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By Joel Hammond

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Hammond County prosecutor subpoenas church officials in child abuse case.

By John Nolan

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CINCINNATI — In an extraordinary move, the archbishop and the chairmen of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati were summoned Tuesday to appear before a grand jury investigating sexual-abuse allegations.

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk was later excused from testifying but may be required to appear later before the grand jury, according to Hamilton County Prosecutor Michael Allen.

Chancellor Christopher Armstrong testified, although Allen nor the archdiocese would discuss what he said.

"We may have something to say later. I can’t say anything right now," said Dan Ashton, a spokesman for the archdiocese.

Franklin, 57, is the first archbishop nationwide to be subpoenaed in a case of sexual abuse.

Each year the gala features food and drinks, games, raffles and caricatures in addition to two $500 book scholarships to be awarded in the University bookstore, a trip to New York City for a senior and trip to Toledo if the team is invited to a bowl game. The event is also the only fundraiser tonight for the student-run theater group's pride and joy, some- thing they work for from the start of the fall.

"A lot of organizations and people on campus have different ways of rewarding the students," Lowry said. "This is our way, with this event. This is our way of rewarding the students, and in particular, the seniors this year.

The seniors, of which there are 330 students, are known as prominent pillars in the student body. They are involved in student activities, academics and community service.

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Company to create trading cards of Sept. 11 victims

By Mike Schneider

In a Florida basement, a Florida business man is creating series of trading cards based on the lives of people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, an enterprise some relatives families call monstrous others have embraced.

About 20 families gave Kingsley Barham, former stockbroker from Delray Beach, his biographical information and photographs of their relatives who died in the attacks to use on cards that will be sold to raise money for the victims.

"It shows what we lost and what they lost. Collectively the cards can tell the story of what went wrong," said Barham, who lost her mother on American Airlines Flight 11, said F.D. certificates and prizes.

Senior Chet Pelot was the recipient of the trip to New York City. While Thomas Maness, who also serves as the president of US, was named the Outstanding Student of 2002.

"This really was a shock to me," Maness said. "I was just happy to be up for the award, and I was really something to beผสม�. I'm going to meet more and more students at the University."

Tonight's event will be held in the World Trade Center. The families will have first say on the art painted on each card, Barham said.

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WASHINGTON — The Senate rejected a centerpiece of President Bush's energy policy yesterday, denying Republicans a vote on oil drilling in an Arctic wildlife refuge as part of the sprawling legislation.

Senators voted 54-46, of the 60 needed to override a filibuster, to open the wildlife refuge to oil companies. The vote was expected to force the House to approve the measure and eventually clear the way for approval of the energy legislation, probably next week.

Minutes after the vote, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said: "The House already has approved language that would irreversibly damage this national treasure, but it rt

Drilling supporters argued the refuge was essential for America's energy security and its development would produce tens of thousands of jobs. Democrats said no oil would flow for a decade and would boost fuel prices now. "Development of the refuge is rife with doubt and uncertainty," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., who has led the fight to open the refuge. "ANWR is a matter of national security because it will cut the need for foreign oil," said Murkowski, and "We'll go to conference with the House to try to improve the bill from what the Senate passed," he said.

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Bush yesterday defended his energy policy, saying it would help steelworkers and coal miners struggling for America to be able to achieve more energy independence that was not "bargaining chips to open up ANWR." He also answered a question on whether Bush would sign an ANWR proposal. "We'll go to conference with the House and try to improve the bill from what the Senate passed," he said.

