families in Ohio falling down economic ladder

AKRON, Ohio — Ohio's middle class families are racing to the bottom of the nation's economic ladder with incomes that fail to keep pace with inflation and the rising costs of higher education and health care, the Akron Beacon Journal reported yesterday.

Ohio ranks 32nd with a median household income of \$44,532 based on 2006 data, the latest year available. Adjusted for inflation, that's only \$431 more than the median household income in 1969, according to the newspaper's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data.

The economic slide in Ohio coincides with the loss of tens of thousands of good-paying manufacturing jobs in the auto, rubber and steel industries.

The addition of more women in the workplace hasn't been enough to help improve household incomes because hourly wages have dropped, the newspaper said. In Ohio, median earnings for workers ages 20 to 64 have slid 7.5 percent since 1969.

Lagging incomes aren't the only threat to the middle class, said Amy Hanauer, executive director of Policy Matters Ohio, a Cleveland-based economic research organization.

"Being middle class means

"Loans are not a fair way to ask young people to start out their adult lives."

Amy Hanauer | Executive Director

being able to own your home, access to health care for you and your family, and being able to send your kids to college," Hanauer said.

But achieving those goals, plus a secure retirement, are increasingly out of reach because costs have gone up much faster than incomes and inflation, she said.

That's especially true for higher education in Ohio, which last year had the fifth highest tuition and fees — averaging \$8,445 — among states with four-year public universities, according to the College Board's Trends in College Pricing.

This year, because of a state-mandated tuition freeze, Ohio dropped to seventh highest.

But for many Ohioans, the cost remains high.

At the University of Akron, for example, the annual cost for a full-time student living on campus more than tripled within a generation — from \$5,622 in the 1989-90 school year to \$17,254

today, the newspaper said.

For many students, going deep into debt is the only way to pay for college. That makes it even more difficult to get into the middle class, Hanauer said.

"Loans are not a fair way to ask young people to start out their adult lives," she said, "particularly not huge loans that are going to take years to repay at the same time that you're trying to gather together the down payment for a house that is going to be difficult to afford, and at the same time you may be in a job that is less likely to be offering health benefits than in the past."

Ohio's overall health costs have gone up slightly higher than the national average, said William Hayes, president of the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, a Columbus nonprofit research center.

Per capita spending on health care in Ohio more than doubled to \$5,725 between 1991 and 2004, an average annual increase of 6 percent, compared to 5.5 percent for the nation, Hayes said.

But out-of-pocket costs are increasing even faster, Hayes said. That's because employers are shifting more of the cost to their employees.

"You're having a trade-off — health care or wages," Hayes said.

STATE BRIEF

Murder-suicide in northwest Ohio

SANDUSKY — Authorities in northwest Ohio say a man fatally shot his wife and later turned a gun on himself after a standoff with sheriff's deputies.

Erie County sheriff's deputies discovered the body of 34-year-old Melanie Jensen Friday evening while responding to a domestic disturbance report at the Berlin Township home near Sandusky.

Her husband, 42-year-old Thomas Jensen, had barricaded himself in the family's garage. Deputies say that after negotiating with authorities for several hours, Jensen shot and killed himself just after 11 p.m.

The couple has two daughters.

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Strickland not disrupted by Clinton campaign

COLUMBUS — The campaigning that Gov. Ted Strickland did for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton didn't distract him from official state business, his spokesman said.

Strickland spent five full workdays out of the office and six weekend days on the campaign trail for Clinton, according to The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, which requested a copy of the governor's schedule. Clinton won the state's March 4 primary over Barack Obama.

"It is not unusual for Gov. Strickland to work every day of the week, from early morning to late evening," Strickland spokesman Keith Dailey said.

"So spending a few days out of the office to campaign for the next president of the United States didn't detract from state business. The governor's office communicates with him constantly when he's on the road."

Strickland made 17 trips for Clinton's campaign in the primary's last three weeks, including stops with former President Bill Clinton.

He also made campaign appearances in early primary states such as Iowa and South Carolina.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign paid for the governor's travel, but Ohio taxpayers picked up other costs.

Out-of-state campaign stops

costs the State Highway Patrol, which provides Strickland's security detail, \$3,800 for meals, lodging and air fare plus \$3,900 for wages, including overtime, said patrol Lt. Tony Bradshaw.

Ohio law requires the governor to have protection at all times, no matter what he is doing.

"No direct taxpayer costs are associated with campaign activity," Dailey said. "Of course, there are marginal costs associated with nearly any of the governor's activities."

Strickland has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate, but the governor had denied any interest in the job.

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Storms sweep through Atlanta



DESTROYED: An aerial photo of a badly damaged building in Atlanta demonstrates the extent of the damage the city received over the weekend.

