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Senate debates
civil union for gays

THE FACTS OF THE CASE

MONTPELIER, Vt. — With one side of Vermont's gay rights debate so hot it could ignite a firecracker, and the other so cold it might freeze a snowball, legislators in the state's capital faced a winter's dilemma: Do they want to be the first state to draft gay civil unions into the law? They did not actually have to decide Wednesday whether Vermont will be the first state to do so. Instead, the Vermont Senate took a vote Tuesday that would make the closet thing in America to gay marriage possible. The House has already passed its own version. Gov. Howard Dean has said he would sign either version, but he would veto any legislation that would entitle them to all the rights of marriage, support of children, and adoption rights. Same-sex couples in Vermont would presumably be the beneficiaries of such legislation.

Sara Graziaro

Members of the College Democrats and the College Republicans debated environmental issues at a forum in the Student Center on Tuesday. The forum, moderated by members of the Environmental Action Group, sought to explore and explain differences in the environmental viewpoints of the Republican and Democratic parties.

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The World In Brief

Albright visits Uzbekistan

BISHKEK (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited Bishkek on Monday as part of a five-day Central Asia tour to promote economic, cultural and regional recognition of democracy values.

Albright had the visit in Bishkek today and the Uzbek city Bishkek should be "the example to the region and the important role they play in our understanding of modern day Uzbekistan," she added.

The Nation In Brief

Appeals court allows

LETONIA to visit kids

SEATTLE (AP) — Mary Kay Letourneau, convicted of child rape, is reportedly working on an autobiography that describes her relationship with a former student.

"It's not the end of the road. It's a beginning. It's a journey," she said. He had no other details about her story as part of her sentence.

2 dead in shooting at seniors' apartment

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. — A tenant in a senior citizens' apartment building shot two women to death and wounded at least one person today, after fellow residents criticized his behavior, authorities said.

"He was very upset, and was very angry," said Phyllis McLenon, the man's two-year-old roommates.

At least two people were killed, and the building was "very upset, and was very angry," she said.

One woman was reportedly working on a two-way radio that the man was "very upset, and was very angry," she said.

He shot one woman in the building's maintenance office and another in the door.

He was reported to have been behind a desk to hide.

The man left the meeting and was gone for about 10 minutes — then the building's maintenance man returned with a report on a two-way radio that the man was "very upset, and was very angry," she said.

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She said 114 people live in the senior citizens' building in this Detroit suburb.

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Oh, wait. Something seems to have come up at such a momentous time this Friday. One of the sports assistants — and there is only one — managed to completely press my buttons. He said to me that because I'm female, I don't know anything about teams. Here, I know, but because I'm not from Cleveland, and can't make casual sport about the 1996 Indians, doesn't mean I'm not sports aficionado. I can go to the top of the Hill and be the last person on the field by the sound of your voice. I was on the team, too, and I'm not going to sit on the bench. I'm not an IDIOT.

Peek. We'll go out to dinner. Where's your favorite place? We'll get something to eat, and we'll have better care. I'm the next man at the plate after big Ed. Tell him, I sent you.

Ok. I'm back. I feel better. Let's get up to the time of the concert. T. drops in three hours. Want to see in Tokyo at the end of the tour, or something. He's got five or six days. He's got to go up there, and we had some kind of discuss about that. We needed to discuss about that. We need to discuss about that. I'm going to sit on the floor. No, whatever. You don't pay for the tickets. We needed into the military hall and ripped those silly tags off of our tickets.

They found them at the door. Got a note, and that was that. This time and passed really stupid. Before you go, I wish you well.

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The end of this story. Don't be disappointed. This is the right. MAN seems to stick with the permanent and consistent. You'll get your way, but ask me again.

Dennis Domanski had an interesting week. She was thrilled that her daughter's ticket. He said, "Oh. I messed some stuff there. She got to BG at the time, but we would probably end gone, but we would probably end up on the floor."

We went to the damned television. Twenty minutes in the air, and we ended up in London. At the top, actually with a special ticket, my sister came up with a plan. We're going to sit on the floor. No. Whatever. You don't pay for the tickets. We need to get out of the place.

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**CAPTAIN RIBMAN BY JOHN SPRENGELER AND RICH DAVIS**

Oklahoma weather

Wednesday, April 19

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures.

**TV GUIDE SECTION**

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Wednesday April 19, 2000

7:30 pm Room 1007 BAA

with the Environmental Action Group

Special Earth Day Speaker:

Thomas McNamme

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**The Devil's Dictionary**

In 1981, Amherst senior Bruce was an editor of the San Francisco-based Wasp. He's the first installment of The Devil's Dictionary. Once a century later, Bruce's definitions have become The Devil's Dictionary, with Brautigam's input. I knew a kind of large and powerful tribe whose influence to human affairs has been profound and controlling. The devil's dictionary is divided into five parts: different dialects of speech and a book of definitions.

