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Freshman fires up campus

University student fulfills childhood fantasy, ran away and joined circus



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FLAME ON: A trained fire eater, Logan Jacot makes his own torches from old T-shirts and Elmer's glue. He is also trained to walk on glass, something his parents are not fond of seeing him do.



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STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT: Unable to touch his toes when he began, Jacot can now contort his body in a number of different ways. However, a car accident injuring his femur put him out of the action for a while.

By Kate Snyder
Reporter

Freshman Logan Jacot prepared to set himself on fire. He'd done it many times before.

Torches were constructed from old T-shirts, a metal rod and Elmer's glue. Although typically doused in gasoline or kerosene to make them easier to light, this time, Jacot used Coleman camp fuel.

He slid one down his bare arms, extinguishing the fire after a few seconds, before snuffing out the torch itself by sticking the lighted end in his mouth.

"How do you eat fire?" a passerby asked.

"Carefully," he laughed.

He's from New Philadelphia, Ohio. His mom is in real estate and his dad owns a small oil business.

Four years ago, Jacot ran away and joined the circus.

"At first, [my parents] were horrified," he said.

He's mainly a contortionist, but a bad car accident last February shattered his right femur and forced him to stop contorting for a while. He needed a new act, so

he taught himself to eat fire. He also walks on glass.

When his parents finally watched his acts, suddenly having a circus-performing son wasn't so bad, Jacot said.

People would ask to see his acts at parties or friends' houses, and he would show them, said freshman Kyle Gale, a hometown friend also attending the University.

"[The acts are] kind of like death-defying in a way," Gale said.

Jacot's interest in the circus was first piqued when he was researching animal's rights, and he liked what he found.

"These circus performers took care of these animals and tigers better than some people take care of their dogs," Jacot said.

It wasn't easy to get in; the circus is very suspicious of outsiders, Jacot said. But he proved he wouldn't quit after two weeks, and once he was in, he could get jobs at any show he

wanted.

He started-

ed as an acrobat, but he could never get the landings right, so he switched to contortion.

"Everybody laughed at me because I couldn't touch my toes when I started," he said. "I started stretching four hours a night in front of the TV."

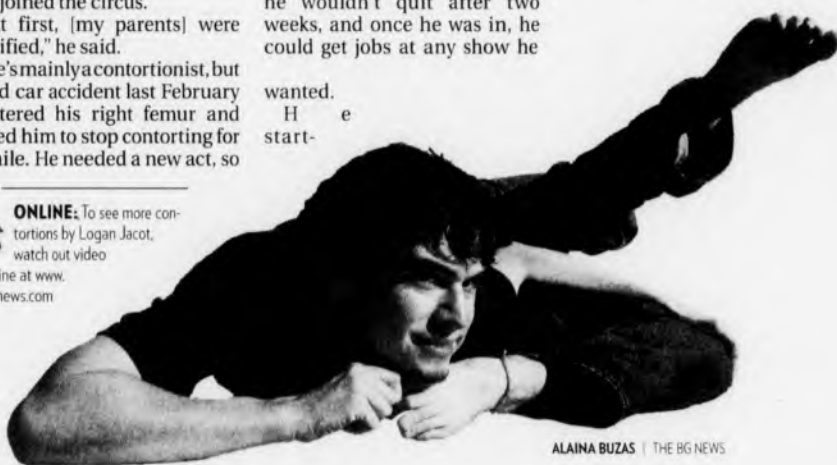
For the past four years, he's traveled cross country, performing in various shows, including the World of Wonders sideshows and the Lewis and Clark Circus. There were times when he was doing up to 30 shows a day while completing nearly all his high school education online.

"You learn something in geography, and then next week you go and see it," Jacot said.

He also learned about people — all kinds of people. Lobster girls, midgets and a guy named

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ONLINE: To see more contortions by Logan Jacot, watch out video online at www.bgnews.com



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Clinton changes tune to Obama

By Kyle Reynolds
Senior Reporter

Bill Clinton was singing a different tune last night, compared to the last time he was in Northwest Ohio stumping for his wife in the primaries against Sen. Barack Obama.

This time, Clinton was out to show his support for Obama as the next president of the United States during his speech at the Grove Patterson Academy Elementary gymnasium.

He gave four reasons why Obama is the right candidate for the job.

"He's got the right philosophy, the right programs, decision making and proven ability to execute," said Clinton.

The crowd filling the elementary school's gymnasium roared with excitement in response to the former president's words and support of Obama, chanting, "What do we want? Change! Who do we want? Obama!"

Clinton addressed Obama's critics who say Obama subscribes to the socialist doctrine of "spreading the wealth."

"The other side says it's redistributionist, but the past eight years have seen the biggest redistribution of wealth since the 1920s," said Clinton.

Clinton told the crowd that the middle class can work their way up.

"So don't you believe all this redistributionist business," said Clinton. "There is plenty to go around if the people on the bottom are doing well and the people in the middle are doing well."

According to Clinton, Obama was quiet when the financial bailout plan first became apparent because he wanted to consult with his advisors, Warren Buffett and others, to make sure he understood the plans behind the crisis.

"That meant something to me because if we haven't learned anything else these past eight years, we've learned that in the world we are living

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Nader criticizes two-party system

By Kyle Reynolds
Senior Reporter

Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader spent last night at the University of Toledo speaking with the campus and community about why the two-party system in America doesn't work.

According to Nader, Democrats and Republicans haven't done anything in the past 40 years for America, including allowing college students to be ripped off by big corporations because they are afraid to confront them.

"These are the same two parties that let our students be mercilessly gouged by these student loan companies like Sallie May," Nader said.

The American health care system also represents a big problem, Nader said, noting that both Obama and McCain oppose free Medicare.

Nader said he wants to see Americans adopt a health care system like Canada's, and called America's current system a "pay or die system."

"No one in Canada dies because they have no health insurance," Nader said.

Voting for McCain or Obama will be a vote for politics as usual, according to Nader.

If people want someone who will sit in Washington, then they should vote for McCain or Obama, but if they want someone who has demonstrated over 40 years of volunteering for the American people, they should vote for him and his running mate Matt Gonzalez, Nader said.

"With Obama and McCain you get what you pay for," Nader said. "With us you get what you vote for."

Obama and McCain don't respect the American people by not campaigning in states that they view as definite blue or red states, Nader said. Nader has campaigned in all fifty states.

This means local issues are never addressed when they

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Human Movement increase

By Courtney Flynn
Reporter

University enrollment may be down, but the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies has recently seen a surge of students with an urge to explore a variety of programs.

The chair of the sport management, recreation and tourism division Philip Xie said he attributes the growth of the school to the strong and growing programs.

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Future grads brace for real world impact

By Dru Sexton
Reporter

For many graduating seniors, the recent economic crisis has gotten people to take extra steps to ensure their spot in the work force.

Graduating seniors are preparing for their future endeavors, but at the same time, are very concerned about employment opportunities given the current state of the economy.

Many students take advantage of the University's Career Center located in room 322 Saddle Creek Student Services at Conklin North, whether it be for help with building a resume, career planning, student/profes-

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CHANGE OF SPEECH: After campaigning in Toledo for his wife, Hilary, earlier in the year, Clinton has changed his tune to support Democratic candidate Barack Obama



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SYSTEM IS DOWN: Independent Ralph Nader spoke last night on reasons why the two-party system does not work in America and why voters should choose independents.

BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

10:12 A.M.

Devonne Goode, 20, of Lima, Ohio, was cited for criminal trespass after arguing with a tow truck driver attempting to tow his car from Bowling Green Village Apartments. Goode was told previously he was not welcome at the apartment complex and he would be cited if he returned.

10:47 A.M.

James Stevens, 31, of Bowling Green, was arrested for inducing panic after he made threats towards other people, said he planned to rob a bank and planned to buy a gun.

1:48 P.M.

Daniel Loera, 32, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct and open container of alcohol after he was witnessed riding his bike carrying an open container of beer. The witness asked him to stop, and Loera attacked him.

3:04 P.M.

Jenna Low, 23, of Weston, Ohio, was arrested for shoplifting after attempting to steal a pack of onesies, an infant's hat and gloves and a 20 ounce bottle of Pepsi.

8:21 P.M.

Leroy Miller, 31, of Portage, Ohio, was arrested for criminal trespass after returning to Wal-Mart. Earlier this year, Miller was arrested for shoplifting from Wal-Mart and was ordered not to return.

11:18 P.M.

Merrill Koos, 34, of Bowling Green, was cited for assault after slapping a female on the left side of her face, causing her to seek medical treatment. Steven Beeker, 45, of Bowling Green, was cited for assault after pushing Bryan Hoffman, 19, of Dublin, Ohio, into a brick wall. Hoffman was cited for assault after witnesses stated he punched a female in the face, causing a visible mark over her left eye. Kristi Slane, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage drinking.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

1:50 A.M.

Joshua Brown, 21, of Defiance, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct after he was observed urinating in a doorway.

CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

In yesterday's article titled "Political views clash at rally," it was incorrectly stated that the pro-Obama gathering lasted roughly 30 minutes. Most supporters actually stood outside for at least four and a half hours.

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Jeffrey who has no arms, but can play the bass with his feet are all counted among Jacot's friends.

"These people with deformities, they are more accepting of their body than anyone else I've ever met," he said. "The circus doesn't judge you on who you are. Circus is all about what you can do."

But it's not an easy job. "There's no safety, there's no health insurance," Jacot said. "It potentially could be very, very dangerous."

The animals, though bred in captivity, are never completely tame. The acts are never completely foolproof.

Between fire eating, glass walking and contortion, Jacot's hurt himself more in contortion. He quickly learned the difference between pain and soreness.

"If you feel pain, you need to stop," he said.

And even if every precaution is taken, a circus is still at the mercy of the elements. Jacot remembered once when a tornado swept through their show. The performers and the 15 audience members huddled in one trailer, he said. There was no damage, but a man did die.

"It's a really hard life," said Montana Miller, an assistant professor in the pop culture department.

Miller joined the circus when she was 17. Between high school

and college, she was a flying trapeze artist. She never cared for the traditional circus, but when a new circus movement called Cirque du Soleil opened in the 1980s, she ran with them all over the world for a while.

At the time, Cirque du Soleil was animal-free, with more of a theatrical approach to the performances.

Miller left to attend college, and after graduation she took a position here. She still thinks about the circus though, and it influences the way she teaches. She still wants her audience, no matter who they are, to be absorbed.

She doesn't know if she will ever go back, but it's still a possibility.

"If I were to have to leave Bowling Green, I would be very

tempted," Miller said. "No matter what I'm doing, there's this circus part of me that I crave."

Jacot feels that pull too.

"I get bored here, sitting in one place," Jacot said. But he hasn't given it up.

During the summer, he'll keep performing, booking and promoting shows. He and Kyle Gale are trying to start a circus troupe using BGSU students.

He recently performed in the talent show for the Latino Arts and Culture organization. Senior Laura Saavedra, the former president, had never seen an act like his before.

Usually contestants sing or dance or read poetry, Saavedra said. Jacot invited an audience member to stand on his head while he lay on shattered glass.

"It was amazing to watch," Saavedra said. "He ended up winning."

Jacot applied to four schools last year, picking BGSU because he thought the arts department was strong.

Because besides Cirque du Soleil, the circus hasn't changed much in 50 years.

"The industry is kind of at a crossroads right now," he said. "Shows that are staying in 1950 ... are slowly dying out."

He put his job on hiatus to gain a degree in theater and business, and to learn new technology so he can help bring the show he loves up to the 21st century. After graduation, he will go back.

MOVEMENT

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These programs — which include sport management, athletic training, recreation and tourism and event planning — reside within the division of sport management, recreation and tourism, exercise science, physical education teaching education and dance are programs in the kinesiology division.

"We're the best kept secret on campus," said Chair of the Kinesiology Division Lynn Darby.

With a tradition of excellence behind it, and a growing number of students for the future, the School of HMSLS already has some accomplishments to tack on the wall which can be attributed to the influx in students.

One program with a bright future at the University is tourism and event planning. The program has had the highest growth rate in the school,

"The strength of the programs is that we offer ... hands-on opportunities to the real world."