Two people are killed, dozens injured in aftermath of historic tornado

By Torie Turner
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Two people in rural northwest Georgia are dead and dozens injured after a series of severe storms moved through the state, producing the first-ever tornado to hit downtown Atlanta.

A woman was killed in Polk County early Saturday afternoon when a storm demolished her home and threw her and her husband into a field, while an elderly man in neighboring Floyd County was killed by flying debris as he sat in his home. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. Officials have not released the victims' names.

Calls to the Polk and Floyd County sheriff's departments were not immediately returned. National Weather Service officials were expected to be in both counties later yesterday to determine whether the damage was caused by a tornado or straight-line winds, meteorologist Vaughn Smith said.

In Atlanta, crews began cleaning up debris and broken glass Saturday from the tornado that struck the city with little warning the previous night. The storm cut a 6-mile path of destruction through the city with winds gusting up to 130 miles per hour, leaving homes crushed by centuries-old trees and numerous windows shattered in high-rise office buildings and hotels.

In neighborhoods just east of downtown — like the historic Cabbagetown where a loft apartment building partially collapsed and homes were destroyed — residents ducked under tables and hid in closets as the twister made its way through the city.

"It was just like everyone says it is — the proverbial freight

"It was just like everyone says it is — the proverbial freight train."

Carol Grizzel | Resident

train," said Carol Grizzel as she cleaned debris out of her yard.

Some of the cleanup in Atlanta was delayed by a series of strong storms that moved through the state Saturday, bringing torrential rain, high winds and quarter-sized hail.

Residents had about eight minutes of warning before the twister struck downtown Friday night, weather officials said. The tornado, classified as an EF2 tornado on the Enhanced Fujita scale, lasted about 20 minutes.

Many residents were surprised by the storm, as were basketball fans at the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament at the Georgia Dome and the NBA matchup between the Atlanta Hawks and Los Angeles Clippers at Philips Arena. The warning was not displayed at either game.

At least 27 people were hurt Friday night, though no injuries were reported to be life-threatening.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin declared a state of emergency in the city Saturday. Curious onlookers fanned out across the city taking pictures and surveying the damage in their neighborhoods.

Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John Oxendine estimated damage from Friday night's storm at \$150 million to \$200 million. He said at least \$100 million of the damage occurred at the Georgia World Congress Center, a state convention facility near the CNN Center.

4 killed, 3 missing in crane accident

By Karen Matthews
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three people were still listed as missing yesterday as rescue teams picked through the rubble of a town house crushed by a toppling construction crane in an accident that killed four construction workers.

Crews removed one section of the 19-story-tall crane that crashed onto the four-story brownstone and seriously damaged five other buildings in an affluent East Side neighborhood. Rescuers were waiting for removal of the largest pieces of debris so they could intensify their search for possible survivors, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday.

The missing people were two other construction workers and a woman who was staying in an apartment in the town house, the mayor said.

Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said that "with each passing hour, things get a little more grim."

Twenty-four others were injured, including 11 first responders, Bloomberg said. Eight remained hospitalized yesterday, officials said.

The missing woman had come from Miami to visit a friend who lived in the town house and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the city, said John LeGreco, owner of Fubar, a tavern on the ground floor. The woman's friend was rescued, he said.

The mayor called the col-



COLLAPSE: Workers in New York scramble to find missing people trapped under the rubble of a crane yesterday.

lapse, at the construction site of a new high-rise condo building, one of the city's worst construction accidents.

The crane broke into pieces Saturday afternoon as it came loose from its supports, toppling across 51st Street and the buildings between there and 50th Street. One section that was lying on top of the remains of the town house jutted into 50th Street.

"I heard a big crash, and I saw dust immediately," said Maureen Shea, a 66-year-old retired banker who was lying in bed talking on the phone when she glanced out her window and saw bricks raining from the sky. "I thought the crane was coming in my window."

The four victims were iden-

tified as construction workers Wayne Bleidner, 51, of Pelham; Brad Cohen; Anthony Mazza, 39; and Aaron Stephens, 45, of New York City, police said yesterday.

Yesterday, construction crews positioned a second crane to help remove pieces of the toppled structure and started removing piles of debris from the street.

The fallen crane had stood at least 19 stories high and was attached at various points to the side of a half-built apartment tower. The crane was to have been extended Saturday so workers could start work on a new level of the planned 43-story building, said an owner of the company that manages the construction site.

A piece of steel fell and sheared off one of the ties holding it to the building, causing the structure to detach and topple, said Stephen Kaplan, an owner of the Reliance Construction Group.

"It was an absolute freak accident," he said Saturday. "All the piece of steel had to do was fall slightly left or right, and nothing would have happened."