Rational, adj. Derived of all definitions save those of observation, experience and reflection.

The TV Guide section is the final installment of The Devil's Dictionary.
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OPINION

Secrets behind customer service

The other day, I was making out a series of Easter cards to my friends at different department store checkout headquarters, when I started thinking about customer service.

This is the old story about large corporations being impersonal and unfriendly. This was widely accepted as the truth and still is believed by some people, but I believe that the truth is very different.

I will never forget the day I went to the store and walked up to the checkout counter. When I sat down, the cashier greeted me with a smile and said, "Hi! How can I help you today?"

I was surprised, but I decided to give her a chance. I was ready to hear what she had to say.

She told me about her job and how she enjoyed it. She said she had been working there for five years and loved it because she liked helping people.

I was impressed by her attitude and how she handled the situation. She made me feel like I was valued and appreciated.

It turns out that what she said was true. After talking with her, I realized that there are many people like her who work in customer service.

These two white males (the perpetrators) gave me a big hug when they left the store. I was very disturbed by this experience. I thought, "What is going on? Why did they do this?"

I decided to write a letter to the editor about my experience. I thought it was important to share my story and to encourage others to think about the importance of customer service.

I hope that my letter will inspire others to think about the value of customer service and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Deaf theatre breaks the sound barrier

THE NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF

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Cleveland fans jump on bandwagon

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Well, it isn't happened. Just read the paper. If you don't like the things I tell you, I suggest you play with people who don't care about the things I write about. I suggest you take your little fellow on a tour of a few of the most interesting places in the world.

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DAYTON busted for violations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio — The NCAA punished the University of Dayton's basketball program Wednesday by fining it $1,500, suspending two basketball recruiters and recruiting violations because of rules violations that included liasing a university employee to make a recruit's father a $500-a-month part-time janitor.

The recruits, from freshman Brooks Banks Jr. helped lead the Flyers to the NCAA Tournament this past season.

The NCAA put Dayton on three years' probation, limiting it to 12 scholarships it can offer for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 academic years and to four the number of experience-exempt recruiting visits it can make in 2002-03. The school averages six or seven recruiting visits a year and is normally allowed 13 scholarships.

Penalties could have included a ban on television appearances and post-season play.

Coach George Land rider said he did not think the sanctions will affect the competitiveness of the team, which lost to Purdue 64-51 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and finished 22-9.

"It's not a happy day for the university, but we are glad that this chapter is behind us."
BASEBALL

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The Yellow Jackets took their second lead of the game in the top of the ninth inning as RBS grounding out to score Scott Bellamy. We didn't come out pretty well," Schampa said. "When they scored in the top of the third, the momentum was obviously in our favor. I think our boys responded and scored quickly and took control of the game.

RBS finally tied the game back up in the bottom of the fifth after Double턱 out to left field against Andover Star Ken Czaplak and diameter on a hard bunt single to the left side of the field. The next inning they went on to put the game on the board and close the game for good.

The Browns and Orange received an outing pitching from assistant Brad Blythe, junior Michael True, senior Chad Curtis and senior Ryan Smith. True picked up the win and announced his return to 1-0 on the year.

Today, the Falcons will battle another athletic but questionable team as they travel to face the Franklin桔ite. Game time is 1 p.m.

The Browns and Orange, now 22-12, will travel to Cleveland Saturday to take on the Eastern Saturday's senior night club.

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...the match with the Falcons on top. Richards and his team started

practice yesterday and their quest to improve also set. He has his

goals in hand and his priorities

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"I'm here to coach soccer. I'm here to build a program," he said.
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Senior Week 2000

Schedule of Events

Monday April 24th

Kick off Carnival
- Near the Education building, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Including bungee run and velcro wall
- Food and other fun games

Sponsors: UPS, BGSEA, KOG

Professional Development panels:
- Panel #1: "Money and Finances for the Recent College Graduate" (4:00-5:00 pm) 101B O'Connell
- Panel #2: "Moving from College to Professional" (6:15-7:15 pm) 101B O'Connell

Women's Center Presentations
- Presentations regarding transition issues for women, 5-6 pm

Tuesday April 25th

Community Service Projects
- Throughout the week Omega Phi Alpha will be holding a food, book, and clothing drive. Drop off will be located in all dorms and the Off Campus Student Center.
- Members of OPA will be passing out suckers promoting community service.
- As time allows Turning Point will be outside of the Education Building with a table and information on how to become involved with the cause.
- "Speeds for Summer Rafting". A summer raffle with items such as a grill and tickets to Cedar Point, other prizes. All money will go towards a good cause.