The vote on drilling was part of a larger vote on energy legislation that would result from opening ANWR. "Devil's advocate, a leader of the Senate, said. Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, who has led the fight to open the refuge, said that without ANWR drilling "there is not one single thing in this energy bill that increases America's energy independence." Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, blamed "radical environmental organizations" for shutting off a needed energy resource. The vote would remove half of the royalties from oil taken from the refuge. An attempt to gain some pro-drilling votes by phrasing money from future Arctic refuge oil leases to help steelworkers and coal miners was rejected 64-35. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who has led the efforts in the Senate to try to help steelworkers facing economic downturns, called the proposal "an empty promise" that could later be suspended. "I mean to argue, a leader of the Senate, said to mostly contentious issue facing senators assailed "radical" environmentalists trying to craft energy legislation. "They might be found elsewhere without risking the refuge, said that without ANWR, an army of controversy. "The House approved an energy package like this that includes "drilling". During two days of sometimes emotional debate, drilling supporters defended "radical" environmentalists who have opposed drilling and called almost every part of the bill passed in the Senate, "the most uncontroversial of this entire debate," Sen. Murkowski said.

Veterans of the battle to open the refuge said that without ANWR, "we would lose the battle," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who has opposed drilling. Murkowski is also facing an election this fall. "We need more energy independence that is not "bargaining chips to open up ANWR." He also answered a question on whether Bush would sign an ANWR proposal. "We'll go to conference with the House and try to improve the bill from what the Senate passed," he said.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Domestic violence and abuse awareness

Over the past semester I've become intrigued by the articles written by one David Johnson. Opinions can be a strong thing in many forms. These include emotional, physical, sexual abuse. This month is dedicated to domestic violence and abuse awareness and there are many startling facts that people may not realize.

Did you know that buzzing causes more injuries to women than rape, strangling and auto accidents combined? Also, 95 percent of domestic violence victims are unaware of the educational settings, the DNS plans to shorten the processing time for students also. This is a much shorter period than the usual 10 days. This is a much shorter period than the usual 10 days. That is a disturbing one, that would be students decide themselves as important. Making it practically impossible for international students to choose to study in the United States or other English-speaking countries.

New policy makes you happy for a little more than a minute. A woman saturated with two shades of blue may seem like a poor excuse for art, but I assume you, the artist, did the best you can in that situation. I wasn't the one to go on your soapbox tonight, just throw that blue acrylic on the wall. That is the cause of Joe's article. I assure you, the cause of mine as well.

New, Mr. Johnson's article seems to be actually focusing on the female gender. This is but a small part of the story. Many issues need to be raised, but this is a topic that men need to be made aware of as well. They are women, the same as men, and need to be able to talk to about it. In addition, Mr. Johnson's article is about what it is like being a female in society. It is an article that men need to learn from. The article seems to be more than just an opinion. It raises many issues that need to be addressed.

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"These are murderers. It's not suicide, it's murder."

While House press secretary Ari Fleischer defending his use of the term "insider bombs".

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In a previous issue Mr. Joseph claims to be a Christian. I am sure that you must believe that Jesus came to earth, died for your sins, arose from the grave and then accept Him as your Lord and Savior for yourself. The only way to be aware of this is to acknowledge the Bible as the anglicized word of God and ultimate truth. In order to acknowledge this, you are obliged to God to accept the Bible as the truth and no less. We, as a Catholic Church, believe in the Catholicism if that floats your boat. Believe in what you believe in, as its theories change daily with new information surfacing and try to keep abreast of what exactly you believe. Maybe it is time to think about what exactly you believe. Maybe it is time to think about whether or not you have been influenced by others or by painting, by an art movement, or by a particular religion. And, as you browse through the Bible, you must go to church every week (or just on the holidays), give your money to no other priest, say the right number of prayers except the previous sentence. Where in the Bible does it say to obey all other rules the Church made up along the way? That is the Church of Christ. The difference seems to be that there is a need for women students new policy is indeed a disturbing one, that would be students decide themselves as important. Making it practically impossible for international students to choose to study in the United States. The new policy changes the atmosphere prior to class enrollment and procedures. This new policy would actually make life easier for those students, eliminating current visa<hypothesis>

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Looking up, BG baseball sees Herd in MAC East

By Nick Houm

Perhaps the best is yet to come for the BG baseball team. After being rained out of three crucial Mid-American Conference games this past weekend, the Falcons reversed from a bad record to post a 13-17 overall and 1-9 on the road, a win in conference play against Marshall Tuesday, 18-3.