Kaplan said the company had subcontracted the work to different companies and was not in charge of the crane. There was no immediate response to calls and an e-mail seeking comment from the crane's owner, New York Crane & Equipment Corp.

Neighbors said they had complained to the city about the crane.

Leaders debate proper response to water crisis

By Martha Mendoza
The Associated Press

Test it, study it, figure out how to clean it — but still drink it. That's the range of reactions raining down from community leaders, utilities, environmental groups and policy makers in reaction to an Associated Press investigation that documented the presence of pharmaceuticals in major portions of the nation's drinking water supplies.

"There is no wisdom in avoidance. There is wisdom in addressing this problem. I'm not suggesting that people be hysterical and overreact. There's a responsible way to deal with this — and collectively we can do it,"

"There is no wisdom in avoidance. There is wisdom in addressing this problem. I'm not suggesting that people be hysterical and overreact."

George Mannina | Environmental Lawyer

said Washington-based environmental lawyer George Mannina.

A five-month-long inquiry by the AP National Investigative Team found that many communities do not test for the presence of drugs in drinking water, and those that do often fail to tell customers that they have found trace amounts of medications, including antibiotics, anti-con-

vulsants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones.

The stories also detailed the growing concerns among scientists that such pollution is adversely affecting wildlife and may be threatening human health.

As a result, Senate hearings have been scheduled, and there have been calls for federal solu-

tions. But officials in many cities say they aren't going to wait for guidance from Washington to begin testing.

Pharmaceutical industry officials said they would launch a new initiative today with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service focused on telling Americans how to safely dispose of unused medicines.

The subject of pharmaceuticals in drinking water also will be discussed this week when 7,000 scientists and regulators from 45 countries gather in Seattle for the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology. "The public has a right to know the answers to these questions," said Dr. George Corcoran, the organization's president.

E-mails of top officials often kept out of the public eye

By Tom Hester Jr.
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — In New Jersey, the governor's e-mails might shed light on whether he inappropriately conferred with a labor leader he once dated. In Detroit, the mayor's text messages revealed a sexually charged scandal. In California, a fight rages for access to e-mails sent by a city councilwoman about a controversial biological laboratory.

Even the White House has been under pressure from Democrats in Congress over its problem-plagued e-mail system.

While e-mail and text mes-

"There seems to be an attitude throughout government that somehow electronic communications are not subject to the laws."

Patrice McDermott | Director of OpenTheGovernment.org

saging has become a hugely popular way to communicate throughout society, governments at all levels are often unwilling to let the public see the e-mails of their elected officials.

Officially, e-mails in all but a handful of states are treated like paper documents and subject to Freedom of Information requests. But most of these states have rules allowing them to choose which e-mails to turn over, and most decide on their own when e-mail records are deleted.

"There seems to be an attitude throughout government — at all levels — that somehow

electronic communications are of its own kind and not subject to the laws in the way that print communications are," said Patrice McDermott, director of OpenTheGovernment.org.

"So we keep hearing reports of governors and mayors who decree that their e-mail records can be destroyed, in six weeks or six months, with no appraisal for permanent value and no review by an independent body," she said.

Open records advocates contend by keeping electronic communications private, states are giving their elected officials an avenue to operate in secret — they use taxpayer-funded

computers to send and receive e-mail but with little or no obligation to make such communications public.

"The public needs to realize that is their possibility for accountability and historical review that is being put through the electronic shredder," McDermott said.

New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine is fighting in court to keep secret his e-mails with ex-girlfriend Carla Katz, the leader of a powerful union representing thousands of state workers. State Republicans sued when Corzine refused to turn over his e-mails.

"He seems to think he's still running a private company where he gets to set the rules and ignore them when it serves his purpose," said Tom Wilson, the New Jersey Republican Party chief.

"He isn't doing business. He's leading a government established by and for the people."

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HOCKEY

Falcon season ends at the hands of Miami

An unexpected turn-around season ended in Oxford for the Falcon icers. BG lost Friday's contest by a score of 4-1 and lost Saturday's outing to the RedHawks by a margin of 4-2.

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Ben Geelan's season ends controversially

The BG forward speared RedHawk icer Ryan Jones after Jones scored a goal.

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BG stunned in loss to OU



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FOUR NO MORE: The Falcons quest for four straight MAC Championships ended in a 68-66 double-overtime loss to Ohio on Friday. Miami would later go on to win the tournament.

Double-overtime loss puts NCAA berth in danger

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

CLEVELAND—For the first time in four seasons, the BG women's basketball team wasn't the group celebrating a clutch victory over a conference rival.

The Ohio Bobcats didn't have the Mid-American Conference Player, Coach or Freshman of the Year on their roster, but in double overtime of the MAC Tournament semifinals, they had guard Quintana Ward on the floor with ice in her veins, and BG point guard Kate Achter fouled out of the game and sitting helplessly on the bench. Ward's jumper with 14 seconds left in the second overtime propelled OU to a stunning 68-66 victory over BG.