Senior Essay Contest
- Attention, senior! Is there someone you have met at BGSU that has helped you get through college?
- Take an opportunity to thank them by participating in the Thank BGU Day Essay Contest.
- Write a 200 word or less essay expressing your appreciation towards a BGSU faculty or staff member, administrator, or fellow student that has positively impacted your life here at BGSU.
- Due: 5:00 pm, Tuesday April 18 at Mileti Alumni Center.
- The author of the winning essay will receive a $50 cash prize and their nominee will be presented with a gift certificate to a local restaurant.
- The winner will be chosen by Tuesday April 25th & announced at Beyond BG.

BGSEA
- Providing a table with thank you notes for students to stop by and write thank you's.
- Location: Education steps.

Wednesday April 26th

Dining Services
- 10% off discount to seniors in the dining halls and Convenience Stores
- Must show valid I.D. to cashier

1FC/Panels/Greek Affairs Spaghetti dinner for all Greek seniors.
- 5:30 - 7 pm, Wed. April 26 at the Sig Ep House.

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**Dress to Impress:**
Suits key to professional look

kimberly DUPPSS

You have prepared your resume, contacted potential employers and have even set up the interview. Are you now asking yourself what the next step is to obtaining that picture perfect interview? The decision on what to wear to the initial interview should be put on your list of things to do to prepare for the same interview. Although your attire will not make or break a potential employer's decision to hire you, it can make a powerful impact. Wearing the right clothing and colors portrays a professional image.

One should be clad in a two-piece business suit. If a woman wears a skirt as part of her suit, it should rise slightly above the knee, according to Kathy Graff, assistant manager of the Dillard's at Franklin Park Mall. A black or navy blue suit is the most appropriate for an interview.

"They [black and navy blue suits] stay in style," Graff said. "You don't want to overdo it with prints."

A printed shirt should not be worn under the suit. Instead, a long-sleeve white shirt should be worn.

A man should wear a fairly plain tie, with no more than four colors. According to the Career Services guide, the tie should also be made of a natural fabric.

A woman's pantyhose should also be kept natural. A woman should avoid black or white pantyhose and make sure that the hose do not have any runs in them.

Nude colors are the optimal choice for a job interview. Shoes are just as important as wearing natural pantyhose. Open toe shoes are not acceptable for women or men at a job interview. Women should wear shoes with a low heel, not over an inch and a half.

Men are advised to wear black or brown shoes, which ever best matches the suit he is wearing. The shoes can be either slip-on or have ties.

Like his shoes, a man's socks should coordinate with his suit, as well as his shoes.

To achieve a professional image, it is important to keep your accessories simple. A woman should only wear one set of earrings and one ring on each hand. A man may wear a wedding ring or college ring, but anything more is not appropriate.

The interviewee should also take out all facial body jewelry to give an appropriate image.

Keeping a simple image when entering the office of your future employer will allow the employer to make up his/her mind about you rather than judging you on an unkempt image.

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**HEALTH INSURANCE**
Coverage options for the uninsured

**JEFF ARNETT**

Many seniors may soon find themselves without health insurance, and are unprepared to cover the loss.

"I've thought about it," said senior, ACS major Darrin Fisher, "I have some costs written down."

Others expected to get insurance from their employers, but none that The News talked to had made concrete plans for post-graduation health insurance.

Most students at the University get their insurance from their parents' plan. After graduation, they may continue to get insurance from the same plan through COBRA.

The COBRA option can be expensive for students, however, according to Karen Wasson, secretary and insurance specialist at Student Health Services.

"For a lot of people it's not a good option," Wasson said, because it can cost as much as $800 per month.

Another option for short-term health insurance after graduation is GradMed, a plan offered through the Alumni Office. GradMed can be purchased for 60 to 180 days. Tim Blair, who handles the University's account at American Insurance Administrators, the company that offers GradMed, said the plan is cheap but short-term.

"Because it's interim in nature, it's very low-cost," Blair said.

GradMed costs about $1.57 per day for males and $1.80 for females. Blair said the difference between sexes exists because women tend to use the plan more.

"Females tend to utilize the benefits for the plan more," Blair said. "Women tend to take care of themselves more than men do, I think."

Blair also said the plan could be extended.

"Theoretically, they could have GradMed for a period of up to two and a half years," Blair said.

For students with pre-existing conditions, things can be a little tougher. Most health insurance plans either don't cover pre-existing conditions or have a waiting period before covering them.