Joseph Xie | Chair

between about 20 and 30 percent, said Xie.

"It's an instant hit, it's unique, unconventional and exciting," he said.

This program offers a variety of job opportunities like wedding planning, working at resorts and convention centers and working for the government in areas like Parks and Recreation.

Another program that has accomplished the task of increased enrollment has also been recognized for its quality.

According to Sports Management.com, the University was ranked in the top three of the best sports management programs in the

country. The ranking can be attributed to a rigid curriculum and the professional experience students are able to receive.

The sport management program, along with the other programs in the school, requires students to complete an internship and a practicum.

"The strength of the programs is that we offer internships and practicums which offer hands-on opportunities to the real world," Xie said.

The internships help wean students from the classroom towards the future job market. They provide students with insight towards their careers and provide one-on-one experience with professionals.

"I have received good one-on-one experience from the school of HMSLS, like I knew I would," senior Bryan Pauley said. "That's one of the reasons I chose to come to BG."

Physical education training major Jordan Manley said he also chose the University for programs offered in the school of HMSLS.

But over the past four years his respect for the schools requirements moved towards a focus on the faculty.

"Our staff is highly trained and respectable," he said.

The faculty extends the same gratitude towards their students.

"The asset to this and all the programs is the great students," Xie said.

Darby also feels that one of the great assets to her division is the students and their dedication.

"The best thing about the kinesiology division is its dedicated faculty and students," Darby said.

About 285 students are involved in the kinesiology division, and all practice the art and science of human movement.

The art of human movement can be seen in the many dance performances put on by the dance program. In order to do perfect pleas and jumps, the dance majors receive instruction and critiques from fellow

students and faculty through classes, practices and individual meetings.

To understand how to plea properly, throw a ball with a swift curve or to turn fat to muscle, the students in the kinesiology division must also know the science of the body. This includes classes like anatomy.

The reasons behind including classes like anatomy in the kinesiology division is because part of the goal of the programs is to give students a strong background in allied health to fall back on, which comes from having a wide range of knowledge.

While Darby believes a variety of classes helps give the students a well-rounded background, Manley doesn't think there should be such a heavy emphasis on being well-rounded.

"[The faculty] thinks they're giving us a well-rounded background, but some of the classes are just unnecessary," Manley said.

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in, it is really important that we have a president who wants to understand and can understand," said Clinton.

Developing energy independence through alternative means will create millions of jobs in America, said Clinton.

"We can bring jobs in every single community in America, to people of all different educational levels and revolutionize the country," said Clinton.

Clinton said he knows how important the automobile industry is in the Toledo area and Obama has the best plan for alternative energy, which can be used in automobiles.

"Within three years we can

be exporting electric cars made in America to other countries," said Clinton.

Clinton stressed the importance of Ohio in this election, saying no Republican has won the presidency without carrying Ohio — and a Democrat rarely has.

"You have this election and the future of the country in your hands," said Clinton. "Don't feel any pressure."

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make campaign stops, he said.

According to Nader, the third party's political power has been diminished in recent history because of the overwhelming power of the

two parties. But third parties have been responsible for big changes in American history, such as the National Woman's Party that pushed for voting rights for women.

University of Toledo student Sean Nestor is supporting Nader because he doesn't tiptoe around the issues like McCain and Obama.

"Nader actually does his homework and goes into actual figures and in-depth solutions," Nestor said.

Rally Attendee Jessica Weinberg is supporting Nader because she said the two party system is broken.

"We are demanding more than what the two parties can offer," Weinberg said.

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sional employment or graduate school.

The University Career Center is aimed at helping students prepare themselves for the real world, and more students are taking initiative to ensure they're ready and prepared for what is to come.

"The recent economic crisis has gotten students' attention," said JoAnne Kroll, the executive director of the Career Center.

She said students are more motivated and inclined to job hunt earlier, and to be competitive because they are aware of what is going on in the economy.

Although senior Logan Burnside has begun preparing resumes and concentrating on standing out compared to others competing for a job in graphic design, he still is concerned about finding a job.

"The economy is at a crucial standpoint, so I think everyone is at least a little worried about its uncertainty," he said.

For some, finding a job in the future might mean keeping your options open.

Burnside suggests not putting all your eggs in one basket.

If you find a job outside of your field and you've got the necessary skills and that the job is a match for you, apply and send them a resume, he said.

"A lot of people are employed in jobs that having nothing to do with the area they focused on in college," Burnside said.

There are a number of factors contributing to students' increased interests in preparing more for the workforce.

Kroll said it can be a result of more emphasis by parents,

teachers and peers for students to prepare for jobs early.

Senior Joe Howdyshell said his parents have voiced their concerns about him finding a job after graduation.

"They have encouraged me to use my resources," he said.

Howdyshell has been to the Career Center on several occasions, and has worked on a number of resumes and interviewing techniques.

However, Howdyshell's parents have suggested he ask friends if they know of any opportunities, or to ask some friends that have graduated if they have openings at they're company, Howdyshell said.

Still, even with all the support, it can be stressful trying to make decisions regarding your future.

"I read the newspaper and I hear about jobs being lost," Howdyshell said. "Yet professors remain optimistic telling students they'll find jobs."

It really makes students wonder what to believe, Howdyshell said.

To prepare for future jobs ...

Students thinking about their life after graduation should consider the following resources:

- visit the Career Center in 322 Saddle Creek Student Services at Conklin North
- begin the job search early
- prepare resumes and cover letters early
- expand your job search to offers outside your major
- practice interviewing techniques with friends, parents and professors

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CHEAPER GAS: Lower gas prices have increased activity at the pumps, in particular Kroger's on North Main Street where patrons can also get extra money off if they shop in the grocery store.

Students utilize lower gas prices, leave university on weekends

By Lauren Graham
Reporter

The price to fill up a gas tank on a college budget seemed almost unaffordable when a gallon was just over \$4.00 in the area.

But in the past few weeks, it has dropped rapidly, leaving many students taking advantage of the low prices in order to leave campus.

According to Dean of Students Jill Carr, "students are leaving campus for a combination of reasons, including [going] home and [going] to visit friends at other Universities."

With a decrease in gas prices, she has noticed less cars in the parking lots throughout campus each weekend.

"Not so many gas guzzling SUVs" are filling parking lot spaces anymore, she said. "More traditional cars and hybrids are what I'm noticing students driving."

According to the Parking and Traffic Division, less parking passes have been purchased by students than in years past.

Gas prices and lower enrollment have definitely contributed to less passes being sold, Stacie Enriquez, manager of the Parking and Traffic division, said.

"Off campus students now are choosing to walk or use the shuttle," she added. "It's not just one thing, but a combination."

Many students who have cars on campus or even off campus

"I only drive to tan. Sometimes to Wal-mart too. Other than that I walk."

Amy Naderer | Freshman

choose to use them rarely.

"I only drive to tan. Sometimes to Wal-mart too. Other than that I walk," freshman Amy Naderer said.

Senior Kelsey Gordon lives off campus, but never drives to campus.

"I walk to save gas," she said. "I carpool with a friend who has methods at the same school as I to save on gas as well."

Gordon believes that Sen. Barack Obama will help in changing the economy if elected and will help to keep gas prices lower.

However, freshman Deni Rensi does not pay much attention to gas prices.

"I'm sure I would if I had a car, but someone else takes me home," Rensi said.

Freshman Aaron Miller waits for his parents to send gas cards in the mail.

"It's the only way I can afford gas prices," he said.

With the upcoming election, America will see how long low prices at the pumps will continue.

WILL YOU VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION?



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PARTICIPATION: Ben Hartley, M.C. of Cru asks the audience to text whether they will participate in the coming election during last night's Cru which was politically-themed.

A kick in the pants to pay for college

Student in need of funds tries to sell a shot to the jewels to pay for school

By Allie Blood
UWire

University of Missouri sophomore Michael Linneman is willing to sell a kick to his family jewels on eBay to pay for college.

Linneman posted an offer on eBay about three weeks ago titled "Kick me in the nuts to help me pay for college." The offer entitles the purchaser to kick Linneman as hard as he or she can in his testicles while the incident is videotaped. The starting bid is \$80,000 and carries a "Buy it now" price of \$150,000. So far, there have been no bids. Linneman recently removed the listing for personal reasons.

Linneman said the cost of his education is frustrating. Although he works for the Division of Information Technology and receives some scholarships, he still struggles to pay for school.

"There are some people who spend ridiculous amounts of money, like come to school here and just party," he said. "I work hard at school. It's frustrating."

Student Financial Aid employee Corina Blanc said the price per credit hour for an in-state student is \$245.65 per credit hour, making the cost for an in-state student enrolled in 12 credit hours a semester about \$3,000. For out-of-state students, it costs about \$4,400. Housing, which is the same for in- and out-of-state students is, on average, more than \$8,000 for a school year. Most students

"There are some people who spend ridiculous amounts of money, like come to school here and just party. I work hard at school. It's frustrating."

Michael Linneman | Student

also pay more than \$600 each semester in fees.

Linneman said he doesn't expect anyone to seriously bid on the offer, but he said he has been noticed by Web sites that pick up unorthodox stories.

"I was hoping someone would want to use it in a commercial," he said.

The idea came from reading a book titled "Think and Grow Rich," which has a chapter about imagination in gaining wealth, he said.

"It was talking about the power of your imagination and what you can attain," he said.

Fellow students and eBay shoppers have commented about 15 times on his offer.

"It's been a good experience," he said. "I've gotten a lot of people saying things like 'I really want to kick you in the balls but I only have \$5.'"

If someone were to follow through with the offer, Linneman said he would relinquish the right to sue the kicker for damages, though he's sure no one will bid on the offer.

"If I really wanted to do it, I would do it without paying him," said sophomore Nick Hennis, a friend of Linneman. "That's what friends are for."

Linneman said in the case of a bid from a trained athlete, like senior Missouri football kicker Jeff Wolfert, he might cancel the offer.

"If it were him, I don't know what I'd do," he said. "I'd probably have to reconsider."

Linneman found support with friends like Hennis who said college is outrageously expensive.

"I say he's a little bit crazy, but if he gets the money it's a genius idea," Hennis said.

Genius might be the word Hennis uses to describe the idea, but physicians disagree. University Health Care spokesman Jeff Hoelscher said the prospect of the sale was ludicrous.

"It's more than kind of unorthodox," he said. "I don't know what this person is thinking. I can't express enough that this is the wrong way to try to get through college."

In an e-mail, Student Health Center physician Jae Lee said he does not support any students, males in particular, receiving blunt trauma to the groin.

In addition to impairing ability to reproduce, trauma could result in disfigurement from scar tissue or the death of the organ.

Obama noose found on Kentucky campus

By Jill Laster
U-Wire

A likeness of Barack Obama was found hanging from a noose in a tree on the University of Kentucky campus Wednesday.

UK Police received a report at 7:45 a.m. that the Democratic presidential candidate's likeness was hanging from a tree between a parking structure and the Mining and Mineral Resources Building near the W. T. Young Library walkway. At 8:25 a.m., members of UK's physical plant division cut the effigy down using a crane, said UK spokeswoman Kathy Johnson.

No suspects have been identified yet, but UK Police are working with federal authorities on the case, Johnson said. Secret Service was called as part of standard protocol, she said.

The figure wore khaki pants and a blue sports coat, said hospitality management junior A.J. Mertz, who saw the effigy when it was hanging. The figure also wore a mask to resemble a black man, Mertz said. Johnson confirmed it was a Barack Obama mask.

Mertz said he saw the life-size figure dangling from a tree and thought it was a person. Startled, Mertz did not want to walk closer, but as he moved toward the tree he saw it was not a real person.

Mertz said he did not want to even take a picture of the effigy because he "didn't want anyone to see it that didn't have to."

"I was disgusted and hurt someone would deface the university and put something up of this magnitude," he said.

If someone were to be arrested in connection with the hanging figure, he or she would be charged with harassment with a hate bias, a misdemeanor charge, Johnson said. Whether or not federal charges would be pressed is in the hands of federal authorities, she said.

UK Police declined to comment on the case, referring all calls to UK Public Relations.

If the person committing the crime were a student, whether they would be punished would depend on the circumstances, said Tony Blanton, associate dean of students. Because almost no circumstances of the Obama effigy are known, Blanton said he could not comment specifically on the case.