In the past, it was BG's seniors who would carry the program on their backs and beat the best the MAC had to offer. That outcome wasn't meant to be this season.

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"We fought, we clawed, and we just kept on battling. The beauty of MAC basketball, we've recently been a one-bid league. It doesn't matter if you're the best team all year long ... You have to earn your right to go to the NCAA Tournament from this league."

Curt Miller | BG coach

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This time, it was the other team's senior, Ward, who refused to let another season end prematurely and calmly drained the jump shot that

able to come out with a win."

Despite the outcome of Friday's game, the Falcons had two major opportunities to put the Bobcats to bed for good, but didn't capitalize.

Near the end of regulation, guard Lauren Prochaska missed a right-handed layup that rolled in and out of the basket. It was a miss that kept OU alive for overtime. Then at the end of the first extra frame, guard Whitney Taylor missed a layup to her right that was eerily similar to Prochaska's—in and out of the basket with just seconds left on the clock.

"We had a layup at the end of regulation ... In overtime, we missed another layup," Miller said. "It's tough when you don't step up and make that shot. There's a lot of heads hanging in that locker room. I feel really bad for them because it's been a real magical year."

It was a game that featured

earned the Bobcats another day at the Quicken Loans Arena and sent the Falcons back home early to reflect on a missed opportunity.

OU head coach Sylvia Crawley and her team was relieved to finally get over the sizeable hump of beating BG in the MAC Tourney.

"We were David in this situation, and Bowling Green was our Goliath," Crawley said. "I was just happy that we were

Woods' birdie putt on 18 clinches victory, pushes PGA winning streak to five

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

ORLANDO—Tiger Woods made a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational by one shot, extending his PGA Tour winning streak to five and keeping intact a perfect season in golf.

In his biggest challenge since this streak began seven months ago, Woods outlasted 45-year-old Bart Bryant and won with a birdie putt on the final hole for the first time in seven years. He turned and slammed his cap to the ground, letting out a roar to celebrate his 64th career victory, tying Ben Hogan at No. 3 on the PGA Tour's career list.

Palmer stood behind the 18th green with thousands of sun-baked fans who have come to expect nothing less from Woods. The King smiled and nodded his head, a royal approval of a captivating conclusion at Bay Hill.

Woods closed with a 6-under 66 and won Bay Hill for the fifth time in his career, becoming the first player in PGA Tour history to win four tournaments at least five times.

Next up is the CA Championship at Doral, which he has won six times. No wonder

some are starting to question whether he will lose again.

Bryant felt hopeless, no different from so many other victims of Woods.

He hit all the right shots on the back nine to keep pressure on the world's No. 1 player, and was sitting in the scoring trailer when the largest crowd in golf this year erupted in cheers when the birdie putt fell.

"That's why he's Tiger Woods," Bryant said. "He has an incredible way of pulling off the shot or the putt when he needs to. He's done it before. He'll do it again."

Not since Bay Hill in 2001 has Woods won a PGA Tour event with a birdie on the 72nd hole to win by a shot.

"I don't know how I did that," Woods said of his winning putt on greens that had given him fits early in the week. "I just wanted to get the speed right and make sure I didn't leave myself a second putt ... and it went in."

The last time he played, he surpassed Palmer on the career list. This one allowed him to join Hogan, who won 64 times over 21 years, the last victory coming at the 1959 Colonial National Invitational.

Next up is Jack Nicklaus at 73, with Sam Snead's record of 82 victories looking closer each

time Woods plays.

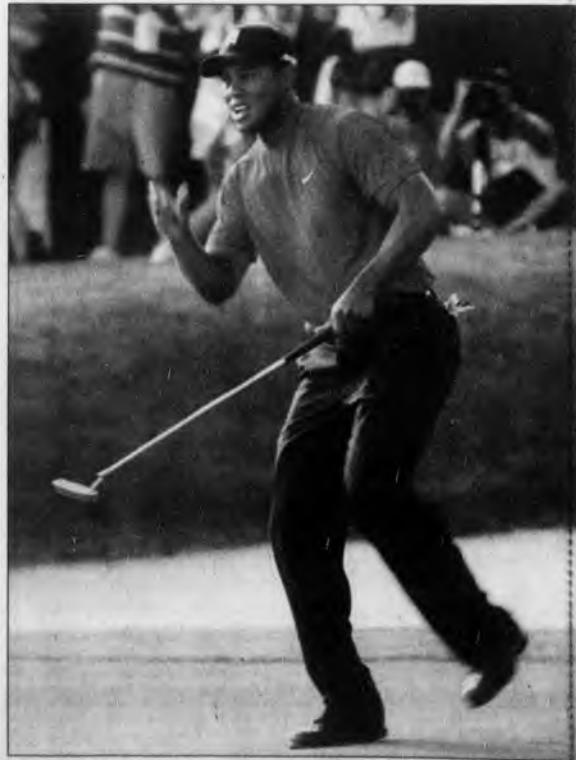
"It's pretty amazing to be in that kind of company," Woods said. "I've had an amazing run in my career, and hopefully, it continues."