"Their option is the COBRA plan," Wasson said. "There's not a whole lot out there, to my knowledge, that covers pre-existing conditions right from the start."

Wasson also said students need to think about insurance well ahead of graduation if they are to get a good plan.

"They need to be thinking of that way before graduation," Wasson said. "They really need to be looking at it ahead of time. They might be looking at paying more than they'd like, but it might be cheaper than COBRA."

In the way of permanent insurance, there are many options. Many people get their insurance through their employers, but for those who don't, there is a huge number of different plans to look over.

"There are as many insurance plans as students, really," Wasson said.

In general, the higher the deductible — the amount one has to pay before the insurance kicks in — the lower the premium, or monthly payment.

Another factor to look for is the type of coverage desired. The cheaper kind. catastrophic coverage, covers huge medical bills but may cost the patient several thousand dollars before it takes effect.

A comprehensive plan may have very expensive premiums, however. MajorMed+, a comprehensive long-term insurance plan similar to GradMed in its coverage, costs between $1500 and $2000 per year, according to Blair. That is, it costs between two and one half and three and one half times as much as GradMed.
BGSU prepared me for 'my real world'

I still think in semesters, spring breaks and summer vacations. I did, however, quickly forget about classes and homework, teachers and research papers. I still grade things, A,B,C,D, but I forgot that non-students have to pay to get into campus events and the Rec Center. I still remember my long distance code every once in a while and I forget that my parents are no longer paying the bills.

Amy Brown, bless her cute little self, asked me to write this garbage on life after college, in the "real world", etc. and I quickly agreed. Now that I've thought about it, I'm probably not exactly what she wanted for a person in the "real world."

I work for an independent record label, I make my own hours. I still sleep in much too late—just like college—and I never really went through a big job hunting scenario. In fact, before I graduated I already had two jobs, one as a reporter and my current position [director of advertising and promotions at Doghouse Records], that pay me more than enough money. I never had to move back in with my parents, or sleep in my car or anything. I never worked at Kinkos or flipped burgers while I was waiting for that junior executive position to pop up. Plus, I only graduated in December.

I don't necessarily think I'm any smarter now that I'm done with college, maybe barely, but not much. I don't think a college degree helped me too much. In some fields degrees are more of a necessity, but in my field you can get hired just for being a looker like I am. I think BGSU got me used to scheduling late classes and starting the weekend on Thursday, but it wasn't preparing me for the "real world." It was my "real world." It was a portion of my life that I enjoyed very much and I have no real regret about.

Now that I'm out of BGSU, living in Toledo not too far away and unfortunately still in Ohio, I'm in a different portion of my life and it's the same 'real world' as it was in college. I live in an apartment complex where they have signs on the doors not to prop them, and I've already gotten several noise violations—one more and I'm evicted. Same hassles, reminding me of college, reminding me of living at home, reminding me that I wanna go on a killing spree pretty soon.

Life after college, for me anyway, has been mostly about relationships. Missing the relationships I had at BGSU. There is no other time where I will have quite the same opportunity to meet so many people and do so many outrageous things. Although I am almost a rock 'n roll star, I'm sure I will still do outrageous things with stickers and posters and stuff. At BGSU, friendships were forged and romantic relationships were made and un-made. There was a special connection with the person who was in every single class of yours.

The best thing you can do to get ready for life after college is to pay a lot of attention while you're in college. Keep your eyes open, learn how things work, make connections, develop relationships and don't burn any bridges. Life doesn't start over when you leave college, which is unfortunate for some folks. I know. BGSU will be the biggest and hopefully the best thing you've got going for you when you leave it, so don't screw it up.

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Traci Morris
Michelle Dowling
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Noreen Diel
Tara Incorvia
Heather Knoble

Maybe the connection was biology or music or maybe you hated each other, I don't know, but I miss all those connections.

After college "out here" isn't much different than "in there," though. You still have to deal with people each day, you still have superiors and you still have to pay bills, maybe more of them. You still ask questions. Mine are like "Why didn't Y2K wipe out my school loans?" Yours may be different.

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or a college senior, the next big step after graduation is that first well-paying job. However, there is a number of things one should know before going out into the job market.

One of the most important things graduates need to remember is that they should feel free to negotiate a contract according to what they feel they are worth as well as what the market is paying others in their position, according to Dennis Hefner, manager of recruiting for the University.

"Any student should negotiate salary based on what they're worth, not what they want."

Career services puts together a salary survey by polling companies and recent graduates to get an idea of what people in various fields are earning.

"The main thing is to get an idea of what the field is paying."

There are a number of things companies look for when hiring and deciding base salary.