As a rule, for the university to impose any punishment from a warning to expulsion, UK has to prove the student was provoking or threatening another student. If the effigy was making a political statement, it would be covered because of First Amendment rights, he said.

Haunted places around Bowling Green

Joe E. Brown Theater
Eva Marie Saint Theater
Chi Omega House
Wood County Museum
Holcomb Road
Euler Road
The Potter House
Milliken Hotel

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Treatment of Children and Adolescents Who Stutter Conference

Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Alumni Meeting Room

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Obama and McCain leave some in the dark



KYLE SCHMIDLIN, NEWS COLUMNIST

With this being my last opportunity to reach the students at Bowling Green before the 2008 election on Nov. 4, I thought it might be a good idea to look at the election from a different angle that has been covered before. Much has been said about how an Obama or McCain administration might help or harm "Name the Occupation," but there are a handful of groups who are entirely voiceless this election cycle.

The Drug Community

Obama, who admitted to use of cocaine and marijuana in his "Dreams of My Father" memoir, is certainly a step above McCain with regard to his War on Drugs policy. However, he has demonstrated no interest in ending it, taking a moderate approach to the drug war and using tactics such as eliminating the punishment discrepancy between crack and powder cocaine and offering rehab instead of jail time for first-time offenders.

McCain is very much the same on this issue. While both candidates have different methods of fighting the War on Drugs, neither come close to advocacy groups like the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). The fact that both of them view drug use as a scourge of society rather than an unfortunate by-product of various societal mechanisms is disappointing.

Under neither McCain nor Obama would non-violent marijuana offenders, which comprise a startling percentage of the inmate population, be released and pardoned for what America has wrongly deemed a criminal activity. The American people should begin demanding politicians demonstrate real courage, and take stands that may affect some real change.

The Uninsured

Those in this country who still lack health insurance are presented few options this time around. Both candidates have plans they are proposing, but neither offer the kind of adequate coverage the citizens need. What has yet to be proposed in the mainstream is possibly the simplest solution yet to the health care crisis: An expansion of Medicaid and Medicare-style programs to cover all Americans.

The money to pay for such a program can be recovered from cutting the merest fraction of the military's incredible budget. Neither Obama, hailed as a super-progressive, nor McCain have proposed anything like this.

The Environmental Community

Both candidates may use some green rhetoric, but neither really demonstrates any great concern

for the environment. They'd each rather search for cleaner methods of using coal or some other short-sighted solution, ignoring perfectly viable alternatives such as hydrogen energy or wind energy, exemplified by the Bowling Green community.

Also, both candidates are welcoming to the idea of nuclear energy. The problem, of course, with nuclear energy is the same as it has been for decades—there is no way to dispose of spent nuclear fuel. Reactors capable of recycling the plutonium into new, usable energy are at the forefront of nuclear engineering today; still, they will never be able to convert 100 percent of any element into energy.

According to the World Nuclear Association, nuclear waste is dealt with by separating it into Low-Level Waste (LLW), Medium-Level Waste (MLW) and High-Level Waste (HLW). LLW and MLW is buried a little ways below the surface, and HLW is "safely contained and managed in interim storage facilities," with the possibility of burying it deep underground at a later date. Essentially, it just keeps piling up, and no real solution has been developed. Neither major party candidate has come out in opposition to nuclear energy, but the environmental community should accept nothing less than for both to do so with vehemence.

The Peace Community

Perhaps more crucially than any other movement, anybody who regards themselves as a pacifist should be horrified by the prospect of a McCain or Obama administration.

Obama has been painted generally as the anti-war candidate, because he has opposed the conflict in Iraq. But his rhetoric tells of a different candidate, with talk of shifting troops from Iraq to Afghanistan (in ways which need entire articles to adequately explore, more immoral than our Iraq invasion) and blanket threats made against a powerful, and potential nuclear power, in Iran. I needn't even elaborate on McCain's foreign policy stance.

Neither Obama nor McCain are precisely what this country needs. Other groups I lack the space to cover, such as the gay community which is still fighting for equal marriage rights, have yet to find a major candidate with the political courage to back their causes fully. Meaningful change, the kind not yet presented by McCain or Obama, must be fought for at the grassroots, from below, because it won't be handed down from above. Regardless of who walks away from Nov. 4 a winner, the groups listed above still have some fighting to do.

—Respond to Kyle at
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WALKING IS STILL HONEST



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Travelin' the Globe: Getting the sniffles in Austria



ALISON KEMP, COLUMNIST

SALZBURG, Austria — I thought I was going to get through the beginning of the school year without getting sick. I was wrong.

Last weekend, I partially lost my voice, and I really took care of it in hopes of preventing it from becoming something else, but it didn't help. I have a runny nose (which really isn't too terrible), an occasional cough and tired eyes.

I'm thankful it's not as serious as my eye problems while I was in New York City, going to the doctor in a foreign country really isn't at the top of my list, considering how stressful the process was this summer.

I'd like to give my Deutsch als Fremdsprache classmates the benefit of the doubt, and blame an incident from Wednesday's class on my cold, but that's not the way it happened.

Yes, I'll admit that my voice sounds different while I have this cold, and I know that my German sounds a little bit different than it usually does and my pronunciation may slightly be affected.

But the actions of my classmates cannot be pushed aside for that reason because they act out of line all the time.

I've never been in a class in the U.S. where loud, outside conversations have been permitted in class while the teacher is teaching. I've never been in a class where the students shout out corrections while a stu-

dent is still speaking. I've also never been in a class where American students loudly make fun of non-American students when they speak English incorrectly.

All of these things happen in my German class, making it the part of my day I dread the most.

So in Wednesday's class, like every class, the teacher called on individuals to read sentences from our homework, filling in the blanks.

In my case, I had to pronounce a word with the letters "ch" two times. This sound varies from person to person and from region to region.

Some of my classmates didn't favor my pronunciation, so they felt it necessary to shout out their preferred pronunciation while I was still reading my sentence. Snickers are also a common response when a blank is filled in with an incorrect answer.

The most intriguing part of this is that my classmates are all students whose native language is something other than German.

Most Americans I know are patient with others whose native language is something other than English. Most native and fluent-but-not-native students I've met here have been patient with me, too.

We wouldn't be in this class if our German was perfect, so we should be free to make mistakes and not suffer humiliating sneers and remarks when we are learning.

But that's enough preaching to the choir.

Taking that music vein, I spent part of this past weekend with my two of his bandmates while I was on our program trip to Vienna. His band, which is called Cardiac Move,

is currently competing in a battle of the bands contest sponsored by an Austrian radio station.

Cardiac Move has made it to the last round of the contest with nine other bands, and voting for the winner is currently in progress. The winner is determined by the band with the most SMS — Austrian for text message — votes.

I'd ask everyone to vote for them, but it would probably cost more than the 30 Euro cents the messages cost here. But if you do want to check them out, their Web site is www.cardiacmove.com.

The band is getting some air time because of the contest, and the winning band will receive a recording contract for a single with Sony BMG in Vienna.

I told my host brother I'd be sure to mention the band in this week's column, because spending time with them was one of the highlights of my weekend in Vienna. (My other highlights were eating dinner at a restaurant called Centimeter, where we ordered a sword that came with pieces of meat hanging from the blade, and seeing Gustav Klimt's "The Kiss.")

When I said that, his answer was that Cardiac Move is probably the first band from the finalists to receive American press.

So keep your fingers crossed and hope that they win.

I'm sure I'll mention the results next week, along with my preparations for Venice and my first trip to Italy. I can't wait!

—Respond to Alison at
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Obama rally meant to be supportive

I am a senior here at BGSU and I am writing in response to the article covering the Pro-Obama rally held in response to Sarah Palin's visit to campus.

We felt it did not provide an accurate depiction of our rally and our cause. At least 300 supporters came out to promote Obama, and those who organized the

rally worked very hard to insure the message portrayed was one of positive energy and support for our candidate.

The picture on the front page of the paper tagged with the article only showed McCain-Palin signs. We felt it would have been more appropriate to portray the signs we provided. The rally signs we carried had statements such as: "Hope over Fear," "Our Moment is Now" and "Make History, Vote Now." This was the image we were striving to portray to our community.

Furthermore, any negativity or argumentative behavior arose was

minimal and isolated. Nothing ever got out of hand, nor did it ever turn violent. The focus of the article on these few seemed to diminish the efforts of the other 290 supporters who spread their message through positive campaign slogans.

I think it is great that our campus hosted Sarah Palin. Aside from the fact that it is a historical event, it brought this election close to home. It helped energize the Obama support base and get everyone excited for November 4th.

In recognizing the excitement surrounding Palin, it is important to also recognize the excitement around Obama as well. I am proud

of all of the Obama supporters who attended our Pro-Obama rally and braved the cold for hours on end. It was wonderful to see so many people mobilized and rallied behind a common cause of portraying the positivity and optimism that can be found in the Obama Campaign. I urge everyone to find their cause, keep it positive, and cast their ballot on November 4th. Yes We Can!

—Holly Cipriani, Senior,
Political Science

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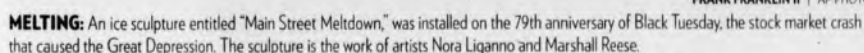
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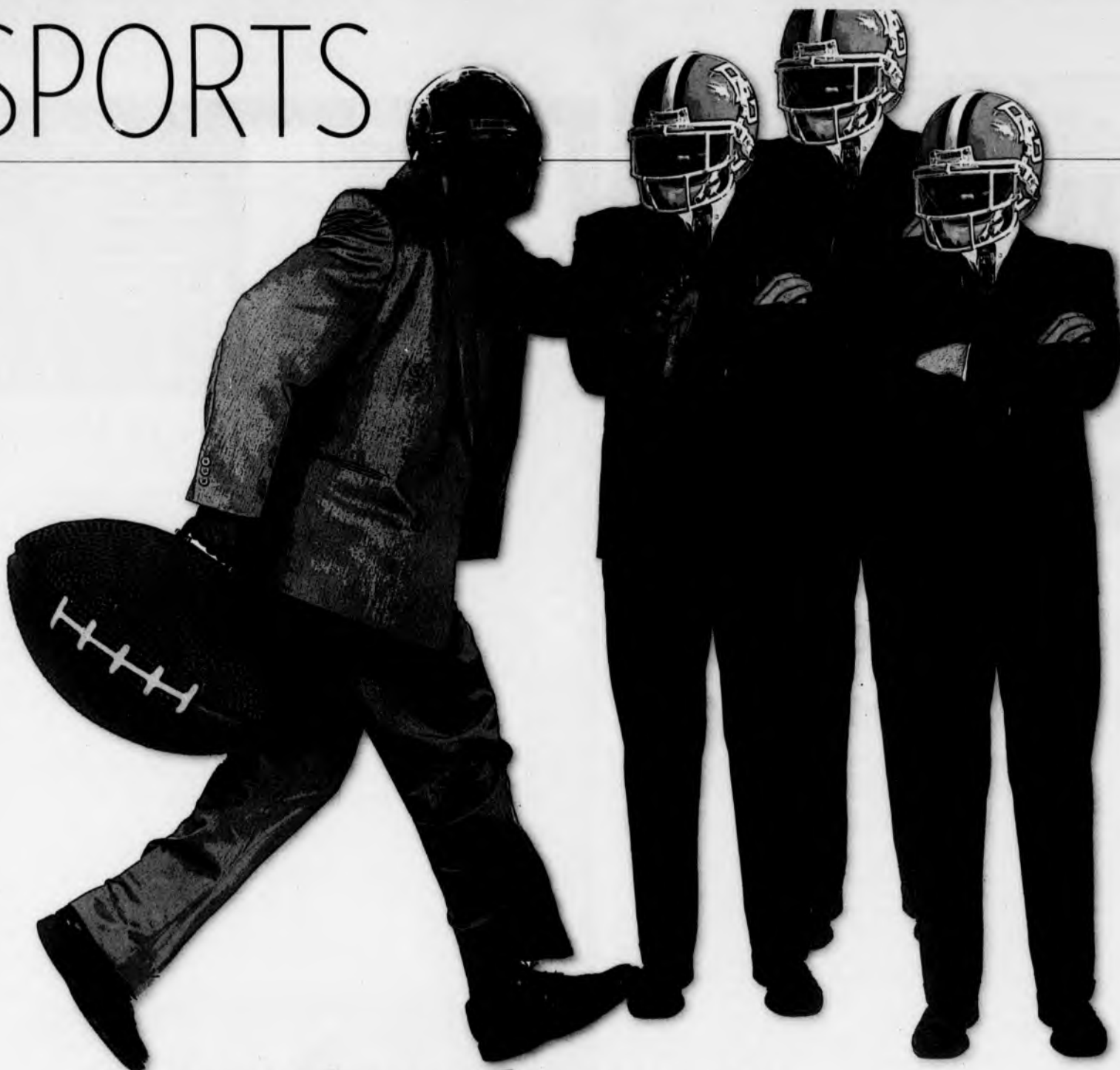
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getting down to BG's defense Kent State's run game **BUSINESS**

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Tomorrow at 2 p.m., Kent State will visit Doyt Perry Stadium to face BG. And the biggest story on the field will be how BG's defense stacks up with Kent's ground game.