No one can say these guys are laying down for Woods. He had to fight to the finish under a sweltering sun, and Bryant was visibly disappointed when he heard the roar and saw the putt. A victory would have sent him to the World Golf Championship next week, and also earned him a spot in the Masters.

Bryant closed with a 67 and was the only player to break par all four rounds at Bay Hill. All that earned him was second place, joining a long list of players to be runner-up to the world's No. 1 player.

"I was pretty hopeless sitting there in the trailer, but I did what I thought I was supposed to do, which was put the pressure back on Tiger to make the play," Bryant said. "And he has a habit of making it when he needs to."

Woods has won six straight times worldwide, which includes a thrilling rally in Dubai last month. The winning streak does



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SANK IT: Tiger Woods reacts to his dramatic 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole of The Arnold Palmer Invitational. Woods tied Ben Hogan for third all time on the PGA wins list.

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RedHawks end Falcons' surprising season

Special teams play comes back to haunt Falcons in final game

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

The Falcon hockey team's season came to an end this weekend at the Steve Cady Arena in Oxford, Ohio during the second round of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

Though they overcame expectations over the past six months by climbing out of their predicted basement finish in the CCHA, the Falcons were still disappointed by Friday's 4-1 Miami win and the 4-2 season capper on Saturday.

BG ran into a team that decided to waste no time in showing why it is currently one of the best college hockey programs in the nation.

Justin Mercier and Ryan Jones, two of the best scoring threats around, combined for five points and a plus-5 rating on the weekend. In goal, Jeff Zatkoff proved why he has become one of the nation's best goalies, turning in 68 total saves on the weekend.

That included Saturday's performance in which he faced 43 Falcon shots and stopped all but two of them.

All three of these young men, Jones, Mercier and Zatkoff, are credible Hobey Baker candidates this season, an award given to the country's most outstanding player.

As a whole, the RedHawks managed to kill off 10 of 11 Falcon power plays on the weekend. That included two five-minute majors for checking from behind on Jones and Justin Vaive Friday night.

Those two killed majors really helped to turn the series in Miami's favor after BG had taken a 1-0 lead in Friday's second period on John Mazzei's ninth goal of the season.

"I've always said that if you kill a five-minute penalty, you

"Clearly, the special teams battles' both ways were won by Miami."

Scott Paluch | BG coach

get a lot of momentum from it," said Miami coach Rico Blasi. "Then we had power play chances in the third and were able to capitalize."

Less than 20 seconds after Mazzei's second period goal, freshman Pat Cannone evened the game up with his fifth goal of the season.

Nathan Davis put his team ahead for good in the series with a breakaway goal 15 minutes into the second period.

"As a goal scorer, that's what you look for," Davis said. "As you see it happening, your heart gets beating a little faster. Those are the fun ones."

Cannone and Tommy Wingels added two more third period power play goals, which all but assured that Jimmy Spratt had played his last game of the 2007-08 season in net for the Falcons. Spratt managed 25 saves to Zatkoff's 27 on Friday, and thwarted only two of six power play chances by Miami.

"We played a pretty good game, five-on-five," said BG coach Scott Paluch. "But clearly, the special teams' battles both ways were won by Miami. They have a lot of skilled players, and when you give them opportunities like those, it comes back to hurt you."

Davis and his teammates had some more fun on Friday, despite letting BG claim a 43-22 advantage in shots. Usually the team who owns an advantage like that is sure to win, but not on Saturday night.

The reason for this, unsur-

prisingly, came from a guy they call "Z."

Zatkoff made 41 saves in the win and looked extremely composed doing so. Nick Eno, on the other hand, was clearly affected by the nerves related to his first career road playoff game. The freshman netminder let in four Miami goals on 22 shots.

Mercier and Carter Camper didn't help Eno's confidence much when they put Miami up 2-0 in the first period.

Tommy Dee did attempt to cut the momentum from those tallies in half when BG seniors Derek Whitmore and Ben Geelan fed him a pass in front of the Miami net for the last assists of their college career.

In the second period, however, the RedHawks made sure that the series would indeed end that night.

Davis and Jones put together a 1-2 scoring punch five minutes apart and sent Miami into the third with a 4-1 lead once again.

The goal was Jones' 30th of the year, which he greatly enjoyed scoring in his final game on familiar ice.