"We look at grades, and internship and co-op experience," said Lynda Gallant, employment administrator for Cooper Tires and Rubber Company. "We hire people with that work background. If they don't have experience in their field, we wonder what's the matter."

Doug Doane, vice president of human services for Hickory Farms, said while grades and experience are important, they are not the only thing.

"You would hope a person spent their time in school well, but it's not an end all, be all thing."

He added, "We look at the person's drive and desire to be successful and that they do what it takes to get the job done right."

The University works closely with a number of former students who are employed by various companies. Some of these include the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, Hickory Farms and Sylvania schools.

Cooper Tire and Rubber Company hire students in the fields of analyst programming, chemistry and accounting, while Hickory Farms has hired students in the field of production planning.

According to Hefner, graduates have been successful, as a whole, at landing jobs in these areas, as well as many others.

Hefner said that there are a couple of things will determine how easily it will be for someone coming out of college.

"There are some fields that are very competitive and others that are wide open. In general, there is a demand for most of our fields here at Bowling Green."

Hefner also said the geographical location of a student's job search could be a factor in the number of jobs available.

"Based on geographical location, there could be a limited supply of jobs."

Hefner thinks the key to a graduate's success out of college comes from preparation.

"They need to prepare before they go out. This includes working on presentation of qualifications and to learn more about the employer to direct qualifications toward the needs of the company."

According to Hefner, career services meets with over 2,000 students over the course of the school year to go over resumes and interviewing strategies.

Gallant agrees that a good resume is important to a college graduate.

"They'll want to have resumes done well, experience with interviewing and experience in the field."

"Any student should negotiate salary based on what they're worth, not what they want."

Dennis Hefner
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES abound for recent grads

For those who think Bowling Green has nothing to offer after graduation, think again. Bowling Green is actually a diverse community with many career options for graduates.

Ryan Brechbill, graduate assistant for Career Services, said there are some students who do seek employment in the city. In fact, there is an entire listing of jobs for graduates available in Bowling Green and other local cities, on the career services website. But most jobs can be found other ways.

"Most students who pursue careers in Bowling Green often had part-time jobs with a company, and then got offered full-time jobs after graduation," Brechbill said.

Career services can be a big help for graduates. Career Services sponsors recruiting days by companies and corporations in the area. According to Brechbill there are hundreds of companies and organizations that look for University graduates.

These recruiting days include opportunity for graduates to set up interviews right on campus. Also career services holds career and job fairs throughout the school year.

By browsing the career services website or attending career fairs, graduates can find jobs near and far. Graduates may find jobs with non-profit organizations or with many

Toledo Industries, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department hires a lot of graduates as well as Bowling Green based company, Life Formations. Toledo companies like Owens-Corning, Enterprise Car Company and United Way are also known for hiring University graduates, said Brechbill.

"Basically, career services just tries to point the graduate in the right direction," Brechbill said.

But what are some graduates doing, as far as careers, around Bowling Green?

Jan Larson, a 1984 graduate, has been reporting for the Sentinel Tribune since her graduation, and has since been named county editor.

Larson said her career is going fine and enjoys the small town she works in.

"Being in a small town allows more opportunities," Larson said.

Even after receiving offers from other, larger newspapers, Larson remains at the Sentinel.

"I plan on being here forever," Larson said. "Although I didn't used to think that, Bowling Green is good for raising a family and there are plenty of community activities I'm involved in. It's nice."

Karen, a bank teller at Huntington Bank and a 1977 graduate, also agrees with Larson about the small town atmosphere.

"There are a lot of opportunities here and I know a lot of people through the bank," Karen said.

Upon graduation, Karen was looking to use her fashion merchandising degree in a local clothing store.

She received a job at JCPenney in downtown Bowling Green by answering an ad and interviewing on campus. For awhile she worked in the catalog department and then worked her way up to running the women's department.

"I was ready for a change after 20 years," she said. Now, Karen is well established in her teller position at the bank and plans on staying in Bowling Green.

Mike Keinonen just graduated in December, but is not looking to pursue a career in Bowling Green.

"I plan on teaching high school and owning some businesses on the side. He wishes to teach in Florida or somewhere else other than Bowling Green."

"Marketing teachers are rare," Keinonen explained. "There is only about one marketing teacher per district and the one at the high school [Bowling Green High School] is already filled."

While making the transition between graduation and entry into graduate school, Keinonen is pairing up with Shawn Cisco, owner of #1 Wholesale Nutrition, in an Internet business.

Keinonen discovered the business on-line himself while "messing with the computer one day," he said. Now he plans on sharing the profitable idea with Cisco and others who may be interested in making money through the Internet.