The Flashes' run game has been nothing short of terrific this season. It averages 217.5 yards per game and about five yards per carry. It's also a little unconventional in that the team's leading rusher is the quarterback, senior Julian Edelman. So far this season, Edelman has 781 rushing yards and eight touchdowns, and ranks second in the Mid-American Conference in total rushing.

To go along with Edelman, the Flashes also have a talented running back in Eugene Jarvis, who despite an injury earlier this season has been very effective. This year, he has 362 yards and five touchdowns to his credit, good for second-most on the team in both categories. In KSU's 54-21 pasting of Miami last week in Oxford, Jarvis found the end zone four times.

BG head coach Gregg Brandon knows Kent's rushing attack could pose problems for his defense.

"[Kent has] the best rushing attack in the conference, but they're a little bit different than some

KSU's offense		BG's defense
17 total	Rushing TDs	16 allowed
217.5 gained	Rush Yards Per Game	181.1 allowed
5.0 gained	Yards per Carry	4.4 allowed
9 cough-ups	Fumbles	5 recovered
1,740 gained	Total Rush Yards	1,449 allowed

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FANTASY FOOTBALL FRIDAY

THE GUYS WHO ARE TEARING IT UP:



CHAD PENNINGTON

The former Jets quarterback has re-discovered his game this season in Miami, and has actually out-performed current Jets quarterback Brett Favre. Pennington has a QB rating of 100.5, 1,710 yards and seven touchdowns.



ANDRE JOHNSON

Houston's top receiver has been fairly consistent all season. As Schaub's No. 1 target, Johnson has 56 catches for 772 yards and two touchdowns. You have to think that more TDs will come with his production and Houston's potent passing game.

THE GUYS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER:



KEVIN WALTER

Walter was a bit of a wild card going into the season, but has gradually earned more and more playing time. With Houston's passing game really coming alive as of late, Walter should improve on his 363 yards and five TDs.



MATT SCHAUB

The guy currently throwing to receivers like Walter has been on a bit of a roll as of late, re-igniting Houston's passing game. As of right now, Schaub has 1,623 passing yards and 10 touchdown throws.



MARION BARBER

Yes, the Cowboys are struggling to score right now without Tony Romo under center, but that doesn't mean you should overlook Barber's body of work this season. Dallas' top running back has 153 carries for 611 yards and five TDs.



ANTONIO GATES

Next to Tony Gonzalez and Kellen Winslow, Gates is considered one of the NFL's absolute best tight ends. On a Chargers team loaded with injuries this season, Gates has been pretty consistent, with 30 receptions, 403 yards and five scores.

Women's soccer ties season finale with Toledo, 1-1

By Jordan Cravens
Reporter

With help from Western Michigan, the BG Women's soccer team has secured a home berth for the first-round of the Mid-American Conference playoffs, set to begin on Sunday.

Battling top-ranked Toledo to a double-overtime draw yesterday, BG maintained its fourth place position in the MAC standings as WMU defeated Northern Illinois, seated one notch below the Falcons' in the standings. The top four teams in the conference, after regular season play, are awarded home field advantage for the tournament.

"It was a rival game and those always are very tight," said BG Coach Andy Richards. "They are often decided by a single goal



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and that's how we thought it would be, but a tie is probably fair on the day."

In the first half, Toledo was the clear aggressor, keeping the ball off the ground and on their offensive end for the majority for the first 45 minutes.

Toledo's aggressive style of play paid-off, when Brittany Hensler shot of a goal going one-on-one with a BG defender, knocking in a shot past goalkeeper Alexa

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THE BG NEWS PICKS OF THE WEEK

Since when is the Sports Editor the guy with the worst pick 'em record? It's the complete opposite of a badge of honor. On well, at least there are three guys still in the running for our annual bragging rights. There are some good games coming up, so enjoy them!

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Kent State vs. BG BG -65	All Kent's gotta do is follow the exact same game plan as Eastern Michigan, Miami and Northern Illinois—run the ball a lot. Kent State 27, BG 21	Sorry folks. Until this team proves they can stop the run, I can't pick them against a good running attack. Kent State 31, BG 17	I'll volunteer to play defensive tackle if that's what it will take to stop the run. BG 20, Kent State 17	I haven't picked against BG yet this year. I'm starting to think it was a bad idea. BG 31, Kent State 24
#1 Texas vs. #6 Texas Tech Texas -4	I haven't had a good upset special in a while, so here it is. The Red Raiders take care of home field and beat the Longhorns. Texas Tech 38, Texas 35	I picked against Tech last week and got burned, but I'll go ahead and do it again. Texas 55, Texas Tech 48	Texas Tech's blowout win over Kansas has me convinced. This will be a high-scoring affair. Texas Tech 63, Texas 59	Texas Tech has got to want it more. Come on, Tech! Take 'em from the horns, those longhorns. Texas Tech 42, Texas 34
#5 Florida vs. #8 Georgia Florida -6	This game is all about revenge, and I'm going with Florida. Florida 24, Georgia 16	Florida will come in angry, but Georgia's going to win. Georgia 27, Florida 17	Georgia didn't drink enough Gatorade this week. Florida pulls away late. Florida 31, Georgia 21	Take the Gator out of 'The Swamp' and he's nothing more than a lizard. Georgia 36, Florida 24
#16 Florida State vs. Georgia Tech Georgia Tech -2	I feel as though Tech is going to win this game. Florida State isn't as good as their ranking suggests. G-Tech 20, FSU 17	FSU has been rolling of late. I'll take the underdog for kicks. FSU 34, G-Tech 21	Two very good defensive teams. Slight edge to the Seminoles. FSU 17, G-Tech 13	FSU is going to get stung bad by the Jackets' triple option. G-Tech 35, FSU 21
West Virginia vs. UCONN West Virginia -4	WVU is favored, so I'm going with them. How's that for logic? WVU 31, UCONN 21	Why be different? I'll take WVU. WVU 14, UCONN 10	For WVU, Pat takes the White out of the Huskies. WVU 23, UCONN 21	The Huskies have a solid defense, but WVU will pull ahead if they limit stupid mistakes. WVU 35, UCONN 17
Occidental vs. Cal Lutheran No line available	Cal Lutheran is going to lose. And no, it won't be Occidental when they do. Occidental 3, Cal Lutheran 2	Cal Lutheran is like Cal Ripken. They don't back down for anything. Cal Lutheran 27, Occidental 10	This is a rivalry game, so it really could go either way. Cal Lutheran 16, Occidental 13	A school for clumsy dentists has a football program? Occidental 14, Cal Lutheran 4
Overall record	29-24	37-16	34-19	31-22

Netters make quick work of Miami, move up in MAC East

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

For the first time in over four years BG controls their own destiny in the MAC East. With a 3-0 win over Miami, the Falcons pulled into a two-way tie for the division's top spot.

If BG is to win out their MAC schedule this season, they are guaranteed at least a share of the East division title for the first time since 2001.

In the match, BG was able to dominate the RedHawks at the net as four Falcons recorded at least nine kills. Defensively, BG had a big night blocking with nine blocks compared to Miami's seven.

"I thought we did really well

blocking this match, it's something that we have struggled with this season," said junior Shari Luther. "We just stepped it up. I know the outside blockers moved in to take away more coming across, that definitely helped."

The first set was very close until junior Kaitlin Jackson sparked an 11-4 BG run, controlling the right side hitters. Setter Sam Fish dished out 10 assists.

BG's momentum from the first set carried over to the second as the Falcons, jumped out to an early 8-5 lead, getting contributions from both the left and right side hitters. They were led by setter Sam Fish, who recorded another 10

assists. Luther had three of BG's four blocks in the set.

Luther eventually closed out the set 25-18 by attacking the middle of Miami's defense.

In the third set, Miami was able to battle back and tie the score at 14, but blocks from Meghan Mohr and Luther helped put an end to the run and spark a late rally. BG would put the match away soon after, winning 25-20 on a kill by Mohr, her 12th of the match.

"Tonight was the best I've seen us play at the net this entire season," said head coach Denise Van De Walle.

BG's next match is tomorrow night at Anderson Arena against MAC West leader Western Michigan.

Cross country teams prepare for this weekend's MAC Championships

By Kristin McKissic
Reporter

Running up the rankings is BG's women's cross country team.

That's in the Great Lakes Region rankings. The team is now seventh in their region, according to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

"The women's team has been ranked highly this season among the MAC schools and we are looking for a great meet this weekend and will do everything we can to compete for the team title," said head coach Cami Wells.

Three weeks ago the lady

Falcons were in the 13th spot, but they continued to rise in the following weeks.

"Everyone is doing a nice job this year and working hard," Wells said. "My expectations for the teams are always the same, for them to give their best individual and team effort."

The team raised three spots after their performance in the Falcon Invite on Oct. 18, finishing first against Toledo and Buffalo. Both opponents are Mid-American Conference teams.

"At this point in the season we have started to taper or reduce the volume to get ready for the

conference and regional meets," Wells said. "We are no longer having two a day practices or doing long runs."

The conference the Falcons are preparing for is the MAC Championships on Nov. 1 at Eastern Michigan University. The men's 8K race is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. and the women's 6K race starting at noon.

"The focus is more on speed, work and staying healthy," Wells said. "You never want to overlook anyone and you always want to concentrate on getting the most out of our team and capitalize on your strengths."

Hockey to host unbeaten Nebraska-Omaha

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

"It's great to be home. It's a real critical piece of our schedule and we have to earn points here."

Scott Paluch | BG hockey coach

After traveling more than 10,000 total miles during the past two weekends, BG's hockey team is glad to be home.

That does not mean that this weekend's Central Collegiate Hockey Association games against Nebraska-Omaha will be very easy, but at least the Falcons won't have to fly to the arena this time.

The team flew to New England for games against Boston College and Providence College two weekends ago, and this past Sunday returned from a 16-hour flight from Alaska-Fairbanks.

BG lost three of those four games, dropping its overall record to 2-3-1 after a win versus RIT and a tie against Niagara started the season earlier this month.

"It's great to be home," BG coach Scott Paluch said, noting that 12 of the team's next 16 games will be at the BGSU Ice Arena. "It's a real critical piece of our schedule and we have to earn points here."

Nebraska-Omahais 4-0 so far this season after collecting home wins against American International, Union and Mercyhurst.

That stellar home record is yet another reason this series could have perfect timing and location for BG.

"There are so many good teams in college hockey," said Paluch, "and if you go through a two-week stretch of being undefeated, you're doing pretty well."

The Mavericks do not appear to have many weaknesses after four games. They are in the top half of every CCHA statistical cat-

egory, including offense (3.5 goals per game), defense (1.25 goals per game) and the penalty kill.

UNO has not allowed one power play goal in 22 opponent chances. In an attempt to sneak one or two man-advantage goals past the Mavericks this weekend, BG has focused on special teams play in practice all week.

The Falcons' mediocre penalty kill (ranked ninth in the CCHA) will face the league's third best power play. Sophomore defenseman Alain Goulet is one of five players who have already registered a power play goal this season.

Now that's depth. "They're a pretty offensive, run-and-gun team and they usually have a good power play," said BG senior goaltender Jimmy Spratt.