"I was talking to Nate [Davis] and I said 'at least we can say that we scored in our last game in the Goggin.' At the same time, it's sad because we're never going to play on this ice surface in front of these people again," Jones said.

The feeling was mutual for the five players who ended their Falcon career unable to force a game three for Sunday.

"We have five terrific seniors who were a big part of this," an emotional Paluch said of Ben Geelan, Michael Hodgson, John Mazzei, Mike Nesdill and Derek Whitmore. "They deserve a lot of credit for really keeping things very positive, throughout the year and even last year."

"We're going to miss them."

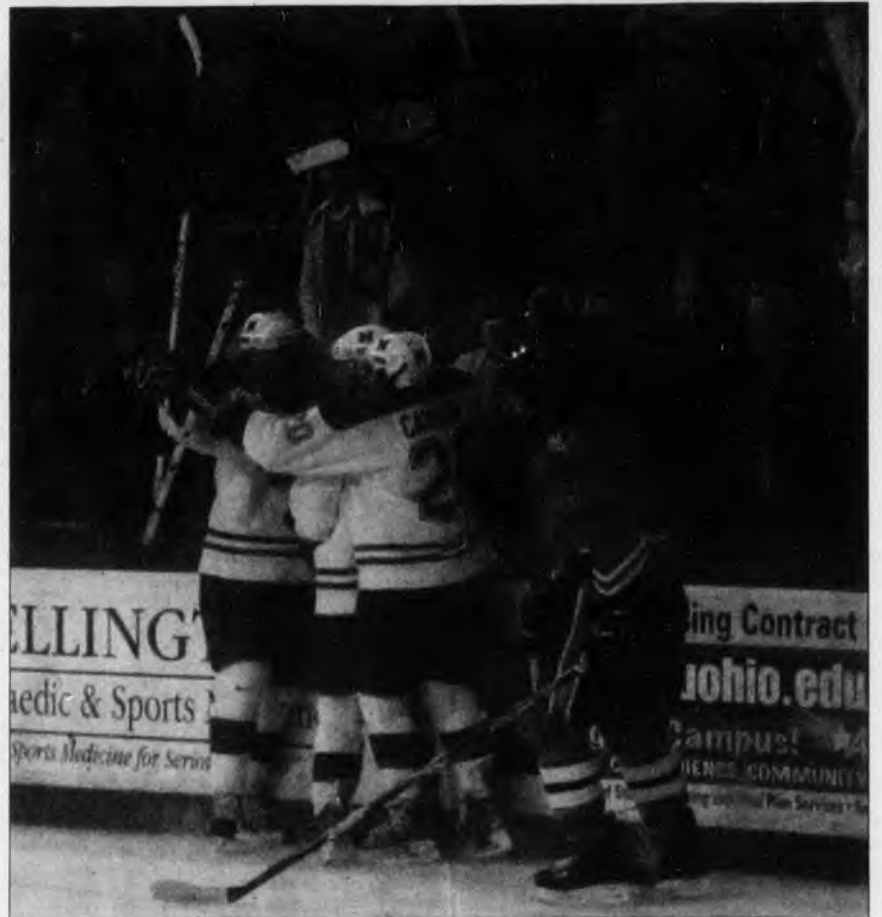


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GOAL: RedHawk icers react to Ryan Jones' goal during the 4-2 Miami victory Saturday night. Moments after Falcon forward Ben Geelan ended his collegiate career by spearing Jones and earning himself a game-misconduct penalty as well as a five minute major. Geelan was upset with Jones' prolonged celebration after the goal.

Ben Geelan's career ends on sour note

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

After Ryan Jones scored the fourth goal of Saturday's game, the Falcons were no doubt extremely frustrated with the way their season was likely to end.

However, how each player showed that frustration certainly did vary.

BG forward Ben Geelan displayed his anger in the worst way possible, and now unfortunately has to live with this last sordid memory of his playing days.

The senior checking liner had been heading to the bench when he saw Jones putting on an extravagant celebration for the Miami fans.

That's when Geelan snapped and made the final decision of his Falcon career—to sit out the remainder in the locker room with a five-minute major and game misconduct for spearing.

But not every Falcon gave up in that third period and let the emotions get the best of them.

Brandon Svendsen, known all year for being an incessant worker on the fore check and penalty kill, scored his fourth and final goal of the 2007-08 Falcon season with four minutes to go.

"We always get a tremendous effort out of Brandon, in a lot of ways," Scott Paluch said of the junior who is the most likely candidate to land a "C" on his jersey this fall. "He's a tireless worker throughout his game."

Though disappointed, Svendsen had much to offer on what this season meant for the BG hockey program.

"It was a good stride for this program," Svendsen said. "We really turned things around this year, compared to the last few years."