Cisco opened up his business

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Jan Larson
1984 graduate

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Last spring, I wrote a column about how I felt that Americans have no national identity. I was feeling pretty discouraged then, but since I've been living overseas, I've changed my mind somewhat.

I've been living in Ireland for five months and everyone I meet can tell I'm an American from my accent. There's just no disguising it. So this leads to many conversations about my homeland—anything from the locations of the Great Lakes to the weather in Arizona to the presidential campaigns. I get opinions on everything—Irish people feel particularly linked to the U.S. and hear lots of news from there.

Often I'm called upon to explain something American, but am at a loss for an adequate answer. Why do so many Americans get divorced? Why do kids shoot each other at school? Why do they put such mindless drivel on the television? Certainly, I don't have any definitive answers for these questions—I doubt many people do. But in trying to dispel some myths about Americans, I have learned some things about national identity.

We are a country that others look to for leadership, yet are laughed at when we make flimsy decisions. This is one of the paradoxes of the U.S. We charge ahead and lead progress and innovate technology—but sometimes we don't really know what we are doing. We haven't the long history of political policy to ground us. Our irreverence for convention sometimes leads us astray.

Since we have the power to help other countries in need, we feel a responsibility to do so. This leads to more criticism about how we are getting involved where we don't belong, such as we did in Kosovo. But when we don't get involved immediately, as in the case of Rwanda, we are criticized for allowing atrocities. A double-edged sword for either decision...

On one hand, our relatively short history makes us free to change and adapt more quickly than other countries. It also leads us to think big. Our past successes with innovation make us confident to continue moving ahead.

Sometimes we are at a disadvantage, because we do not have the long traditions to bind our people together. We have no coronations or royalty, so we've substituted movie stars and premieres instead.

Another major realization I've come to is that the U.S. is highly regionalized. It is the size of a continent, and each section has specific geography and people and history of its own. I'm from the Mid-West, or maybe you could call it the Mid-East, 'cause it's not very west at all. Most people settled there in the second wave of immigration, and their families fished, farmed and shipped. As there was large immigration from Germany, Italy and Ireland, many people have ancestors and heritage from these countries. I've felt an immediate connection with some of the Americans I've met, who were tourists or travelers, but more so with people from the states near mine. We seem to have a
Parting is such sweet sorrow

david TRAN

Every year, hourglasses break. Time stops — sparing minutes for parents to cry. Allowing friends to say their final good-byes. Students become adults in minutes that half. We, as graduates, are bestowed with diplomas, robes and tassels, but the only things I'll be carrying with me as I walk off the campus will be memories.

Brad, Jeff, Adam, Tom, Mike, Mark and Chris: I'll remember that six men living in Founders who play intramural sports can create an odor graduate biology students would like to document for their dissertations, our trust, because If I said anything about sex more than I do. Thank you for your fallic symbols in your poetry.

Matt AKA El Kuznicks: The only man to challenge my thrown. You were the only person to challenge my beliefs and my ideals by just asking me to be my top crony. You're still a bitching badass. Only you could challenge my thoughts. Thanks for supporting me as a writer.

Doug AKA Dougie AKA Dougcat: I'll always remember the verbal abuse I suffered at your hands. You'll hear from my lawyer. Keep your head up, and remember this — antisemitism is a hate crime.

Kenyon, Marc, Josh, Steve, Planicka and Johnston: Drinking partners. The Poet Pose. The future members of AA. Kenyon, thanks for the egg. You're the only Greek a Cook could relate to. Marc, I know it was you who slipped into my bed in Stratford. You were great! Josh, you're the angriest little white man to walk the campus. Friar, you are my brother, except for the fact you're whiter than Wonderbread. Mikey, I will remember our battles egos. I'll always remember you Mikey. To my man J. Johnston, my partner, my bitch. thanks for the power of organizing. To all of you, thanks for being my toughest critics. Your bitching has made me a better person than I was when I walked on this campus.

Hoag: I'll always remember the Eddie Murphy punch-line. "Goatie, goo-gool!" I'll always see through different eyes because of you. And not because yours are round. Our formula for bad poetry—take one part bad poetry, six parts Jack Daniels, three parts coke and two parts I.

Emily and Helen: Emily, I'll always understand tenderness because of you. Helen, I'll always know that some women think about sex more than I do. Thank you for your fallic symbols in your poetry.

“"To all of you, thanks for being my toughest critics. Your bitching has made me a better person than I was when I walked onto this campus.”

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EXPETATIONS

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So Otto Larson hasn't played golf for Bowling Green this season. So his eligibility ran out last year. So he may never play golf again. So his eligibility ran out last year. So he may never play golf again. It's OK. Otto Larson's significance goes beyond golf.