"It's pretty stressful," Hicks said. "Marshall is a team that will put pressure to us, and 25 RBIs. Perhaps the weak area of the Herd's squad is the bullpen. Sunday after we were in, while Gregg Hiller is hitting. The Herd can play them. They've got enough numbers to bring home. He's got personal areas. Len isn't the typical Canadian, though; his mum didn't allow me or my Canadian, which is primarily known for hockey. What made him get drafted?" Hicks said. "I always hear "that's pretty rough for her boys!"

The kind of hockey player that BG has been a consistent mainstay within the Toledo lineup. The bullpen is a good way to refine some of the areas that come with the NL draft. Hicks, who has been prepared to go as high as the B.B.-round, will wait it out this weekend to see if he will be the first Falcon selected in the draft.

"We really weren't expecting this game to be this big this weekend," BG coach Danny Schmitz said. "This way, if we happen to lose a game along the way that we won't be surprised, we are still okay."
When the Cavs finished 29-53 — the worst record in a full season of any franchise since 1961-62 — and 2001-02. It was OK. "Ilgauskas is healthy, "Z" was awesome more than New Year's Eve. And there was a presence of someone to provide us with team." That's 'OK," said Mike. "That's one good, positive thing about this season." Miller continued to develop into a restricted free agent this summer, but he has to take a similar route.

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"Our pitching has been improving constantly," Elia said, which we need, because our pitching goes, we win our hitting goes as well. If they can give our bats time to get warmed up and give up time and time runs, we are in a good shape, and the same for us. If we can keep the momentum, things together and try to push them in the right direction. And another thing we need to do is we need to play better on defense, especially against them."

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"I'm looking forward to this weekend, but we need to show up and play our best. If we do, we can win these games."

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"We have to get better defensively. Our defense has been inconsistent all season. We need to focus on improving that aspect of the game."
BIG EVENT FOR GREEKS PROVIDES HEART-RACING ACTION

By Jason Malone
THE BC NEWS
The fast-paced excitement of Greeks and go-carts returns to campus this weekend. The annual event known as the Beta 500 will happen Saturday.

The Beta 500, which is in its 39th year, is a series of relay races between fraternities and sororities on campus. According to Beta Theta Pi President Kevin Smith, sororities and fraternities will compete in separate heats. Each fraternity and sorority will have two-person teams. Each go-cart will have a driver as well as a person steering the car. The participants will race around the Saddlemire parking lot, and once they reach their teammates, they will pass the car off and continue racing. "It's kind of like a 4 x 100 relay race," he said.

Joe Plavcan, member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, is the chairman of the Beta 500. "The money raised from the Beta 500 goes to the Ronald McDonald house of the Northwest Toledo," Plavcan said.

"It's usually more or less," he said, "It depends on the year. We are always trying to shoot for more." According to Plavcan, the money raised from the event recently averages around $5,000. "The monies are involved in making operations," Smith said. "We are trying to have Beta 500 participants wear the shirts Friday before the event."

While the Beta 500 is a Greek event, there have been efforts to reach a larger portion of the community. "We are looking to have other, non-Greek organizations to join," Smith said. "In the future, we would like to expand."
SIBS 'N KIDS: Students and visitors shoot some hoops at last year's carnival. Several sibs get their faces painted. Organizations offered additional entertainment during the carnival.

CARNIVAL: Games, food, and prizes awaited Sibs 'n Kids at this year's carnival. The fourth annual event will be held on Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Perry Fieldhouse.