"If we strive to get better and better every year, we can establish a core to bring that pride and winning attitude back to BG hockey."

Ice arena needs improvement in order for Falcons to compete

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

Call me crazy, but when choosing a place to play collegiate hockey or any other sport, you want a venue that somewhat reflects your skills.

For Falcon hockey, which boasts two NHL draftees and a Hobey Baker hopeful in senior Derek Whitmore, they play in a cardboard box of an arena that hurts the program more than it helps. The rink, which was built in 1968, is something you would expect to find in a small town on a low budget, not in a Division I college hockey program.

The perfect example of how the venue can fuel the program was seen this weekend in Oxford at the University of Miami. The Goggin Ice Center was built in 2006 at the cost of \$34.6 million. The main surface, Steve "Coach" Cady Arena, is a palace in the college hockey world.

Miami's hockey program has taken off since the early 2000's as they had a quarterfinal berth in last year's NCAA tournament and were ranked first in the country earlier this season, when they ironically were beaten by BG in one of the worst venues in the CCHA BGSU ice arena.

However, Miami's previous history to this century includes a list of failures in CCHA play not finishing higher than third any time before 2000 and have yet to see a big time NHL star come from the program.

BG on the other hand has won a national title, granted it was in 1984, two players on the 1980 Miracle on Ice Olympic team and one of the NHL's biggest stars Los Angeles Kings captain and Stanley Cup Winner Rob Blake.

Looking solely at the two programs, history would assume BG should have the stronger present day program. However the Goggin Center is what puts Miami in the top-10 in the country and the BGSU Ice Arena is what holds BG in the middle of the pack in the CCHA.

It's conceivable that if BG was to have an ice arena close to the quality of "The Cade" (as we've dubbed it), they could have a top five program within five to six years. Currently, for any big recruit that has a choice between BG and another program, the Ice Arena here has got to be a big detriment to Bowling Green hockey's image.

As many of you have heard, BGSU received the biggest contribution in history for the Stroh Convocation Center set to go up in around three years. During this time the ice arena will also get a new face-lift; \$4 million dedicated so far, and a perfect

opportunity to build a Goggin-esque arena.

The plan of action is quite simple; gut the whole BGSU ice arena. Rip it all out and start over.

First, the seating needs to be turned from hard wood bleachers that, unless your standing in the student section, you want to leave by the end of the second period.

Like in Oxford, the seats need to be turned into club seating and cut down the capacity from 5,000 as it is now to a 3,750-4,000 range.

You also need to address the big gaping hole that exists at the south end of the arena where there is a poorly placed skate shop and the zamboni garage. To fix said problem, the rink needs to be structured with the skate shop, zamboni garage and locker rooms all built into the stands.

The rink would take a similar look to the Computware Ice Arena in Plymouth, Mich, home of the OHL Plymouth Whalers. It would also allow for the addition of two to three luxury boxes built up on the concourse developed by the new solid seating area.

"The Cade" has built Miami hockey a pedestal that a re-done BGSU ice arena could give Falcon hockey. Imagine a venue that not only excites fans but also a place that current and future players want to play in. In Miami this weekend it actually felt like a professional atmosphere, as even during spring break students were loud and supporting their team.

When covering a game at the BGSU Ice Arena, unless you look at the talent on the ice, it feels like a high school hockey game with some extra media coverage.

Speaking of the media, the new re-done BG ice arena also needs to massively expand the press box so on days that Comcast or BCSN do decide to broadcast some hockey I'm not sharing a chair with two other reporters.

Also the new press box would need the menu from "The Cade"; one of the best Mac n' Cheese dishes I've ever tasted and pulled pork sandwiches that were available all game, not just during the first intermission where we currently get half-cold pizza from Dominoes.

However, I'm sure you already knew this as you are all loyal blog readers; or, at least, you should be.

Either way, the BGSU Ice Arena doesn't fit the level of play in CCHA hockey and perhaps a venue like "The Cade" will bring BG back to national stage in college hockey.



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CELEBRATE: Ryan Jones celebrates the Redhawks fourth goal on Saturday. Moments later Jones was speared by BG's Ben Geelan.

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UNC, UCLA, Memphis and Kansas earn No. 1 seeds

OSU snubbed of its NCAA berth

By Eddie Pells
The Associated Press

North Carolina, Memphis, Kansas and UCLA earned the top seeds in the NCAA tournament Sunday, and the top-ranked Tar Heels got the best deal of all: Their road to the Final Four won't veer more than two hours outside their Chapel Hill campus.

The Tar Heels (32-2) are the top seed in the East, with their first- and second-round games scheduled for Raleigh and the next two rounds in Charlotte.