Dare someone in the athletic department to use a negative word to describe the graduating senior. It can't be done. And that is what Larson means to BG. His amiable personality rubs off on everyone he meets. Golf is just a part of it. If he wasn't Otto Larson the golfer, he would just be Otto Larson, the all around good guy.

When approached for this story, he was more than surprised. "I'm flattered," he said in a tone straight out of "Leave it to Beaver."

When asked about his thoughts on this season's golf team, he gushed with pride. "I'm really proud of the way they're playing right now," he said. "It's come full circle since I've been here, but now they have a lot better directions." Wow. It's the charm and the sincerity that makes Larson who he is. He is a golfer who has made the most of his time at BG. He is a public relations major with a marketing minor, and is currently interviewing with marketing companies.

"Public relations was a good major for me because it taught me how to talk and write," he said. "But I love marketing and that is a better fit for me." But while at BG, his love has been golf. He lead the team both on the field and off last season. Men's golf coach Garry Winger considers Otto the best leader he's seen in his two years as coach.

"To me the best leader is someone who goes out and leads by example," Winger said. "That's what Otto did." Larson repeatedly set the tone for the Falcons' tournament. During his senior season, he had five top 10 finishes, highlighted by a second-place medal in the Ohio Collegiate Classic.

He lead the team to a first place finish in the Leo E. Keenan Invitational. During the spring semester he averaged a minuscule 72.8 strokes per 18 holes.

Larson looks at his role as a leader with the idea that he should never toot his own horn.

"I'm a big fan of the 'bring it, don't sing it' philosophy," he said. "A friend of mine said to me once 'If you think you're great, you'll tell people about it, but if you really are great, people will tell you about it.'"

Since his departure from the team, Larson tries to play with the guys once a week. He is roommates with this year's team leader, Jon Smarrelli. His friendship with Smarrelli keeps him involved with the team off the course. "I try to be their friend, playing golf with them," Larson said. "My competitive days are over.

Indeed, Larson never got the chance to redshirt his freshman year, a situation that he began to regret after Winger took over last season. He points to Winger as one of the most influential people he's met here. "Garry taught me a lot about confidence," Larson said. "My first two seasons, if I broke 150 in a tournament I thought that was good. But when Garry came, he had me believing that I could break par every tournament. He really lifted my confidence."

And so what if Otto Larson doesn't play golf at Bowling Green anymore? Luckily, his significance goes beyond golf.
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There are more emotions running through my mind and soul right now than ever before. My mind races with excitement for the future, but also with fear at the prospect of leaving the "real world." My heart weighs heavy with the knowledge that this college will never be the same. It is going to be hard to imagine any other time for tears as we succumb to the chains of Bowling Green and head out to the world and a new one is beginning. Each and every person has the opportunity to go out into the world and make something of his or her life. I wish for everyone the luck to every one who is graduating this spring or over the summer. May all of your dreams and wishes come true.

Soon I must leave the place I have been for years. I will look ahead to the future as my eyes shed tears. Memories stream into my mind and soul and the question remains "Where will I go?"

Away from my home to the next great adventure. Into the "real world." I must venture. So I leave you all, may your lives be blessed. The best for all of you that is my wish.

"It is a humbling realization that this college will go on without you."

"Bursarable' is the next best word to sex."
Nominated for Outstanding Senior, the following three individuals have experienced much of the University during their four years here, and they offer some insight to their success. Awards will be presented during the Beyond BG celebration April 27. Former BGSU grad Trista Courtney from WFKS 92.5 FM Toledo will be the emcee for the evening. Beyond BG will begin at 8 p.m. in Anderson Arena.

Alison Vogel

Alison Vogel will graduate with a degree in music education in her hand and a smile on her face.

"I'm not nervous," she said. "My student teaching has been a great experience."

Vogel decided to teach music after she became sick in high school and had to stay in the hospital.

"It wasn't until I couldn't play my instrument that I realized I wanted to do it as a career," she said. She had originally planned to major in women's studies.

A member of the Kappa Delta Pi and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Vogel has made Dean's List every semester. She was the recipient of the Music Education Talent Award and the John Philip Sousa Award.

While involved in UAO this year, she also participated in Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity for Women, Vision, Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association and the Honors Student Association. She has also volunteered at the Jordan Family Development Center, Educational Memorabilia Center, Black Swamp Arts Festival and the BGSU Honors Program Reading Group. Vogel also was a UNIV 100 course co-facilitator.

How did she accomplish everything?