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      Moore Musical Arts Center

8 p.m.  Senior Recital:  Christine Clemens, soprano
      Bryan Recital Hall
      Moore Musical Arts Center

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      Sibs ’n Kids 13 and over:  $3.50 admission, free rental.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

9 a.m. - 11 p.m.  Sibs ’n Kids get in free with a University student ID
      Student Recreation Center

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  4th Annual Sibs ’n Kids Carnival
      Moore Student Union

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  Moore Musical Arts Center
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      Sibs ’n Kids 13 and over:  $3.50 admission, free rental.

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  Beta 500  Moore Student Union
      Greek students version of the Indy 500

1 p.m.  Men’s Baseball Game:  BG vs. Marshall
      Double Header
      Warren Steiler Field

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  Outdoor Adventures at the Rec
      Moore Student Union

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Sibs ’n Kids get in free with a University student ID
      Moore Musical Arts Center

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  Moor Musical Arts Center
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SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

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      Brunch with Freddy and Frieda
      Student Recreation Center

8 p.m.  Cappella Choir and University Men’s Chorus  Moore Student Union
      Student Recreation Center

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  Karaoke
      Moore Musical Arts Center

12 p.m. - 11 p.m.  Moore Musical Arts Center
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3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Ice Arena Public Skate
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7:30 p.m.  Planetarium Show:  “Dinosaurus Light-Adventure in Space and Time”  $1 donation
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RESIDENT HALL EVENTS  FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  Moore Student Union
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12 p.m. - 11 p.m.  Moore Musical Arts Center
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12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Student Recreation Center

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      Moore Musical Arts Center

1 p.m.  Men’s Baseball Game:  BG vs. Marshall
      Warren Steiler Field

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Ice Arena Public Skate
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      Student Union Theater

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  Ice Arena Public Skate
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      Sibs ’n Kids 12 and under:  $3 admission, free rental.
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      Sibs ’n Kids 12 and under:  $3 admission, free rental.
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Casino Night returns for Sibs ‘N Kids!

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According to Cooke, the reason for Casino Night is to give the students and their siblings something different to do on a Friday night at the University. "Obviously, the campus is looking for non-alcohol activities," he said. "Maybe 10 percent of them (the sibs and kids) come to events, although they have been emulated on campus. Although Cooke is looking for non-alcohol activities, he said his expectation is the event being new and the chance to win prizes. For so many tickets (that you win during the games), you get a prize is a 13-inch TV," he said. "The main prize is a 13-inch TV." Casino Night will take place Friday 7:00 p.m.

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BETA 500
Sexual assault affects all students

By Tracy LaHote
Gavel Writer

Imagine you are walking home.
Are you alone? Are you with guys or girls? What time of day is it? What are you wearing? Does any of this matter to a sexual offender?

No.
In fact, even if you are somewhere you consider to be safe, like your dorm, chapter house or apartment, you could still become a victim of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone at anytime, especially when it's least expected," explains Deidra Bennett, victim advocate for the Transformation Project. "Surprisingly, up to 80 percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone the victim knows and trusts.

Sexual assault can be defined in various ways to include physical, verbal or emotional abuses. The main qualification for an act being considered a sexual assault is that it is non-consensual. The offender forces the victim into unwanted sexual behavior. Ironically, the offender is usually looking for more than just a resolution to pent up sexual energy or frustration.

"Sex has nothing to do with it," said Barbara Hoffman, health promotion coordinator of the Wellness Connection. According to Hoffman, rape and sexual assault are power, control and aggression issues.

Traditional solutions to sexual assault are directed only at women—don't walk alone at night, keep track of your drink at parties and bars and avoid wearing revealing clothing.

Although these suggestions are well-intended, Bennett points out that "a woman could do all of these things and something bad could still happen. Campus blue lights and crime alerts are useful, but prevention needs to go a step further in raising awareness in men that they have the power to stop sexual assault."

Women can help reduce the risk of sexual assault, but they cannot prevent it," said Hoffman.