"It's an advantage if you play well," said North Carolina coach Roy Williams, trying to lead the Tar Heels to their second title in four years. "Just because the crowd's cheering for you. I've never had a crowd win a game. I know it sounds wacko."

Like North Carolina, Kansas, UCLA and Memphis won their conference tournaments to seal their top spots—Memphis in the South, Kansas in the Midwest and UCLA in the West.

The Final Four is set for April 5-7 in San Antonio.

Absent from the tournament are last year's two finalists, Ohio State and two-time defending champion Florida.

The Buckeyes were a bubble team that didn't make it, and the rebuilt Gators saw their chances die with a first-round loss in the Southeastern Conference tournament. They're the first defending champs to miss the tournament since Kansas in 1989, when the Jayhawks were on probation.

March Madness officially begins Tuesday with an opening-round game between Coppin

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Roy Williams | UNC Coach

State and Mount St. Mary's, then with first-round games Thursday and Friday. The real festivities, however, have already started, with the brackets out, the pencils sharpened and office pools getting in full swing.

In the East region, North Carolina will open against the winner of the Coppin State-Mount St. Mary's game, while No. 2 seed Tennessee will open against No. 15 American.

Other games in the region are: No. 7 Butler vs. No. 10 South Alabama; No. 3 Louisville vs. No. 14 Boise State; No. 6 Oklahoma vs. No. 11 St. Joseph's; No. 8 Indiana vs. No. 9 Arkansas; No. 4 Washington State vs. No. 13 Winthrop; and No. 5 Notre Dame vs. No. 12 George Mason, which will try to repeat its surprising trip to the Final Four two years ago.

By defeating Texas in the Big 12 title game, Kansas earned its top seed in the Midwest, a short trip to Omaha, Neb., and a first-round game against Big Sky champion Portland State.

The marquee matchup in that region, however, will be between No. 6 Southern California and No. 11 Kansas State—a meeting of top freshmen O.J. Mayo and Michael Beasley.

Other Midwest games pit No. 8 UNLV against No. 9 Kent State; No. 5 Clemson vs. No.

12 Villanova, a bubble team; No. 4 Vanderbilt against No. 13 Siena; No. 2 Georgetown vs. 15 Maryland-Baltimore County; No. 7 Gonzaga vs. No. 10 Davidson; and No. 3 Wisconsin vs. No. 14 Cal State-Fullerton.

In the South region, Memphis opens against No. 16 Texas-Arlington, No. 8 Mississippi State plays No. 9 Oregon, No. 5 Michigan State plays No. 12 Temple and No. 4 Pittsburgh plays No. 13 Oral Roberts. The other side of the bracket includes No. 2 Texas vs. No. 15 Austin Peay, No. 7 Miami vs. No. 10 St. Mary's, No. 3 Stanford vs. No. 14 Cornell and No. 6 Marquette against No. 11 Kentucky, with coach Billy Gillespie leading the Wildcats into the tournament in his first year at the school.

In the West, UCLA plays No. 16 Mississippi Valley State, No. 8 BYU plays No. 9 Texas A&M, No. 5 Drake plays No. 12 Western Kentucky and No. 4 Connecticut plays No. 13 San Diego. Other games are No. 2 Duke vs. No. 15 Belmont, No. 7 West Virginia vs. No. 10 Arizona—off the bubble and making its 24th straight NCAA appearance—No. 6 Purdue vs. No. 11 Baylor and No. 3 Xavier vs. No. 14 Georgia, which won the SEC tournament Sunday afternoon to make a surprise trip to the NCAAs with a 17-16 record.



STEVE HELBER | AP PHOTO

CAROLINA ON THE MIND: The University of North Carolina will not have to leave their home state until the Final Four after securing the No. 1 seed in the East regional.

Georgia's run eliminated one bubble spot for a field of about 10 teams with legitimate claims. Virginia Tech, Arizona State, Mississippi and Ohio State were the big-conference teams that got left out.

"In all honesty, they were very good teams and we think they're very good teams, but they're just not one of the 34 best at-large teams in the country," said Tom O'Connor, NCAA selection committee chairman.

Among mid-majors, Dayton, Massachusetts and Illinois State were the most significant snubs. Illinois State clearly wasn't helped by a 30-point loss to Drake in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament finals.

With eight teams, the Big East

placed the most schools in the tournament. The Pac-10, Big 12 and SEC followed with six each, while the Atlantic Coast and Big Ten Conferences had four apiece. The ACC was the highest-rated conference.

"The RPI is a control point," O'Connor explained. "It's a data point and it's a starting point, but it's not an end-all. We don't look at conferences at all."

For the second straight year, only six of the 34 at-large bids went to teams from smaller conferences.

That included St. Joe's, which earned one of the final spots in the bracket and Gonzaga, which made it despite losing to San Diego in the final of the West Coast Conference tournament.

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