Spratt has faced UNO more times than he has against any other team in the league with nine games. While he has a 2-7 record against the school in his college career, he thinks his prior experience could help him this weekend.

"They're a completely different team now, but it can't hurt," Spratt said.

Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

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of the teams," Brandon said. "They don't pound you like a Pitt, Boise or Northern Illinois. Edelman will just take the snap, look like he's dropping back and then just take off. Jarvis is a good back — very shifty and elusive."

On the other side of the line of scrimmage will be BG's defense, which has statistically been much better than last season. So far, it's allowing 7.7 fewer points, 41.7 fewer passing yards and 26.7 fewer rushing yards per game than in 2007, all good signs.

The unit's problems, as illustrated by the team's 1-3 record in MAC play, have centered around stopping the run late in games. The defense has kept scores close in just about every game this season, but the second half — especially the fourth quarter — has not been kind to them. In the fourth quarter this season, the Falcons have been outscored 56-51.

In order to walk out of The Doyt with a win tomorrow, the Falcons will have to close Edelman's and Jarvis' running gaps for all four quarters. Brandon believes the defense can do it.

"We've faced these guys before and did a nice job against them," Brandon said. "[Kent's offense isn't] anything that we haven't seen and can prepare for. Our players just need to execute and believe we can win and beat Kent."

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Arsenault.

"They are a very direct team," Richards said, with strong forwards and a deep bench. "It's hard to play against a team like that. They are the MAC champions so we know they're a good team."

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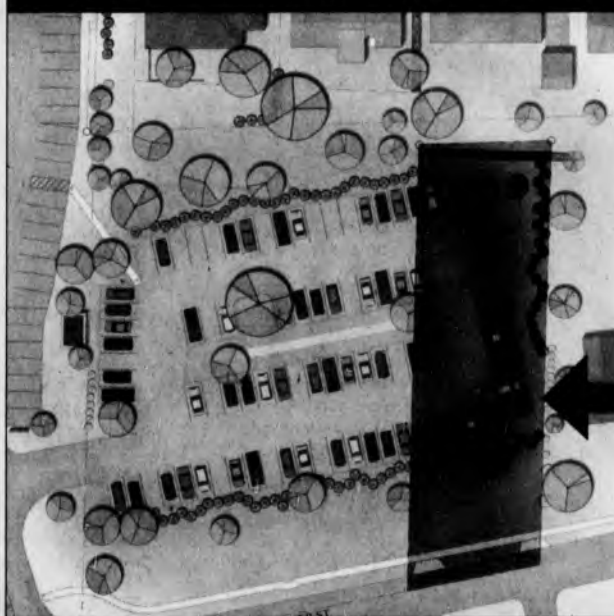
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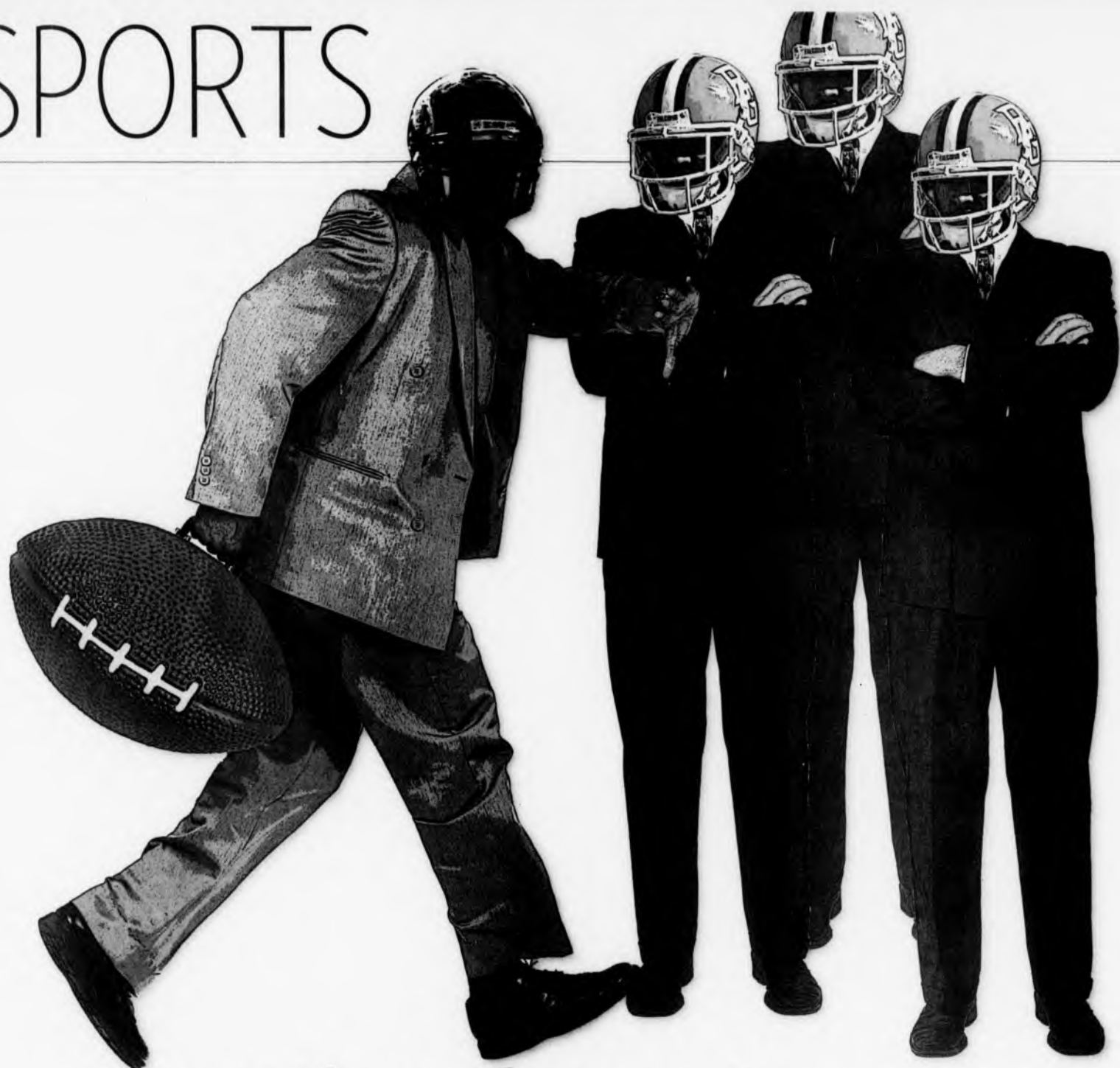
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getting down to BG's defense Kent State's run game **BUSINESS**

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Tomorrow at 2 p.m., Kent State will visit Doyt Perry Stadium to face BG. And the biggest story on the field will be how BG's defense stacks up with Kent's ground game.

The Flashes' run game has been nothing short of terrific this season. It averages 217.5 yards per game and about five yards per carry. It's also a little unconventional in that the team's leading rusher is the quarterback, senior Julian Edelman. So far this season, Edelman has 781 rushing yards and eight touchdowns, and ranks second in the Mid-American Conference in total rushing.

To go along with Edelman, the Flashes also have a talented running back in Eugene Jarvis, who despite an injury earlier this season has been very effective. This year, he has 362 yards and five touchdowns to his credit, good for second-most on the team in both categories. In KSU's 54-21 pasting of Miami last week in Oxford, Jarvis found the end zone four times.

BG head coach Gregg Brandon knows Kent's rushing attack could pose problems for his defense.

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KSU's offense	BG's defense
17 total	16 Rushing TDs
217.5 gained	181.1 Rush Yards Per Game
5.0 gained	4.4 Yards per Carry
9 cough-ups	5 Fumbles
1,740 gained	1,449 Total Rush Yards

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FANTASY FOOTBALL FRIDAY

THE GUYS WHO ARE TEARING IT UP:



CHAD PENNINGTON

The former Jets quarterback has re-discovered his game this season in Miami, and has actually out-performed current Jets quarterback Brett Favre. Pennington has a QB rating of 100.5, 1,710 yards and seven touchdowns.



ANDRE JOHNSON

Houston's top receiver has been fairly consistent all season. As Schaub's No. 1 target, Johnson has 56 catches for 772 yards and two touchdowns. You have to think that more TDs will come with his production and Houston's potent passing game.



MARION BARBER

Yes, the Cowboys are struggling to score right now without Tony Romo under center, but that doesn't mean you should overlook Barber's body of work this season. Dallas' top running back has 153 carries for 611 yards and five TDs.



ANTONIO GATES

Next to Tony Gonzalez and Kellen Winslow, Gates is considered one of the NFL's absolute best tight ends. On a Chargers team loaded with injuries this season, Gates has been pretty consistent, with 30 receptions, 403 yards and five scores.

THE GUYS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER:



KEVIN WALTER

Walter was a bit of a wild card going into the season, but has gradually earned more and more playing time. With Houston's passing game really coming alive as of late, Walter should improve on his 363 yards and five TDs.



MATT SCHAUB

The guy currently throwing to receivers like Walter has been on a bit of a roll as of late, re-igniting Houston's passing game. As of right now, Schaub has 1,623 passing yards and 10 touchdown throws.

Women's soccer ties season finale with Toledo, 1-1

By Jordan Cravens
Reporter

With help from Western Michigan, the BG Women's soccer team has secured a home berth for the first-round of the Mid-American Conference playoffs, set to begin on Sunday.

Battling top-ranked Toledo to a double-overtime draw yesterday, BG maintained its fourth place position in the MAC standings as WMU defeated Northern Illinois, seated one notch below the Falcons in the standings. The top four teams in the conference, after regular season play, are awarded home field advantage for the tournament.

"It was a rival game and those always are very tight," said BG Coach Andy Richards. "They are often decided by a single goal



See Megan Amann's goal
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and that's how we thought it would be, but a tie is probably fair on the day."

In the first half, Toledo was the clear aggressor, keeping the ball off the ground and on their offensive end for the majority for the first 45 minutes.

Toledo's aggressive style of play paid-off, when Brittany Hensler shot of a goal going one-on-one with a BG defender, knocking in a shot past goalkeeper Alexa

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THE BG NEWS PICKS OF THE WEEK

Since when is the Sports Editor the guy with the worst pick 'em record? It's the complete opposite of a badge of honor. Oh well, at least there are three guys still in the running for our annual bragging rights. There are some good games coming up, so enjoy them!



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Kent State vs. BG BG -65	All Kent's gotta do is follow the exact same game plan as Eastern Michigan, Miami and Northern Illinois—run the ball a lot. Kent State 27, BG 21	Sony folks. Until this team proves they can stop the run, I can't pick them against a good running attack. Kent State 31, BG 17	I'll volunteer to play defensive tackle if that's what it will take to stop the run. BG 20, Kent State 17	I haven't picked against BG yet this year. I'm starting to think it was a bad idea. BG 31, Kent State 24
#1 Texas vs. #6 Texas Tech Texas -4	I haven't had a good upset special in a while, so here it is. The Red Raiders take care of home field and beat the Longhorns. Texas Tech 38, Texas 35	I picked against Tech last week and got burned, but I'll go ahead and do it again. Texas 55, Texas Tech 48	Texas Tech's blowout win over Kansas has me convinced. This will be a high-scoring affair. Texas Tech 63, Texas 59	Texas Tech has got to want it more. Come on, Tech! Take 'em by the horns, those longhorns. Texas Tech 42, Texas 34
#5 Florida vs. #8 Georgia Florida -6	This game is all about revenge, and I'm going with Florida. Florida 24, Georgia 16	Florida will come in angry, but Georgia's going to win. Georgia 27, Florida 17	Georgia didn't drink enough Gatorade this week. Florida pulls away late. Florida 31, Georgia 21	Take the Gator out of 'The Swamp' and he's nothing more than a lizard. Georgia 36, Florida 24
#16 Florida State vs. Georgia Tech Georgia Tech -2	I feel as though Tech is going to win this game. Florida State isn't as good as their ranking suggests. G-Tech 20, FSU 17	FSU has been rolling of late. I'll take the underdog for kicks. FSU 34, G-Tech 21	Two very good defensive teams. Slight edge to the Seminoles. FSU 17, G-Tech 13	FSU is going to get stung bad by the Jackets' triple option. G-Tech 35, FSU 21
West Virginia vs. UCONN West Virginia -4	WVU is favored, so I'm going with them. How's that for logic? WVU 31, UCONN 21	Why be different? I'll take WVU. WVU 14, UCONN 10	For WVU, Pat takes the White out of the Huskies. WVU 23, UCONN 21	The Huskies have a solid defense but WVU will pull ahead if they limit stupid mistakes. WVU 35, UCONN 17
Occidental vs. Cal Lutheran No line available	Cal Lutheran is going to lose. And no, it won't be Occidental when they do. Occidental 3, Cal Lutheran 2	Cal Lutheran is like Cal Ripken. They don't back down for anything. Cal Lutheran 27, Occidental 10	This is a rivalry game, so it really could go either way. Cal Lutheran 16, Occidental 13	A school for clumsy dentists has a football program? Occidental 14, Cal Lutheran 4
Overall record	29-24	37-16	34-19	31-22

Netters make quick work of Miami, move up in MAC East

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

For the first time in over four years BG controls their own destiny in the MAC East. With a 3-0 win over Miami, the Falcons pulled into a two-way tie for the division's top spot.