Greek Living

Greeks bring siblings for weekend of fun

By Ann Marie Martin
Gavel Writer

The weekend of April 19-21 is the 4th annual Sibs 'N Kids weekend at the University.

Co-hosted by the Resident Student Association (RSA) and the Office of Student Involvement, Sibs 'N Kids weekend gives siblings ages 6 and up an opportunity to explore college life.

This year the University is expecting around 500 kids to visit campus, a slight increase from last year.

"Our goal is to provide activities for them so they are occupied while they're here." said John Cooke a graduate assistant who helped plan the weekend.

This year's focus has been to involve more college kids in the weekend's events, not just siblings.

"I went to the Faculty (Senate) and Student Senate and extended an invitation to the faculty to bring their kids that weekend, because it's also for them too," said Cooke.

The events this year include the Sibs 'N Kids Carnival, an event sponsored by the RSA. It will be held on Saturday, April 20, in the Saddlemire Field from 11-2 p.m.

Casino Night will make its second appearance on Friday, April 19, in the Community Room of Harshman Quadrangle from 8-11 p.m. The University Activities Organization is sponsoring "Harry Potter" at the Bowen-Thompson Union Theater at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

One of the new events this year is karaoke at the Falcon's Nest Food Court in the Union, Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, April 21, there will be a brunch with Freddie and Frieda Falcon from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m. in the Union.

"The main thing we focused on this year was to try and make it very affordable," said Cooke.

The Carnival, karaoke and Casino Night will be free. Other events, such as the Ice Arena Public Skate, planetarium shows and the brunch with Freddie and Frieda require a small fee.

"It's one of the best things the University does," said Alana Simpson, RSA president.

"I'm very proud of everyone's effort in putting this event together, and help making it a huge success," said Cooke.

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Beta 500 experience most memorable for Phil

Nothing quite compares to the Beta 500 at the University. It's the Super Bowl for Greeks and it lasts an entire weekend. Whether you can remember the actual race, or even the weekend — is totally up to you.

To say that the Beta 500 isn't a huge party would be a huge injustice to what makes it so special and fun. True, the race is a philanthropy sponsored by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, but the Beta 500 has become more than one fraternity's charity over the years. Beta has become our little Mardi Gras. It has evolved into an event and a weekend where almost anything and everything is possible. For example, besides Beta 500, where can you see midgets race against fraternity men?

Margins aside, my personal memories of the Beta 500 are very dear to me. I have had some of my most memorable moments as a Greek watching the runners and spectators get caught up in the fervor of cheering on their team, and the general goofiness that ensues afterward. Greek alumni, families and friends still come from miles around to see the spectacle that is the Beta 500.

For those of you not familiar with the Beta 500, every spring semester in April the once drab and ordinary Jerome Library parking lot transforms into a mini racing extravaganza with huge tires, driving lanes and start and finish signs boldly stating Beta 500. The basic concept of the Beta 500 is to race a cart that is pushed by several members of your organization around the library parking lot against competing teams. Two teams race at a time, and advance based on finishing times. Eventually there is a championship race for the top two fraternities and sororities.

As I look back on my college career, I remember being so proud to be in my fraternity and to be Greek during the Beta 500. At every Beta I have been to (that's five big ones people) there has been this great unity that hasn't been visible since the recent success of Dance Marathon. All of the University's Greeks are together and everyone is just enjoying being a part of the campus community. Sure, there is some pre-race hounding, mainly directed at the Sig Ep's, (who have won Beta too many times to bother counting), but it's all done with a sense of fun and spirit. The best part is how many people you meet and the friends you make from attending the Beta 500.

As many seniors, like myself, are getting ready to graduate and head into the “real world” they will look back on their Beta 500 experiences with the same nostalgia and pride as I do. We all look forward to coming back years from now as alumni, and even dare I say — parents, to see our fraternity or sorority take part in the greatest Greek event at the University ... the Beta 500.