"I scheduled in every hour of the day," she laughed, and admitted she'll miss those late night meetings.

Advice to undergrads:

• "Step out of your box and try to figure out something you can do to discover a new talent."

Cara Staley

Cara Staley will graduate with a degree in international studies because of her eighth grade Spanish teacher.

"She taught with such passion and always talked about her experiences with traveling," Staley said. As a result, Staley started to take more and more classes on cultural awareness.

"I discovered I wanted to work with other cultures," she said.

In the spring, Staley will be participating in the Washington D.C. internship program that the University offers. She hopes to then get a position with the government.

Is she at all fearful about leaving the University?

"No. I was taught to have no fear and to be confident that I prepared well," she said.

Staley is currently the President of the Way Campus Fellowship, and is a member of the University Ambassadors, the Honors Student Association and Law Society. She has been an English as a Second Language teacher for rural opportunities, a Campus Guide for BGSU Alumni Board members, a Legacy Program representative and has worked with Dance Marathon and the Ronald McDonald House.

Achieving Dean's List every semester, she is a member of Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and the Golden Key National Honor Societies.

Advice to undergrads:

• "Stay focused on your goals and why you came here."

Robert Leese

Soon to be entering the real world via a move to Washington D.C., Robert Leese has worked hard throughout his college years to achieve his goals. Graduating with a degree in history, Leese will be entering the public affairs department for the military.

"I am so excited," he said. "I'm finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel."

Part of his excitement is due to the fact that when he graduates he will be an officer—first lieutenant—and the person he dreamed about when he was a service member before entering college.

"It's a completely different world with people underneath your command," he said.

Leese is currently the Cadet Wing Commander for the Air Force ROTC. He believes being in that position along with being a Springboard Coach has helped him grow to become a leader.

Also a member of the BGSU Historical Society, Non-Traditional Student Association, and American Legion, as well as assistant manager at SuperAmerica, Leese has kept busy during his four years at the University.

"The military gave me the discipline to get things done," he said. "I have a paper to do. I won't watch TV instead."

Leese has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta Honorary and Golden Key National Honor Society. He has also received numerous awards from the ROTC such as the Air Force Association Medal, recognition for leadership, honors, physical fitness, and outstanding flight awards. Volunteering on and off campus, he worked for Dance Marathon, United Way Penny Drive, Junior Diabetes Foundation Walk-a-Thon and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Advice to undergrads:

• "Talk to people who have the same major as you. Find out who the good teachers are, get some insight to their classes. That helped me the most."

• "Go in with an open mind. I've traveled extensively and seen so many different cultures. Be welcoming to new ideas."
Baccalaureate Degree 1994-99

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Five-Year Graduation Rates

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in January because he noticed a severe lack of nutrition products, something he believes are in demand.
Cisco started off by selling the wholesale nutrition products out of his house in Sandusky. With his knowledge and resources he took a semester off school to pursue his business.
"I knew that if I didn't open this business now, I would never do it," Cisco said.
Cisco plans on graduating in two years so that he can extend his business in nutrition.

OVERSEAS
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more similar mindset than say, the West Coasters or Texans.
I get fairly homesick because I have to talk about Ohio and Cleveland numerous times everyday. No one really knows too much about them. They know the big cities and tourist areas, so I use New York City, Chicago and Washington D.C. as reference points. People from other countries besides Ireland have even less information and ask if Ohio is near Seattle or Florida. I put my historical and geographical knowledge to use everyday. (Did you know that the Ohio River was a major shipping route to the Mississippi? Ohio's not all farmland like you'd think. The Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame is in Cleveland. No, both the state football teams are dismal. Lake Erie is the smallest of the Great Lakes, but still very big. No, I've never heard the song "On the Banks of the Ohio.""

"I plan on franchising within about 50 miles around here," Cisco said.
Right now Cisco is worrying about running his current business with aspirations of spreading wholesale nutrition to areas surrounding Bowling Green.
The career options for graduates are endless in Bowling Green. With all the right resources and connections, any graduate can take a step in the right direction.

I've found other Americans to be totally open and friendly. Irish people tell me that they like how we say what we think and are very direct. Although we have a reputation for being loud and slightly demanding, many people have immediately welcomed me after I reveal my nationality.
That's the other thing—I realize that I do have a nationality. I am an American, as vague as that may be in definition. I am one of the millions that live in the U.S. and no longer answer with my distant ancestry when asked what I am. (1/16 Scottish, 3/8 Irish, 1/4 German, etc.) Of course, the factors that have made me the citizen that I am do not apply to all of my compatriots, but that's what the U.S. is all about—a mosaic of experiences, shaped by the basic tenants of American ideals.

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