If BG is to win out their MAC schedule this season, they are guaranteed at least a share of the East division title for the first time since 2001.

In the match, BG was able to dominate the RedHawks at the net as four Falcons recorded at least nine kills. Defensively, BG had a big night blocking with nine blocks compared to Miami's seven.

"I thought we did really well

blocking this match, it's something that we have struggled with this season," said junior Shari Luther. "We just stepped it up. I know the outside blockers moved in to take away more coming across, that definitely helped."

The first set was very close until junior Kaitlin Jackson sparked an 11-4 BG run, controlling the right side hitters. Setter Sam Fish dished out 10 assists.

BG's momentum from the first set carried over to the second as the Falcons jumped out to an early 8-5 lead, getting contributions from both the left and right side hitters. They were led by setter Sam Fish, who recorded another 10

assists. Luther had three of BG's four blocks in the set.

Luther eventually closed out the set 25-18 by attacking the middle of Miami's defense.

In the third set, Miami was able to battle back and tie the score at 14, but blocks from Meghan Mohr and Luther helped put an end to the run and spark a late rally. BG would put the match away soon after, winning 25-20 on a kill by Mohr, her 12th of the match.

"Tonight was the best I've seen us play at the net this entire season," said head coach Denise Van De Walle.

BG's next match is tomorrow night at Anderson Arena against MAC West leader Western Michigan.

Cross country teams prepare for this weekend's MAC Championships

By Kristin McKissic
Reporter

Running up the rankings is BG's women's cross country team.

That's in the Great Lakes Region rankings. The team is now seventh in their region, according to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

"The women's team has been ranked highly this season among the MAC schools and we are looking for a great meet this weekend and will do everything we can to compete for the team title," said head coach Cami Wells.

Three weeks ago the lady

Falcons were in the 13th spot, but they continued to rise in the following weeks.

"Everyone is doing a nice job this year and working hard," Wells said. "My expectations for the teams are always the same, for them to give their best individual and team effort."

The team raised three spots after their performance in the Falcon Invite on Oct. 18, finishing first against Toledo and Buffalo. Both opponents are Mid-American Conference teams.

"At this point in the season we have started to taper or reduce the volume to get ready for the

conference and regional meets," Wells said. "We are no longer having two a day practices or doing long runs."

The conference the Falcons are preparing for is the MAC Championships on Nov. 1 at Eastern Michigan University. The men's 8K race is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. and the women's 6K race starting at noon.

"The focus is more on speed, work and staying healthy," Wells said. "You never want to overlook anyone and you always want to concentrate on getting the most out of our team and capitalize on your strengths."

Hockey to host unbeaten Nebraska-Omaha

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

After traveling more than 10,000 total miles during the past two weekends, BG's hockey team is glad to be home.

That does not mean that this weekend's Central Collegiate Hockey Association games against Nebraska-Omaha will be very easy, but at least the Falcons won't have to fly to the arena this time.

The team flew to New England for games against Boston College and Providence College two weekends ago, and this past Sunday returned from a 16-hour flight from Alaska-Fairbanks.

BG lost three of those four games, dropping its overall record to 2-3-1 after a win versus RIT and a tie against Niagara started the season earlier this month.

"It's great to be home," BG coach Scott Paluch said, noting that 12 of the team's next 16 games will be at the BGSU Ice Arena. "It's a real critical piece of our schedule and we have to earn points here."

Nebraska-Omahais 4-0 so far this season after collecting home wins against American International, Union and Mercyhurst.

That stellar home record is yet another reason this series could have perfect timing and location for BG.

"There are so many good teams in college hockey," said Paluch, "and if you go through a two-week stretch of being undefeated, you're doing pretty well."

The Mavericks do not appear to have many weaknesses after four games. They are in the top half of every CCHA statistical cat-

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UNO has not allowed one power play goal in 22 opponent chances. In an attempt to sneak one or two man-advantage goals past the Mavericks this weekend, BG has focused on special teams play in practice all week.

The Falcons' mediocre penalty kill (ranked ninth in the CCHA) will face the league's third best power play. Sophomore defenseman Alain Goulet is one of five players who have already registered a power play goal this season.

Now that's depth. "They're a pretty offensive, run-and-gun team and they usually have a good power play," said BG senior goaltender Jimmy Spratt.

Spratt has faced UNO more times than he has against any other team in the league with nine games. While he has a 2-7 record against the school in his college career, he thinks his prior experience could help him this weekend.

"They're a completely different team now, but it can't hurt," Spratt said.

Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

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of the teams," Brandon said. "They don't pound you like a Pitt, Boise or Northern Illinois. Edelman will just take the snap, look like he's dropping back and then just take off. Jarvis is a good back — very shifty and elusive."

On the other side of the line of scrimmage will be BG's defense, which has statistically been much better than last season. So far, it's allowing 7.7 fewer points, 41.7 fewer passing yards and 26.7 fewer rushing yards per game than in 2007, all good signs.

The unit's problems, as illustrated by the team's 1-3 record in MAC play, have centered around stopping the run late in games. The defense has kept scores close in just about every game this season, but the second half — especially the fourth quarter — has not been kind to them. In the fourth quarter this season, the Falcons have been outscored 56-51.

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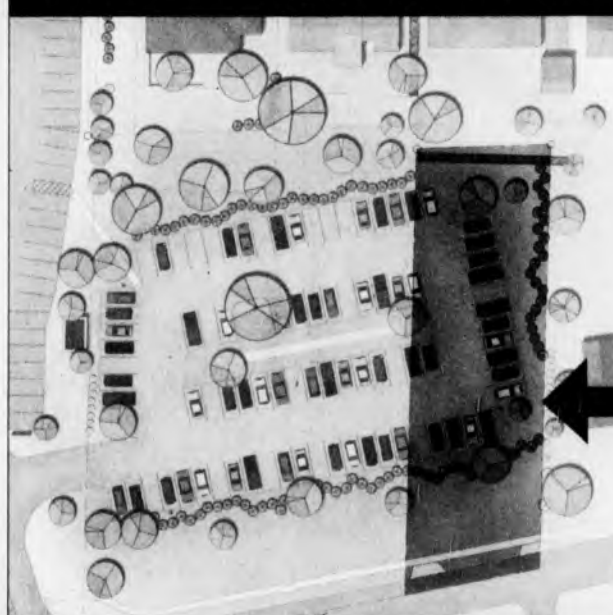
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Halloween Show

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Harm's Way

Tomorrow at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Wooster Street Center, see the University's Department of Theatre and Film Elsewhere Theatre program's production of "Harm's Way." Free admission.

TOLEDO

Walk Among Us: A Tribute to the Misfits

Today at 9 p.m. at Frankie's Inner City, 15 local bands will perform the music of the Misfits. Ages 18+ are welcome. Call 419 693-5300 for ticket information.



Horror Stories

Today at 7:30 p.m., the Ritter Planetarium - Brooks Observatory will present some of the classic horror stories and myths associated with the stars from various civilizations.

ELSEWHERE

Fremont

Today and tomorrow from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., celebrate the 17th season of Northwest Ohio's Haunted Hydro Dark Attraction Park. New attractions this year include Mid-Evil Stonehenge and The Legend of Bloody Mary Ghost Show.

Dearborn

This weekend from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at The Henry Ford Museum, see the exhibit titled "Out of This World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television." Tickets are \$14 for adults.

Make sure to check out the theatre critic's review of "Godspell" at www.bgnnews.com.

THEY SAID IT

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—Roseanne

HOW TO: CARVE A PERFECT PUMPKIN

By Alissa O'Neill
Pulse Reporter

In 2001, Chris Smalley single-handedly mass produced 50 carved pumpkins for the Wood County Park District. Since then, the Park District Stewardship Coordinator has gathered a volunteer base to help him carve more than 50 pumpkins for the Park District, but his expertise is unrivaled. Smalley has seen his share of pumpkin carving over the years, but as Halloween arrives you don't need to be a professional to enjoy the time-honored tradition of carving pumpkins. Just read this simple guide to achieving the perfect pumpkin and get carving!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Pumpkin
- Knife (either a sharp steak knife or a pumpkin carving knife)
- Spoon
- Newspaper (to keep the work area clean)
- Bowl (comes in handy for pumpkin pulp)

STEP 1:

The first step to carving a perfect pumpkin is to pick the perfect pumpkin. Smalley suggests finding a basketball-sized or larger pumpkin for carving. Make sure that your pumpkin's size is proportional to the design you have in mind to carve. (Pumpkin patch suggestions: Pumpkin Peddler at 20354 North Dixie Highway or some local churches have been selling pumpkins on their front lawns.)



STEP 2:

Cut a hole in the pumpkin as the lid. Traditionally, a circle is cut from the top of the pumpkin around the stem, but Smalley says cutting a hole in the bottom will preserve the pumpkin longer and make placing candles inside the pumpkin easier. The hole doesn't have to be too large, just big enough to have an opening to clean out the inside and also place a candle inside if so desired. If you are planning on going the traditional route with a hole in the top, cut the hole out at an angle in order to slow down the shrinking process.



STEP 3:

Clean out the inside. Not always the cleanest process, but you can choose to use a spoon or your hands to do this. Sometimes it's easier to start by using your hands and then finish with a spoon to make sure the sides are as clean as possible. Remove as much of the pumpkin's "guts" and seeds that you can. (Pumpkin seeds make a great snack, so save those and look up a recipe online to make something to eat while watching a scary movie.)



STEP 4:

Design time. It helps to draw your pumpkin's intended face or design on a piece of paper or newspaper before transferring it to the pumpkin. This way, you can work out any mistakes before finalizing it. After choosing your face or design, use a marker to draw it on the surface of the pumpkin. When choosing a design or face don't forget to keep your carving skill level in mind.



STEP 5:

Now the knife comes out. You can use a sharp knife or, if you have one, a pumpkin carving knife for this. Simply and carefully carve along the lines of your design and pop out the carved out parts.

SOME EXTRA SUGGESTIONS:

- Drywall saws work great on pumpkins with thick skin.
- Any tool that can be used for fruit (i.e. a melon baller or lemon zester) can be used on a pumpkin for cool effects. A melon baller works well to achieve a glow without completely cutting out a piece of the pumpkin and lemon zesters can be used to texture pumpkin skins. Get creative.
- Grab pumpkin carving tools and sets on discount racks after Halloween for next year's pumpkin.

CONTEST: Be sure to submit a picture of your "perfect pumpkin" to contest@bgviews.com to be featured in next week's Pulse!

STEP 6:

Clean up and shine. Clean the pumpkin pulp out of your cut-out areas, place a candle inside and enjoy your pumpkin!



Top 10

Scariest Movies

By Aaron Helfferich
Film Critic

#10 The Blair Witch Project (1999)

Annoying camera-shake aside, the students who created "The Blair Witch Project" knew what they were doing when it came to creating a unique film experience. By playing it off with a documentary-like depiction, "The Blair Witch" adds a unique level of real-life fear that traditional narrative films struggle to acquire.