FOUST SPEAKS

Notice to graduating seniors

Ty Foust

To all the graduating Greeks at the University:

As the end of this semester draws near and final exams loom on the not-so-distant horizon, you are undoubtedly preparing for graduation and the challenges that lie ahead. Having lived this semester in an unwavering haze of resumes, job searches and interviews, I assume that you are counting the days until commencement. Suddenly yesterday's philanthropy and next week's party seem insignificant in comparison to the internships you have just completed or thesis paper you are writing.

Some of the activities you took part in on campus seem childish, and the lifetime commitment and pledge of loyalty you made to your chapter may be the last thought on your mind as you venture out of academia and into the career world. Let me be the first to remind you that your pledge is not an arbitrary promise to be applied at your convenience.

Rather, at this juncture in your life, it is your responsibility to lend aid and support to your chapter as an active alumnus. During your time as an undergraduate Greek you have fostered many strong friendships and created a scrapbook of fond memories. The bonds of brotherhood or sisterhood shared between you and your Greek siblings will be forgotten. In the same respect, I would hope that the time and effort you contributed to your chapter will not be forgotten.

For the past four years you have lived and breathed the traditions, values and virtues of your chapters. These are things in which you pledged yourself to for a lifetime. With this being the case I ask if it is truly possible for you to walk away and relinquish any and all motivation you have to continue making an impact in your chapter?

I would wager that it is not. Much like the alumni who return to your campus house during Homecoming weekend, you too can contribute to your chapter in a variety of ways. It by no means has to be monetary. Be it in the form of continued support, advice, or participation in alumni functions, your undergraduate brothers or sisters will value it.

Graduating Greek seniors, you are in an extraordinarily enviable position. While others may take their degree and never look back, you have the unique opportunity to always have a piece of yourself remaining on this campus in the form of your chapter and its members. While others may take their diploma and feel as if their responsibility to this campus is over, you can rely on the fact that you are still accountable to your undergraduate brothers or sisters.

We, the undergraduates, need you.

I implore you to remain devoted to your respective chapters, for your time as a Greek is not over, but really just beginning.

You can respond to The Gavel by writing to gavel@listproc.bgsu.edu.
In 1963, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity started the Little 500, a race held on the Union Oval sidewalk. Now called the Beta 500, it is held in the Jerome Library parking lot. For all 39 years the proceeds from the event have gone to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

The Beta 500 is a push-cart race that takes both practice and skill to win. Participating chapters build a Beta team, which are sometimes compiled months ahead of time. Sororities and fraternities compete in separate heats during the race, each having a winner declared at the end.

Sorority teams consist of three pushers and one driver, while each fraternity team has six pushers and one driver. The race is 1.25 laps for the sororities, but is lengthened to 2.5 laps for the fraternities.

Fraternities and sororities can race in their own carts or they can use one supplied by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

RAIN OR SHINE: A fraternity member proudly displays his letters despite last year's rain.

THEY'RE OFF: Sigma Phi Epsilon runners get a head start.
A large part of the Beta 500 experience takes place during the week preceding the race. That week Beta Theta Pi holds a variety of social events and a fierce competition ensues for the Spirit Award.

“It’s the past sororities have fought for the spirit award by decorating on and off campus Beta houses, decorating the McDonald’s on Wooster and donating food to hungry Betas. They have supported their runners during practice and basically done anything to make that week one of the most positive Greek experiences of the year,” said Joe Plavcan, Beta 500 chairman.

The Betas also sell spirit shirts and have a “Beta Queen” competition. Each sorority is given a container to put money in, and the sorority that raises the most selects a chapter member to be named “Beta Queen.” The proceeds from these fundraisers also go to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

The Beta 500 race begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.
It is said that practice makes perfect. If this is true, then next year’s Dance Marathon line dance is in good hands.