#9 The Omen (1976)

Raising a kid is no easy task. Raising the son of the devil is an entirely terrifying task altogether. By posing an innocent young boy as the catalyst for all things evil, "The Omen" questions whether or not the most innocent things can be evil. Besides, no other actor has been able to deliver as piercingly disturbing a glare as little Damien did.

#8 The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974)

The opening of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" claims to be based on true events. While the story is entirely fictional, they failed to mention that it was loosely based on the killings of the infamous serial killer, Ed Gein. A fact like that will make you think twice about driving far into the country.

#7 The Ring (2002)

Although this remake inspired the upsurge in onslaught of other Japanese horror remakes, "The Ring" was one of the first horror films to appropriately utilize modern day special effects. With a simple premise dressed up in visually unnerving precision, you'll never look at a phone, a TV, or even an unmarked VHS tape the same way ever again.

#6 Psycho (1960)

When "Psycho" first graced the silver screen, the idea of killing off the lead actress in the middle of the film was practically unheard of. The fact that the murder took place in the seclusion of a shower made it even more disturbing and unforgettable. Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller not only shocked audiences, but also inspired filmmakers who have made their own mark on this list as well.

#5 The Descent (2005)

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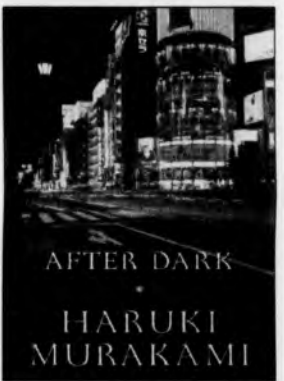
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By Lyndsey Reese
Book Reviewer

Haruki Murakami's novel "After Dark" is centered around the character Mari Asai, a college freshman who has decided to spend a night in the city of Tokyo. Translated from original Japanese, "After Dark" takes place over the course of one night, each chapter beginning with the demarcation of the current time. The novel follows several characters throughout the night who are all connected by chance and circumstance.

Murakami tells the story in a very stoic, matter-of-fact tone. He speculates on the emotions and motivations of the characters rather than allowing the reader direct insight. At points, the novel seems as if it should be a film instead, considering Murakami often refers to the reader's perspective as a view through a camera lens.

Although unique, this angle is distracting and as a result, the reader is continually aware that



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he or she is an outside viewer. Murakami also incorporates moments of magical realism, creating an even more detached atmosphere that ties in well with the late night setting.

Overall, "After Dark" is a quick, enjoyable read. Although the characters occasionally seem predictable, the distinctive setting of the novel is refreshing and intriguing.

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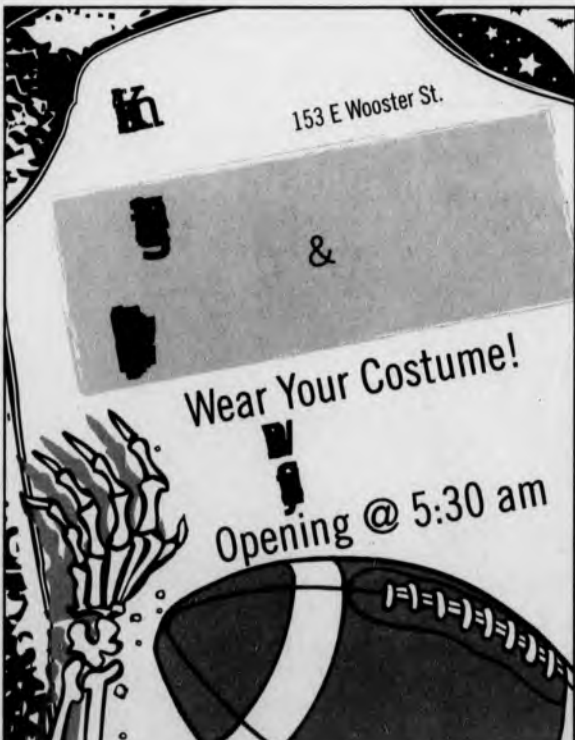
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Harm's Way

Tomorrow at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Wooster Street Center, see the University's Department of Theatre and Film Elsewhere Theatre program's production of "Harm's Way." Free admission.

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Walk Among Us: A Tribute to the Misfits

Today at 9 p.m. at Frankie's Inner City, 15 local bands will perform the music of the Misfits. Ages 18+ are welcome. Call 419 693-5300 for ticket information.



Horror Stories

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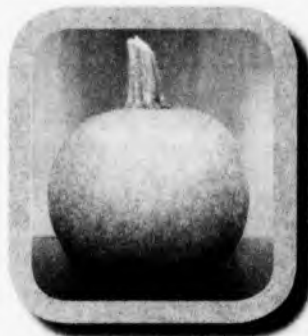
HOW TO: CARVE A PERFECT PUMPKIN

By Alissa O'Neill
Pulse Reporter

In 2001, Chris Smalley single-handedly mass produced 50 carved pumpkins for the Wood County Park District. Since then, the Park District Stewardship Coordinator has gathered a volunteer base to help him carve more than 50 pumpkins for the Park District, but his expertise is unrivaled. Smalley has seen his share of pumpkin carving over the years, but as Halloween arrives you don't need to be a professional to enjoy the time-honored tradition of carving pumpkins. Just read this simple guide to achieving the perfect pumpkin and get carving!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Pumpkin
- Knife (either a sharp steak knife or a pumpkin carving knife)
- Spoon
- Newspaper (to keep the work area clean)
- Bowl (comes in handy for pumpkin pulp)



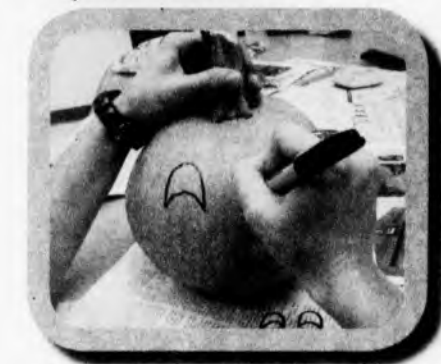
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The first step to carving a perfect pumpkin is to pick the perfect pumpkin. Smalley suggests finding a basketball-sized or larger pumpkin for carving. Make sure that your pumpkin's size is proportional to the design you have in mind to carve. (Pumpkin patch suggestions: Pumpkin Peddler at 20354 North Dixie Highway or some local churches have been selling pumpkins on their front lawns.)



STEP 2:

Cut a hole in the pumpkin as the lid. Traditionally, a circle is cut from the top of the pumpkin around the stem, but Smalley says cutting a hole in the bottom will preserve the pumpkin longer and make placing candles inside the pumpkin easier. The hole doesn't have to be too large, just big enough to have an opening to clean out the inside and also place a candle inside if so desired. If you are planning on going the traditional route with a hole in the top, cut the hole out at an angle in order to slow down the shrinking process.



STEP 3:

Clean out the inside. Not always the cleanest process, but you can choose to use a spoon or your hands to do this. Sometimes it's easier to start by using your hands and then finish with a spoon to make sure the sides are as clean as possible. Remove as much of the pumpkin's "guts" and seeds that you can. (Pumpkin seeds make a great snack, so save those and look up a recipe online to make something to eat while watching a scary movie.)



STEP 4:

Design time. It helps to draw your pumpkin's intended face or design on a piece of paper or newspaper before transferring it to the pumpkin. This way, you can work out any mistakes before finalizing it. After choosing your face or design, use a marker to draw it on the surface of the pumpkin. When choosing a design or face don't forget to keep your carving skill level in mind.



STEP 5:

Now the knife comes out. You can use a sharp knife or, if you have one, a pumpkin carving knife for this. Simply and carefully carve along the lines of your design and pop out the carved out parts.

SOME EXTRA SUGGESTIONS:

- Drywall saws work great on pumpkins with thick skin.
- Any tool that can be used for fruit (i.e. a melon baller or lemon zester) can be used on a pumpkin for cool effects. A melon baller works well to achieve a glow without completely cutting out a piece of the pumpkin and lemon zesters can be used to texture pumpkin skins. Get creative.
- Grab pumpkin carving tools and sets on discount racks after Halloween for next year's pumpkin.

CONTEST: Be sure to submit a picture of your "perfect pumpkin" to contest@bgviews.com to be featured in next week's Pulse!

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Clean up and shine. Clean the pumpkin pulp out of your cut-out areas, place a candle inside and enjoy your pumpkin!



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Fremont

Today and tomorrow from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., celebrate the 17th season of Northwest Ohio's Haunted Hydro Dark Attraction Park. New attractions this year include Mid-Evil Stonehenge and The Legend of Bloody Mary Ghost Show.

Dearborn

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Make sure to check out the theatre critic's review of "Godspell" at www.bgnews.com.

THEY SAID IT

"My husband said he needed more space. So I locked him outside."
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Top 10

Scariest Movies of All Time

By Aaron Helfferich
Film Critic

#10 The Blair Witch Project (1999)

Annoying camera-shake aside, the students who created "The Blair Witch Project" knew what they were doing when it came to creating a unique film experience. By playing it off with a documentary-like depiction, "The Blair Witch" adds a unique level of real-life fear that traditional narrative films struggle to acquire.

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Raising a kid is no easy task. Raising the son of the devil is an entirely terrifying task altogether. By posing an innocent young boy as the catalyst for all things evil, "The Omen" questions whether or not the most innocent things can be evil. Besides, no other actor has been able to deliver as piercingly disturbing a glare as little Damien did.

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Although this remake inspired the unnecessary onslaught of other Japanese horror remakes, "The Ring" was one of the first horror films to appropriately utilize modern day special effects. With a simple premise dressed up in visually unnerving precision, you'll never look at a phone, a TV, or even an unmarked VHS tape the same way ever again.

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When "Psycho" first graced the silver screen, the idea of killing off the lead actress in the middle of the film was practically unheard of. The fact that the murder took place in the seclusion of a shower made it even more surprising and unforgettable. Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller not only shocked audiences, but it also inspired filmmakers who have made their own mark on this list as well.

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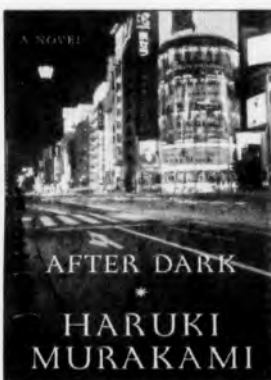
Murakami's 'After Dark' plays with time, perspective

By Lyndsey Reese
Book Reviewer

Haruki Murakami's novel "After Dark" is centered around the character Mari Asai, a college freshman who has decided to spend a night in the city of Tokyo. Translated from original Japanese, "After Dark" takes place over the course of one night, each chapter beginning with the demarcation of the current time. The novel follows several characters throughout the night who are all connected by chance and circumstance.

Murakami tells the story in a very stoic, matter-of-fact tone. He speculates on the emotions and motivations of the characters rather than allowing the reader direct insight. At points, the novel seems as if it should be a film instead, considering Murakami often refers to the reader's perspective as a view through a camera lens.

Although unique, this angle is distracting and as a result, the reader is continually aware that



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he or she is an outside viewer. Murakami also incorporates moments of magical realism, creating an even more detached atmosphere that ties in well with the late night setting.

Overall, "After Dark" is a quick, enjoyable read. Although the characters occasionally seem predictable, the distinctive setting of the novel is refreshing and intriguing.

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THIS JUST IN: Breaking news editor Candace Heckman speaks on the phone as she holds a package labeled "anthrax" at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspaper Wednesday. The package was opened by Heckman and contained a disk with an image of Colin Powell and a packet with a powdery substance. A California man was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of sending hoax letters labeled "anthrax."

Media put on alert after wave of fake anthrax mailings

By Sudhin Thanawala
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The FBI is warning media outlets to be vigilant about opening their mail after a California man was arrested on suspicion of sending more than 100 hoax letters labeled "anthrax" to newspapers and TV stations.

Marc M. Keyser, 66, sent more than 120 envelopes containing a compact disc that had a packet of sugar labeled "Anthrax Sample" along with a biohazard symbol, the FBI said in a news release. The CD was titled "Anthrax: Shock & Awe Terror."

None of the packets has so far tested positive for hazardous material, the agency said. Authorities did not say what was

on the CD.

More mailings will probably be received over the next few days, authorities warned. Recipients should contact their local FBI office, said FBI agent Steve Dupre.

Dupre said the arrest is not connected to another series of bogus mailings containing a white powder that were sent to financial institutions and announced by the FBI last week.

Keyser was taken into custody without incident at his home in Sacramento on three counts of sending a hoax letter, the FBI said. At least some of the packages had Keyser's return address on them, Dupre said.

Keyser is being held at the Sacramento County jail and was expected to make his first court

appearance yesterday. It wasn't known Wednesday evening whether he had a lawyer.

The investigation began after The Atlantic magazine received a letter Monday, Dupre said. The Charlotte Observer newspaper in North Carolina received an envelope Tuesday.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer newsroom was evacuated briefly Wednesday after an editor opened a package that the FBI says appears to be connected to the other mailings. The Seattle Times reported it received a similar package.

The FBI collected the Post-Intelligencer's envelope. Seattle FBI spokeswoman Robbie Burroughs said it appeared to be part of a wave of mailings that originated in Sacramento, Calif.

Diabetes doubles, Type 2 linked to obesity

By Mike Stobbe
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The rate of new diabetes cases nearly doubled in the United States in the last 10 years, with the highest levels in the South, the government said yesterday in its first state-by-state review of new diagnoses.

The highest rate was in West Virginia, where about 13 in 1,000 adults were diagnosed with the disease. The lowest was in Minnesota, where the rate is 5 in 1,000.

Ohio was on the lower end with about six new cases per 1,000 adults.

About 90 percent of the cases are Type 2 diabetes, the form linked to obesity. The findings echo geographic trends seen with obesity and physical inactivity, which are also tied to heart disease. Southern states rank worst in those measures, too.

"It isn't surprising the problem is heaviest in the South — no pun intended," said Matt Petersen, who oversees data and statistics for the American Diabetes Association.

But the study provides important new information on where new cases are emerging each year, giving a more timely picture of where the disease is exploding. The information should be a big help as the government and health insurers decide where to focus prevention campaigns, he said.

"It isn't surprising the problem is heaviest in the South — no pun intended."

Matt Peterson | Researcher

The study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention covered most states.

More than 23 million Americans have diabetes. The number is growing quickly. About 1.6 million new cases were diagnosed in people 20 or older last year, according to the CDC.

Some studies have offered state-specific estimates of diabetes cases, but this is the first to chart where new cases are being diagnosed.

"It's important work," said Angela Liese, a diabetes researcher at the University of South Carolina, who was not involved in the CDC study.

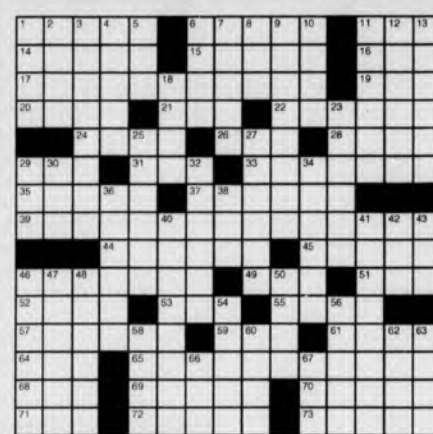
The study involved a random-digit-dialed survey of more than 260,000 adults. Participants were asked if they'd ever been told by a doctor that they have diabetes, and when the diagnosis was made.

The annual rate of new diabetes cases rose from about 5 per 1,000 in the mid-1990s to 9 per 1,000 in the mid-2000s, according to data gathered for 33 states for which CDC had complete data for both time periods.

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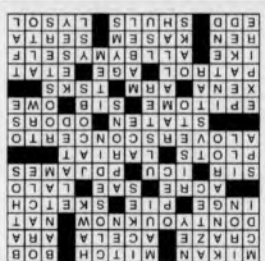


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HIGH HOMICIDE RATES: Toni Temple peers from under a sign during a prayer vigil on Chicago's West Side Wednesday.

Chicago homicides are nothing new to residents

By Don Babwin
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — During the same weekend that county pathologists conducted autopsies on the bodies of actress-singer Jennifer Hudson's mother and brother, they also examined the bodies of six other people who'd been gunned down or beaten to death.

"You hear gunshots day and night, that's nothing new," said Ken Rasheeda, 38, who grew up in the neighborhood, Englewood, where he and his wife are now raising three children. "There's been times I heard gunshots and I didn't think twice about it, it's so common."

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getting his groove back

in the past two games, kicker sinisa vrtilo has been perfect

By Andrew Harner
Assistant Sports Editor

Sinisa Vrtilo knew he could kick.

And since nailing a 44-yard field goal to give the Falcons a four-point lead with 2:20 left in BG's win against Akron earlier this season, Vrtilo hasn't missed.

Prior to that kick, Vrtilo had missed his last three attempts and had made just two of his eight tries on the season.

However, he put in the necessary work to get back to last year's form (15 of 19 on field goals) and is now on a roll.

"He wants to be so good that he puts a lot of pressure on himself," said coach Gregg Brandon. "He's a senior, and he's a good player for us."

Earlier this season, critics were asking whether or not Vrtilo had lost his kicking stroke, but the last three games show that Vrtilo still has what it takes to get the ball through the uprights.

The critics were talking because had he made the field goals he missed against Boise State and Eastern Michigan earlier this season, the outcomes of those games may have been different.

Against Boise, the Broncos were leading 20-0 at halftime with BG in the locker room out six points they could've had had Vrtilo made 42-yard and a 35-yard field goals in the first half.

After the Falcons scored a touchdown with 11:10 left in the fourth, the late drives in the game may have been different being a seven-point game instead of a 13-point game.

Vrtilo recovered the next week against Wyoming hitting his only attempt and all six PATs, but in the Mid-American Conference opener against EMU, he again found troubles.

In the second quarter, Vrtilo missed a 52-yard field goal, a distance further out than his BG career-long, but after the Falcons found themselves down by three with 36 seconds left, he had his chance for redemption.

After a nice return and a few passes, Vrtilo was set up with a 53-yard attempt with three seconds left in the Homecoming game.

The kick had the distance but sailed wide left.

"He wants to be so good that he puts a lot of pressure on himself. He's a senior, and he's a good player for us."

Gregg Brandon | Coach

"I don't think there was anything wrong with me," Vrtilo said of his early struggles. "I just think it was me feeling comfortable."

Part of the comfort that may have been missing was the absence of regular holder Derek Brighton, who was injured until the Akron game when Vrtilo began his turnaround.

But, it may have been the video crew who gave Vrtilo the ultimate comfort he needed.

Knowing Vrtilo was in need of some motivation, the football video department made a compilation video of all of the good kicks Vrtilo has made in his time with the Falcons.

The video was made so Vrtilo could see himself doing well, but he said it didn't really have much to do with his turnaround on the field.

"I don't think it had anything to do with it," Vrtilo said. "It was another thing that was positive for me to go out and just do what I know how to do ... and that's making field goals."

But seemingly at the same time, the offense and defense began to sputter. Vrtilo found his toe again, making his last five field goal attempts.

According to Brandon, had it not been for the two field goals made early in last week's game against Northern Illinois, the Falcons wouldn't have even had a chance to win come the fourth quarter.

"Sinisa kept us in the game," Brandon said.

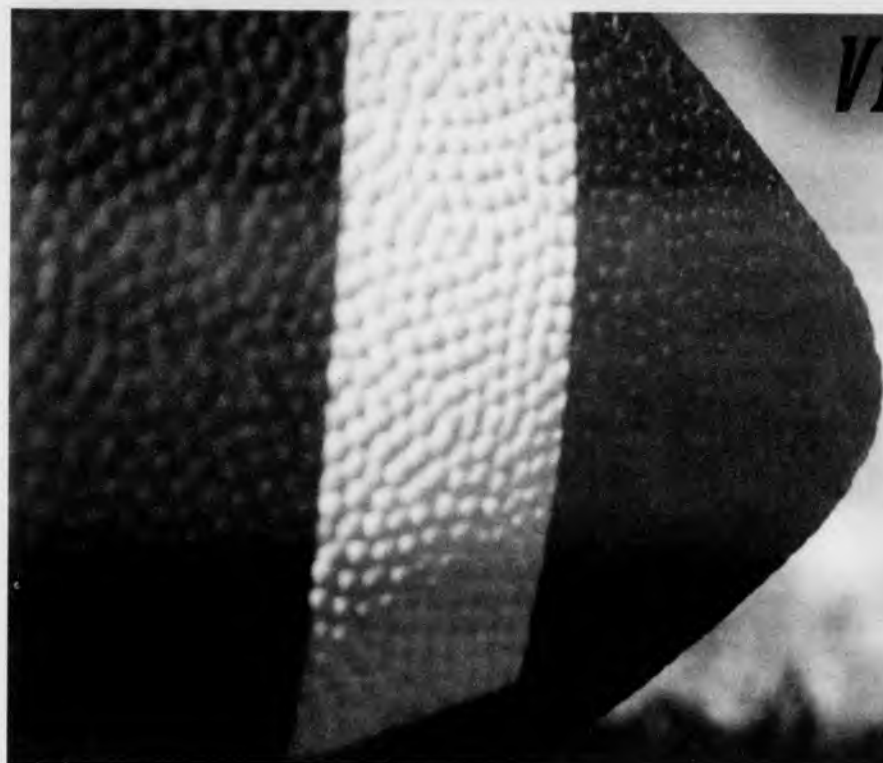
Vrtilo also realizes the importance of his abilities in a close game like last week.

"The more field goals that are made, the better it is for our team," Vrtilo said.



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LINING UP: BG kicker Sinisa Vrtilo sizes up a field goal attempt vs. Eastern Michigan at Doyt Perry Stadium.



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FIRE UP: Falcon receivers Marques Parks (left) and Jermiah Kelley (right) celebrate after Parks caught a touchdown pass last week at Northern Illinois.

can bg make another run?

the falcons find themselves in a situation similar to last year

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Oftentimes, history repeats itself.

Movies have sequels. Bands have follow-up albums. Teams win titles in consecutive years.

Surely, the Falcon football team would love for the third instance to happen. After all, they've been in this position before.

"We were right here last year, and we did a better job at the end of the season for the most part," said head coach Gregg Brandon.

By this time last year, BG was 2-2 in Mid-American Conference play and had just lost a heart-breaker at home to Ohio, 38-27. With only four games left to play, the team's prospects of winning the East Division were looking slim.

But then, almost unexpectedly, the Falcons went on a major run, winning all four remaining games to clinch a share of the East.

"Last year, everybody bought in," said sophomore defensive tackle Nick Torresso. "Everyone had that sense of urgency. They realized if we go down from here, there's no going back."

This year, the team would love to have a repeat of that success. They've been inconsistent up to this point, just like last year. And now they've got four

"We were right here last year, and we did a better job at the end of the season for the most part."

Gregg Brandon | Coach

games to go, just like last year.

The only difference is that, this time around, Kent State will represent BG's first chance to make good on a season that started off with such promise and then deteriorated into disappointment.

Brandon thinks the team has another run left in its collective tank.

"We've faced these guys before and did a nice job against them," he said. "It's nothing we haven't seen and can prepare for. Our players just need to execute and believe we can beat Kent."

If history is to repeat for the Falcons, they're going to have to go all the way back to the start of the season and the non-conference schedule, where they did a good job of stopping the run and gave the offense chances to move the ball. Efforts such as those at Pittsburgh and Wyoming stick out.

Since MAC play started, BG has regressed defensively, playing well enough to keep games close but fading in the second half as

opposing running backs and offensive lines wear them down. It happened against Eastern Michigan, Miami and Northern Illinois.

Kent State won't make life any easier. The Flashes are currently the MAC's best running team, averaging 217 yards on the ground per game. Their leading rusher is the quarterback, Julian Edelman, and their primary back, Eugene Jarvis, is coming off a four-touchdown performance last week at Miami.

In order to start a run similar to last season's, the Falcon defense will have to dig deep and get back to stopping drives for all four quarters.

"We just need to refocus," Torresso said. "We've had a great game plan every week and it's just little things here or there that are really killing us. As a collective, as a team, we just need to refocus."

The history is there for another late season run. But it's up to the players on the field to repeat it.



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through eight games, here's where they stand right now

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