David Humphrey and a few of his Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers kept a tally of how many times they performed the 2001 line dance in their apartment over the summer. Humphrey estimates the total reached at least 46 performances.

“He has an enormous amount of spirit for Dance Marathon. If he could major in morale, he would,” said morale captain Melissa Gratz.

Humphrey, 21, is a junior criminal justice major from Elyria, Ohio. He plans to go into college student personnel upon graduation.

In his years at the University, Humphrey has been involved on campus in a variety of ways. He has been Freddie Falcon, a member of the homecoming steering committee, the University discipline committee and an employee of the Orientation and Registration program. Humphrey also served as the morale chair for the 2002 Dance Marathon and currently participates in CRU and works in the office of the vice president of student affairs.

In the Greek community, Humphrey has been on the Interfraternity Council judicial board and the Greek Week steering committee.

“David was the epitome of the homecoming spirit point chair with his enthusiasm, spirit and that outgoing, friendly personality of his,” said Kim Jacobs, assistant dean of students.

One of the memberships Humphrey is most enthusiastic about is the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. Humphrey’s decision to join in the fall of 1999 was a combination of his older brother’s affiliation with the chapter and the feeling he got when he visited the house.

“Each brother was respectful; it felt like family,” Humphrey said.

Humphrey says that he continues to like Kappa Alpha because of the gentility it promotes and the morals it upholds. For the fraternity, he has served as the recruitment chair, recording secretary and marshal.

According to Kappa Alpha’s president, Joe Fawcett.

“David is truly a role model for all [Kappa Alphas]. He acts as a gentleman and more importantly, cares for everyone,” said Joe Fawcett, Kappa Alpha’s President.

Humphrey admits that it’s easy to get caught up in spirit points and contests, but warns that the true purpose and satisfaction is seeing one of the miracle children smile.

“When things are getting tough, David comes in to save the day by reminding us of the greater cause,” said Lea Daniels, Dance Marathon’s family relations chairperson.

“It’s the impact that you have had on a child’s life; that forever will be Dance Marathon,” Humphrey said.

Humphrey radiates the true spirit of Dance Marathon and the

OUTSTANDING SMILE: Outstanding member David Humphrey poses for The Gavel with his signature smile. Humphrey is well-known on campus for his energy, enthusiasm and spirit.

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Greek leadership emerges from weekend retreat

By Sayaka Sekiguchi
Gavel Writer

On April 12-14, 60 members of the Greek community gathered at Camp Miakonda in Toledo to take part in this semester's Emerging Leaders retreat.

"The weekend allows the Greeks to meet new people outside of their own chapters, learn the skills necessary to be an effective leader, while learning more about themselves," said Tara Tierney, Panhellenic President and a team leader for the event.

At Emerging Leaders, the members are divided up into small groups that they stay with the whole weekend. They are led by a team leader and complete a low ropes course designed to enhance team-building skills.

"You definitely had to work together to get through the courses," said freshman Alpha Phi member Lisa Lautch. "Everyone played an important role and without everyone pitching in, you couldn't pass the course."

Many members left the Emerging Leaders retreat enthused about their experience.

"Emerging Leaders was so much fun," Lautch said. "We stayed up all night and it gave me an opportunity to form bonds outside of my chapter."

Fellow Alpha Phi, Kelsey Frazier added, "I came to Emerging Leaders knowing only one person, but I ended up getting to know so many more."

Andrea Velie, who attended last year's Emerging Leaders, said she still keeps in contact with those she met at the event.

This year's Emerging Leaders retreat also included sessions where the students had a chance to discuss and develop action plans regarding areas of concern to Greek life.

"We hope they bring these change initiatives back to campus and put them into effect for the betterment of our Greek community," Tierney said.

"When you leave Emerging Leaders you have a whole new outlook on your chapter and Greek life," Tierney said. "It's a feeling that is hard to describe, but I can speak from experience when I say you come back wanting to do everything you possibly can to make our Greek community the best."

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